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The 2004 Division 3 state champion Lowell Red Arrows.

THE CHAMPS

With a record year for westside teams, Lowell takes its second state championship

By Dan Schneider

By the end of the first half, it was clear that the Red Arrows were facing their greatest challenge of the season.

By the end of the game, it was clear that there was no challenge this team couldn't rise up to.

Lowell beat St. Johns 38-17 in the Division 3 state football championship game at the Pontiac Silverdome, Saturday. It was their second state football title in three years, but it didn't come without a fight.

"I think they were a great opponent," said Lowell coach Noel Dean.

St. Johns came out throwing the ball, but not completing passes. Things got rolling fast for Lowell when Mike Koster picked off an Andy Schmitt pass 28 seconds into the game. He pointed out there were 10 other players on the field.

"You can't single anyone out in football," Koster said. "Without the defensive linemen rushing at him, he never would have thrown that ball."

On the Arrows' first drive, he caught a pass from quarterback Keith Nichol for 29 yards and capped the scoring drive with a 10-yard touchdown reception. Ryan Esbaugh contributed an 18-yard run to Lowell's first scoring drive.

Then the Red Arrow defense limited St. Johns to minus-one yards on three downs, paving the way for a drive ending in a two-yard touchdown run by Esbaugh.

The Redwings roared back, covering 80 yards with short passes and a 28-yard touchdown pass from Schmitt to Ben Sleep.

They held Lowell to a field goal on the next drive (Ramsey Charrouf made the 25-yarder). Then the Redwings hit a field goal of their own, forced Lowell to punt (an illegal pass penalty thwarted Lowell's fake punt attempt), and took advantage of good field position to score on the second play of a 30-second drive.

The teams hit the half-time locker room with the score tied at 17.

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No clues yet in area home burglaries

By Dan Schneider

Police are still looking for leads in three home break-ins that occurred in the city of Lowell from mid-October to mid-November.

The first break-in was reported to police Saturday, Oct. 16, the second on Oct. 30 and the third, Nov. 10. All took place on the northeast side. Three is a large number of break-ins for one month in Lowell.

"That's very unusual for us," said Lowell police detective James Hinton. "We usually don't get that in a year."

The burglars took only carryable items—cash, jewelry, food—in all three cases.

"They're not carrying our large-screen TVs but smaller items that they can easily take off with," Hinton said.

In the break-in reported Oct. 30, the thief made off with a lockbox full of cash from a house on N. Jefferson Street. The homeowner, Kelly Bishop, is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the thief.

"I haven't heard anything yet," he said.

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Planning commission adds ninth board member

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Short a member for several months, the Lowell Planning Commission had a new face at its November meeting. Vance Dimmick, the former associate pastor at First United Methodist Church of Lowell, was officially sworn in Nov. 22, completing the nine-panel board.

"I believe that you need to be involved in your community and I figured they felt I could be a positive influence," Dimmick said during a phone interview. "I hope that I am."

Dimmick was approached by several city council members about filling the vacated seat left by Dan Pipe, who had moved out of the city. After two to three weeks of consideration

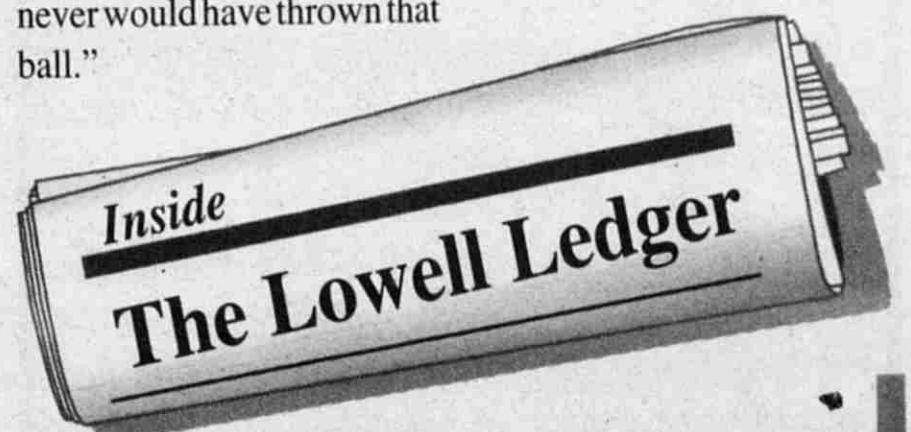
and talking to Clark Jahnke, chair of the planning commission, Dimmick decided to give it a try.

A native of central Pennsylvania, Dimmick has lived in the Lowell area for the past 12 years. He moved to the West Michigan area because his wife Ann had family in the area. Before coming to Lowell they lived in the Grand Rapids area. He has served as pastor at various churches

in Michigan and Pennsylvania, retiring after eight years at the United Methodist Church in Lowell.

Even though he is retired, Dimmick certainly hasn't slowed down much. "I guess you have heard it from other retirees that I'm so busy, I don't have time to work," he said with a chuckle.

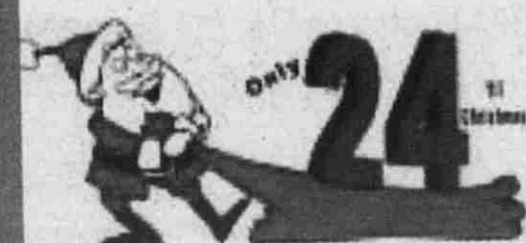
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Santa Parade
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Saturday!

OBITUARIES

BARNHART - Madeline L. Barnhart (nee Phillips), born November 27, 1917, passed away November 26, 2004. Madeline was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Frank Barnhart, a grandson Jeffery Winterburn, a great-grandson Derek Winterburn. Surviving are her children Gaye Washburn, Connie (Jerry) Winterburn, James (Barbara) Barnhart, Ann (Dan) Huver; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Gary Dougherty officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Grand Rapids.

FLEMING - Larry Fleming, aged 80, of Cascade Twp., originally of Frederic, WI, passed away Sunday, November 21, 2004. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Edith; children Barbara and Bruce Ketchum of Mason, Steve and Sandra Fleming of Lowell; grandchildren Mike and Jessica Ketchum, Matt, Jeremy and Lisa, and Lisa Penninga; three brothers; two sisters. Larry served proudly in the U.S. Air Force and worked and retired after 38 years at Lear-Siegler. Memorial Mass was offered Nov. 24 at St. Robert of Newminster Church with Rev. R. Louis Stasker, celebrant. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

HOOK - Russell Wallace Hook, aged 87, died November 23, 2004. Surviving are his wife Virginia "Juno"; three children Russell Wallace (Lisa) of Detroit, daughter Mary Primrose (John) Sebastian of Grand Rapids, Thomas Wanty of Lansing; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother Robert of Naples, Florida. He was preceded in death by his brother James. He was owner and manager of Newell Manufacturing in Lowell for many years and retired from Miller Welding in 1994. He was a member of University Club (past president), Kent Country Club and

Rotary. A memorial service was held November 27 at Porter Hills Meeting House. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Porter Hills Foundation will be appreciated.

MINIER - Ruth Maria Minier, aged 86, of Ionia, formerly of Belding, went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, November 23, 2004. She was born on December 4, 1917 in Grandville, the daughter of Sidney and Bernice (Ives) Munn. Ruth's joys in life were reflected in her faith and love in Jesus, her love of her family, music and dance, and a good game of cards shared with friends or family. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Maurice; daughters Alice (Stanley) Woodhams, Shirley (Wally) Larson; sister Bayonne Teed; parents Sidney and Bernice Munn. Surviving are her daughter Marian (Leonard) Park of Belding; sons Elwin

(Betty) Minier of Pewamo, Richard (Bobbie) Minier of Ada; 27 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; brothers Marion Munn, Beryl Munn. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Melvin Fox Saturday, November 27 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ionia. Rite of Committal at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Ionia. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, in memory of Mrs. Ruth M. Minier.

RANKENS - Leola Rankens, aged 79, of Hopkins, died Monday, November 22, 2004 at the Laurels of Sandy Creek, Wayland. Mrs. Rankens was born November 17, 1925 in Holland, the daughter of Art and Esther (VanOsterhout) Gumsier. She had been a long-time member of the Hopkins Community Reformed Church. Surviving are her husband Glenn J., whom she married December 1, 1945; three children and spouses Dale and Phyllis Rankens of Dorrr, Darlene and Dan Miller of Alma, Daryl Rankens of Hopkins; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother Robert Miles of KY; one sister Ilene McLaughlin of Lowell; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by a

sister Dutch Schagardus. Funeral services were held Nov. 24 at Gorden Funeral Residence, Hopkins Chapel, Pastor Mark Kamper officiating. Interment Maplewood Cemetery, Hopkins Twp. Contributions may be made to Hopkins Community Reformed Church Building Fund.

VAN LOON-BONSER - Dustin Michael Van Loon-Bonser, aged 18, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly on November 25, 2004. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers Marshal Van Loon and Barry Bonser. He is survived by his father Mark Van Loon; mother Christy Bonser; special friend and stepfather Jeff Berry; brothers Pete DePree, Barry (Andrea) DePree; sisters Shayna Castro, Tara Castro; grandmothers Helen Van Loon, Rita Bonser; aunts and uncles Roxanne Bonser, April and Marti Schnur, Erin and John Burdick, Mary and Dr. Tom Olen, Marsha and Tom Huizienga; several cousins. Mass of Christian Burial was offered November 29 at St. Mary Church, Rev. George J. Fekete, celebrant.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-178,644-DE

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Date of birth:
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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **RICHARD A. PARSACA C/O JOHN D. MITUS, ATTORNEY AT LAW**, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

11/22/2004

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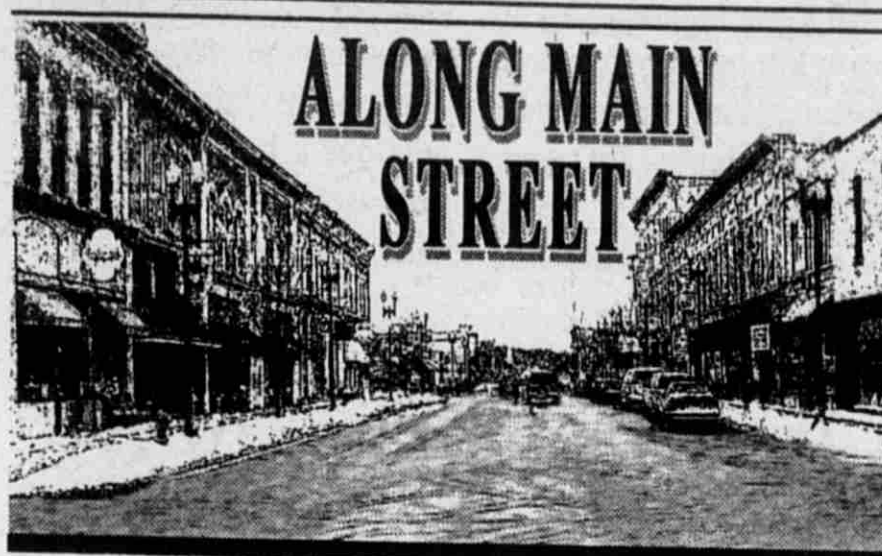
RICHARD A. PARSACA,
Personal Representative
316 O'Keefe S.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Girl recovering from Main Street pedestrian accident

By Dan Schneider

The two were attempting to cross Main Street, from the YMCA parking lot to McDonald's, late in the afternoon Nov. 11. Struck by a loaded asphalt truck, both were taken to the hospital, Reedy by ambulance and Simmons by AeroMed.

Simmons suffered a front and rear pelvic fracture, two broken ribs and a skull fracture in the accident. She also suffered hearing loss in her left ear.



F.R.O.M. COLLECTING FOR HOLIDAYS

Flat River Outreach Ministries is collecting new, unwrapped toys and gifts for Angel Trees and toy barrels through Dec. 17 at Showboat Auto, Springgrove Variety, Rite Aid, Brenda's Hair Designs, City Hall, Huntington Bank, ICNB, Goldworks, Englehardt Library, Dollar General and LA Video.

F.R.O.M. DISTRIBUTION

Flat River Outreach Ministries is making plans for holiday food and toy boxes. Any families who need assistance with food and/or toys should call the food pantry at 897-4189 to sign up.

FOOTBALL T-SHIRTS

The Lowell athletic office will be selling football state championship T-shirts for \$10 while supplies last (7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily).

"She's got mild to moderate brain damage but she's doing real well," Eikey said. "The damage is mostly as far as memory goes, like doing more than one thing at a time, but it's coming back, and they said it should come back fine so that's encouraging."

Simmons spent six days at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus and the DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. She was transferred to Mary Free Bed Hospital and Rehabilitation Center Nov. 16.

"Her general personality is still the same," Eikey said.

"She's always been a happy kid and she's still a happy kid," Simmons also kept her appetite intact.

"She doesn't like hospital food, that's for sure," Eikey said. "She's eating a lot now that she's home."

Supervision is necessary so Simmons doesn't re-injure herself. A fall from the wheelchair would send her back to hospital. But the biggest adjustment for Simmons in returning to school will be social.

She will continue to go there three times a week for physical, occupational and speech therapy.

Simmons could return to Cherry Creek Elementary by February. "It's going to go by baby steps," Eikey said. "She's going to be in a wheelchair at school... she needs to be supervised 24 hours a day."

That's a lot of kids all at once," said Eikey, who noted that Simmons' memory loss makes interaction difficult. "My older daughter is even having a hard time at school because everyone is asking a zillion questions." For now, Simmons is going to a day program at Mary Free Bed for school.

WRITERS GUILD FORMING

Lowell Area Arts Council's Flat River Writers Guild will have its first meeting this Thursday, Dec. 2 from 5-6 p.m. at Voyages Coffeehouse.

COMMODITIES FOR LOW INCOME

Free food for low income families will be available at the Moose Recreation Bldg, 1320 E. Main, on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 9-4 p.m. Show proof of income and SS# for entire family. Bring bags for canned applesauce, apricots, asparagus, cranapple juice, green beans, OJ, peaches, pudding, salmon, spaghetti sauce, tomatoes, frozen beef, spaghetti noodles, powdered milk. Call 897-5150 or 897-8754 with questions.

ICNB BAKE SALE

LHS junior class will have a fundraiser bake sale Friday, Dec. 3 (3-6 p.m.) and Saturday, Dec. 4 (9-noon) at Ionia County National Bank, 2601 W. Main. Questions call Veronica 897-7964.

VISIT SANTA

Bring a toy to Grattan Township Hall and visit with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 4, 1-3 p.m. Refreshments and activities are planned.

ROGUE RIVER ARTISANS SHOW AND SALE

This Saturday, at Lowell High School, the Rogue River Artisans 22nd annual juried art and craft show and sale will

take place from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. More than 90 booths with quality wares: pottery, jewelry, glass, wearables, gourmet foods, sculpture, painting, much more. Lunch available; \$1 admission.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Kent Youth Fair will serve breakfast from 8-11:30 at the Youth Memorial Center (Lowell Fairgrounds) this Saturday. Kids eat with Santa from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Free will offering.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Lowell athletic boosters meeting will be Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

WOMEN'S CLUB RAFFLE

The Lowell Women's Club will hold a raffle Wednesday, Dec. 8 for two artworks: watercolor "Father Christmas" by Mary Bommarito and a "Swedish Weave Blanket" by Maedean Alexander. Tickets: \$1 or 6 for \$5; available at Lowell Area Arts Council, Dr. James Reagan office, Springgrove Variety. Proceeds benefit girls scholarships and community projects.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Now thru Dec. 17, Family, Friends and Neighbors, along with Grattan businesses, area schools and the Grattan fire dept. will be collecting new unwrapped toys for children one-15. Call 691-8848 for locations.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION VERGENNES TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Beer and Wine License Ordinance

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board has adopted Ordinance 2004-10, an ordinance to regulate and establish procedures and standards for the review of applications, renewals, and revocations of a license to sell beer and wine. The ordinance has been written to correspond with the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1908, MCL 436.1101, as amended. A synopsis of the ordinance is as follows:

Applications for a license or transfer of a license to sell beer and wine shall be made to the township board, and shall include specific information on the applicant, the intended location of the business, prior records (if any), and financial statements.

Proposed facility/buildings located within 500 feet of a school or church must obtain written approval of an authorized representative of the school or church.

Reasons for not issuing a license include violations of local, State or Federal laws. The Township Board can also determine that the proposed application is inappropriate for various specified reasons. Approvals have time limitations.

The Township Board reserves the right to exercise reasonable discretion to determine who, if anyone, shall be entitled to the approval of such license, and further reserves the right to maintain a list of all applicants and to review the same when, in its discretion, it determines that the issuance of an additional beer and wine license is in the best interests of the township at large and for the needs and convenience of its citizens.

There will be requirements for Public Hearings for all applications or considerations of revocation. The Board reserves the right to recommend non-renewal or revocation of a license. The proposed ordinance also outlines special activity permits, penalties and remedies, severability, and effective dates.

The complete text of Ordinance 2004-10 is on file in the offices of the Township Clerk at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331; Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674].

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

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That night, three cars were also broken into on the north-east side. Cash, CDs and a laptop computer were stolen.

Hinton said the nature of the items stolen, particularly food, says something about the criminals.

"It tells me that they're not really trying to accommodate some luxurious needs but some basic needs as well," he said. "It could be an age issue, too, because a lot of times when kids break into a home, they'll steal food. We either have a real desperate person or kids."

Police found no signs of

forced entry in two of the houses. A window had been broken in the third.

"Two of them were where we don't think the houses were locked up properly," Hinton said.

He said police have followed numerous leads, but have found "nothing concrete yet."

Belated eyewitness reports have hindered the investigation. "We had a neighbor who actually saw kids walking around at 3:30 in the morning... and they didn't call us, you know, on a school night," Hinton said.

He urged city residents to take security precautions and keep their eyes open.

"We ask that people start locking their doors and calling us immediately when something suspicious happens, not 10 hours later," Hinton said. "If they think that we should know about something, they should call us right away."

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New store looks to freshen Lowell's style perspective



By Dan Schneider

Two new business owners are hoping to add some style to the Lowell area scene.

"Trendy, hip and fun" is how co-owner Amy Zimmerman describes the clothing aesthetic offered at Fuze Wear, which had its grand opening Saturday, Nov. 20.

Inside, the store at 212 W. Main St. has wood floors and brick walls, and a shiny silver ceiling. Country music is playing, and both men's and women's clothing is displayed and on racks.

There's a giant, black and

white photo print behind the counter—guys parked on Harleys in front of a biker bar outside Sturgis, South Dakota. It looks old but it was taken in 2002. The picture is part decoration and part memorial to a friend of the store's owners who died in a motorcycle accident on his way home.

"It's a picture you're never going to see at another store," Zimmerman said.

It reflects some of the idea behind Fuze Wear with its grit and edginess. The boutique's goal is to create a shopping experience that is different from the mall, while

offering some popular brands like Lucky and Silver.

"Every time we went to a new boutique, we thought, 'Oh, this would be so fun to do,'" Amber Zimmerman said.

The sisters-in-law are both confessed shopping fanatics and wanted to turn that experience into a business.

"We know how to go shopping and we know how to buy cool things," Amy Zimmerman said.

She has been wanting to own a clothing store for about 10 years. With her youngest son starting school next year, she decided she was ready. The two also figure the time

is right for a clothing store in Lowell.

"In the last five years, the town has really come a long way," Amy Zimmerman said. "I think they were ready, we're getting a great response."

The co-owners travel to trade shows in Las Vegas and New York to choose clothing lines for the store. In addition to popular brands, they seek out lines like Tool and Hippie jeans that can't be found in malls around here. Hippie brand jeans have been the boutique's best seller since the store opened, Amy Zimmerman said.

Lowell Community Fund accepting requests

The deadline to request funds from the Lowell Community Fund is Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 12 p.m. To receive consideration and approval, all requests must be for funds that will aid local organizations in providing help to persons in the Lowell area. The Heart of West Michigan United Way has set the December date aside for those qualified to receive funding for 2005-2006.

It has now implemented a two-year funding cycle, which means groups interested in receiving funds will submit a formal funding request every other year.

Request forms are available at Dr. James Reagan's office, 207 W. Main, or at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main St. The formal request forms include a demographic data sheet on clients served, how funds from the previous year were spent, and the annual budget for the organization request funds.

From 1955-2004, the Lowell Community Fund has dispersed over \$210,000 into the community. "It is important to note that this funding program is entirely separate from the Harold Englehardt funding program which is handled through the Grand Rapids Foundation," said Dr. Bob Reagan, secretary/treasurer of the fund.

Planning commission focuses on signs

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Signs, residential and non-residential, will be one of the topics of the Lowell Planning Commission's annual December work session.

Two weeks ago, the Lowell City Council sent back the proposed residential sign ordinance because it was too vague. Addressing the planning commission at its Nov. 22 meeting, mayor Jeanne Shores said the council had several questions about the

ordinance: the size of a wall sign, the need for wall signs, the difference between a sign and a decoration, and the need for uniformity for all signs, whether commercial or residential.

Under the proposed ordinance, a home would be al-

lowed one wall sign of one square foot identifying the occupant or address of a lot or parcel; two square feet for nameplates, names of buildings, and date of erection when cut into any masonry surface or constructed of

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seventh- and eighth-grade youth group at his church and also drives the church bus for

the Kids Club. He serves as the volunteer night chaplain at Spectrum Health

Butterworth Campus. He and his wife have four children and with any spare time, he helps out with his nine grandchildren—eight grandsons and one granddaughter.

As for governmental experience, Dimmick served on a school board for a number of years in another area, but is not involved in any other Lowell boards or commissions. His wife serves on the

Flat River Outreach Ministries board.

Having only attended one meeting, Dimmick said he is at this point, in the learning stage, and reiterated his comments from the Nov. 22 meeting, "I find it very interesting. I can tell there is a lot to learn and I hope I can add to the community by serving in this way."

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Technology provides significant tools and resources for our students in Lowell Area Schools. In order for our students to be well prepared for future careers and post secondary education, we must provide specific training in skills such as word processing, creating spreadsheets, preparing presentations, and developing research skills. We are currently adding an additional lab at the middle school and at the high school where classes will be able to work on specific projects and activities that integrate these skills into the course curriculum.

In addition to the support and resources that technology provides, we also have to consider responsibilities. Our district does have a filtering system that works around the clock to monitor web sites for their appropriateness for student use. However, web sites come and go on a daily basis. It is particularly difficult for a filter to eliminate sites that appear to be safe due to an innocuous title or a title with a double meaning. Students with third party e-mail accounts

such as hotmail may also receive spam (inappropriate messages). Therefore, in addition to filtering, supervision of students that are accessing the Internet is essential.

Teachers and technology staff members are alert to this need for supervision and regularly monitor students as they work. Use of district technology is a privilege; students that violate the district acceptable use agreement may find their use of district technology restricted or revoked. It is our goal to continue to provide a safe learning environment for our students.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or smiller@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at www.lowellschools.com or make comments to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com).



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A new store is going up in Smyrna. The Ionia Sentinel will soon be a daily. The Herald says 60 lumber camps and sawmills lie within six miles of Stanton. A thief entered H.A. Barrett's house and stole his best Sunday pants. Lowell will need a schoolhouse on the east end soon.

100 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
DECEMBER 1, 1904

Peddlers are working the rural area, selling steel ranges for \$64 cash or \$73 on time. Local dealers have them for \$45-\$55. A Cascade boy, whose father brought charges of indecent language to his stepmother, is acquitted. The Traverse City Board of Education is requiring all high school students to show vaccination certificates; a second smallpox case in the school has been reported. The New York City subway system started operating Oct. 30 with huge crowds. Ventilation needs improving. Many farmers celebrated Thanksgiving by harvesting sugar beets.

75 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO
DECEMBER 5, 1929

The wife of editor Frank Johnson dies, 11 months after the death of their oldest daughter. Michigan Gov. Green makes a sympathy visit to Johnson's home. The high school music club will present an operetta, "Tea House of Sing Lo" next week. Claims of over \$90,000 are made against the estate of David Mange, former cashier of Lowell State Bank. His embezzlement was discovered after he died. December is tax time, and local and township treasurers publish their availability and locations.

50 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
DECEMBER 2, 1954

Mild November weather prompts some forsythia bushes in the area to bloom. Strand Theatre installs a giant screen for Cinemascope. Hunters have brought 6,394 deer and 106 bears from the U.P. so far this season. Curtis Laundry and Dry Cleaners installs the first self-service laundry machines. King Milling has paid the highest taxes in Lowell for years, but Root Lowell Mfg. gets the honor this year.

25 YEARS
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
NOVEMBER 29, 1979

Refloat the Showboat will have a benefit magic show, with two performances donated by the magician. A cross is placed atop the Methodist Church steeple by crane, finishing repairs after a storm toppled the structure in August. Winter arrives with a three-inch snowfall on Monday. The LHS team beats Hudsonville in the first round of the annual Quiz Bowl. Four and a half pages of fine print describe the new Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance, adopted last week.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

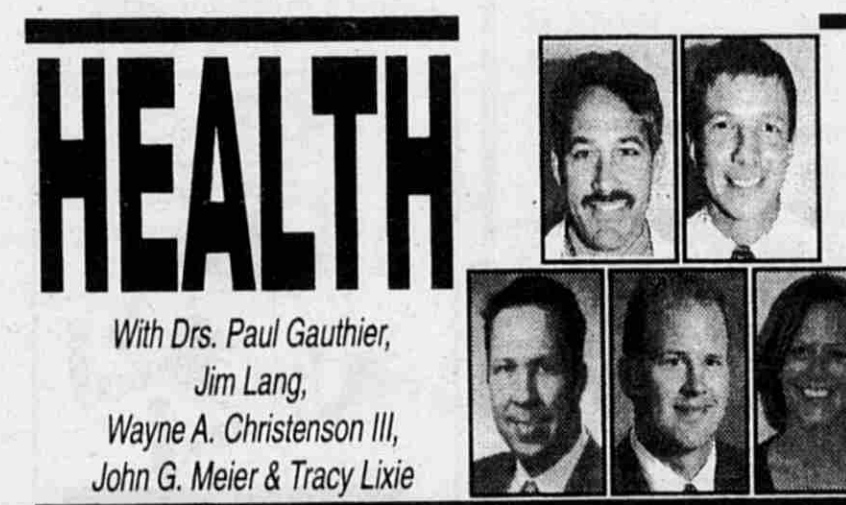
How *Could* the Chicken Cross the Road? It's a good thing there aren't flocks of chickens roaming around Lowell. The poor things would never be able to do their thing—crossing the road—for one simple reason: There are only three north/south crosswalks in historic downtown Lowell, one at each traffic light. I tried crossing Main St. at Broadway. In the absence of crosswalks, and with the desire to visit the merchants on the other side of the street, the problem became how to do it. I bravely ventured out to the middle of the street and waited on the yellow line for a break in the traffic. This frightened the people I was shopping with Friday. No wonder, the traffic

was thick and fast. I made it. But I realized that the lack of crosswalks is a problem that should be brought to the attention of civic authorities.

Realizing that M-21 is a marked highway, and may have limitations in the number of crosswalks allowed, do we need to wait for a certain number of accidents to occur before more crosswalks can be put in place? Not long ago two young Lowell girls were involved in an accident trying to cross Main St. How can we train our children to use crosswalks as they appear at their schools, if there are none on the busiest street in the city?

Safety will continue to be a problem, especially with the constant increase in population in Lowell. Perhaps receiving this letter will instigate action by the officials in the near future.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Leasure Teesdale



HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU NEED AN ANTIBIOTIC?

Antibiotics are strong medicines that can treat certain infections and save lives. But used incorrectly, antibiotics can cause more harm than good. Antibiotics only work against infections caused by bacteria. They do not typically work against infections caused by viruses. Usually, antibiotics kill bacteria or stop them from growing. However, some bacteria have become resistant to specific antibiotics so the antibiotics don't work against

them. Resistant bacteria develop faster when antibiotics are used incorrectly.

Some basic guidelines for determining if you need an antibiotic:

1. Common colds and the flu are caused by viruses and do not respond to antibiotics.
2. Bronchitis is almost always caused by a virus. However, if you have a chronic lung condition or a long standing infection, more than two weeks, you may require antibiotics.
3. Sore throats are typically caused by viruses and do not require antibiotics. The exception is strep throat which requires a lab test and an antibiotic to treat.
4. Ear infections can be caused by both viruses and bacteria. Antibiotics are used for some, but not all of these infections.
5. Sinus infections should only be treated with antibiotics if the infection is severe or persists for more than two weeks. Often, the best thing you can do for a mild illness such as the common cold or flu is to let it run its course. Sometimes this can take two weeks, or more. As always, see your doctor if you are not getting better, or if you have any questions.

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 Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

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Reflections Of Faith

Rev. Randy Meyers
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

What could you possibly do over the holidays to spice them up a bit? How about dinner and a movie? Unless you do that all the time, there is still something magical about being transported to another world, as that world is worth being transported to. I know there are plenty of worlds we should avoid, junky chunky movies and other pointless movies of horrific content and quality. Some, however, may build our faith.

One suggestion for a faith-building movie experience is "Polar Express." My wife took me out to dinner and that movie for my birthday last Wednesday. It has been well over 18 months since we've been to one together. So this date was special. We enjoyed our pizza and arrived at the theater early enough to get middle-middle seats.

The house was packed. While the graphics were stunning, several scenes helped to build my faith. One faith-building moment came when one of the characters could not see. This scene cut through a theme of another character who kept saying, "Seeing is believing."

For Jesus, seeing was not always believing. Many people saw Jesus, yet they did not believe he had anything of value to show them. Jesus said to his close friends once, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." So here was a movie character who could not see, he wanted to see, but he had to believe first. Once he believed, he saw. He and hundreds of thousands of elves surrounded a large platform with Santa-less sleigh, full of presents. They were singing Christmas carols while waiting to see Santa himself.

I'm fully aware of the Saturday Night Live skit that rearranges the letters of Santa making him Satan. Still I could not help but imagine the throne room of God surrounded by people from every nation singing praises to the father of Jesus.

When God finally gathers us around the throne, we will all see the greatest present ever, Jesus Christ, more clearly than we have ever seen. We will also see that our faith was a gift all along. Faith was not given to us just so we could escape the current world. Faith was also given to spice up our lives right now.

Renew your plates online

Renewing a vehicle registration online is even easier, thanks to a streamlined process that reduces errors and saves time, said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

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Advances in Internet technology predicated the upgrades to the department's Web renewal service, which first went online in 1998. Among the improvements that benefit customers are:

- Less information is entered. Only the personal identification number (PIN) from the renewal form, credit card number and expiration date are needed to renew. A confirmation is available by entering an e-mail address.
- Online, real-time credit card authorization. Customers will know immediately if their credit card is approved.
- The system prompts customers choosing the optional e-mail confirmation to enter their e-mail address twice, thereby preventing misdirected communications.

Comparisons of online renewals from 2003 and 2004 show an 85 percent increase in vehicle renewals and a 45 percent jump in watercraft renewals.

Alto United Methodist will take move one step at a time

By Dan Schneider

The Alto United Methodist Church has purchased property to construct a new church building.

"It's going to be a slow process but we're going to," said pastor of the church, Rev. Dean Bailey. "We did buy five acres and we've got a sign on it."

The property, located on 60th Street near Bancroft Avenue, will be bare for a while, however.

"We have a ways to go to raise the money to build the church," Bailey explained.

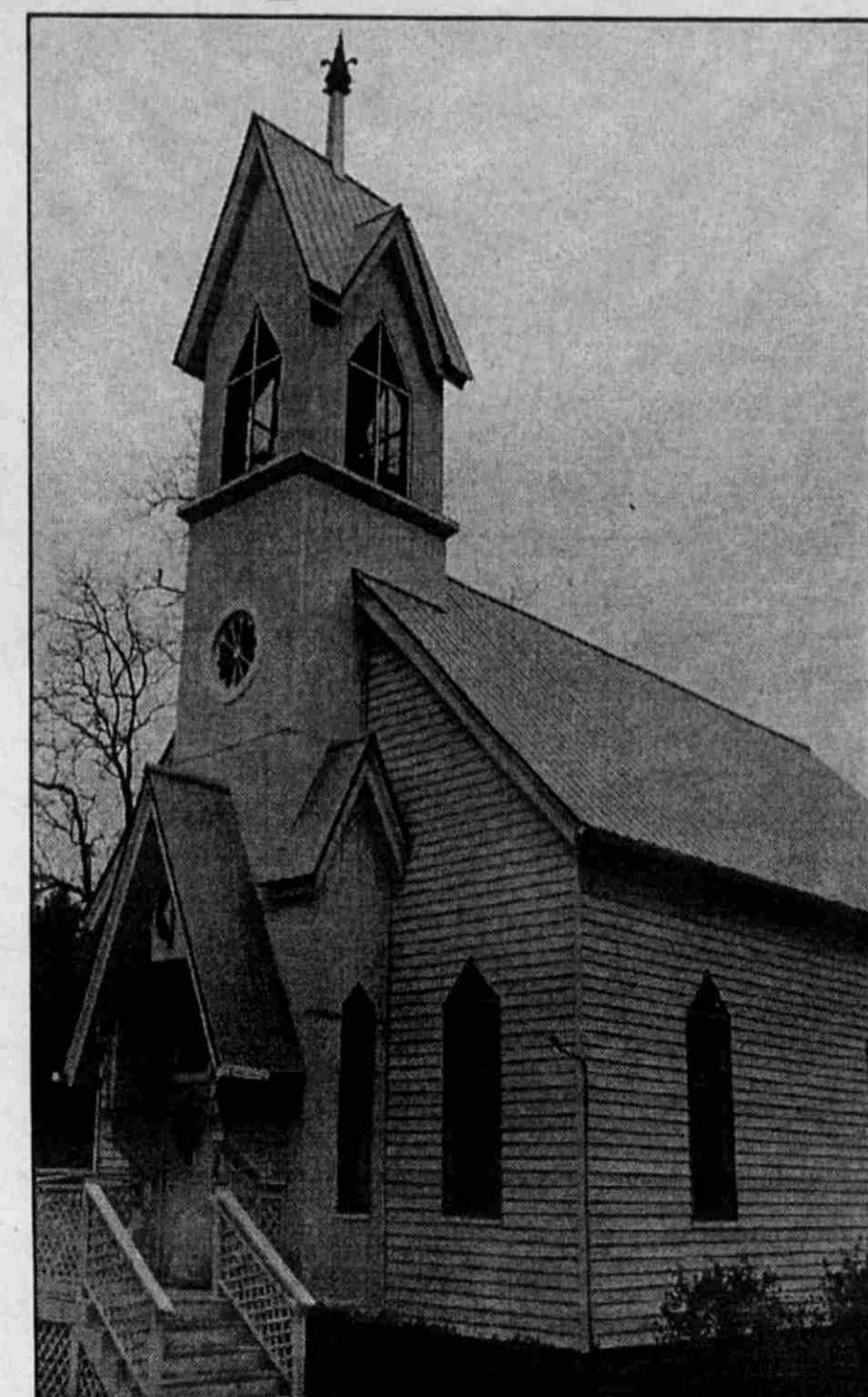
The church congregation will raise money to fund the project as it goes, said Bailey. The first step was the acquisition of the property. Next, money will be raised through fundraisers like a recent baked potato supper and through donations from the congregation before construction begins.

Its current site, at the corner of Kirby and Harrison in Alto, is growing and is ill-suited for expansion.

"We're landlocked," Bailey explained. "We have no parking lot or anything, and our building is too small for expansion."

Bailey said another church might be interested in the building on Kirby and Harrison. The current Alto

church was built in 1874 at the corner of 52nd Street and Bancroft (Merriman Corners). The German Methodist congregation, which built it, was started in 1860. In 1907, the building was moved to its location in the town of Alto. The German Methodists gave the building to an English-speaking congregation.



The current Methodist church in the town of Alto was built in 1874 by German Methodists. It was later given to an English-speaking congregation.

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Before you gift-wrap those 100 shares of Company XYZ stock, however, you'll want to know a few things about making this type of transaction. Both you and your loved one will benefit more from your gift—if you know the rules.

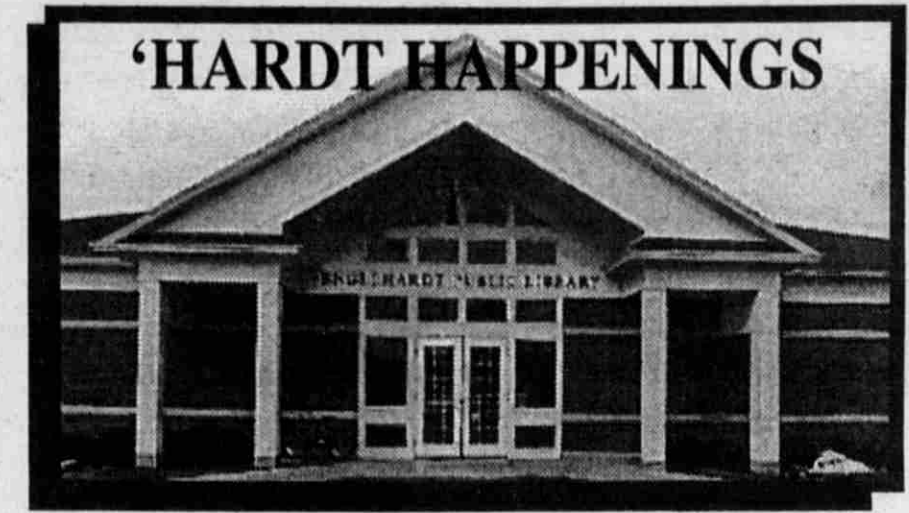
Understanding Gift Taxes
When you give a financial gift to another individual, you won't get a tax deduction, but, most of the time, you won't have to pay a gift tax, either. However, if you give more than the "annual exclusion amount" (\$11,000 for 2004) to one person (other than your spouse) in a single year, you'll have to file a gift tax return. You probably still won't need to pay a gift tax; you can give up to \$1 million during your lifetime before you incur these taxes. And you won't use up any of this amount until your gifts to one person in one year exceed the annual exclusion amount. So, for example, if you make a \$15,000 gift in 2004, you have used up only \$4,000 of your lifetime limit.

Any amount you use out of your lifetime gift tax exclusion counts against the *estate tax exclusion*, which is \$1.5 million for 2004 and 2005. For example, if you use \$200,000 of the limit by making gifts during your lifetime, you have reduced by \$200,000 the amount that can pass through your estate free of the estate tax. (The estate tax is scheduled to be repealed in 2010, but this could change. In any case, see your tax adviser before making any substantial financial gifts.)

Do the Math Before Giving Stocks
Once you know the gift tax rules, you can decide how much stock you want to give away. You'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock (its cost basis), how long you've held the stock, and the fair market value of the stock at the date of the gift. Recipients will need this information to determine capital gains or losses if and when they decide to sell the stock you've given them.

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You don't have to actually give stocks to help your intended recipients make progress toward their financial goals. As an alternative, consider giving your loved ones money to add more shares of stock (or bonds or other investments) to an IRA. For 2004, investors can put up to \$3,000 in a Roth or traditional IRA (or \$3,500 if they are 50 or older). If your intended recipients have fully funded their IRAs for 2004, they can apply your gift for 2005, when the IRA contribution limit is \$4,000 (or \$4,500 for those 50 or older).

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The Spiderwick Chronicles is a series of books for children by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black.

COLLEGE NEWS

University officials have announced that 985 students received academic honors for the summer 2004 semester at

Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

From the Lowell area is Samantha J. Johnson and from the Alto area is Lori M. Oland.

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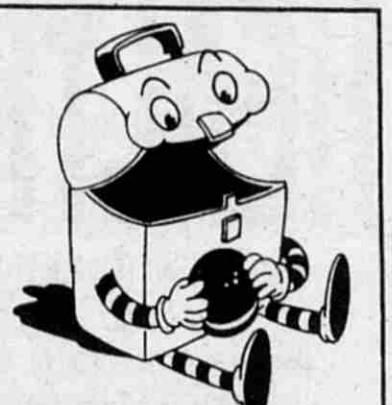
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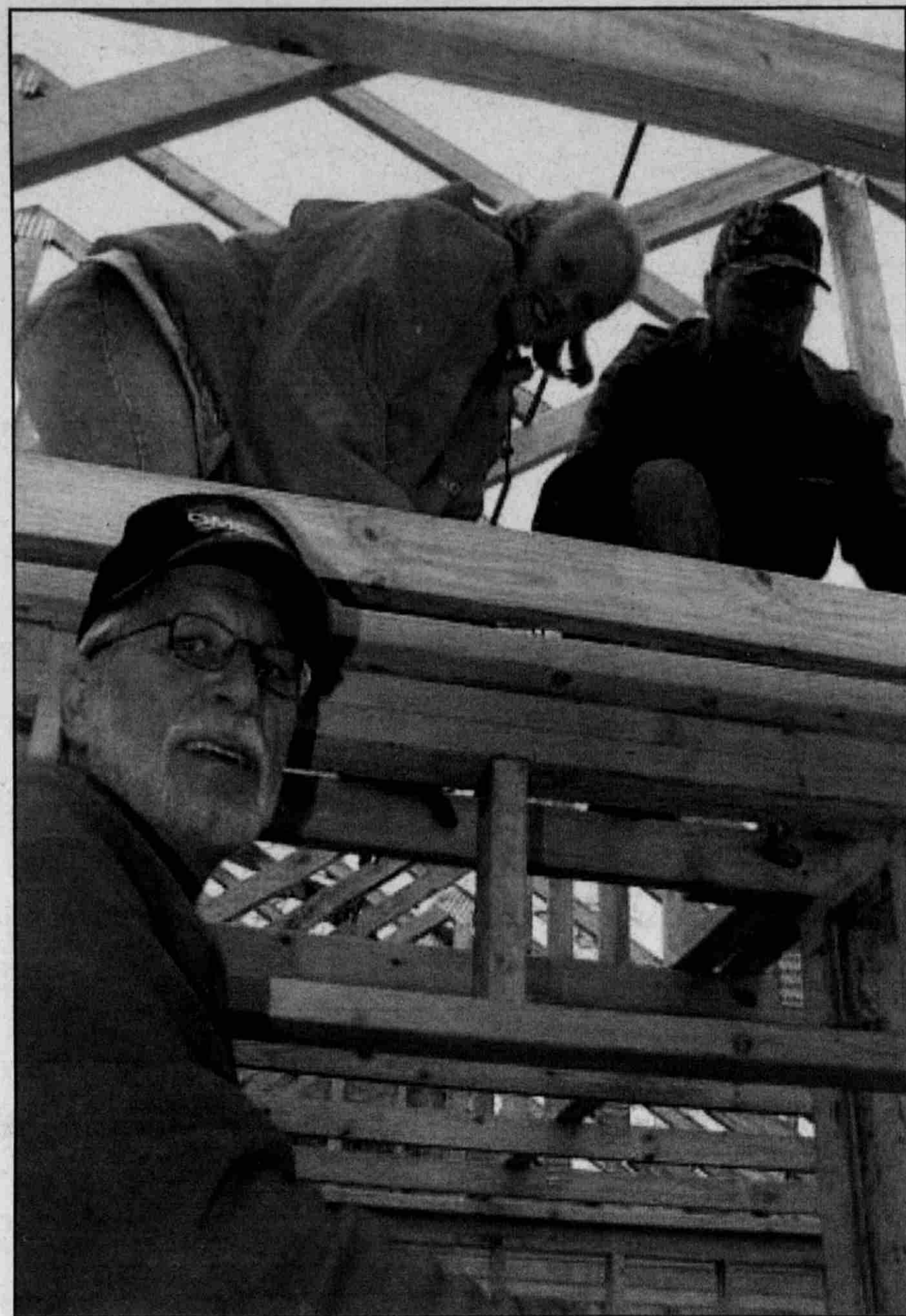


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Don A. Busfield, 70 (from left), Amy Busfield, 21, and Don R. Busfield worked on the Lowell Habitat for Humanity house last Tuesday afternoon. They are, respectively, the grandfather, sister and father of homeowner Debbie Baldwin, who will move into the house with her husband, Scott, and their two daughters when the house is completed.

Habitat for Humanity construction underway

By Dan Schneider

The new Habitat for Humanity house being built on Bowes Road in Lowell has sprung up from a concrete-slab foundation in a short amount of time.

A large work crew of 22 volunteers started building the house Saturday, Nov. 20. The house was framed and trussed—and the roof nearly sheeted—in time for last Wednesday's snowstorm.

"Our goal is to get this sided and roofed so that when winter comes we'll be trimming inside," said Habitat for Humanity construction site supervisor Bill Moerdyk.

The city of Lowell donated the property. Construction was supposed to begin in April, but a legal dispute over the property's ownership caused a delay.

The house in Lowell, one of 10 Habitat for Humanity of Kent County, is hoping to be closed up before the weather turns.

It is part of an international nonprofit organization that helps low-income families build houses; they are built mostly by volunteers. Homeowners contribute 300-500 hours of "sweat equity" working on their own and other Habitat houses.

This is the fourth Habitat house to be constructed in

Lowell. The first one was completed in December of 1998.

"We like to build in Lowell because people always come out to help," said Pam Doti-Nation, executive director for Habitat for Humanity of Kent County.

The Lowell Rotary Club is among several local groups contributing money and labor to the project. Rotary has raised about \$8,000. It is the second time Rotary has helped build a house in Lowell.

"We've got something for Rotary ... kind of a bricks and mortar type thing for Rotary to sponsor," said Root-Lowell Manufacturing president Tony Asselta. "And it's not just giving money, it's giving of yourselves."

Asselta was president of the Lowell Rotary Club when it first helped build a Habitat house in Lowell. Root-Lowell Manufacturing sent a work crew to the site Nov. 22.

The First United Methodist Church of Lowell, the First Congregational Church of Lowell, the Ada Congregational Church, Saint Robert's Newminster Church in Ada and the First United Methodist Church of Rockford have all made donations to the project and pledged volunteer time.

The Lowell Women's

Softball League has made a donation and the Lowell Area Community Fund granted \$15,000 to the project.

A work crew from the Kent County Sheriff's Department Honor Camp came to help on the project for two days last week. The camp is northeastern Kent County for young first offenders. They work on their GEDs and then on projects throughout the county. It was the second Habitat house they've worked on.

"It's working fairly well, the guys are learning a lot," deputy Rick Rought said. "We were able to carry some of these concrete slabs out and do some of the heavy stuff. They enjoy this kind of stuff."

A Habitat for Humanity house costs about \$80,000 to build.

"The family gets the benefit of having the volunteers build the house," Doti-Nation said. "We find that most of our families end up paying less for their mortgage than they were paying for rent."

Debbie and Scott Baldwin will be the homeowners. They are currently living in a small apartment on N. Hudson Street with their two daughters. Scott Baldwin lost his job at Meijer this spring.

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Champs, cont'd...

From Page 1

The first drive of the second half put Lowell at the St. Johns five-yard line. St. Johns forced Nichol to fumble the ball and recovered it. But the Lowell defense made sure this was only a temporary setback, holding the Redwings to only seven yards on six plays.

Jason Welsh returned a short punt and Lowell had possession at the St. Johns 23-yard line. The drive ended in a one-yard Esbaugh touchdown run.

Nichol threw an interception at the end of Lowell's next drive. After the defense held strong, again, he made up for it by rushing in a touchdown. Nichol ran in Lowell's last touchdown of the game as well.

Nichol was the leading rusher for Lowell with 141 yards on 22 attempts. Esbaugh was close behind in rushing yards, breaking through the Redwing line for 121 yards on 21 attempts.

Nichol completed five of nine passing attempts for 129

"He threw the ball and they caught the balls in what I thought was pretty good coverage," Dean said about Schmitt, who threw 14 for 29 for 124 yards.

"We hit him, he just didn't go down very easy," said Mariage about Esbaugh.

Shortly after the game, Esbaugh hadn't collected his thoughts yet on what it meant to be state champions.

"I don't know if it's set in yet, but when it does, I'm glad my team will be right there to celebrate with me," he said.

Koster shared the credit for his interception; Esbaugh shared the celebration. At the end of the undefeated season, one thing was clear about everything the Red Arrows accomplished: they did it as a team.

"These kids have been great. I think we're sad that this is going to be one of our last moments together," Dean said shortly after the championship win.



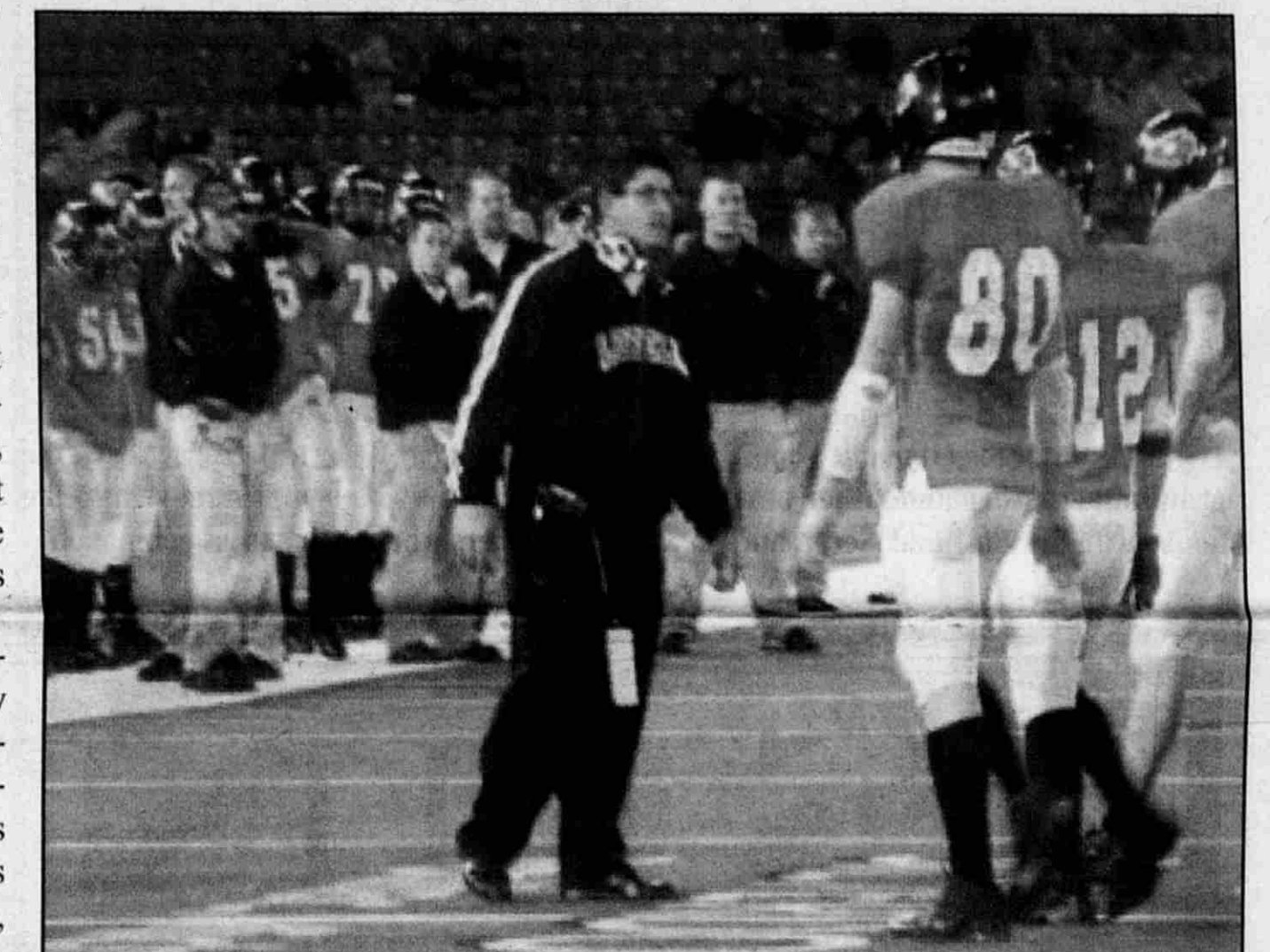
The crowd cheers on the Red Arrows.

With the lights off on the field at the Silverdome, Koster summed it up with the team's final breakdown in the locker room.

"Band of Brothers, on three!" he yelled.

The 2004 Red Arrow varsity football team will present the Division 3 state championship trophy at 2 p.m., Thursday, in the main gym at Lowell High School. The event is free and the public is invited.

This year's state championships were dominated by the west side of the state. Lowell was among six teams winning championships from this side of Michigan. The others were Rockford (Division 1), Muskegon (Division 2), Muskegon Orchard View (Division 4), Constantine (Division 6), and Climax-Scotts (Division 8).



Lowell coach Noel Dean talks to Brad Shea and Jason Welsh, among other Red Arrows, in a time out shortly before Lowell kicked a field goal in the second quarter.

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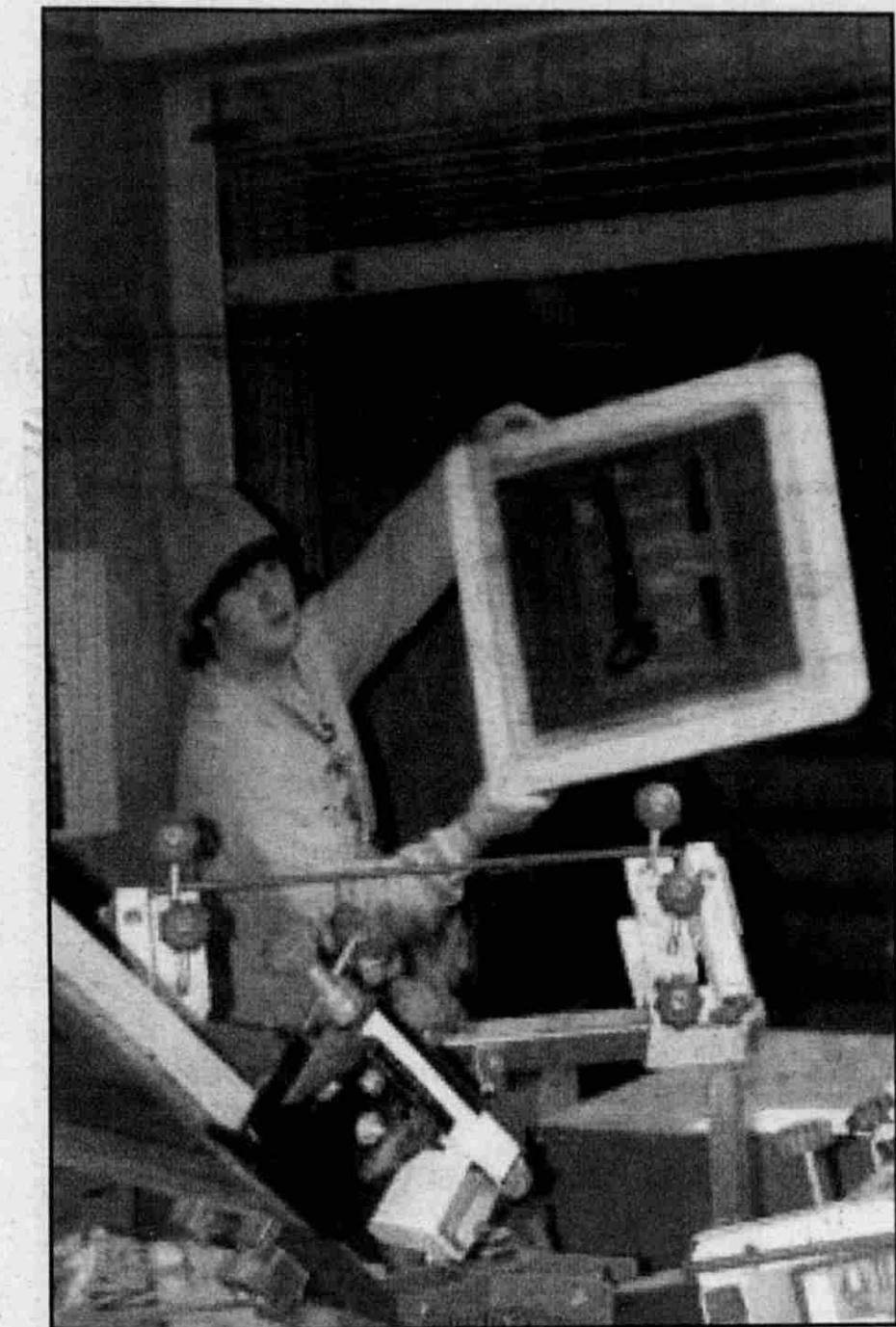
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A screen printer at the Silverdome with the screen for the Lowell state champions T-shirts.

yards. Three of them were to Koster for 76 yards and a touchdown.

Brock Graham and Jeremy Holliman led the Lowell defense. Graham had five solo tackles and assisted on one. Holliman had two solo tackles (one of them a sack) and five assists.

"I thought we played an outstanding game, hung with them, especially in the first half," St. Johns' coach Dave Mariage said. "I just think Lowell was just a little bit more big and physical up front."

For Dean, it was a big win against a worthy adversary. Both coaches talked some about the other team's players after the game.

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DALE TRIPLETT



Signs, continued... From Page 4

bronze or noncombustible material.

A resident would be allowed one ground sign per lot, located only in the front yard, and no greater than three square feet. Rather than tackle the ordinance at the regular meeting, commission chair Clark Jahnke, and the commission, agreed to discuss the topic at its work session. Jahnke said this would give

commission members time to review the proposal and consider the questions.

While on the subject of signs, commission member Jim Hall brought up the issue of signs in the Westside Business District. At the time city resident Josh Langdon questioned residential signs (at the end of the summer), representatives from the Westside Business District, mainly car

dealerships, approached the commission about relief from the city's current sign ordinance.

Questions about the number of days that flags, pendants and balloons were allowed, and the necessity for dealerships to have such items longer than the standard one time per year 21-day usage were brought up. Many of the businesses had been cited for

violations, with those currently on hold, until the city resolved the signage issue. Hall said it seems that the flags, pendants, balloons, and other activities are never ending and he felt the commission should review and make a decision on this issue.

Commission member Deb Hinton, working with the Westside Business District for several months, has been reviewing signage ordinances from other cities but, to date, there has been no recommen-

ation from the district on how the city should handle the issue.

Since the Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. request to rezone property at 112 Lincoln Lake Ave., the Masonic Lodge property, Jahnke has noticed that several properties in the area have been difficult to develop. He felt now was the time for the commission to start working on a plan to help development in that area.

The Flat River Outreach Ministries had sought to have the C-2 Central Business District zoning extended to its property. That was rejected by local planner Steve Langworthy who reviewed the issue at the request of the planning commission. Langworthy has been asked to attend the meeting to discuss options. The work session is Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

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Habitat house, continued ... From Page 8

It was after they were notified they had been chosen for a Habitat house. With-

out work, he decided to start building the family's sweat equity hours by working at

the Habitat for Humanity Restore, a surplus building supply store run by the Kent County organization. It eventually led to a new job for him at the store.

"We usually don't have the occasion to hire a Habitat homeowner, but he's a good worker," Doti-Nation said. "This was just a good fit."

He has since worked his way up to become warehouse supervisor at the Restore, Debbie Baldwin said.

The Baldwins have taken classes in homebuilding skills and family finances as part of

the Habitat for Humanity program. Baldwin said her family was very excited when construction began.

"When we went there this Saturday (Nov. 20), it was like 'Is this really happening,'" she said. "And all these people were there and it was like 'Wow, you people want to help us with our house.'"

Debbie Baldwin has been impressed with the volunteers' willingness to help strangers.

"I can't thank the volunteers enough just to be up there working, especially today in the rain and snow," she said.

"A lot of them, unless they ask, they don't know who the homeowners are."

The house will be dedicated next June, by which time the Baldwins will already be moved in. But Habitat is saving the dedication for when the Jimmie Carter Work Project will be in Michigan. Every year, former president Jimmie Carter travels to a dif-

ferent place in the world and works on Habitat houses for a week. Next year, he will be in Detroit and Benton Harbor.

At that time, Habitat for Humanity of Kent County will dedicate 25 houses completed since July 1 of this year. There will be 230 houses dedicated that week throughout the state of Michigan.



Local racer places in Nevada

Brenda Bergy, of Brenda's Hair Designs, took second place with her dragster. Bergy, and her pit crew of Thomas Bergy, Brett and Tate Thomas, Darrell and Diane Thomas, traveled to the West Coast A vi Nationals Sand Drags in Laughlin, Nevada on Nov. 6. Bergy, of the Rebel Warrior race team, took second place in the Pro-2 Class. The dragster, built by Tico, ran 3.66 seconds in 300 feet at 90 mph. It was powered by a dart 406, blown alcohol, pushing 1200 hp. Thomas Bergy ran Pro-1 class, breaking out on his first round. Sponsors were Vanguard Fire & Security, Brenda's Hair Designs and Bergy's Beef. The dragster was hauled by Valley Truck.

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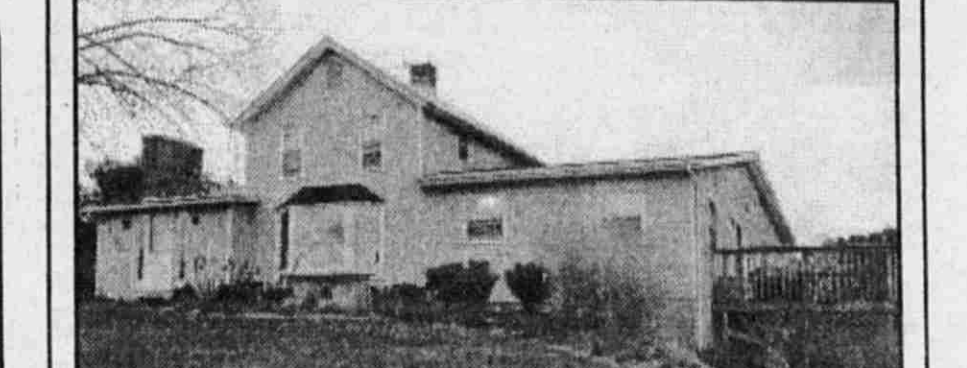
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COMING EVENTS

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

SUN.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

SUN.: V.F.W. Post 8303 Bingo. Doors open: 11 a.m.; 1st game: 1 p.m. at Lowell Veterans Center, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. Every Sunday except holidays.

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

MON.: Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vandervulp at 897-4302 for more info.

MON.: Lowell Board of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

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

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

3RD MON.: Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber of commerce or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

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

3RD MON.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. Next meeting Feb. 21 at Schneider Manor 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 American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

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

TUES.: Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Cubmaster Bruce Doll, 897-9782 / email: bruce@imagesofvision.com.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

TUES.: Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45-11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

1ST TUES.: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

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

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

2ND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE, 6:30 social; 7 p.m. meeting/program. Call Sandy 285-0621 or June 231-780-1249 for more information.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers...because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac. All are welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner is provided.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights 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, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments are served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

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

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

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

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.

2ND WED.: Lowell Women'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 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir: 6-7 p.m.; band: 7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 897-7842.

THURS.: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus, 750 Fuller NE.

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.

2ND THURS.: Loyal Order 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.

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Parent Support Group 7-8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for information.

3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life

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. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or 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.

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NOW-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.)

THURS., DEC. 2: Vergennes Cooperative Club Christmas luncheon, 12 p.m. at Schneider Manor Activity Room. Gifts are food donations to Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry.

SAT., DEC. 4: Rogue River Artisan 22nd Holiday Art and Craft Sale at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes, 9-4 p.m. Fine collection of more than 90 quality juried artists.

SAT., DEC. 4: Santa Parade beginning at 10 a.m. at Lowell Fairgrounds and traveling east along Main St. Flat River Neighborhood Girl Scouts will be collecting toys along the route.



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

TUES.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 12:45 p.m. Bible Study.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., DEC. 1: 9:30 a.m. Podiatrist; 10 a.m. Blood Pressure; 12:45 p.m. Tour St. Nicolas Church.

THURS., DEC. 2: Noon, Cafe in the Woods and Shop Woodland Mall.

FRI., DEC. 3: 9 a.m. Bowling; 10 a.m. Out & About; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., DEC. 6: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop Cascade Meijer.

TUES., DEC. 7: Noon Soup & Salad; 12:45 p.m. Shop Horrock's.

WED., DEC. 8: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast Bill's Family Restaurant; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., DEC. 9: 12:15 p.m. Dance Westside Complex.

FRI., DEC. 10: 10 a.m. Community Senior Neighbors Lunch at Grandville; 10 a.m. Out & About.

hood 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.

MON., DEC. 6: Athletic Boosters Club regular meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

WED., DEC. 15: Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for Grand Valley Blood program, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

THURS./FRI., DEC. 16 & 17: Food and gifts may be dropped off at First United Methodist Church, 9:30-4:30 for F.R.O.M. Distributed to families on Sat., Dec. 18.

LHS presents "As You Like It"

By Dan Schneider

The fall play this year at Lowell High School is an adaptation of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

The adaptation is by Laurie Kuna and Cat Kilpatrick, one of the directors. The other director is Laurie Summerfield. The adaptation is to allow for the play's being set in New Orleans.

The sets convey this, with bright, French Quarter colors and a street sign designating Bourbon. There's also a projection image featuring trees with hanging kudzu designating the governor's mansion, where the play begins.

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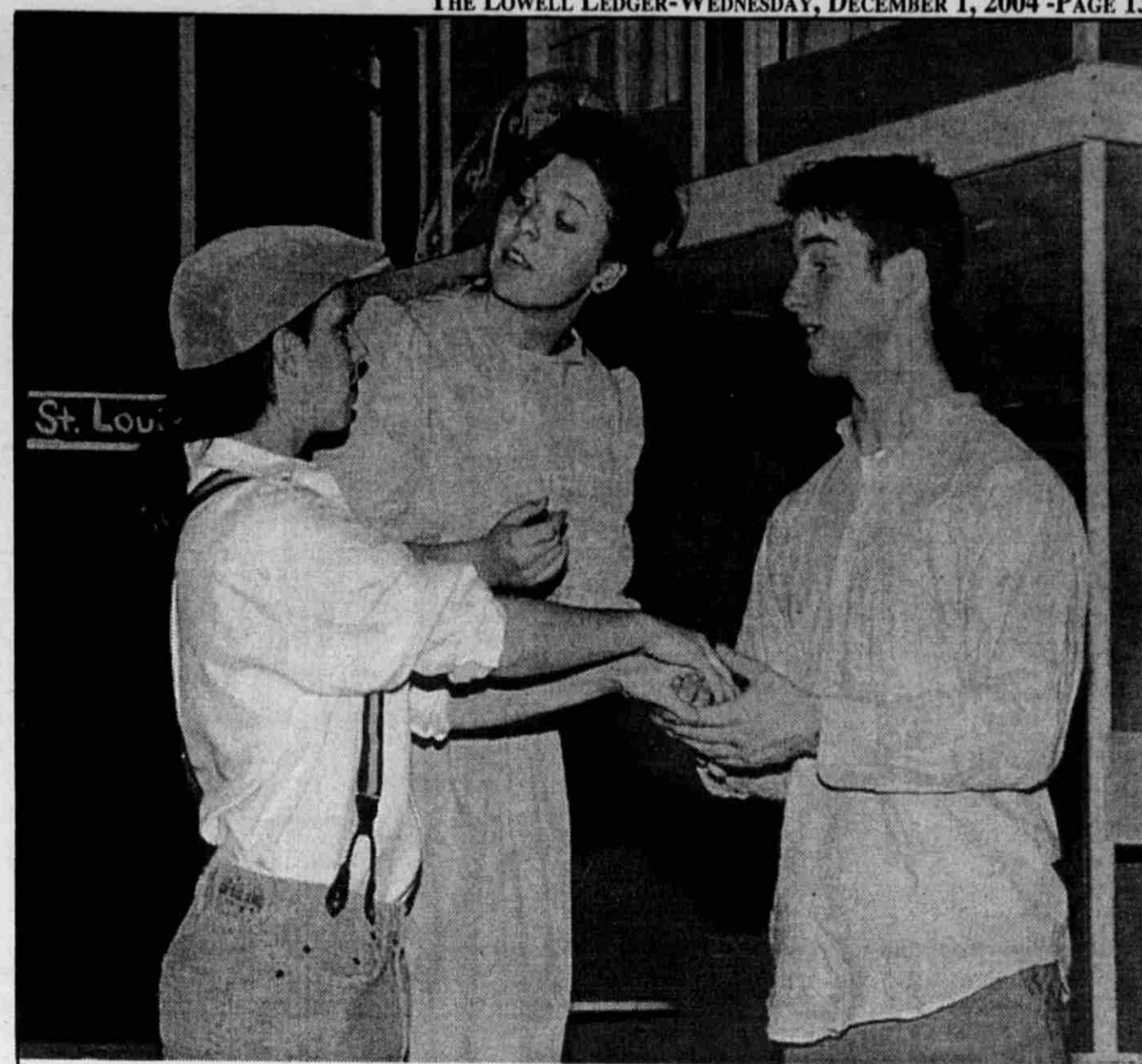
motion is a boxing match (it was wrestling in the original Shakespeare) between protagonist Orlando (Andy Oesch) and a local heavyweight named Charles (Gary Kilgore). The fight has the double effect of causing Rosalind (Amanda Durkee), the daughter of the governor, to fall in love with Orlando, and causing Frederick (Joe Mull), the governor, to remember that he hates Orlando's father.

Frederick, therefore, banishes Rosalind for being in love with Orlando. Rosalind does what seems to be the only logical thing at the time, which is to go to New Orleans dressed as a man in pursuit of

Orlando. She brings with her a friend, Celia (Elise Wisniewski) and Frederick's press secretary, Touchstone (Jessie Stephens).

For those not moved by the tumultuous, romance inspired plot twists—or the pathos of Jacques (Chad Drenth), who wanders the French Quarter below a dark cloud—the play boasts the language of Shakespeare. The cast is to be commended for taking on the Shakespearian lines. Though each line appears simple enough in isolation, their conglomeration must have been difficult to memorize. As an example, Rosalind speaking to Celia:

"One inch of delay more is a South Sea of discovery. I



Celia (Elise Wisniewski, middle) pretends to marry Rosalind (Amanda Durkee, left) and Orlando (Andy Oesch), in the Lowell High School production of Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

Social studies comes alive in fifth-grade classroom

Paul Jacobus, a fifth grade teacher at Murray Lake Elementary, has been teaching social studies for 10 years. In that time period his students have gone from reading about social studies in a book to actually living parts of history.

Each October, he and Mike Fillman, another teacher he team teaches with, begin a unit on the early colonization of the current United States.

The unit always ends with a culmination of student activities. Students from both social studies classes participated in a play called, "The Pilgrims' Arrival." It deals with the relationship between the pilgrims who settled in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, (including Miles Standish, Rose Standish, John Carver, William Bradford) and the Native American Wampanoag tribe (including

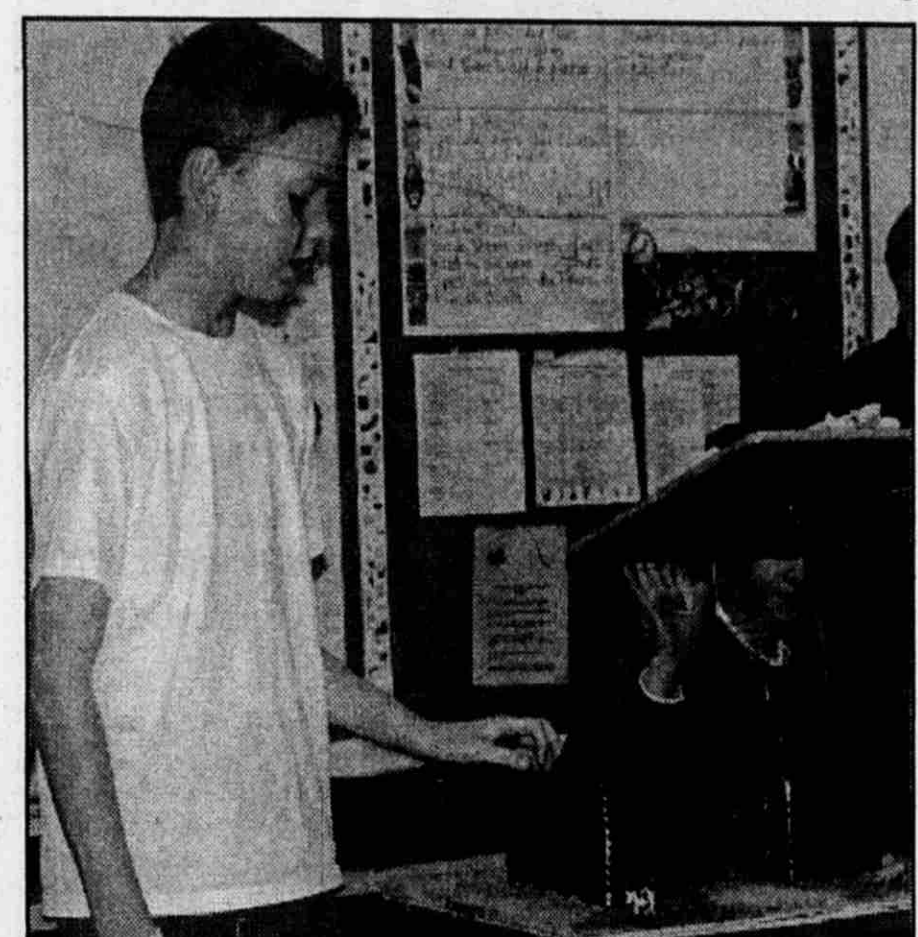
Chief Massasoit, Squanto, and Samoset). The play ends with the first unofficial Thanksgiving meal between the pilgrims and the Wampanoag.

"The kids get so much more from history when they can actually be involved in it. I find that they retain much more of our material we cover when they can act it out," said Jacobus. "I also want to thank Bill and Nancy Wood for all of their time and energy they put into my plays each and every year. I could not do these plays without them."

Jacobus also does a Boston Tea Party and a Christopher Columbus play with his classes.

Following the play, students return to their classroom to share with fellow students and parents the research project they did surrounding colonialism. Visual aids range from topographical maps showing early colonial America to pilgrim ships created from balsa wood.

After the projects are presented, the students, their parents, and the teachers participate in a Thanksgiving Feast that includes everything from turkey to pumpkin pie.



Alec Roerig shares his project with students. He built a model of an early colonial pilgrim home.



Katie Mork displays her model of the Plymouth Plantation to her fellow classmates.

prithiee tell me who is it quickly, and speak apace. I would thou could'st stammer, that thou mightst pour this conceal'd man out of thy mouth, as wine come out of narrow-mouth'd bottle—either of thy mouth that I may drink thy tidings."

She is asking Celia the identity of the man who leaves love poems for her, scattered throughout the French Quarter. Celia knows it is Orlando

who has written and posted the poems. Touchstone later questions the quality of the verse.

For those not excited by the language of Shakespeare, the play boasts bright costumes, a few song and dance numbers, and a happy ending.

"As You Like It" opens Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. Additional performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5

for students and seniors; \$7 for the general public; \$8 at the door. Tickets are on sale at the main office in Lowell High School.

Dinner will be available at the "Gumbo Grill" one hour before each performance. On the menu are barbecue pork sandwiches, gumbo, and the sights and sounds of New Orleans. Dinner is \$5. Reservations are required and tickets are available at the high school main office.

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Lowell-Caledonia hockey working to build team unity

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell-Caledonia varsity hockey team is two games into its regular season and still looking for a win.

But coach Mike Ballard knows it's not because of lack of talent.

"We've got a lot of skill, it's just going to take a little time for them to get used to playing together," he said.

The Red Arrows hit the ice this year with a lot of young players, particularly on the defensive end. Ballard said this was a factor in both the 8-

5 loss Nov. 18 at Kenowa Hills and the 6-3 loss Nov. 20 at Dewitt-St. Johns.

"Offensively, we have a lot more depth than we've had in the past, but defensively we're very young," Ballard said.

On offense, the Arrows return seniors Ted McCoy, last year's scoring leader, and Corey Kelly, as well as Kyle Austin, David Maynone and Brandon John. Will Holland is the only returning player on the Red Arrow defensive squad.

New to the roster are Jus-

tin Story, Brad Anderson, Joel Scheele, Ken Hayes, Austin DeClerc and Kyle Grucz. All are freshmen or sophomores, but several come from travel leagues. That experience will help them make an impact earlier in the season.

"Some of those freshmen and sophomores who are stepping in are stepping into first line roles for us," Ballard said.

The team has two goalies this year. Caledonia junior Brent Deloach played goalie for a state champion Midget

team. Ballard hopes the team's overnight trip to Bay City on Dec. 4 to play John Glenn High School proves to be a bonding opportunity for the team.

Their first league game is scheduled for Dec. 8 at West Ottawa. Lowell-Caledonia will again play in tier three of the OK conference with West Ottawa, Wayland, Grand Ha-

ven, Hudsonville and South Christian. Last year, the Red Arrows shared the league title with Grand Haven.

"Overall, we're looking to be pretty strong in our conference," Ballard said. "Our goal is we're looking to repeat as champions in tier three."

Competing for the title will be Grand Haven and West Ottawa. Both teams also picked up travel players this season.

The Arrows will encounter challenges between league

games, playing the likes of Farmington United, Grand Lodge and tier one team, Forest Hills Central.

"We've bolstered our non-league schedule with some strong teams," Ballard said.

Lowell-Caledonia's next home game is a few weeks away on Friday, Dec. 17 against Grand Rapids Christian at Standard Federal Ice Arena. The game starts at 9 p.m.

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Go Arrows! Beat St. Johns! Happy Thanksgiving! - Adam Scholars

Thank you Matt Rose for your letter. We are now discriminating against an entire class of people. Who will be next? People with brown eyes?
A suggestion from a constitutional scholar: Yes, go ahead and change the presidential requirement for being born in the US, but make it take effect in 20 years.
Congratulations Girls Varsity and JV basketball teams! They represented Lowell well with their hard work and good sportsmanship. Thank you for being role models in our community! Jen Dougherty
Thank you girls basketball for a great season. We've enjoyed it. Best of luck next year.
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Ken Schumm
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Jeffrey offers a simple explanation for this unprecedented sale, “We’ve had record sales so far this year and we’re overstocked with trade-ins. It’s that simple.” He adds, “During this sales event we will offer unbelievable values on our used inventory, and some vehicles will sell for \$29* down and brand new cars will sell with discounts of up to \$10,000 off M.S.R.P.**” Harold Zeigler Ford is the #1 Used Car Dealer in Lowell and is willing to do whatever it takes to get you into the car of your dreams, regardless of profit lost. Take advantage of savings of \$3,000 to \$10,000*, if not more.

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He reminds prospective buyers to act quickly if they want to take advantage of these incredible savings. “I can’t stress enough that this is only a three-day sales event.” Once our inventory is reduced, the bargain prices come off and it’s back to business as usual. It’s also first-come, first-served, so it’s critical to come early to have the best chance of getting the vehicle you want.

Of course, there’s more to this sale than just reducing inventory. Jeffrey explains: “Harold Zeigler Ford is always looking for ways to give back to the community that’s

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