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Incumbents hold on in last week's city council elections

By Dan Schneider

There is no change in the ranks of the Lowell city council after last Tuesday's election.

Incumbents won all three open seats. Councilman James Pfaller was the leading vote-getter with 216 votes; incumbent mayor Jeanne Shores

followed with 193. Both earn a four-year term on the council. Jim Hodges won a two-year term with 182 votes. Jim Hall fell short of a seat on the council, getting 118 votes.

"I was pleased for the show of support and I'm thankful for all the people who voted for me," Pfaller said. Hodges was glad to

win a seat, but disappointed with voter turnout.

"When I first ran in 1989, I was top vote-getter with 407 votes," Hodges said. "There were significantly more people voting even back 15 years ago ... it would be nice to have a larger turnout, more people participating."

He said he feels good

about maintaining the same city council roster.

"The five people you have are reasonably stable people ... but also we're quite diverse," Hodges said. "We don't always agree, but we respect each other."

Shores agreed with Hodges. "I think we have a good council, I think we work well together and I

think we'll continue to," Shores said.

She will wrap up her 12th year on the city council at the end of December. In her next four-year term, she said she hopes the council will witness continued economic growth in the city. "I think and I hope that we are going to see the progress we've seen for the

last few years," Shores said. "I am really heartened that storefronts don't stay empty long. I think people are realizing that Lowell is the place to be and that's good for the economy and good for the city."

The city council will vote for mayor and mayor pro tem at its first meeting in January.



It's a crowded house for this Christmas through Lowell crafter

By Dan Schneider

About this time of year, the Jelsma family is always displaced from their home for about two weeks ... or at least moved to the basement.

That is because the main floor of their house on Burroughs Street is filled up with items for sale. They are stop number five at this year's "Christmas Through Lowell" tour. Items available include folk-art decorative pieces, restored antique furniture, homemade jams and jellies, and baked goods. A total of 15 people put together a variety of things for sale.

"It's the whole package," Karin Jelsma said. "I love to do the primitives and the antiques and the

jams and jellies. About half my people are into folk art and antiques, and the rest of my family and friends are state fair bake-off and cook-off winners."

The result of their accumulated handiwork is shelves full of preserves and specialty sauces. And every surface in the house is covered with decorative items. A lot of the surfaces—tables, cabinets, shelves—are for sale as well. They are antiques Jelsma has picked up in her travels as an interior decorator.

Decorations suitable for year-round use are available and also Christmas-specific items. Candleholders, antique sleds, wooden ducks, apple pie in a jar—there are lots of handmade things at her home.

Jelsma's daughters plan to set up a coffee bar at the house to go along with some of the baked goods for sale.

The "Christmas Through Lowell" stop is called "Homespun Holiday" and is located at 13235 Burroughs. It is one of 42 houses on this year's craft tour. Many of them feature work by multiple crafters. Also on the tour are 10 businesses in historic downtown Lowell. "Christmas Through Lowell" runs Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Brochures with maps and a list of participating houses are available at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and at various downtown businesses.

Karin Jelsma with some of the items for sale at her home, stop number five on the "Christmas Through Lowell" craft sale tour.

Gaylord man sought after area theft

By Dan Schneider

A complicated case with a lot of ins and outs led to a small-scale manhunt on the west end of town last Thursday.

Lowell police detective James Hinton arrived at Calvary Christian Reformed Church at 10:30 a.m. seeking information about a suspect in a case of stolen electronic goods. The 27-year-old man, from Gaylord, had stayed for a week at a friend's residence in town. He woke up Thursday morning before the others and stole approximately \$1,000 worth of electronics

along with a suitcase and backpack in which to carry them. The day before, he had

made arrangements with the church for a ride to Lansing where he could catch a bus.

After learning of the theft Thursday morning, *Theft, cont'd., pg. 3*

Lowell Township fire

By Dan Schneider

A chimney fire at a house on Maple Run off Cascade Road Sunday evening caused damage but no injuries.

Lowell Area and Alto fire departments responded to the Lowell Township fire about 6 p.m. Starting in the chimney, it spread to the outside wall of the house. Firefighters had the fire

extinguished in about 20 minutes, but stayed on hand for two hours cleaning up equipment and watching for hot spots.

Lowell fire chief Frank Martin said a chimney malfunction caused the fire. "I doubt it," he said about that night's high winds being a contributing factor.

Most of the fire damage was on the outside of the wall. The house was still

inhabitable, but the fire department had shut the power off to fight the fire, which is standard procedure. Because of that, the family vacated the house that night but was expected to make a quick return.

Martin's rough estimate put damage at between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Three Lowell Area Fire Department trucks and a tank truck from Alto responded to the fire.

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Obituaries

HEIM
Barbara Jane Heim, aged 62, of Casnovia, passed away at her home on November 6, 2005. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, James Heim, formerly of Lowell; children Tammy and Ed Hahs, Richard and Sue Little, Michael and Lorri Little, Chris Heim, Bill and Ramona Heim, Elise and Jake LaCourse; 24 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; siblings Omie May Justice, Annabell and Jim Avey, Willard and Freda Justice, Hazel and Garry Felty, Leonard Justice, Theodore Justice, Cyril and Deb Justice, Edwin and Sophie Justice, Lucy and Stan Howard; sisters-in-law Norma and Ron Noall

and Roma Minnie all of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home on November 10, 2005 with Rev. Ray Steigenga officiating. Interment in Seaman Cemetery, Casnovia.

LESMEISTER

Richard J. Lesmeister, aged 70, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly October 30, 2005. He is survived by his sisters Joanne Crawford of Vista, CA, Dolores Kubicki of Phoenix, AZ; brothers-in-law Dr. Robert G. Borchak of Grosse Point, Richard E. Steffy of Tustin, CA, Al Corey of Marina Del Ray, CA; sisters-in-law Josephine Lesmeister of Escondido, CA, Ann Lesmeister of

Livonia. A private memorial mass has taken place at St. Mary's Church.



MACK

David "Kip" Mack, aged 30 of Lowell, passed away November 12, 2005 from accidental automobile injuries. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Clarence and Ilah Klahn. He is survived by the love of his life, Stacy Ranburger; parents Randy and Pamela (Klahn) Mack of Dutton; sister Megan (Roger) Vajda of Big Rapids; nephews Louis and Joseph Vajda; Stacy's parents Carl and Silvia Ranburger formerly of Alto; grandfather Arnold Mack of CA; aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends. Kip was employed by Sundry Development Co. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Dean Bailey of Alto United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Merriam Cemetery. Visitation

was Tuesday, 6-9 p.m. at the chapel and one hour prior to service. Memorial contributions may be made to David "Kip" Mack Memorial Fund.

MIESEL-SCHAEFFER

Dr. Susan Ann Miesel-Schaeffer, nee Potter, transitioned from this world at 9:45 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2005. She was dearly loved by her husband Thomas Schaeffer; six children: Jiah Miesel, Dr. Lauren (Tony) Alessi, Danny (Diane) Miesel, Dr. Todd (Jan) Miesel, Katy (Kent) Scott, Dr. Mark Miesel; seven grandchildren: Susie Miesel, Kaitlyn and Kurtis Alessi, Allison and Candy Scott, Tyler and Drake Miesel; brothers Billy, Dave, Joe Potter; sisters: Jerry Frances, Kitty Brenk, Sharon Miles; as well as countless friends and clients whom she helped over the years as a clinical psychologist. Susie's advocacy for children earned her the nickname of "Dr. Seuss" at Sandra Day O'Connor High School where she served as school psychologist. She served

on the Arizona Governor's Council for head injuries. Protecting children defined her 30-year career as a psychologist. Susie was an accomplished pianist and vocalist. She was a licensed pilot, a certified ski instructor, a USTA tennis player, and a tournament winning golfer. Susie was loved by all who knew her and willingly shared her loving, kind-hearted, compassionate qualities and talents with everyone. She had boundless energy and lived life to the fullest. She was born, raised and resided in Michigan until 1992, then moved to Durango, Colorado, until 2002 when she moved to Glendale, Arizona. Susie requested her tombstone read: "I did it all!" A Memorial Celebration will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at Arrowhead Country Club, 1988 N 73rd Avenue in Glendale, Arizona (623-561-9665). A Memorial Celebration will also be held at Deer Lake Racquet Club in Clarkston, Michigan (248-625-8686) on Nov. 27 at 1 p.m.

NELSON

Betty Jean Nelson, aged 86, of Alto, the widow of John M. Nelson, died November 6, 2005. Surviving are her step-children Robert and Nancy Nelson of Texas, Phyllis Nelson of Texas; step-grandchildren, and cousins among them Jack and Marilyn DeBoer of Kansas and Donna and Roger Wilkinson of Ada. Mrs. Nelson played baseball for 23 years and won several state and local awards. She was a physical education teacher for 27 years at the Godfrey-Lee elementary and high schools and Godwin Heights Elementary School. She was a former Safety Services director for the Kent County Chapter of the Red Cross. Funeral services were held November 11 in Peace Church, 6950 Cherry Valley, Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorials to St. Francis Mission, P.O. Box 149, St. Francis, SD 57572 are suggested.

Fatal accident on Lincoln Lake Tuesday

By Dan Schneider

A fatal accident occurred Tuesday morning at the intersection of Lincoln Lake Avenue and Bailey Drive.

Shortly after 8:30 a.m., a northbound car on Lincoln Lake slammed into the back of a flat bed lumber truck as the truck was making a left turn onto Bailey. The driver of the car was killed in the crash.

The car's hood was mangled and its windshield was smashed from the impact with the back of the truck's bed. The car hit with enough force to contort the bed of the lumber truck. There were no passengers in the car or in the truck. The driver of the lumber truck was unhurt.

The names of the drivers involved and the results of the accident investigation were not available in time for this report. The driver of



The driver of this car was killed in an accident Tuesday morning after colliding with a lumber truck. In the background, a tow truck is righting a van that rolled over into the ditch while trying to avoid the accident.

the truck did tell police he had signaled before making the turn.

A third vehicle, a Honda Element minivan, was approaching the intersection southbound on Lincoln

Lake just as the accident occurred.

"I could see it happening in front of my eyes and I had to swerve to avoid getting hit," said the van's driver, Kristine Luyk.

After she swerved, her vehicle crossed the centerline and rolled over onto its side in the ditch on the east side of the road. Luyk was not injured in the accident.

City begins one day service in December

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

City residents will only have to worry about putting out the trash, recyclables and yard waste on one day starting in December.

Allied Waste general manager Todd Harland came before Lowell City Council last week seeking to have all of the city's trash services combined into one day.

"This allows us to be more productive and cost effective with our fuel and manpower," Harland said, adding that it was his intention to include that in the company's initial bid but had forgotten to state that.

Harland said the company's bid, which was about 20 percent lower than its competitors, was based on the fact that it planned to do all services—yard waste, trash and recyclables—on one day. Pick-up would start at 7 a.m., end by 3 p.m. and only involve three trucks: two trash trucks and one recyclable truck.

In the event of holidays, service would be pushed back one day to Friday.

The benefit to the city included less noise and traffic, and would increase public safety with the

company only coming in on one day, Harland explained.

"I see this as a great idea," said councilman Al Mathews. "It would make it easier for me to remember to put my recyclables out, since now I have to remember when to do it because it's a different day than the trash."

The council voted unanimously to allow Allied Waste to pick up trash, yard waste and recyclables on a single day, Thursday.

Harland said this would involve some retraining for residents. His staff would also need some time to get used to the lay of the land and would be willing to work with the city to help make it a smooth transition by doing extra pick ups toward the end of the day.

In three months he hoped everything would be running smoothly and drivers would be in and out as quickly as possible. The change would also affect subscription customers (those who have carts) as

Residents have until the end of the month to use up the existing bags for Waste Management and to get new bags for Allied. Any exchanges can be made at City Hall.

Allied will be charging the city \$1.01 per waste bag, \$2.83 per month per resident for recyclables, and 70 cents for yard waste bags.

"People are used to looking at my ads right now because of the whole bag situation," Morlock said.

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police used caller ID to track down one of the phone calls with the church. The suspect happened to be at the church when Hinton arrived. He saw the squad car approach and fled before Hinton knew he was there.

A K-9 unit from Ionia was brought in around 11 a.m. The dog tracked the suspect as far as Tractor Supply Company. But the suspect was able to get to a house on Alden Nash Ave. where he got a ride

into Grand Rapids. Felony warrants are pending for the man's arrest. The stolen property was left at the church. The person who gave the man a ride to Grand Rapids described him to police after hearing about the search.

Car accident takes life of Lowell man

David Kipton Mack, 30, of Lowell, was killed on Saturday morning, Nov. 12, when the dump truck-type vehicle he was driving crossed the centerline on Alden Nash and hit a tree. The accident, in which Mack was the only occupant, occurred just south of 40th St. in Lowell Township.

Mack, pronounced dead at the scene, was not wearing a seatbelt. The accident is still under investigation pending autopsy results.

• LEGAL NOTICES •

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

Estate of
JANICE LOWDEN
deceased
Date of Birth
Dec. 3, 1945

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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-180,518-DE

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November 10, 2005

Michael J. Tummino Jr.
P21618
311 E. Main
Lowell, MI 49331
616-897-5931

Cathy Burrows
236 Nora St. S.E.
Kentwood, MI 49548

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FILE NO. 04-177,086-DE

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October 31, 2005

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CARD OF THANKS
The family of Sharon Plutschow would like to thank everyone that helped us care for her this past year. Special thanks to Barb Fountain, Brittany Pabon, Bev Zandstra, Steve and Shirley Levingston and Pastor Robert Holmes. Your thoughts, prayers, cards and calls will never be forgotten. Thank you to Christian Life Center for the wonderful luncheon. Also, Hospice of Michigan for helping us make her last days comfortable.
The Plutschow Family

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on December 7, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a proposed ordinance to amend the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amending ordinance would amend Section 4.04 of the Township Zoning Ordinance with respect to special land use approval for the development and use of a nonconforming parcel of land if certain conditions are satisfied. The amending ordinance would also amend Section 4.03, with respect to nonconforming buildings and structures, so as to provide that, if certain conditions are satisfied, the Planning Commission could approve as a special land use the limited enlargement or alteration of a nonconforming building or structure. The amending ordinance also includes other minor provisions concerning nonconforming uses and nonconforming parcels of land. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amending ordinance. Written comments submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.
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CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL
Pick up your fier at local merchants for the 14th annual arts/crafts event Nov. 18, 19 and 20. Call the chamber at 897-9161 or visit www.lowellchamber.org.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
A service of music, prayer and sharing thoughts will be held for the Lowell community Monday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

FOOTBALL AWARDS NIGHT
The public is invited to the Lowell varsity football awards night on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the LHS Performing Arts Center. A dessert reception will follow.

KDL BRANCHES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
The Englehardt and Alto branches along with the other KDL branches will be closed for Thanksgiving, Nov. 24. All locations will open on Friday, Nov. 25 and resume regular hours.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Murray Lake Elementary will have a fifth grade spaghetti dinner Saturday, Dec. 3, 5-8 p.m. Adults: \$6; ages 6-12: \$4; 5 and under: free. All proceeds help offset the cost of fifth grade camp.

ART OF THE VIOLIN 2005
LHS Performing Arts Theatre will present the Art of the Violin 2005 on Friday, Dec. 9. Silent auction: 6:45 p.m.; concert 7:30 p.m. Fundraiser concert to support Lowell schools orchestra program.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS
The LAAC Thebes Players are seeking actors for dinner theatre productions in April of "On Golden Pond." Auditions are Feb. 21 and 22, 6-9 p.m. at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe St. Call 897-8545 for more info. or to borrow a script.

Township experiencing more commercial growth

By Dan Schneider

Cement mixers and excavators are presently a popular sight in Lowell Township.

Two projects—a gas station and a carwash—are already underway and a third project broke ground Thursday. The township is continuing its trend of commercial development. Last year, a Goodwill store and seven-unit strip mall opened on the north side of East Fulton Street. The carwash is going in east of the strip mall. Last Thur-

day, Appletree Christian Learning Center held its groundbreaking ceremony across the street.

Bill Overbeck, builder and owner of the carwash, said residential growth on the west side of town makes it a good place for a carwash business.

"The demographics show that there's enough growth in the area to support it," Overbeck said.

He's seen the growth firsthand. His company, Overbeck Construction, has built several houses in the locality.

"We build a ton of houses in the area and last year we built the credit union down here," Overbeck said, referring to the River Valley Credit Union at 2500 W. Main Street. "I just see a lot of potential in this area."

While businesses on the west side of town are looking forward to potential growth in that area, J&H Oil Company vice president Craig Hoppen said I-96 exit 52 is overdue for a gas station.

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Construction has been underway for some time on a Mobil station on Alden Nash south of Cascade Road.

Board reviews air quality issues, software needs and curriculum concerns

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education took a step Monday in its efforts to rectify suspected air quality problems at Lowell Middle School.

By unanimous vote, the board approved the seeking of bids from architecture/engineering and construction management firms to do a study on the building's heating, ventilation and

air conditioning system (HVAC). The district has received multiple complaints from parents about health problems their children experienced which may be linked to air quality in the middle school building.

Interim superintendent Pat Murphy said the study is an important first step to take toward fixing the problem.

"I'd rather that the board had outside experts make that recommendation to you

rather than guess at what needs to be done," Murphy said.

"We want to make sure what we're fixing is what's wrong," board trustee Peter Haefner said.

The board will consider the bids and whether to go ahead with the study at a later meeting.

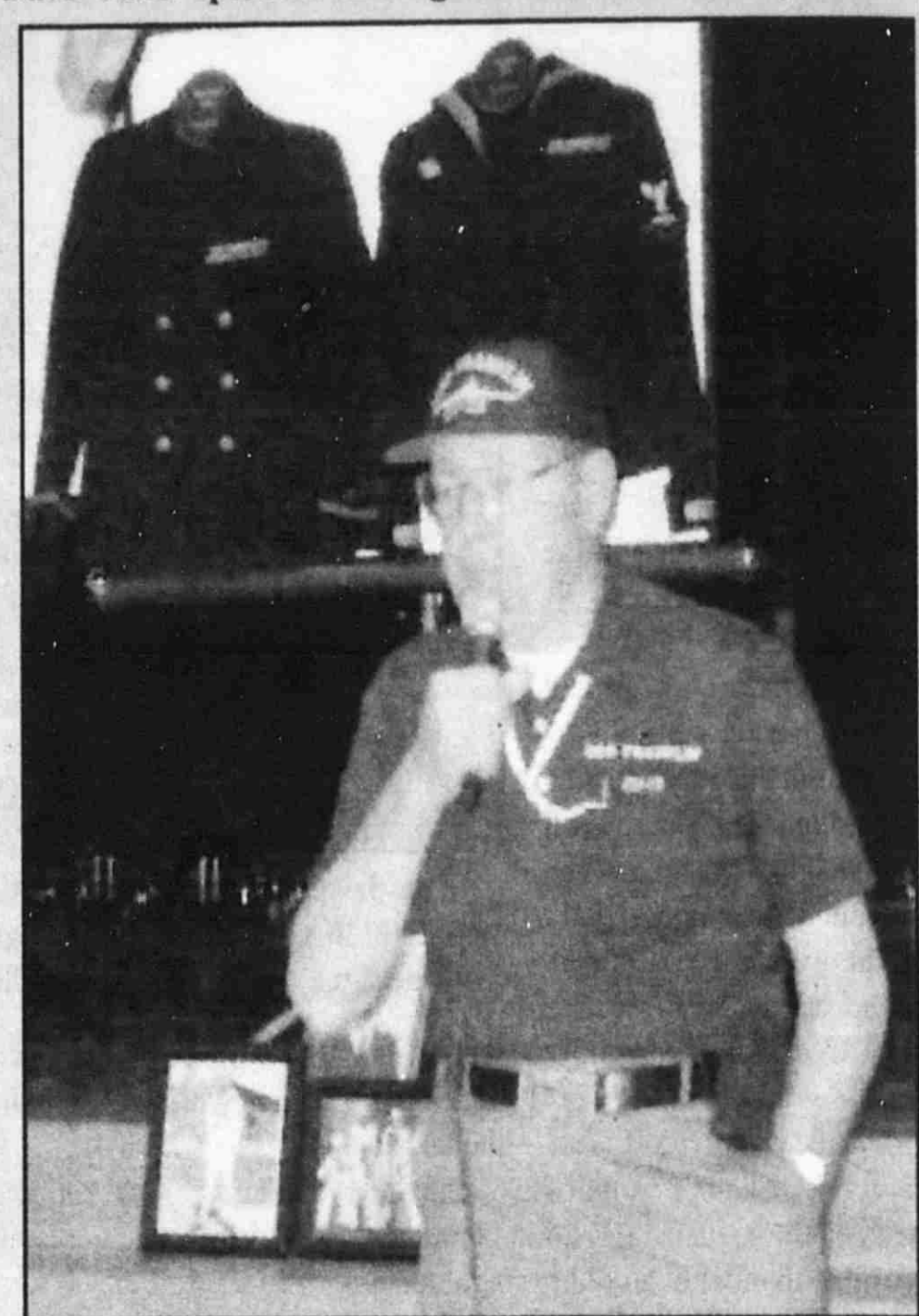
Monday's meeting began with a presentation about the new districtwide library software.

Lowell veteran speaks at Cherry Creek Elementary last Wednesday.

Lowell resident Dave Clark spoke to third grade classes at Cherry Creek Elementary last Wednesday.

Clark, a serviceman in the U.S. Navy during World War II, told the students about his duty on the battleship USS Franklin. The classes watched a video of the attack on the USS Franklin by the Japanese kamikaze fighters and dive bombers. Though the battleship was severely damaged, with more than 700 sailors killed and another 300 wounded, it did not sink and was able to make it back to Pearl Harbor under its own power.

Clark showed the uniforms worn by servicemen in the Navy. Following the presentation, students were able to ask questions about what it was like to serve in the Navy during that time in our nation's history.



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The software was paid for with a grant of more than \$4,600 from the Lowell Area Community Fund. New library catalogue software has a number of features to benefit students at all grade levels as well as teachers. A Murray Lake Elementary student gave a presentation to the board about how the system helps her find Accelerated Reading books. She said she could search by subject, author or series, read summaries of books and add books to a list that can be printed out and given to the librarian.

One feature of the system helpful for research is its built-in links to web sites relevant to book searches by subject.

Assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction Mark Kasmer

and high school and middle school teachers updated the board on changes made to the district's reproductive health curriculum.

These changes were made with the help of a large committee of diverse backgrounds over the course of several months. The impetus for the change was a new state law with more requirements. Kasmer said only four things needed to be added to the district's then-current curriculum in order for it to line up with the requirements. These were: advising pupils about their responsibilities to children born out of wedlock, teaching them about available adoption services and adoption law, teaching them about laws pertaining to the safe delivery of newborns, and

clarifying for students that sex or sexual contact with a partner under the age of 16 constitutes a crime with severe penalties.

Overviews of the district's new curriculum are available for perusal at the high school and middle school.

In her budget update, assistant superintendent for finance and personnel Connie Gillette said she will submit an amended budget for approval at next month's meeting. The budget amendment is due to an increase in the state foundation allowance from \$6,700 to \$6,875. It is the first time in four years the per pupil allowance has increased.

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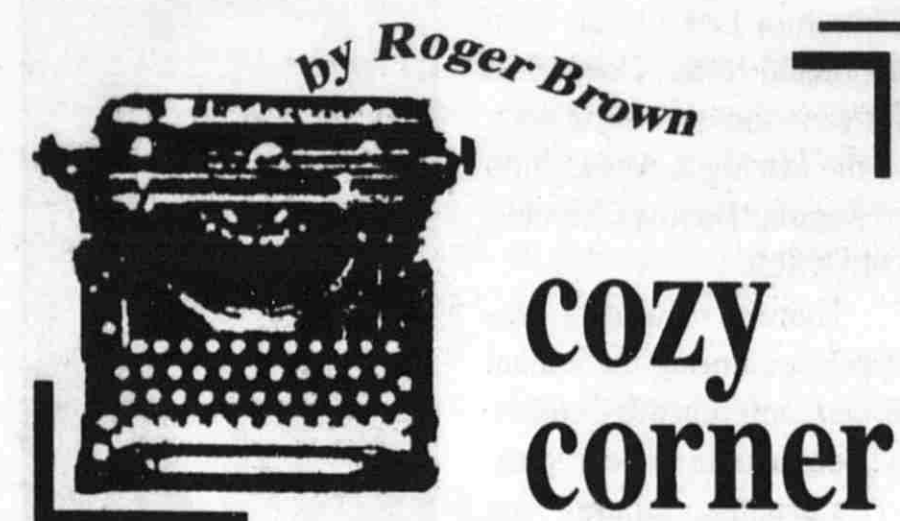
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Viewpoint



I am not sure anyone other than my mother notices, but this column did not appear in the last four Ledgers. I'm back, if for no other reason than to bump Carl Levin.

Speaking of my mother ... Her bout with cancer was mentioned here a few months ago. Many of you have asked how she is doing. The answer is, "remarkably good!" She was stricken with a fairly aggressive cancer in the sinus cavity behind her right eye. It was treated with an equally aggressive series of radiation and chemotherapy administered daily. After 43 treatments she went to work on recovering. She has now fought back to living on her own and is even driving a little. Chalk it up to modern science and the toughness of an old farm gal raised during the Great Depression.

I have an incredible list of excuses as to why there has not been a "Cozy Corner" recently. Not the least of these is Hurricane Wilma. She made a significant mess of things at our home in the Florida Keys. I guess I had it coming. Any time I've been polled as to who is hotter, Wilma or Betty (The Flintstones) I always go with Betty. I can blame my storm damage on the old, "no wrath like that of a woman scorned" theory.

We weren't even home for the storm. We were in China visiting my daughter's family. In fact, when the storm hit the Keys, my wife, my daughter and I were in Tibet. My daughter lives in western China, and Tibet is just a short plane ride from her home so we went. Here we were, incommunicado at 16,000 feet above sea level on the far side of the world while a hurricane ravaged our home. I don't think we could have been further removed from the action had we tried.

We got a few snippets of information from an international version of CNN at the hotel. The woman staying at our house with the dogs filed a brief damage report via cell phone to my daughter's answering machine. My son-in-law relayed the info. As you can imagine, a once-in-a-lifetime trip to an exotic place like Tibet would have been much more enjoyable under different circumstances.

The bottom line to the damage was that the storm passed far enough to the north that there wasn't much wind damage. Storm surge was a different story. After the eye passed, a surge rose from the Gulf side of the Keys that reached eight feet in places. One of those places was our house. In our case, eight feet of surge equated to about four feet of seawater in our downstairs storage enclosure, carport and yard. As you might guess, this is not a good thing.

We arrived home at 3 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2. It had been over a week since the storm struck. We got a couple hours of sleep and were up at first light for a look at the damage. It wasn't pretty.

After a saltwater immersion and a week to cure, anything with an electric motor or gasoline engine is junk. For us

that included my truck, motor scooter, riding mower, new generator, push mower, table saw, spare refrigerator, bait freezer, etc. Also destroyed was most of our landscaping. Contrary to popular belief, this stuff is not covered by a flood policy or magically paid for by F.E.M.A. Can you say, "Cha-Ching?" I'm not certain that's the correct spelling, but it's supposed to be the sound of a cash register ringing up a sale.

On the plus side, the house is fine. Like most homes in the Keys it is built high up on concrete columns. The dock I built (some said over-built) two years ago withstood the storm. Most of my neighbors' docks are gone or suffered significant damage. Had I been home, my boat would have been moved to a safer spot, tied out in the middle of a protected canal. It rode out the storm in its lift at the end of the dock. There was damage, but it is repairable and insured. Power was back on within a couple days. The dogs are fine. And even though we've only had a few days to work at cleaning up (we also have a business to run), the place is looking better every day.

We didn't have any phone service or a FAX line until a couple days ago. Our DSL Internet connection is still not up. I mention this as my excuses for not submitting a column the last two weeks. Yes, I also have good excuses for the previous two weeks.

I'm going to leave you with a humorous story from Wilma. This was the eighth hurricane we've had to prepare for in the past 15 months. Most were near misses that amounted to little more than minor wind damage and power outages for a day or two. Keys' residents, to include my neighbors and me, had become quite complacent. It's the "cry wolf" syndrome. Every storm, they talk about direct hits, catastrophic winds, huge surges, etc. I've heard that less than five percent of Keys' residents obeyed the mandatory evacuation notice posted for Wilma. None of my neighbors left, and they did precious little to prepare. They all lost all their cars.

One of those cars was Alice ... my next door neighbor's mini-Cooper. Get it? Alice Cooper. In preparation for every storm, the neighbor backs Alice out of the downstairs garage, lays out a huge plastic tarp, drives Alice onto the tarp and gathers the tarp at the top of the car. Alice is wrapped like a big present for every storm. The wrapping might protect the brakes, wheels and undercarriage in a minor flood, but four feet of water in your garage is not minor.

At the height of the flooding the neighbor and her husband were looking out a small hole in their hurricane shutters and watching my boat slam around in its lift. They then heard a crashing noise back in the kitchen. Something was pounding against the floor from down below. They opened the door down to the garage and peeked down the stairs. Alice, in his plastic wrapper, was gallantly afloat and banging at the ceiling of the garage, or the floor of the kitchen.

Unfortunately, the story does not have a happy ending. The plastic finally gave way and Alice sank like a stone. He was "totaled" by the insurance company and is awaiting a ride to the scrap yard ... another victim of Wilma's wrath.

The next time I'm asked who's hotter, Wilma or Betty ... I'm still going with Betty. My guess is the Hurricane center will retire Wilma a storm name. There could be a Betty next year.

link at the top of Kaleidoscope so you are only a click away to view athletic schedules.

Kaleidoscope also includes many calendars for other community organizations including Lowell Community Education classes, and you can get to those by clicking on the down arrow slot and choosing a specific calendar. By clicking "All Activities and Events" you will see every posted event for the Lowell area.

Our building personnel will be posting events to the calendar continually so that if you have a question about a certain event, you can check on Kaleidoscope. You will also be able to print off any of the calendars if you have a printer. We hope you will find this calendar useful as you plan your attendance at school activities.

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

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

By Priscilla Lussmyer



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
NOVEMBER 17, 1880

"There was altogether too much rowdyism on our streets last Sunday." Another barber shop is in Barber's building on the bridge, with a shooting gallery next door, same building. J.C. West and J. C. Scott have put up a street lamp in front of their stores.

Does everybody have their stovepipes and chimneys in good shape? A new, fast mail train on the New York Central can reach a speed of 70 miles an hour.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
NOVEMBER 16, 1905

Grocer Charles Alexander, who disappeared last week, writes from Minneapolis that he's on his way to the Klondike and leaving care of the store to his sons. The Lecture Course this fall will open with the Chicago Lyceum Lady Quartette, sponsored by the Ladies Clover Leaf Club.

The Joseph Wilson Post G.A.R. will share the Maccabees' new hall in the King block.

All seats were filled Sunday evening for Rev. Russell Bready's special address to Lowell business men at the Methodist church.

Worthy Willard has been appointed the rural mail carrier at Lowell.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 13, 1930

John Swanson finds human bones while digging on the banks of the Flat River near village limits. Maybe someone from the Indian tribe that lived here?

Fourteen of Michigan's 52 state parks, in both peninsulas, will remain open for the winter.

Several people report having seen a deer during the past week (they were very scarce during these years).

The Belding-Heminway Silk Co. entertains West Michigan newsmen with dinner and a tour. They produce raw silk, hose and yard goods.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
NOVEMBER 17, 1955

The Ledger starts its series of farm aerial views; first person to identify the view gets a free subscription. Enough Salk polio vaccine is available for children ages 3-9 to get their first shots now. The two diesel engines bought by Lowell Municipal Utilities in April should be fully installed by the time they are needed for extra Christmas loads.

A Michigan State Police team will be here next Tuesday to recruit some of the authorized 200 additional troopers.

Extension telephones in the home cost \$1.21 a month, plus installation.

25 YEARS
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
NOVEMBER 12, 1980

Lowell voter turnout was a whopping 80 percent in the recent election.

Owner-builder John Ramjeet sells Cumberland Manor to Arlin Maas. James Porritt, head of Kent County Road and Park Commission, says that park reservations are being computerized, eliminating 12 huge reservations' books.

The recent multi-page ballots slowed down voting; "If It Fizz" columnist Jim Fitzgerald waited in line an hour and 35 minutes, he says.

Reflections of faith

Pastor Randy Meyers
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

I'm trying to come up with a new T-shirt design that features the traditional tablets of stone inscribed with the Ten Commandments or maybe the Roman numerals I, II, III -X, or maybe just one tablet with a huge number 10 carved in it. The point of the T-shirt would be that while some may be able to prevent the courts from displaying them, no one could prevent me from wearing them. I could then walk around wearing my new T-shirt with a "ha, take that" smile on my face.

Of course, now I'm starting to think twice since I read Charles Honey's article "Monuments do not guarantee better lives" (GR Press, Religion, July 23, 2005). Honey, the religion editor for the GR Press, quotes Moses as saying about the commandments: "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road." The point being that they should be ingrained in you so they make a positive difference. By extension, posting the Ten Commandments today would do as much good as posting a "reduce your speed" sign in front of a highway construction zone. People hardly slow down. Would a once-a-day viewing of a stone tablet help in any way?

Maybe, is the answer. Consider what Moses also said concerning monuments in Deuteronomy 27. Moses wanted the people to set up large stones covered with plaster. Seems like a public monument to me. But notice that they are to be placed on Mt. Ebal next to an altar they were to build. This means that their religious monument was to be built in the context of a place of worship.

Consider also Joshua 4. Here the LORD told Joshua to pick up 12 stones from the river he was about to help them across and to set these stones up as a monument for future generations. The purpose of this public religious display was "so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God."

Even in this more obviously similar case, it was not the job of the stones to tell the message. The monument prompted the questions and God's people were to answer with the good news. Do tombstone-shaped tablets prompt 21st century atheists, agnostics and universalists to ask their Christian neighbors about deep spiritual truth? The chances

of that happening without a lawyer or courtroom to referee the discussion are as slim as finding fragments of the original tablets with God's fingerprints on them.

A third way between "inscribed on monument" and "hidden in heart" may be the answer. Introducing the Ten Commandment T-Shirt! The 100 percent cotton pre-shrunk "Ten-T" is softer than granite, yet more noticeable than your innermost desires. Even these may not get seekers to ask you for directions on the way to faith. But you will definitely be convicted of hypocrisy if you are caught breaking a commandment while wearing one of these T-shirts. That may just be enough to keep you fearing the LORD your God.

So just for kicks I went to the internet after writing this and found that to my dismay 6,390 other people had the same "Ten Commandment" + "T-Shirt" idea. However, none of the designs were as cool as mine would have been.

Awana Club's "Great Shake-Up"

The Awana Club of First Baptist Church sponsored "The Great Shake-Up" on Nov. 9. The event was a campaign to promote Awana clubs throughout the world.

Local clubs were challenged to invite other children to attend that evening; the goal of each club was 10 first-time visitors. Lowell reached its goal with exactly 10. For their efforts, each visitor received a coupon for a free "Shake" at Arby's in Lowell.

Awana International is a nondenominational, Bible-based program for children ages three through sixth grade.



Visitors to the "Great Shake-Up," front row, left to right, are: Kendra Wroten, Dakota Sanders, Rachel McVey and McKensie Ewing; back row: Brian Welch, Devon Bliss, Vanessa Shram, Casey Kinyon and Trenton Janes. Missing from the picture is Eric Gable.

Youth pastor Haines appointed to Council

Pastor Wayne Haines, youth minister at First Baptist Church of Lowell, has been appointed to the Council of Fifteen - the governing body of the Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches (MARBC).

Haines, who was appointed during the annual Bible Conference in October, will serve a three-year term.

Currently there are 210 churches in the state organization; because of the large number, six regional fellowships meet quarterly. There are 1400 churches nationally.



Pastor Wayne Haines

New Arrivals

Barrera/Wilder

Jade Wilder and Victor Barrera of Kentwood are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Madalynne Esperanza Barrera-Wilder. She was born October 26, 2005 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus at 6:24 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches.

The proud grandparents

I was the kid next door's imaginary friend.

- Emo Phillips, comedian

Lend A Hand

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PARADE

Christmas is right around the corner, and the chamber of commerce is responsible for preparing for Santa's arrival! This year the Showboat is going to be a magical extravaganza for children

and adults alike. In order to highlight the Robert E. Lee and make it a destination for the community as well as visitors, volunteers are in demand.

Needed on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

In The Service

PFC Susan Hoag completed basic training in the Army National Guard on July 22, 2005 at Fort Jackson, SC. She received high PT (physical training) achievement with a top score of 300+. In AIT (advanced individual training) she

graduated with PT and academic honors. Her MOS (military occupational specialty) is chaplain assistant. PFC Hoag, a 2002 graduate of Lowell High School, is currently attending Reformed Bible College. She is the daughter of Patrick Hoag of Lowell and Dorothy Hoag.



PFC Susan Hoag

Happy Birthday

NOV. 17: Scott MacNaughton, Cory DuBridg, Tyler Shindorf, Mary Schutt, Anastasia Barnes, Ali Wernet.

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

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Lowell Women's Club seniors



Becky DeLiefde (front row, left to right), Lori Smith, Jenna Mitchell and Amy Mundweiler; (middle row) Emily Timpson, Courtney Henchke, Kelsey Brink, Shannon Fitzpatrick and Laura Maki; (back row) Tara Ormiston, Angela Harvey, Chelsea Smit, Elly Drain and Brittany Foley were this year's honorary junior members of the Lowell Women's Club. Each year, the club selects a group of high school seniors to participate in club activities. The seniors attend the club's monthly meetings and participate in fundraisers. Women's club members mentor the girls and provide them with college scholarships. The Lowell Area Historical Museum, Lowell YMCA, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Lowell Area Arts Council, and Santa Claus Girls are among the organizations that benefit from the club's fundraising efforts. Lowell Women's Club meets at 11:45 at Schneider Manor the second Wednesday of every month from September to May. It is open to any woman in the area including Ada and Belding and welcomes new members. For more information about membership in the Lowell Women's Club, contact Karyn Moulton at 897-0946.

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We need the full story of how the administration made its case for war
With Senator Carl Levin

Last year, the Senate Intelligence Committee, on which I serve, conducted an investigation into the failures of the Intelligence Community in the period leading up to the Iraq War. That investigation was critical but only revealed half of the story. Still missing is an analysis of how policymakers used the intelligence they received.

After a long delay, the Senate is finally beginning this second half of the investigation, comparing the public statements of policymakers with the intelligence those policymakers were using as the basis of their statements. As one of six senators now negotiating the terms of this investigation, I am working to ensure that the American people learn the full story of whether intelligence was exaggerated or distorted by policymakers to create support for war with Iraq.

I recently released newly declassified information that is a compelling example of why this investigation is needed.

Before the war, the Administration made repeated assertions that Iraq had provided al-Qaeda with chemical and biological weapons training. For example, President Bush said in a speech in Cincinnati on Oct. 7, 2002, "We've learned that Iraq has trained al-Qaeda members in bomb-making and poisons and deadly gases." In February 2003, the President said, "Iraq has provided al-Qaeda with chemical and biological weapons training."

Those assertions were based on the claims of a detainee captured in Afghanistan. However, this newly declassified information reveals that the Defense Intelligence Agency

(DIA) had concluded the detainee was making intentionally misleading claims long before the Administration was using them to make its assertions.

Eight months before the President's Cincinnati speech, the DIA had concluded the following, which the Administration did not disclose but is now declassified:

"[The detainee] lacks specific details on the Iraqis involved, the CBRN [Chemical, Biological, Radiological, or Nuclear] materials associated with the assistance, and the location where training occurred. It is possible he does not know any further details; it is more likely this individual is intentionally misleading the debriefers (emphasis added). [He] has been undergoing debriefs for several weeks and may be describing scenarios to the debriefers that he knows will retain their interest."

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) also had reservations about the source. The CIA's unclassified statement at the time was that the reporting was "credible," a statement the Administration used repeatedly. What the Administration omitted was the second half of the CIA statement: that the source was not in a position to know whether any training had taken place.

According to press reporting, this same detainee later admitted that he had been lying.

In short, even though the DIA - at the time the statements were being made - did not believe the source of the information about Iraq training al-Qaeda in chemical and biological weapons, the Administration used that information anyway.

This newly declassified information underscores the critical need for the Senate's investigation. The decision to take the country to war is the most important decision a President can make, and the war in Iraq has already cost more than 2,000 American lives and hundreds of billions of dollars. It is long past time to know the full story of whether the Administration misused intelligence to make its case for war.

Ehlers helps remove ANWR from budget bill

Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers and several other Republican House members helped convince Republican House leaders to drop a controversial oil exploration measure from a major piece of legislation that is expected to be voted upon next week.

Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, joined with fellow members of the Republican Main Street Partnership and others in telling leadership officials that they could not support the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 if it contained language that would allow oil exploration and development in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

"We must move our nation's energy policy away from the idea that we can solve all our problems just by punching a few more holes in the ground to pump out a little more oil," said Ehlers, a member of House Science Committee and a Ph.D. nuclear physicist. "The oil is disappearing, and we must, as a nation, make a more concerted commitment to investigating and developing more alternative fuel sources and improving efficient use of energy."

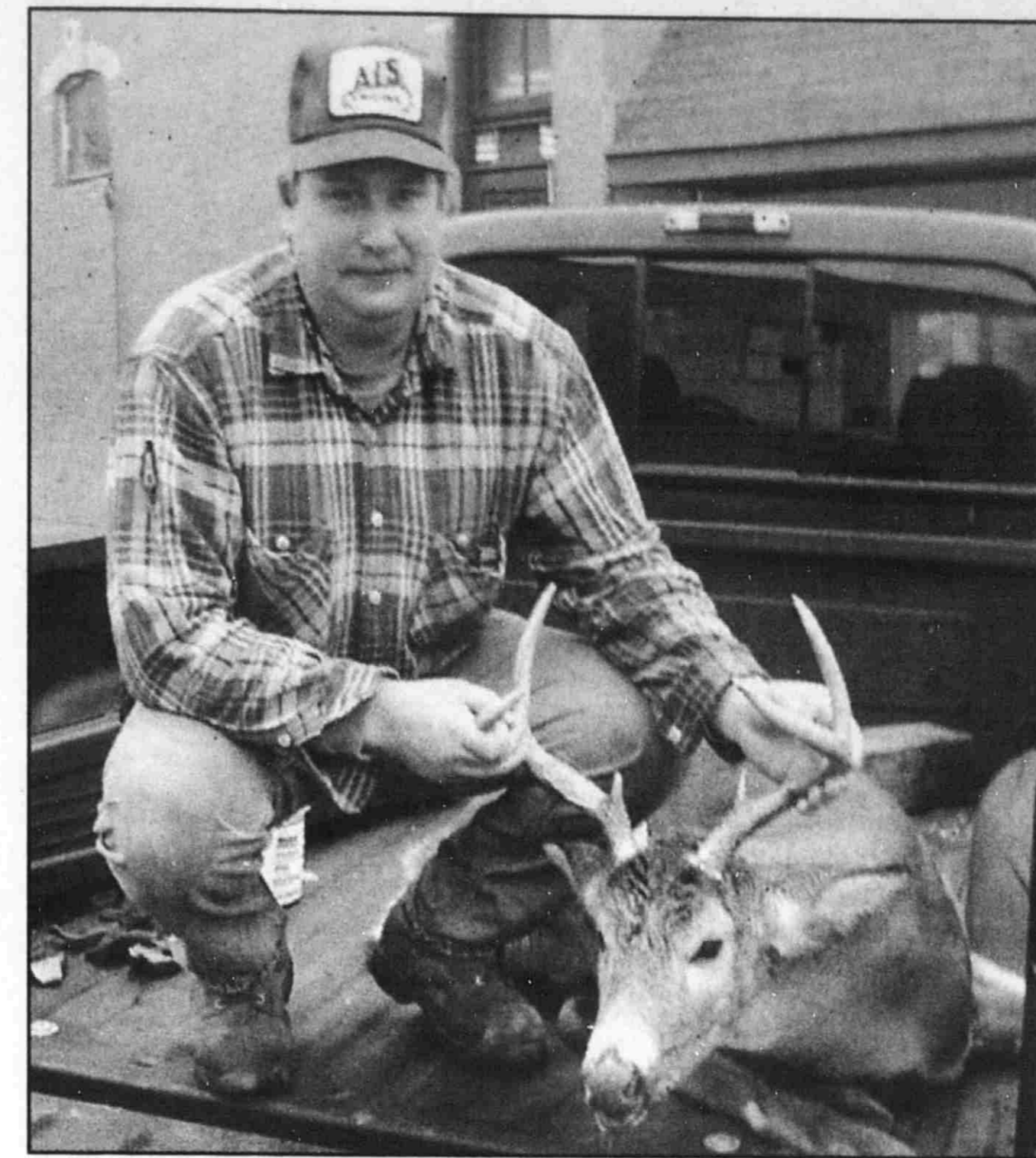
Without the support of the members opposed to exploration in ANWR and the OCS, the bill, which aims to reduce the federal deficit by \$50 billion, was not likely to pass, Ehlers said.

"Deficit reduction is important and it is something we must do," Ehlers said, "but adding these controversial measures, which are scarcely related to the deficit, simply isn't the right way to do it. I am pleased that the leadership listened to us and made the right decision to eliminate ANWR and OCS from this legislation."

Ehlers said he remains concerned about other provisions in the bill dealing with the Medicaid and student loan programs, but he is hopeful those concerns can be worked out in the conference committee between the House and Senate.

"There is no doubt that these programs need reforming, but we must ensure that those in greatest need of help are not hurt by those reforms," Ehlers said.

Rainy opening day no deterrent for these winning hunters



Clockwise; Tim Wittenbach was the First Buck Contest winner with this six-pointer; Ron Thomure shot this five-pointer and was the second hunter to bring a buck in to the Ledger office opening day; Tom Bergy's 11-pointer was the third and largest buck brought into the Ledger office.

It was cold and rainy Tuesday morning, the 15th, for opening day of firearm deer season, but that didn't stop local hunters from getting out in the field.

Tim Wittenbach of Vergennes Township was the first hunter to bring a buck in to the Ledger office at about 8 a.m., and was therefore the winner of the annual Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide First Buck Contest. He shot a six-point buck at about 7:30 a.m. hunting on land near Three Mile Road and Lincoln Lake Avenue. "I was hunting in a fence row and he just came right on through," Wittenbach said. It was an easy shot of about 20 yards.

For first place in the buck contest, Wittenbach won a two-year subscription to the Lowell Ledger, a free oil change and hat from Harold Zeigler Ford, a free dinner at Larkin's, a \$25 gift certificate to Bernard's Ace Hardware, a \$20 gift certificate to Videoland, free processing at Jones Farm Meats and a \$10 gift certificate to Meijer.

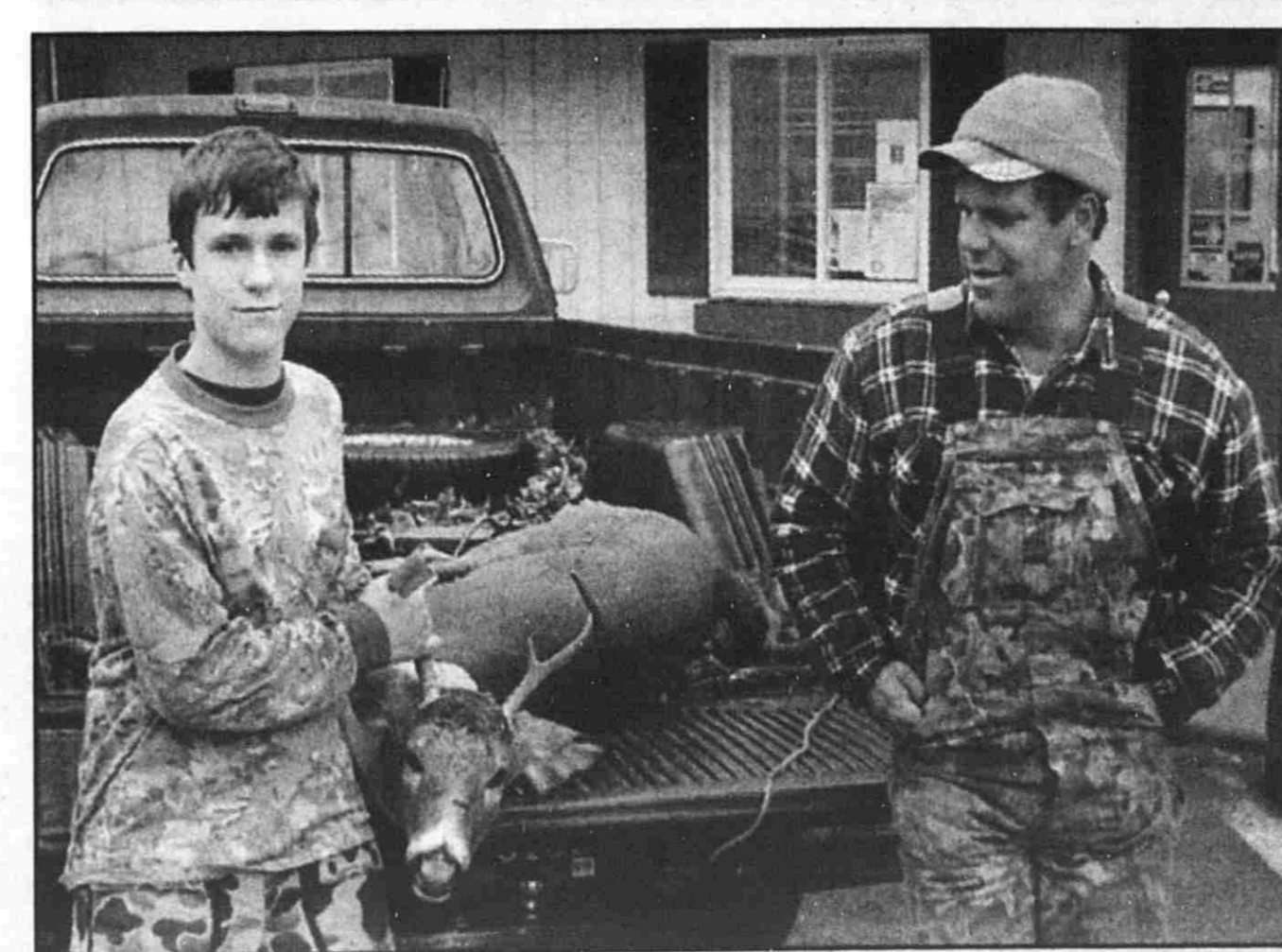
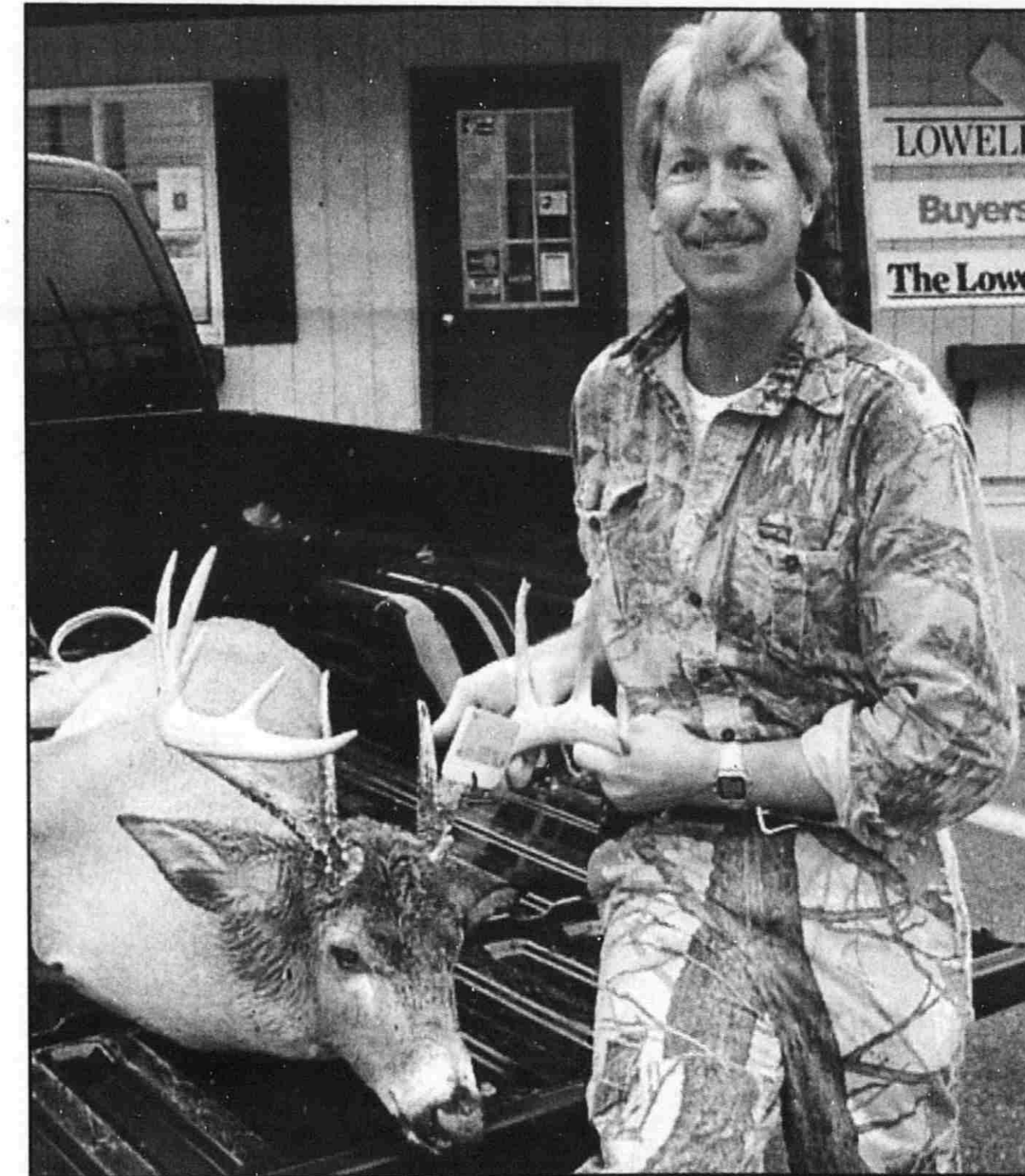
Ron Thomure was the second hunter into the Ledger office with a buck. He got the five-pointer near Alden Nash Avenue and Alden Pines. It was about a 30-yard shot.

For second place in the buck contest, Thomure won a one-year subscription to the Lowell Ledger, a free oil change and hat from Harold Zeigler Ford, a free breakfast at the Backwater Cafe, a \$10 gift certificate to Videoland, a free large pizza from B.C. Pizza and a \$10 gift certificate to Meijer.

Tom Bergy shot the third and biggest buck of the day. He got it around 8 a.m. near Jimmy's Grill on Cascade Road. The buck came with a group of three other bucks.

"I've been watching him for a couple weeks now," Bergy said. The buck was an 11-pointer with a 19-inch spread. Bergy is an avid hunter, but he holds out for the bigger bucks. "If I can't win a buck pool, I ain't gonna shoot it," Bergy said.

For third place in the contest Bergy won a one-year subscription to the Lowell Ledger, a free oil change and hat from Harold Zeigler Ford, a free large pizza from B.C. Pizza and a \$5 gift certificate to Meijer.



Dylan Olin and father, Dean, with the fourth deer of the morning, a six-point buck.

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WWII heroes relate experiences as Battle of the Bulge veterans

By Mark Weber
Lowell Area
Historical Museum

It was December 1944. Normandy had been secured. Allied forces were chasing the German army toward Germany. All was going well until Dec. 16, when Hitler ordered a massive, surprise counterattack through the Ardennes Forest. Because of the German's heavy reliance on its Panzer tank divisions, it was the last place the Allied army suspected a counterattack. Using heavy artillery and its Panzer divisions, the Germans created an inward

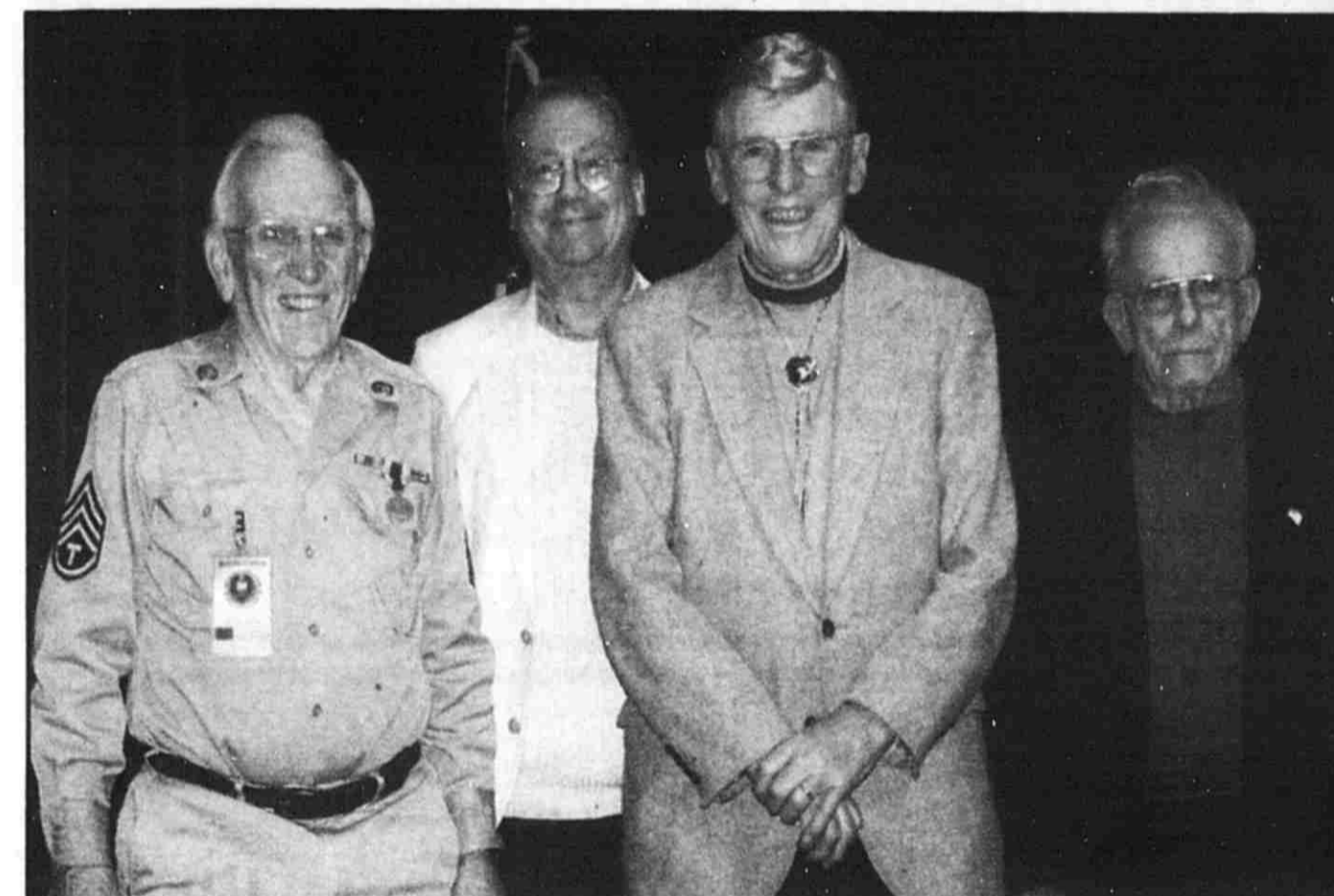
bulge in the Allied line that extended almost 80 miles. Only the extreme bravery and sacrifice of the Allied forces finally stopped the German progress and eventually turned it around back toward Germany. The German army was defeated in the Ardennes and, except for a few other extremely decisive battles, never mounted much resistance to the Allied forces again.

Johnson, he chose the wrong one. On Christmas 1944 the Battle of the Bulge was still raging. For Marks, the holiday was just another day in his medical unit. Sefton remembered that he and his buddies made little Christmas trees out of the tinfoil that the C-47s had dropped to scramble German radar. Johnson, a little behind the lines at that time, remembered getting some decent food which he figured was a lot better than most got that Christmas.

Sefton was part of the Siege of Bastogne. Bastogne was an important crossroads,

and the Allied forces were ordered to hold it at all costs. American forces holding Bastogne were completely surrounded by the Germans. Their situation seemed so hopeless that the Germans offered the American commander of Bastogne a chance to surrender. General McAuliffe's famous answer to the German proposal was plain and simple, "Aw nuts." Sefton said he and the other kids his age holding the city were "cocky" enough to get the job done. One soldier told him, "The Germans have us completely surrounded, the poor %@#s."

Johnson remembered



WWII Veterans, from left to right: Glenn Marks, Frank Boring, Col. George (Bill) Sefton and Pfc. William Johnson.

seeing many of the great generals of that time, including Eisenhower, Patton and Montgomery. Marks told how his medical unit was ordered to prepare for casualties and how the first battlefield surgery he saw was a battle surgeon removing a soldier's limb. He was ordered to stay in Germany longer than most soldiers after the war. His mission was to take care of the wounded German soldiers who still needed treatment.

The audience was given time to ask the panelists questions following the presentation. Sefton was part of the Siege of Bastogne. Bastogne was an important crossroads,

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This message adorned the marquee on Larkin's Other Place last Thursday and Friday. Thursday was the celebration of the 230th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. Flags were placed on Main Street Friday for Veterans Day. Mike Larkin, who owns the former Strand Theater and Larkin's Restaurant next door, put the words on the marquee to "Remember our troops." He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1969-1970.

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Board meeting, continued ...From Page 4

The board also went through a first reading of a new policy for naming facilities after individuals. Over the past few months, the district has received several such requests. The policy draft is based on a standard policy recommended by the Michigan Association of School Boards and has been compared with policies at districts in the area. The policy lays down basic guidelines, but gives the board wide latitude in making decisions. "The policy gives us some guidelines, but it also recognizes that the board has the final say," said board secretary Pat Nugent. The board will give the policy a second reading before voting on its adoption at next month's meeting. After going into closed session to discuss a communication from the district's attorney, the board announced that it will begin the search for a new superintendent. District superintendent Shari Miller died Nov. 5 after battling cancer. Board president Nancy Hopkins said the district planned to contact a search company Tuesday. At the end of Monday's meeting, the board and public in attendance observed a moment of silence for Miller. Board members used their comment time to talk about her impact on the district.

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

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

MON.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weigh-ins. Brenda 897-9141.

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 Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

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

1ST MON.: Regular communication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

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.: Fallsburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber of commerce or Fallsburg, 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. at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

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

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

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community

Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Cub Scout Pack 3188 meets at 1st United Methodist Church (as long as there is school), 6:30 p.m. 1st-5th grade boys. Contact Gary Liu at (616) 292-6039 for more info.

TUES.: Weight Watchers at Alto United Methodist Church, corner of Kirby & Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. Register 1 1/2 hrs. before meeting. 800-651-6000.

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.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/ 7 p.m. program Olga 616-975-9977/June 231-780-1249 info.

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Quake-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. 3D archery range open to public daily except Tues. evenings.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering matters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Impact 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 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

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

at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 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 at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

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.

1ST WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Rd. Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

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

2ND WED.: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73 meets at 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome.

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.

3RD WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, Alpine NW, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Rd. Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

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. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

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 Monterey Grill at 7 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of Alto, 6077 Linfield. 868-6371.

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.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Call Dawn 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.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

1ST & 3RD FRI.: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens and teen moms, 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

2ND & 4TH FRI.: GR area Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe, Knapp's Corners, 10-3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers, Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30-12:30 p.m. Pat or Judy at 897-7842.

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

2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at 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, located at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. and Sun. 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members free. Call 897-7688. sueb@grar.com

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.-Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri.: 9:30-5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30-1:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Sat. 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues.-Fri.: 12-5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday / a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

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.

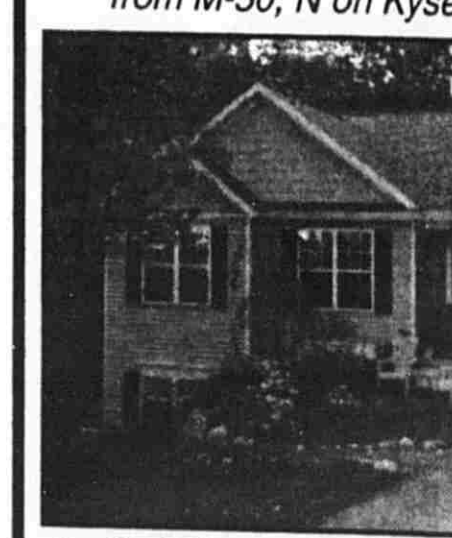
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FRI., NOV. 18: Spaghetti dinner at Ionia Knights of Columbus Hall, 4 - 8 p.m. All proceeds benefit Nic Falsetta, diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.

SAT., NOV. 19: Single adults 39 and holding meet for coffee at Voyages Coffee Shop, 9-10 a.m.

MON., NOV. 21: A Thanksgiving service will be held for the Lowell community at First United Methodist Church of Lowell (621 E. Main) at 7 p.m.

TUES., NOV. 22: Varsity football awards night at LPAC, 6:30 p.m. Public is invited. Dessert will follow.

SAT., DEC. 3: Murray Lake Elementary will have a fifth grade spaghetti dinner, 5-8 p.m. Adults: \$6; ages 6-12: \$4; 5/under: free. All proceeds help offset the cost of fifth grade camp.

FRI., DEC. 9: Art of the Violin 2005 at LHS Performing Arts Theater, silent auction 6:45 p.m.; concert 7:30 p.m. Fundraiser for Lowell Schools orchestra program.

Township growth, continued ... From Page 4

"There's definitely a need there by the highway," Hoppen said. "There's approximately a 25-mile gap on the highway where there are no gas stations."

He also said traffic counts on Alden Nash are high enough to indicate it is a good place for a station.

The Mobil station is being built on Alden Nash between I-96 and Cascade Road, on the west side of the street. The station will add to J&H's 30 other West Michigan stores. In addition to the gas station and

convenience store, there will be a Subway attached to the building.

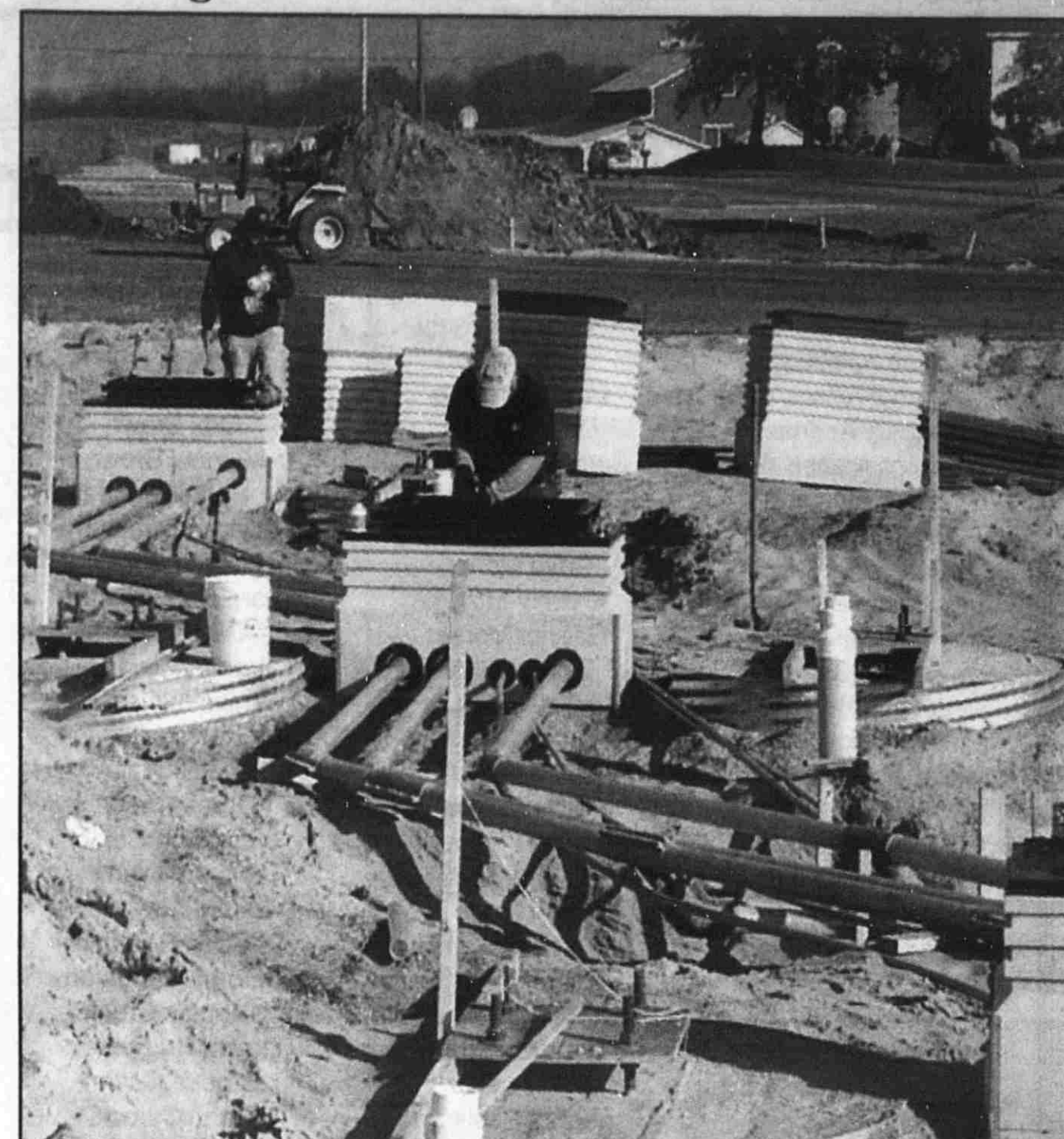
It is the first commercial development at that intersection. But the township is already planning for more. Property surrounding the gas station site was recently rezoned from light industrial to light industrial, planned unit development. The township made the change in order to have more input into future development in the area.

John Tetzlaff also

talked about growth as a reason for choosing Lowell as the second location of Appletree Christian Learning Center he and his wife will own. But the two have personal reasons, as well.

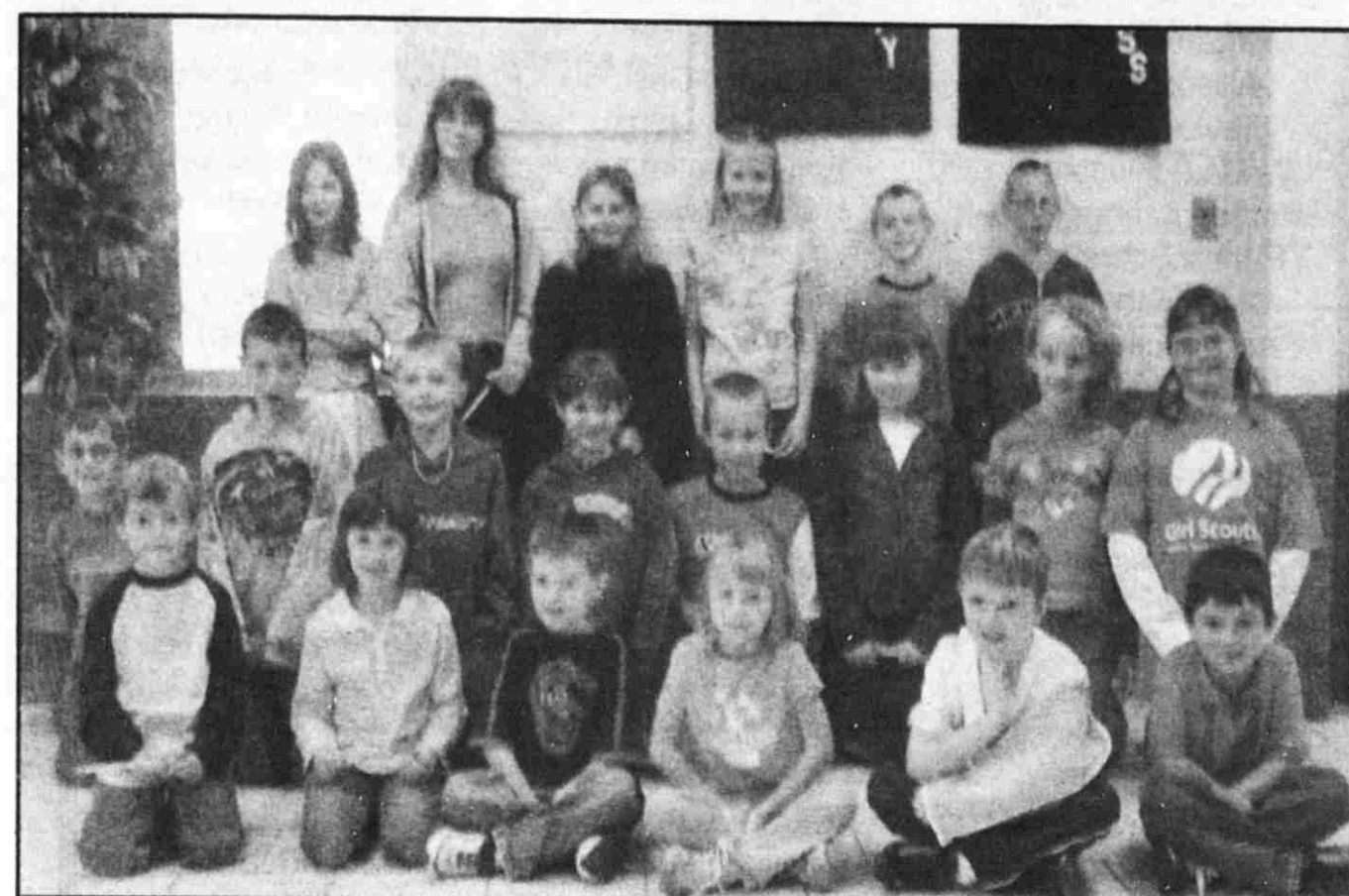
"We both grew up here and I wanted to give something back to the community," Tetzlaff said. "I've always wanted to come back to Lowell."

The preschool and daycare facility is scheduled to open next spring.



Jim Atwell (foreground) and Jeff Gorton of the R.W. Mercer Company install the bases for gas pumps at the Mobil station being built in Lowell Township.

Character in Action awards



Murray Lake Elementary students took "responsibility" during the month of October and received Character in Action awards: Front row, left to right, are Ethan Kaminski, Brianna Homrich, Nathan Whittum, Taylor Furtaw, Adam Anderson and Joe

Heffron; middle row are Thomas Hubert, Anthony Erhardt, Nathan Kyburz, Kailee Dawson, John Donnelly, Paige Wilson, Alex Chapdelaine and Joselyn Johnson; back row are Brianna Steiner, Licia Feurstien, Abby Rogalke, Katelyn Kaczanowski,

Garrett White and Grant Peterson.

KEENE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MEETING TO BE HELD AT:
KEENE TOWNSHIP HALL
8505 Potters Rd.
Saranac, MI 48881
Tuesday, December 6, 2005
at 7:00 pm

The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing and accepting comments from the public for review of the updated Master Plan. The updating of the Master Plan has taken approximately two years of statistic gathering, map revisions, study of the area land uses, community survey analysis and sending out a copy of the plan to the neighboring municipalities. The Planning Commission, four resident volunteers, the Township Board and the Zoning Administrator worked on the Plan with assistance from the Ionia County Drain Commission staff and the Ionia County Road Commission staff. The plan has statistics from the 2000 Census, an existing land use map and a future land use map, goals and plans for the future of the Township in regard to zoning, agriculture, roads, utilities, the Flat River area, soils and other information. The Township community survey results are included in the book. There is a section on recommended future implementation of goals.

The Plan is available for review on Thursday evenings at the hall from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm except for Thanksgiving and one hour before the public hearing. If you need special arrangements to review the plan, please call Jeanne Vandersloot at 616-897-4242. Comments may be mailed to the hall, given in person at the meeting or emailed to zoningadmin@msn.com.

Planning Commission of Keene Township

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Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on December 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a proposed amendment in the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed amending ordinance would amend Section 13.11 of the zoning ordinance, pertaining to the special land use for removal of natural resources, so as to provide for the payment of an annual surveillance fee to the Township, by owners and operators under the terms of the special land use for removal of natural resources, so as to defray the Township's cost of administration, surveillance and enforcement of the special land use. The annual surveillance fee includes but is not limited to Township expenses for the review of applications, testing, monitoring, sampling, surveying, consultant fees and other related costs and expenses for the ongoing administration and surveillance of the special land use and for related Township purposes.

The amending ordinance includes other provisions covering procedures whereby notification of the annual fee is made, the refunding of any accumulated but unused annual fee amounts and other matters.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amending ordinance. Written comments concerning the ordinance may be submitted to the Township office at the above stated address up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: November 11, 2005

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

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Lowell Middle School Honor Roll 1st MARKING PERIOD

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Brandi Aikens
Zachary Andrus
Nicholas Aranowski
William Athmann
Danielle Bagin
Jeffrey Baker
Justin Ball
Kyle Bassin
Kendra Bellie
Joshua Bellie
Zoe Beloncis
Analyse Bencker
Luke Bigham
Sydney Bishop
Gregory Blanton
Michaela Blough
Leigha Boogaard
Martin Brubaker
Dillon Buck
Justin Castro
Micah Chapin
Matthew Charrouf
Laura Christiansen
Caitlin Clover
Robert Coffey
James Collins
Heather Colon
Peter Copeyon
Drew Corson
Lindsey Crawford
Gabriel Dean
Quincee Denault
Aleesha DenBraven
Kaylyn DeWaard
Elizabeth Downing
Jordan Michael Drake
Laura Droog
Morgan Duram
Ryan Durkee
Jordan Ervin-Wakefield
Collin Foehr
Alexis Foster
Mackenzie Fox
Amber Geldersma
Melody Gerig
Bailey Groendyke
Morgan Groom
Matthew Haan
Zachary Halford
Aaron Hall
Pauline Harrington
Austin Hause
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Zachary Hofman
Lee Hovey
Ashlyn Hussey
Damien Hutton
Amanda Jakubiak
Kylie Jean
Collin Johnson
Adam Jones
Michaela Kehoe
Austin Kempker
Stephanie Kline
Samantha Kooiman
Breanna Koster
Lauren Kurtz
Matthew Kyllonen
Meredith Lane
Nicholas Lane
Andrew Light
Alexander Lignan
Jacob Litchfield
Blake Lyman
Emma MacDonald
Sage Maliepaard
Kelsey Mankel
Kyra Marks
Taylor Martin
Dominique Martinez
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Kristen McCaul
Wesley McDannold
Hannah McLane
Ashley McQueen
Daniel McQueen

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Torie Milks
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Samantha Moody
Kathryn Mork
Bravot Morris
Taryn Morris
Andrew Morse
Gabriel Morse
Ryan Nanzer
Arielle Nausieda
Jonathan Niemann
Alexis Noffke
Alicia Noffke
Kristina Noonon
Allyson Nora
John North
Aaron Nowak
Nicole Oom
Renn Osborne
Hope Oudbier
Carissa Paiz
Karlie Paulin
Jelena Petricevic
Joseph Potter
Caleb Pratt
Miranda Regenold
Thomas Richardson
Alexandrea Rittenger
Gregory Ritz
Gloria Rivera
Alec Roerig
Kyle Rogers
Shannon Rose
Tara Rowley
Anna Rozema
Cody Ruesink
Cassandra Rybicki
Joseph Senneker
Connor Smith
Jenna Smith
Kelsey Smith
Kendall Solon
Melissa Southwell
Lucas Stephens
Stephanie Stevens
Shelby Strah
Kaylee Strzyzewski
Joseph Sweet
Haley Talcott
Hannah Tawney
Skye Thebo
Angela Thode
Felicia Thompson
Catherine Tremblay
William Velting II
Amanda Veltzke
Amberly Vos
Jack Wattenhofer
Jasmyrn Wattenhofer
Mackenzie Whaley
Samuel Whaley
Rachel White
Kendra Whittemore
Nicole Wilcox
Jake Will
Amanda Willson
Jeremy Wodarek
Aysia Wolbers
Kelsey Wold
Jacob WorthingtonLepard
Hunter Zuk

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Kelsey Aiken
Corinne Alberts
Bailey Allen
Aubrey Ardis
Gerrid Ball
Jonathan Bassin
Blake Bergy
Jennifer Betts
Corey Bilski
Cameron Bishop
Tyler Bitterman
Daniel Blake

Audrey Blodger
Sarah Bocskey
Griffin Brenk
Treasure Bristol
Alex Brown
Michael Brown
Parker Buck
Chase Bueche
Noah Burt
Sara Cadwallader
Jill Callihan
Bradley Canfield
Benjamin Carlson
Mackenzie Carlson
Mia Carvajal
Derek Chopp
Cameron Clark
Brianna Clarke
Ericka Claypool
Chelsea Comdure
Timothy Creighton
Nicholas Crook
Dayna Crumback
Brooke Curtis
Sarah Cyrocki
Jennifer Dann
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Marie Dollar
Elliott Drain
Kaitlin Drudy
Andrew Drust
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Emma Duvernay
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Heather Ferris
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Braydon Foley
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Marcus Fron
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Justin Hall
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Andrew Heshner
Kendall Hewitt
Kallie Holzhueeter
Claire Hopkins
Craig Huber
Adam Hubert
Erik Ingebretson
Krysta Jankowski
Emily Jelsma
Jillian Johnson
Shannon Johnston
Marina Jones
Harley Kaminski
Jessica Kansman
Alyssa Kargl
Evan Kohtz
Morgan Kornoelje
Brianna Leson
Jessica Lewis
Rebecca Lorentz
Bryleigh Loughlin
Asher Maliepaard
Briana Manszewski
Katherine Maycroft
Conor McCarrey
Audrey McKay
Nicholas McKay
Monica McRae
Paige McVey
Jessica Mertz
Ashley Metternick
Brittany Miller
Katy Miller
Brittney Milton
Shelby Mitchell
Tyler Mitchell
Megan Montgomery
Mariah Moore
Summer Moore
Forrest Morris
Sarah Mundwiler
Skyler Nauta
Kyleigh Newman

Jonathon Nichols
Benjamin Nickson
Kimberly Noall
Allison Oesch
Seth Boogaard
Dakota Both
Kristin Bouwhuis
Samantha Bramer
Sean Briggs
Samantha Brock
Madelyn Brower
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Alexander Calvi
Devon Chopp
Alyssa Churches
Malorie Coble
Roberto Corlis
Derek Cornish
Joshua Corteville
Annalisa Crain
Christian Crist
Christian Crook
Kait Cummings
Hailey DeGrote
Kara DeVries
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Linsey Dykhouse
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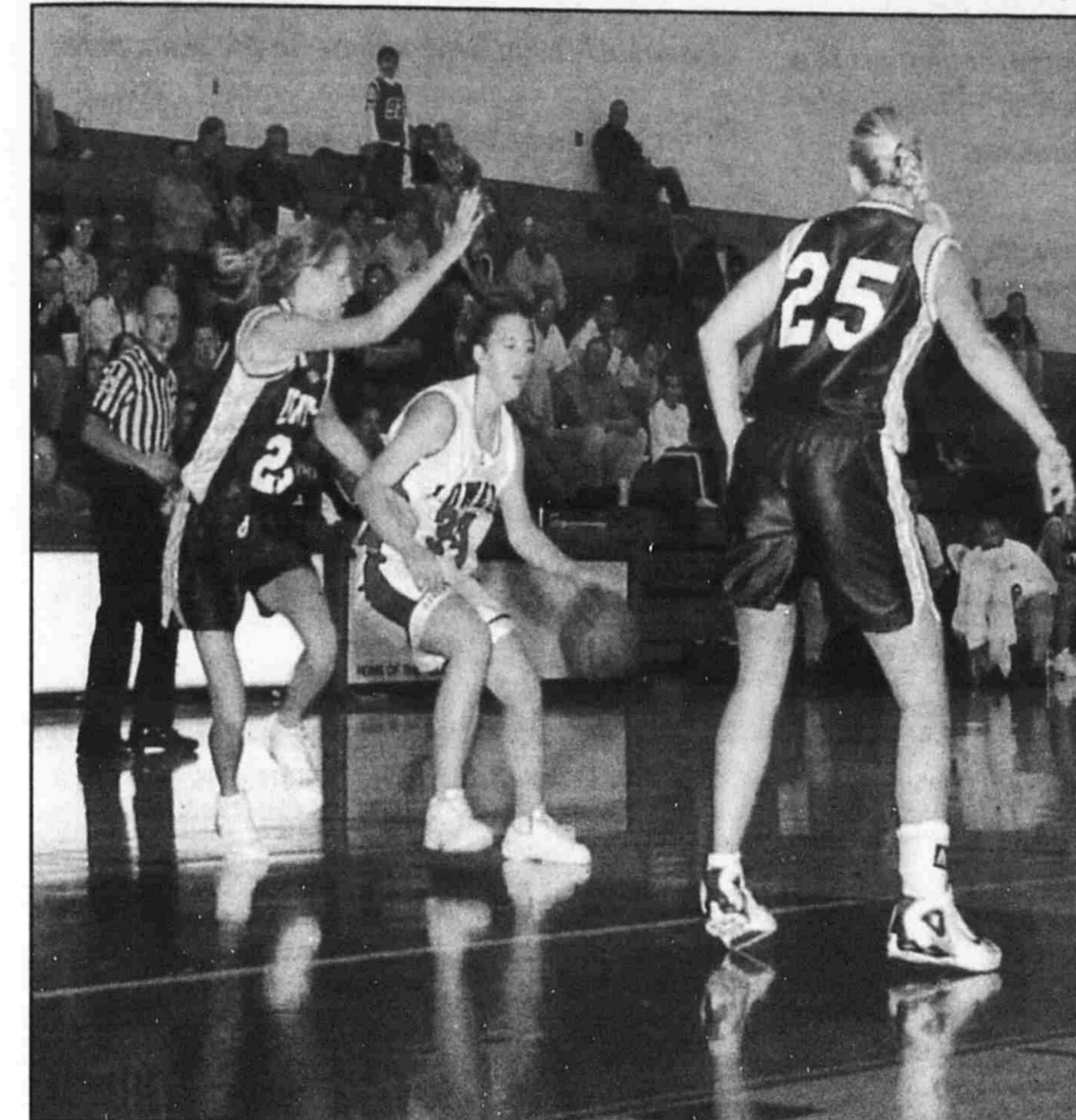
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Red Arrow basketball wins 3; advances to district semifinals at FHN

By Dan Schneider

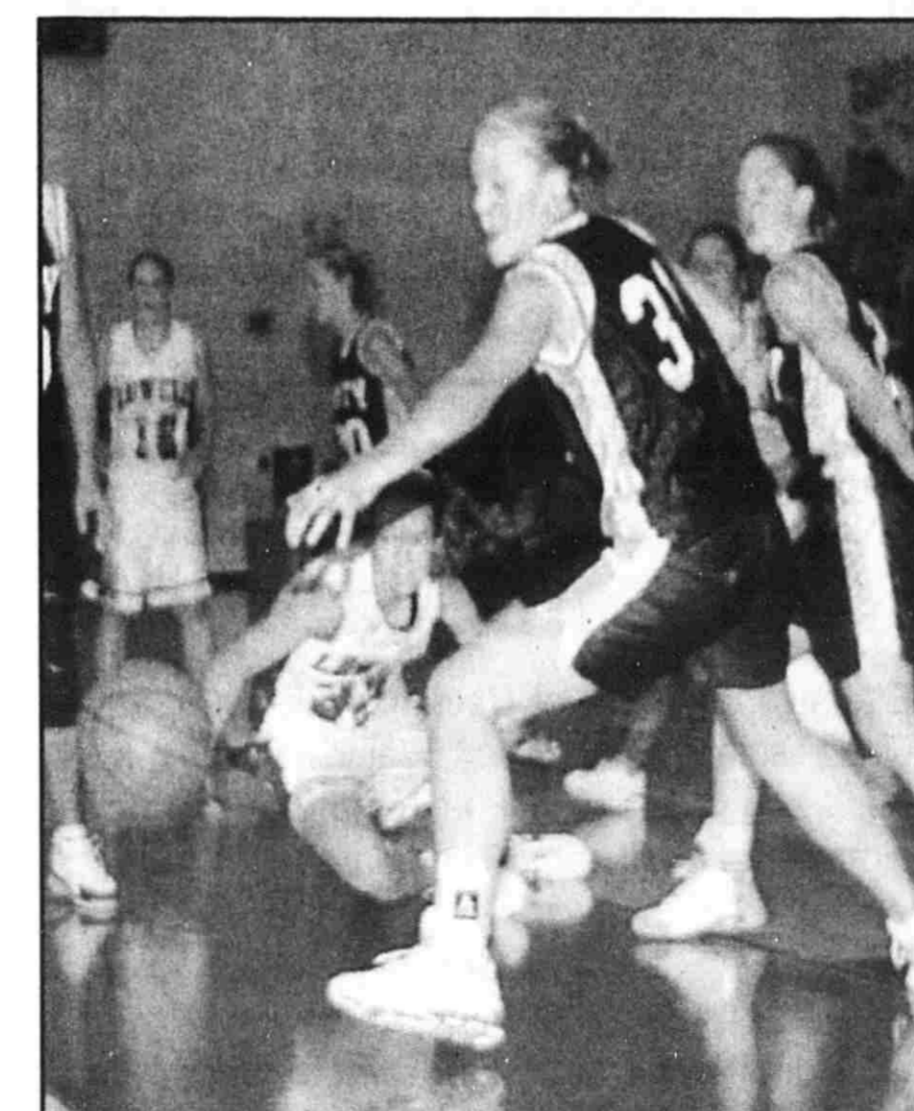
Last Thursday on the home court, the Lowell girls basketball team recovered from the season's first loss



Lowell's Nicole Shepard looks for an opening to drive through.

and an anemic offensive performance against Northview with an impressive win over the OK Green conference champs, Unity Christian.

It was a big game to cap the regular season. "We wanted to consider it as almost a tournament game," Lowell coach Dee Crowley said. "This is where you start the tournament, tonight, that's our mentality."



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The 52-46 final score matched the largest lead held by either team in the second half. And it was the Crusaders who had the six-

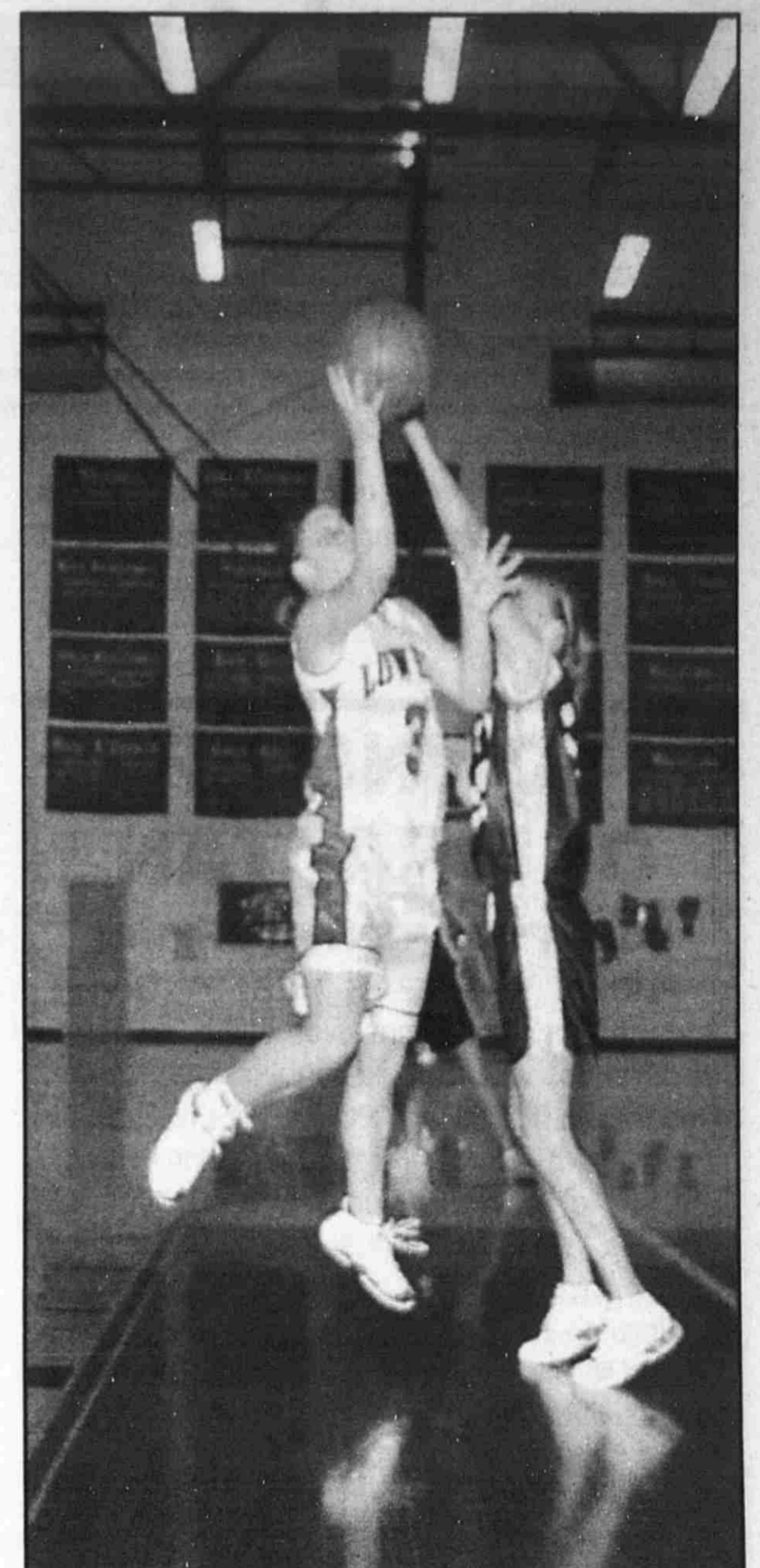
the basket midway through the third quarter. She sat out the rest of the period but returned in the fourth. It was her two free throws that put

Lowell back on top by one. "She's one of the toughest, hard-nosed players in the area," Crowley said. "She plays bigger than she is." The lead changed hands three times in the third quarter's early going. Lowell finally took the lead for good on a three-pointer by Chelsea Harrison. Brittany Bueche had scrambled for a rebound at the other end of the floor, then passed the ball

Lowell's Kelsey Crowley dives after a loose ball in last Thursday's game against Unity Christian.

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Lowell's Brook VanEck goes up for a shot against Unity Christian.

Crusaders went 9-11 on free throws. Wildcats to only 30 points for the win. Lowell played Forest Hills Northern at Northern Tuesday's game against Northview. Fortunately, the Lowell defense held the

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP
Vergennes Township is seeking applications for the following Boards/Commissions:
Planning Commission
Zoning Board of Appeals
Construction Board of Appeals

The Planning Commission normally meets on the first Monday evening of every month. The zoning and construction boards meet as needed. Applicants should be willing to commit the time necessary to perform the duties of the position. These positions are compensated per diem. A job description is available upon request.

Deadline for applications is Friday, December 2, 2005. Applicants will be considered at the December 19, 2005 meeting of the Vergennes Township Board.

Application forms may be obtained at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, or on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org under forms. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm. If you wish to receive an application through the mail, call 897-5671 during office hours.

Mari Stone, Clerk

Sound Off

The Ledger
"Almost" Anything Goes Column

Express yourself! We welcome comments from the community. Keep in mind that they may be edited for content and you can sign your name or leave it with your Sound Off if you wish. Keep it short (and hopefully sweet) and remember if you have more to say...write the editor.

Parents, can we remind our middle school/high school children about not smoking under age 18 and especially at the bus stops.

God bless our veterans! Please thank a vet this week, and pray for the safety of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Pastors Dave Sims, Lee Taylor and Wayne Haines, we appreciate you every month! God bless you!

Can the city please set the time on the two clocks?

The corner of Main & N. Hudson is not very truck friendly again now that the new lines are painted. We paid to redo that corner once for this reason - just to change it back?

Great job Lowell Varsity Football Players! You had a great season and should be so proud of yourselves! Looking forward to next season!

Wow! Christmas in November. The annual craft sale throughout Lowell and surrounding areas is a great venue for showing so many talented people.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: November 16, 2005
Permit No. M10048828
OXY USA-Lowell Terminal GWCU

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue a discharge permit to: Miller Springs Remediation Management, Incorporated for the former OXY USA, Incorporated, Lowell Terminal located at 2091 Grand River Avenue, Lowell, Michigan 49331. The applicant is involved in a groundwater cleanup. The applicant discharges purged groundwater to the Grand River via high velocity diffusers in the NW1/4, NW1/4, Section 12 and in the NE1/4, NW1/4, Section 11, Town 6 N, Range 9 W, Kent County.

Comments or objections to the draft permit received by December 16, 2005, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing should contact: Judith J. Woodcock, Permits Section, Water Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-373-1329, e-mail: woodcocj@michigan.gov.

Copies of the public notice, fact sheet, and draft permit may be obtained via the Internet (<http://www.michigan.gov/deq> - on the left side of the screen click on Water, Surface Water, and NPDES Permits; then click on 'Permits on Public Notice' which is under the Permits banner) or at the Water Bureau Grand Rapids District Office located at Unit 10, 350 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2341, telephone: 616-356-0500.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the requested rezoning. Written comments concerning the proposed rezoning may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: November 11, 2005

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I just wanted to let folks know - more people are honoring the stop sign at Birmingham and Barnsley. A big thank you for caring.

- From a Whispering Hills Homeowner

Sure has been nice to keep the heating bills down due to such mild November weather. Skiers & snowboarders - remember there is an upside to everything.

SsssooooO- what's the update on the skate park?

Can you believe it. Gas prices in Lowell stayed around \$2.11 all week while Ada & Grand Rapids jumped over \$2.20. What a nice change of pace for Lowellites.

Thanks to Liz Baker and cohorts for keeping Lowell on the map. - G.L.S.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Please take a moment to put pen to paper and really visualize what you have to express gratitude for in 2005. My list is enormous.

Who's that crazy person ranting about a Big Boy? For cryin' out loud...look around and patronize the many excellent local choices!

Middle school orchestra and fiddle club students - I really appreciated and enjoyed your recent concert. Keep up the good work!

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Shari Miller remembered

By Dan Schneider



The Red Arrow Orchestra played introductory music and an interlude between speeches at the special celebration in honor of the life of Shari Miller at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Pictured are string musicians who accompanied those assembled in the auditorium as they sang "Amazing Grace."

A special celebration in honor of the life of the late Lowell Area Schools' superintendent Shari Miller was held last Wednesday in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Friends of the district gathered to remember Miller.

Music played a prominent role in the program. The music, provided by the Red Arrow Orchestra, was emblematic of the impact Miller had on the district in her short three-year tenure. The Red Arrow Orchestra is a new

development and to great extent its existence is due to the efforts of Miller. Having a string music program was a priority close to her heart, and she wrote the grant that provided the initial finances to start the orchestra.

Miller spent the latter part of her career in administration, working as an assistant principal in Indiana and a deputy superintendent in Lansing before coming to Lowell. But she was a teacher for 25 years and that was her first love, as Marsha Wilcox reminded those assembled in the auditorium.

"I think she only left the classroom for administration so she could use her talents to touch a whole district full of students," Wilcox said.

She said Miller, with her experience in multiple districts in cities much larger than Lowell, brought a broader perspective to the district.

"Shari stretched our minds to know that there are good people in places outside of Lowell," Wilcox said.

Rev. Gordie Barry compared Miller's life to a high school yearbook, one with chapters about the

varied facets of her life: mother, grandmother, sister, educator.

"Each of those chapters is full of picture after picture after picture of a life that was wholly lived out," Barry said.

Miller was remembered for her commitment to the Lowell district. Wilcox talked about Miller attending a 6:30 a.m. meeting of the Wittenbach Wege Center committee, working a full day at the administration building, and then cheering at that night's football game. In one of a series of tributes projected onto the screen in the performing arts center as people filed out, a parent remembered Miller attending her son's soccer game before she even officially started her superintendent's job.

Miller was the first female superintendent in the history of the Lowell school district. When she came to Lowell, she brought a passion for students, new learning opportunities, and new programs. And from the remarks of the speakers at the memorial, and the demeanor of those in the audience, it is clear she will be greatly missed by the community.

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