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Cherry Creek fourth graders Connor Bergin (from left), Mike Blake and Leah Drake use new library software to search for books.

## New software helps streamline library system

By Dan Schneider

New software at Lowell Area Schools has unified the library collections.

The district purchased Destiny software for just under \$47,000 with a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund. A benefit of the new software is that it allows students to search all of the district libraries' collections at the same time. This was not the case in the past, when each school building's library had its own computer catalog.

"If you wanted to look up a book at the Alto (elementary) library you had to drive to Alto and look on their computer," said Lowell Area Schools media specialist Christine Beachler.

The software will make it easier for students to find books in the libraries. It also allows teachers to order materials from any of the libraries. This will help the district streamline its collection of teaching materials.

"It allows us to share resources much more efficiently," Beachler said.

"Instead of having videos for all four (elementary) libraries, you can just have one or two."

The system allows the district to transport books quickly using intra-district mail.

Bushnell first grade teacher Martha Hayden hasn't used the district-wide search to find books for use in her classroom yet, but said the program simplifies finding books at the Bushnell library. The software allows students and teachers to create book lists by simply clicking icons as they browse search results.

"It was nice to just do it from your computer," Hayden said.

Once students are entered into the system, which should happen by early next year, they will also be able to order books from all of the district's libraries.

Adding new books to the libraries' catalogs will get much easier for librarians. Adding a new book used to be a cumbersome process of entering the author and title,

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## Lowell Light & Power customers receive some mysterious phone calls

By Dan Schneider

At least two Lowell residents received calls last Thursday afternoon from someone who claimed to be representing Lowell Light and Power.

In both cases, the caller said the resident's power would be shut off for a five-hour period that evening, from 4 to 9 p.m., while maintenance work was being done on the lines.

"We got two calls from people saying they were called by the power company," Lowell Light and Power general manager Tom Richards said. "We

hadn't called anyone to tell them their power was going to be out. We don't know who was making these calls, but we know Lowell Light and Power didn't."

Richards said the calls didn't fit the utility's procedure for notifying customers about power shutoffs. Lowell Light and Power usually makes such communication through mail, and gives its customers an adequate notice period.

"They would have very specific contact from us either by mail or by publication in the Lowell Ledger or Buyers Guide, or by phone," Richards said.

"We wouldn't make calls and let people know their power was going to be out unless it was an emergency and we happened to have the numbers."

He said the utility has also gone door to door in the past.

More residents may have received the calls, but only two reported them to the utility. One of the residents said the call registered on their caller I.D. only as "private number." In one case, the caller reportedly identified herself as "Tammy." The caller also knew the names of both residents and their spouses,

information Richards said is not on the utility's customer contact list.

"It doesn't have the appearance right now of being a scam, but we caution people against giving personal information over the phone," Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said.

The calls might have been innocuous prank calls, but Richards feared the fraudulent callers may have had intentions beyond impersonating the utility.

"It certainly makes you wonder if someone was trying to set something up where they could take advantage of somebody," Richards said.

For instance, the caller might have been trying to get people to leave their houses during the time they said the power would be off.

"With that in mind, we encourage people to always lock their residences and secure their belongings when they aren't going to be home," Valentine said.

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## Suspects sought after drug bust

By Dan Schneider

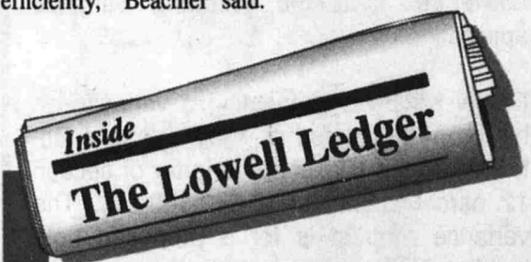
Arrest warrants were being sought Monday for two suspects after a drug bust last week found small amounts of marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia at a house in Lowell.

Four Lowell police officers executed a search warrant on Donna Drive around 10:45 a.m. last Thursday. The warrant was obtained after a five-month investigation of the house.

Neighbors' reports of large numbers of minors frequenting the house at all hours of the day and night

led to the investigation. In addition to the narcotics and paraphernalia, the search uncovered more than \$1,000 worth of stolen goods. This included bicycles and a mini motorcycle.

The 18- and 19-year-old male suspects could face felony charges in the case.



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# Obituaries

**AVERY**  
Janet Kay Avery, aged 67, of Lowell, passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2005. She was preceded in death by her father Frederick and her younger sister Rebecca. She is survived by her mother Louie; brother Lyle (Erika) Avery; sisters Martha (John) Strachan and Rose Mary (Max) Crespo; numerous nieces and nephews. According to her wishes, cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service was held November 21 at Hope Lutheran Church in Portland. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of MI in her memory.

**BUCHNER**  
Jane Elizabeth Buchner (Burger), aged 79, of Englewood, Fla., died Monday, November 14, 2005, at the Englewood Community Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on July 28, 1926, in Orleans, MI. She retired from General Motors Rochester Products in Inspection and Auditing Dept. in 1988 and moved to Englewood from Grand Rapids in 1990. Jane was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Ionia and attended St. David's Episcopal Church in Englewood. She was a member and past president of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #230 in Belding, a member of the VFW auxiliary in

**BEAK**  
Erma B. Beak, aged 102, of Cascade Township, passed away Sunday, November 13, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Beak; sons Kenneth Mercer and Lloyd Beak of Grandville. She is survived by a son Bruce Beak of Hudsonville; daughter Betty Lou (Dave) Clark of Lowell; dearly loved daughter-in-law Evelyn Beak, formerly of Grandville; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. She was born in Holton, MI,

and spent her early years at Cobmoosa, MI. Her teen years and her married life were spent in the Grand Rapids area. She was the youngest of 10 children of James and Free love Walsworth of Cobmoosa and Holton. Funeral services were held Thursday at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Cathy Gowin of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment Graceland Memorial Park.

Englewood, and past volunteer for the Englewood Meals on Wheels. She was preceded in death by her son James Robert McNally and her sister Peg Ringler. She is survived by her three daughters Monte Jo Ringler of Belding, Jayne Anne (David) Barnes of Lowell, Judy (Jeff) Battishill of Englewood; one brother Bob (Helen) Burger of Cedar, MI; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A memorial service was held November 19 at the First Congregational Church of Lowell with Dr. Michael Conklin of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made in Jane's name to: H. Lee Cancer Center and Research Institute Foundation, P.O. Box 550985, Tampa, FL 33655 or the American Cancer Society, 2801 Fruitville Rd., Ste. 250, Sarasota, FL 34237.

**KRUER**  
Bonnie K. (Mayou) Krueger, aged 64, of Grand Rapids, passed away at her home Wednesday, November 16, 2005. The daughter of Arthur and Joyce (McNeilly) Gross, she was born July 2, 1941, in Flint, MI. She grew up in Lowell and graduated with the class of 1959. The last several years she worked for Home Depot in Grand Rapids. Bonnie enjoyed her work and

was willing to work in whatever department or shift she was needed on. She thoroughly enjoyed her home, time spent with family and friends, and was ready to lend an ear to whoever needed someone to talk to. She was very solid in her faith and eager to share her faith and love of God with others. She knew the importance of living one day at a time. Bonnie was a very loving and forgiving person and will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She gave much joy and happiness to her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Todd, sister Delores Pellow, brother Duane "Bill" Mayou. Bonnie will be lovingly remembered by her sons Aaron Buttrick of Ada, Brian Buttrick of Lovelady, Texas; grandsons Adam and Paul Buttrick of Ada; daughter-in-law Trudy White; sister Darleen (Dan) Warner of Scottsville, MI; sister-in-law Marian Mayou of Lowell; aunt Margie Potter and uncle Ken Anderson both of Lowell; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many loving friends. Funeral service was held November 21 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Mark Parrent of Suttons Bay Bible Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Independent Bible

**MC CUSKER**  
Frances A. Mc Cusker, aged 65, of Saranac and Tucson, AZ, passed away November 9, 2005 in Tucson, AZ. She was born October 16, 1940, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Richard and Helen (Hoekstra) DeVries. She is survived by her loving husband Donald E. Mc Cusker; daughter Camilla and Glen Thornburg of Dover, DE; son Irvin (Gene) Mc Cusker of New Castle, IN; honorary son David Boots of New Castle, IN; brother Richard and Ruth DeVries of Caledonia; sister Marlene (Kay) DeVries of Cedar Springs; sister-in-law Jane DeVries of Lowell; brother-in-law Robert Boogaard of Cedar Springs; grandchildren Daniel (Ross) Green, Donald (Kris) Mc Cusker, Amanda Nichole Mc Cusker, Daniel Thornburg, David Thornburg, Brandon Thornburg, Elizabeth Thornburg; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Nov. 16 at Ada Reformed Church with Pastor Julie VanDerVeen-Van Til officiating. Interment Easton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Assoc. or Ada Community Reformed Church.

**ZENGRI**  
Emily J. Zengri of Lowell passed away November 17, 2005 after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, Angelo J. "A.J." Zengri. She is survived by her brothers Alvin (Margaret) Izbicky of IL, Edward (Sue) Izbicky of FL; several nieces and nephews. Emily was past Senior Regency of the Loyal Order of Moose #1388 and member over 30 years, and a lifetime member and past president of the American Legion Auxiliary #974 of Franklin Park, IL. Mass of Christian Burial was held November 21 at St. Mary Church, Lowell, Rev. George J. Fekete, Celebrant. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Church.

**RYAN**  
Leo G. Ryan Sr., aged 62 of Lowell, passed away November 20, 2005. He was preceded in death by wife Barbara, brothers Greg and Jeffrey. He is survived by his wife Sonja; children Leo,

Jr. (Sherry) Ryan, Lacey (Scott) Lake, Jason (Laura) Ryan, Shannon (Rob) Rose, Shelly Bardwell; brother Dan (Sharon) Ryan; sisters Sandra (Marvin) Sharp, Venita (John) Parent, Eva Hulett; grandparents-in-law Marge and Fred Zerbe; 18 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Nathaniel Johnson of Vergennes United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at the chapel and one hour prior to service. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association.

The exhibit, which was unveiled at Monday night's city council meeting, is four-sided, with each side depicting a specific part of the milling industry, Doyle said. The first panel is a general induction, the next one is dedicated to one of the oldest operating mills, King Milling. Another panel is on milling history in the area which includes insight as to why this area was selected; Doyle indicated because of the river and the fertile land.

The idea was to show how the milling industry in the area was a community effort: the farmer working with the mill and the city working with the townships to make certain the industry thrived, said museum executive director Judy Straub.

There were no signs of forced entry. Police have no suspects at this time. Anyone with information regarding the case should contact the

## Museum unveils new traveling exhibit on milling and its role in the Lowell area

By J. Loddell  
Contributing Writer



The museum's director Judy Straub and president Jim Doyle unveil the new exhibit at Monday night's council meeting.

area which includes insight as to why this area was selected; Doyle indicated because of the river and the fertile land. The last panel focuses on the history of milling and how the process had changed over the years. Each panel is designed to read as a separate story so people can go from panel to

panel in no particular order, Straub said.

Though Doyle is the senior vice president of King Milling, he said he was not involved with the creation of the exhibit, other than to help fund the project which also received monies from the Lowell Area Community Fund.

An exhibits committee

came up with the idea for the traveling exhibit, which is

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**F.R.O.M. NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS**  
The F.R.O.M. Food Pantry is in need of boxed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, soda crackers, canned fruit, soup and toilet tissue.

**VINTAGE CLOTHING NEEDED**  
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**MANDATORY PARENT/COACH MEETING**  
All winter athletes' parents are required to attend the parent/coach meeting Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. in the high school Freshman Commons. First 45 minutes is mandatory for all parents unless you attended this session in the fall.

**COMMODITIES**  
The Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main, will have commodities available to those who qualify on Thursday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**FUNDRAISER FOR '06 SENIOR CLASS**  
Local flavor restaurant coupon books, a 2006 senior class trip fundraiser, are available at Pep Talk, 207 E. Main, for \$25.

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**  
Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1125 W. Main (across from Burger King) will have a blood drive, Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 3-7 p.m. Walk in or call 897-6502 to pre-register.

**ART OF THE VIOLIN 2005**  
A fundraiser concert to support Lowell schools orchestra program will be held at LHS Performing Arts Center on Friday, Dec. 9. The Art of the Violin 2005 concert is at 7:30 p.m. A silent auction starts at 6:45 p.m.

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, November 29th, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., PO Box 208, Lowell to hear the following variance application:

Daniel Kehoe is requesting a variance on his property located at 13604 3 Mile Rd, Lowell, in the NW corner/quarter of section 12, parcel number 41-16-012-100-001. The variance request is for a proposed pole building for horses and storage of 36' by 36' with a 12' by 36' lean-to. The variance is from the zoning ordinance side setback, sections 201.304 (F) (2) and 201.404 (B).

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to zoning@vergennestwp.org.

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## Sunday morning break-in at Moose Lodge

Lowell police are looking for leads in a break-in that occurred Sunday morning at the Lowell Moose Lodge. Cash was stolen but

there were no signs of forced entry. Police have no suspects at this time. Anyone with information regarding the case should contact the

Lowell Police Department at 897-7123 or Silent Observer at 774-2345.

## Experience Christmas at Charlton Park

Historic Charlton Park will once again offer the sights, sounds, tastes and activities "Of Christmas Past" the weekend of Dec. 10 and 11. Visitors are invited to stroll the village shops and homes between noon and 5 p.m. each day. Artisans will demonstrate their skills in the village buildings; children and adults will have a chance to try their hands at traditional crafts and ornaments, including hand-dipped candles.

Admission to the holiday event is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 5-12. For more information call 269-945-3775 or visit the website www.charltonpark.org. It is located between Hastings and Nashville.

Lowell Police Department at 897-7123 or Silent Observer at 774-2345.

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## New knitting shop opens in town

By Dan Schneider

Knitting is currently the big thing, and Lowell may become the area's next big place to knit.

That's the hope of Tammy Lee and Jill Greenop whose new shop--so new it still smells like paint inside--opened three weeks ago at 214 E. Main. "Spins and Needles" is about knitting ... well, not just about knitting.

"Our goal here is to have an inviting environment where people can come to knit," said store co-owner Jill Greenop. "It's not just about the knitting, it's also a social thing."

The shop seems to have the inviting environment down: warm walls, big couches, and shelves full of colorful, soft yarn; and there are a lot of yarns: wool, alpaca wool, cotton, soy

silk, bamboo fiber, mohair, acrylic blend, even a few balls of cashmere. Prices are based on material and color. But two rolls of turquoise alpaca yarn, enough to make a good-sized scarf, can be had for \$10.

The shop is open late with free coffee Thursday evenings for "knit-ins." Greenop says knitting classes are already proving to be popular. Spinning, knitting, crocheting, felting and advanced knitting techniques are all classes either currently offered or planned for the future.

Greenop and her sister, co-owner Tammy Lee, daughters of a 4-H teacher, have been knitting since a young age. They've wanted to open a knitting shop for some time, and the current popularity of knitting is a good reason.

"I think it really took off when the movie stars started knitting scarves, and scarves got really popular," Greenop said. "I think people realize it's not just an old-lady thing, it's very relaxing to sit and knit. It's very tactile. The yarns now are so beautiful."

They chose Lowell as their location because of its art appeal and because they felt a good connection with some of the shop owners already here.

"We feel it's a very up-and-coming, artsy community," Greenop said. "Everybody has been really nice that comes in here, we've really enjoyed the community."

Business hours are Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Tammy Lee and Jill Greenop are the owners of the new knitting store, "Spins and Needles."

## Weekend holiday craft tour helps put Christmas spirit in the air

By Dan Schneider

Christmas and country music were wafting through the air last weekend.

Candles were sniffed, ornaments were examined, recipes were handed out during the three days in which 42 houses around Lowell were temporarily converted into craft stores for Christmas Through Lowell. The music was played through hidden speakers on Riverwalk Plaza. It was mandatory that each participating stop have recipes available for

tour-goers. Karen Waid, the proprietor of stop number 16 on North Monroe Street, explained that some patrons go from stop to stop just to pick up the recipes.

Late Friday afternoon Kara Kelley and her mother-in-law Sherry Free were wrapping up a long day of craft shopping.

"This is an every year thing," Free said. "Since it started we've come out here."

Kelley fit the description of the type of person the craft tour is targeted toward. While she shopped for

crafts, her husband and kids were deer hunting in the woods. Christmas Through Lowell is always held the first weekend of firearm deer season.

Barb Meyers was on the tour with a group of ladies. She tours Christmas Through Lowell annually and said it's a good kick-start for the holiday season.

"I even took a personal day today," Meyers said. "This is just the time of year we go and look around, and it's fun and it puts us in the mood."

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the second one the museum has put together. The first was the Great Flood of 1905.

The exhibit is currently housed in City Hall. Straub said the traveling exhibits are designed to stay in one

area for two to three months and then move to a new location. The milling exhibit is scheduled to travel to both Vergennes and Lowell townships, Lowell High School, and Englehardt Library.

City Hall was selected as the first site for the exhibit in recognition of the city residents' contribution to the museum. The residents approved an annual millage for the museum to help cover operating costs.

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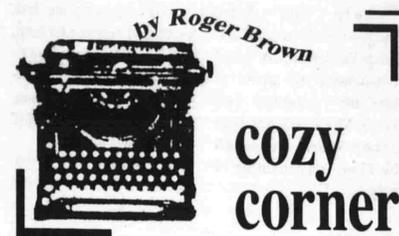
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# Viewpoint



Terese and I visited my daughter's family last month. As often mentioned here, she holds my grandkids hostage in China. My son-in-law works there for a U.S. company. If we want to see Maddie and Boog, it's a major ordeal.

It's about 30 hours from the time I pick my bag up at home until I set it down again at her place. About half of that time is spent grinding along over the Pacific in economy class of a 747. Gotta love those grandkids!

The visit was great. We unloaded Christmas gifts early, packed in a couple side trips, enjoyed being with our family and it was over all too quickly.

My daughter lives in western China in the city of Chengdu. The city is in Sichuan Province where the food is famously spicy. The last day there I realized we hadn't been out for the local favorite "Hot Pots." Like an idiot, we made reservations to gorge ourselves on incredibly spicy food the night before traveling half way around the world.

Hot Pots consists of a large pot of broth, or two, inset in your table with a burner underneath. The waitress keeps bringing trays of meats, vegetables, tofu, etc., to put in the boiling broth. After it is cooked, you fish it out and eat it. We had a spicy pot for my daughter and me. We also had a much more tame chicken broth for my wife and the grandkids. There was a great floor show. We ate and ate and enjoyed ourselves immensely.

The next day I was paying for my sins. We said our good-byes, which were especially painful since it is likely we won't see each other until next summer. We boarded the plane which, in China, like everything else, is an experience on its own. Any movement of people is a mad rush of pushing and shoving with no respect for personal space. Common courtesies even the most brash of us Americans extend to each other are non-existent.

My theory on this is that since there are about five times as many Chinese living in a country about the same size as ours, they are simply used to being packed together. There are 1.3 billion of them, and they've been doing things their way for thousands of years, so there's not much I can do except get in there and push and shove along with the rest. It can actually be kinda fun once you get into it. My sheer size and football lineman instincts help a lot. A 75-pound little old lady doesn't stand a chance.

So, I got to my seat on a China Air Boeing 757. I was on the aisle in row 35 out of 36 rows. The seating was configured for Chinese people, not me. The plane was packed, but miraculously, there is an empty seat between where I was and the window seat. Terese was seated on the aisle across from me. A petite, forty-something Chinese woman crowded past me and took the window seat. She immediately took over most of the empty seat with a

shopping bag. I didn't think anything of it and concentrated on trying not to think about the effect Hot Pots was having on me.

We taxied to the runway with Chinese people still screwing around, stuffing things into the baggage compartments. When the pilot throttled up for takeoff they finally sat down. That's pretty typical behavior on an Air China flight. All the while I was trying to ignore a rather pungent odor. I suspected it was coming from the shopping bag next to me.

We were just nicely off the runway when the woman dove into her bag and pulled out something small and round. It was a little smaller than a tennis ball and was dripping with something that looked like barbecue sauce. For my stomach's sake, I looked the other way.

Over the noise of the throttled up engines I could hear the woman slurping and sucking away at her lunch. I had to look. She was going at it like some kind of animal ... gnawing, chewing, licking, sucking, etc. She sucked the sauce off her fingers but it still ran down her arms. My dogs have more manners.

The smell and noise were almost more than my poor stomach could handle, but curiosity forced me to look. She finished off one of the orbs and fished another out of the bag. She examined it and rolled it around in her fingers. When I realized it was some kind of head I just about lost it. She popped out the eyes and ate those, then pried back the jaw, pulled out the tongue and ate it. Then it was more, chewing, gnawing, sucking, etc. Oooohhhh ... why did I have to eat Hot Pot the night before?

The flight from Chengdu to Beijing is about two and a half hours. The orgy next to me went on for most of the trip. I couldn't believe how many of those heads she went through. I watched closely as she pulled the jaw back on one. There were two predominant curved teeth coming from the lower jaw that said to me, "rodent." The heads were too big to be rats, so I guessed rabbits. I kept leaning back so Terese could see. She mostly chose not to look.

As we began our descent into Beijing, she did a remarkable job of cleaning herself with napkins. Then just as a little icing on the cake for this story, she stripped off her shoes and wool plaid skirt. From the bag below her seat she grabbed some slacks and a pair of high-heeled boots. She pulled on the slacks and boots, gathered her things, fished out her cell phone and was ready for arrival. Amazing. No, I don't mean it was amazing that she changed clothes in the seat next to me ... it was amazing that I had made the entire trip without losing whatever was in my stomach.

I told my daughter about the experience. She's been telling it to all her friends. Collectively they've lived in China for years and years. Mine is one of the better stories they've heard. Leave it to me.

Oh yeah, my daughter ran the story by her Chinese driver. He confirmed that they were indeed rabbit heads and are a Chendu specialty. My daughter's Chinese isn't the best, and there was some miscommunication. The driver wanted to know how I liked them. When she told me that over the phone I almost lost my Wheaties.

There ... now isn't that a swell story for me to tell just before you all gorge yourselves tomorrow at Thanksgiving?

## Ledger Entries

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer



### 125 YEARS

#### THE WEEKLY JOURNAL NOVEMBER 24, 1880

Journal subscription renews next week. Please pay your dollar promptly. "Boys caught bathing in Flat River this month or next will be severely dealt with." "Alonzo Kennedy of Greenville recently suicided. Domestic trouble."

A.C. Morgan will run his snow plow on the west side, provided he is paid by the property owners.

The Journal has new and elegant designs for job printing and ads.

### 100 YEARS

#### THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 23, 1905

The Maccabees' new hall in the King block is dedicated. It will be shared by the G.A.R. and the National Protective Legion.

The new manual training school in Saginaw also has a swimming pool.

The trial of the U.S. Government versus Chicago meat packers is under way.

"Borax Bill" drove through Ada with his twenty-mule team Friday, and stopped at the school to hand out free packets. E.F. Fairchild left at the Ledger a stem of rye bearing 12 heads.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

#### AND THE ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 20, 1930

Angie Hooker gives the Ledger much information about early Lowell and the Indian tribe here.

Northwoods' hunters report many does shot and left in the woods; doe hunting is illegal.

Station sites are being chosen, and telephone service between the United States and Hawaii is scheduled to begin in January 1932. There are 17 hunters who have been killed and 25 injured since the season opened Sept. 16. The football team wins its tenth straight game at Coopersville.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

#### NOVEMBER 24, 1955

The Garden Lore Club decides to cancel the Christmas Creche this year; it is too badly in need of repairs. Elmer Schaefer, Peter Speerstra and Earl Evans publish a letter to the Village Council requesting a public hearing on the water-sewer expansion. They have been reading up on the history of the system and past actions.

The new K-8 Grattan School has four rooms and a modern kitchen.

Mrs. Roger Pitsch of Alto identified the first Ledger aerial view picture for a free subscription; it was the Robert Clark farm on Route 2.

State equalized valuations, higher than county-assessed valuations, are raising all county and school taxes.

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

#### NOVEMBER 19, 1980

Father and son Phillip and Les Kline bring in the first buck. They both shot and hit the seven-point buck at the same time.

Two men who each received somebody's write-in vote for the long-vacant Bowne constable job turn it down.

The Ada, Fallasburg and White's covered bridges are featured in this month's AAA magazine, Michigan Living. Thanks to 1979-80s moderate winter, more antlerless deer permits went out this fall.

## Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



### GET IN-LINE

A special deer season was established in the early '80s requiring the use of a muzzle-loading firearm. The idea was to use the special season as a deer management tool and also provide an opportunity to get back to basics in hunting.

Black powder guns have been around for hundreds of years and evolved very slowly. There were two types of guns available when the muzzleloader season began. One is the flintlock that uses a fine black powder which is ignited by flint striking steel and in turn ignites the main powder charge sending a lead ball out the smooth bore barrel. The other type is called a caplock and it uses a brass percussion cap which, when struck by the hammer, ignites the powder

charge. The caplock is available with a rifled barrel and will shoot round balls or bullets.

The popularity of the special deer season here and in other states encouraged inventor types and entrepreneurs to begin advancing muzzleloader technology. A muzzleloader is a gun that fires one shot at a time and loads from the front end of the barrel using black powder or a black powder substitute. After meeting that definition, anything is possible to improve the reliability, accuracy and convenience of the firearm. Consequently, new actions, ignition systems and powders regularly enter the marketplace.

I resisted the lure of the new technology for a long time, but recently gave up my venerable 50-caliber T.C. Renegade which, when stoked with black powder, propelled a patched round lead ball. It never let me down. Nevertheless, by rationalizing that a "modern" gun would provide improved accuracy, easier cleaning, extended range, and would accept a scope sight to aid old eyes, I opted for one of the new models.

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# Reflections of faith

Randy Meyers, pastor  
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

"In my Father's Mansion there are many Rooms but only One Door..." So begins a trailer for the upcoming "Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." This coming Sunday begins the month of Advent. Advent means coming or deep longing. It also contains the idea of expectation and anticipation.

Much like a young child anticipates Christmas morning when she will finally be able to open her stocking full of presents, Christians anticipate the second coming of Jesus. Much like every child expects gifts, Christians expect good gifts from God when we are welcomed into God's kingdom at the second coming of Jesus.

Many churches use a series of four candles with a fifth candle representing Christmas during Advent to focus our attentions which often are "so earthly minded they are little heavenly good." This year our church is using doors, not candles. Doors represent both the sigh of anticipation before

opening an unfamiliar door (hmm, here we go) and the sigh of walking through a familiar door after a long day of work (ahh, home at last).

Our first door is called SIN. In Genesis 4:7 God told Cain that sin was crouching at the door and he needed to master it. This is a good reminder for us all but the beauty of the passage is that it is God who protects Cain even after he becomes a murderer.

The second door is HOPE. Hosea 2:15 calls the Valley of Trouble a door of hope because it was after the ill-fated battle in the Valley of Trouble that the Israelites realized their sin, repented, and God renewed their hope.

The third door is PERSISTENCE. Luke 11:7 shows that even while sometimes the door to God's will seems locked, continued prayer is the key to opening it.

The fourth door WINTER comes from Mark 13. It reminds us, like the land of Narnia, that it more often seems like winter and rarely seems like Christmas. Long dark grey depressing days increase our longing for the warm sunshine of summer and the full presence of God.

The fifth door is OPEN. This is the heavenly picture of Revelation 3:8 with Jesus holding open the door for all who believe in him. The beauty of an open door is that it takes little effort to enter through one. This is good because of how much baggage (most of it purchased after Thanksgiving in an effort to create the perfect Christmas) we try to carry in with us.

Doors are everywhere. From cars to cupboards we open doors all day long. This Advent, why don't you open the door to your favorite church on a weekly basis? As you anticipate Christmas, may Advent inspire your expectations for the best Christmas present ever.

## New Arrivals

### Swick

Victor and Karen Proud parents are Jack Swick and Teresa Sturgeon and George and Betsy Vanderlaan are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandson, Jack Austin Swick. He was born October 8, 2005, weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 19 inches.

## Happy Birthday

NOV. 24: Sabra Nicole Spencer, Aiden Malone, Kinsley, Ryan Moore, Jenny Decker, Heather French. NOV. 25: Pat Vezino, Melissa Roudabush, Shawn Ayres Hazel, Megan Hewitt, Lorri Myers, Amy Swift. NOV. 26: John Erickson. NOV. 27: Bonnie Vezino, Kim Harding, Marty Chambers, Chad Uzarski, Elizabeth Roudabush, Josh McClure-Cowan.

## Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### KENT COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL NEEDS TUTORS

The need is urgent for volunteer tutors for the Kent County Literacy Council. An information session will be held Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Library, 111 Library St. NE. Following the one-hour session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training. By training people to be tutors, the council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL. Call 459-5151 to register.

### AARP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS DURING TAX SEASON

With the help of volunteers, AARP's Tax-Aide program provides free tax counseling and preparation services to millions of low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those 60 and older. Volunteers are needed beginning in February through April 15. For more information call the AARP Michigan State Office at 1-877-227-7448 or visit the web site at <http://www.aarp.org/money/taxaide>.

### EXCHANGE STUDENT HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Council for Educational Travel, USA (CETUSA) is seeking volunteer host families for five, 10 or 12 months. If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please call Patti at 617-8722 for more information.

## Good shepherds deliver Thanksgiving turkeys

John Stencil, from left, Allan Jones, Clarence Rahn and pastor Joe Fremer with one tenth of the 40 turkeys delivered to the Flat River Outreach Ministries' food pantry last Thursday morning. Jones, a professional development coordinator with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, delivered the turkeys in a minivan. Thrivent, a Lutheran fraternal volunteering and mutual fund organization, donated turkeys this year to match its members' volunteer time at local food pantries. Stencil and Rahn, F.R.O.M. volunteers, are members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church just east of Lowell, where Fremer is pastor. Thrivent Financial delivered a total of 8,642 turkeys in Michigan last Thursday.



## HEALTH

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie



### VITAMIN D

Vitamin D is a vitamin that is fat-soluble, meaning that it is dissolved and stored in the fat of your body. Vitamin D maintains proper levels of calcium and phosphorus in the blood and together with calcium builds strong bones. Sun exposure for 10 to 15 minutes at least twice a week usually provides adequate amounts of vitamin D. When vitamin D levels are low, bones become weak and brittle. In children, vitamin D deficiency causes a disease called rickets, which results in poorly developed weak bones, delayed growth, and when severe, seizures. In adults, vitamin D deficiency causes osteomalacia, which results in weak bones, fractures, bone pain, and weakness. Low levels of vitamin D may be a factor in osteoporosis. Those at risk of developing vitamin D deficiency include people who have darker-pigmented skin, very limited sunlight exposure, fat malabsorption diseases (pancreatitis, cystic fibrosis, celiac disease, surgical resection of the bowel), and those who live in the northern hemisphere during winter. For infants to adults aged 50 years, the daily adequate

intake is 200 international units. For adults 51-70, 400 IU is required, and for those over 70, 600 IU is recommended. Discuss the proper vitamin D intake and sun exposure for yourself with your doctor. Too much vitamin D can occur from taking excess vitamin D supplements and can cause serious problems, such as nausea, vomiting and weakness or even confusion and heart rhythm abnormalities.

## College News

Kristin Befus and Jonathan Christiansen, both first-year students at Albion College, have been accepted this fall into the Albion College Carl A. Gerstaecker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management. Students must complete degree requirements in economics and management, along with courses in ethics, writing, speaking and management, and fulfill at least two internships in a wide range of business settings. Befus is the daughter of Raymond and Carol Befus of Lowell. Christiansen is the son of Mark and Lisa Christiansen of Lowell.



### LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU  
Week of Nov. 28, 2005

MON: Mini corn dogs (Alto & Murray Lake - Crispito w/cheese also offered), whole kernel corn, assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Spaghetti & meatsauce w/garlic bread (Alto & Murray Lake - BBQ rib on bun also offered), fresh tossed salad, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: Grilled cheese sandwich (Alto & Murray Lake - chicken patty on bun also offered), tomato soup, assorted fruit, Goldfish crackers, milk.

THURS: Pizza bagel (Alto & Murray Lake - stacked ham & cheese on bun also offered), steamed green beans, assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: Chicken nuggets (Alto & Murray Lake - hamburger on bun also offered), oven baked beans, assorted fruit, milk.

## CITY OF LOWELL FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM

For the months of October and November your yard waste will be picked up on a weekly basis. Yard waste pickup will be the same day as your refuse/recycling pickup is.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall (897-8457).

Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

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## At Your Local Library

KDL BRANCHES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY  
All KDL branches will be closed for Thanksgiving, Nov. 24. Regular hours will resume on Friday, Nov. 25.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ATTENTION: BIBLE BELIEVERS</b> If you would like to attend a church where the King James Bible is held up as the perfect, preserved word of God with all the words of God for all English speaking people, then give us a visit at: 901 W. Main, Lowell</p> <p>Across the street from the Vermont Dodge dealership. 897-6284 or 485-4195 10AM Sunday School, 11AM Morning Service, 6PM Evening Service, Wed., 7:30PM Prayer Meeting.</p>	<p><b>ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Kirby and Harrison Alto • 616-691-8011 Worship.....9:30 A.M. Children's Church.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p><b>OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS</b> Pastor Dean Bailey</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> 9305 Centerline, Saranac 897-6332</p> <p>Worship.....9:45 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M.</p> <p>Nursery &amp; Jr. Church Provided Rev. Frank Lattimore, Pastor "A Nondenominational Ministry With A Blended Word Centered Service!"</p>	<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> Rev. Randy Meyers - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>Worship Services.....8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Sunday School.....9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Kids Club Wednesdays After school to.....5:30 p.m. DR. MICHAEL T. CONKLIN, PASTOR Nursery &amp; child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>		<p><b>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)</b> 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Senior Pastor Dave Noonan, Asst. Pastor Jonathan &amp; Stacy Holmes, Youth Pastors</p> <p><b>SUNDAYS:</b> Worship: 10:00 a.m. - LIFE Home Groups &amp; "XL" Youth Sunday evenings <b>WEDNESDAYS:</b> Family Night (For All Ages): 7 p.m. "XL" Youth: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Fr. George J. Fekete 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM &amp; 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10-10:30 AM Prayer &amp; adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL BRENDA BEISING 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, ENTR FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>	
<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10005 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell &amp; Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study, 9 A.M. Worship Service.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 10501 Settlemore • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M. Rev. Rick Ferguson - 897-6475 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p><b>SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell Rev. Thurian Meredith</p> <p>9:45 A.M. - Worship/Fellowship 11:15 A.M. - Sunday School 897-9863 or 897-9588 Nursery &amp; Children Worship Programs Provided A friend...a family...a mission!</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....10:50 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>PASTOR MICHAEL RHODABARGER Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p><b>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M. 119 LINCOLN LAKE, LOWELL CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website <a href="http://www.aplighthouse.com">www.aplighthouse.com</a></p>
<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: <a href="http://www.fbclowell.org">http://www.fbclowell.org</a> Rev. David O. Sims &amp; Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA CLUB J.C. ....Wed. 8:15 &amp; 9:30 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided - Barrier Free</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>		<p>"Lowell Mission" of the Evangelical <b>APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA</b> Located at 404 North Hudson (First Congregational Church Facility)</p> <p>Christ Centered Sunday Worship.....4:00 PM Bishop Alex. McCullough.....Clergy In Charge Reverend Deacon Mark O. Fleet, Clergy In Assistance Parsonage.....(616) 897-2587 Corporate Web Page.....<a href="http://www.eacna.org">http://www.eacna.org</a> May the Lord fill you and bless you this day!</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWare.....Pastor Shannon Hanley.....C.E. Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise &amp; Worship</p>

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What a good thing Adam had. When he said a good thing he knew nobody had said it before.  
- Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

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## F.R.O.M. CHRISTMAS BOX DONATIONS

Flat River Outreach Ministries will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and gifts through December 16.

Angel Trees or Toy Barrels will be in place at the following locations beginning Friday, November 25:

- Showboat Automotive
- Rite Aid
- Huntington Bank
- Goldworks
- Lowell City Hall
- Dollar General
- Springrove Variety
- Brenda's Hair Design
- Ionia Co. Nat'l Bank
- Englehardt Library
- Video Land

In addition, toys will be collected along the route of the Lowell Christmas Parade on December 3.

Food and gifts can be dropped off at the First United Methodist Church on December 15 & 16 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Jackson Street entrance). Food and toys will be distributed on Saturday, December 17. This program provides a helping hand for many area families financially stressed this time of year.

Remember: This program is for our community! If we can be of assistance to your family with food and/or toys, please call the Food Pantry (897-8149) or visit the Thrift Shop to sign up.



# 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.

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

**MON.:** Overeaters Anonymous, 7p.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 office 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 7p.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.

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**TUES.:** 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:30 a.m. Exercise Class.

**WED., NOV. 23:** Bosnia Shoppers. 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

**THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

**FRI.:** 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class.

**MON., NOV. 28:** 12:45 p.m. Games at Center.

**TUES., NOV. 29:** 12:45 p.m. Food Pantry.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**WED., NOV. 23:** Bosnia Shoppers. 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

**THURS., NOV. 24:** Center Closed. Happy Thanksgiving.

**FRI., NOV. 25:** Center Closed for Holiday.

**MON., NOV. 28:** 12:45 p.m. Games at Center.

**TUES., NOV. 29:** 12:45 p.m. Food Pantry.

## Vergennes Township pledges cooperation, approves new building

By Dan Schneider

At its regular meeting Monday, the Vergennes Township Board approved a resolution pledging growth-planning cooperation with the city of Lowell and Lowell Charter Township.

The resolution states that the township will support and participate in "an intergovernmental effort to plan for balanced growth in the Lowell Community." The resolution defines "Lowell Community" as Vergennes and Lowell townships and the city of Lowell.

According to the resolution, this cooperation will consist of things like compensating the city fairly for making increased sewer capacity available and considering public utility expansion in the future. The three municipalities would plan for growth in ways that are mutually beneficial and consistent with their master plans.

"I believe this is just an extension of what we have done in the past," Vergennes Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach said. "It just formalizes it."

In October, the State Boundary Commission decided a growth issue which involved all three municipalities when it voted to deny

a petition that would annex 177 acres at the corner of Vergennes Street and Alden Nash Avenue to the city of Lowell.

The resolution cites the Lowell Area Fire Department as an example of a mutually beneficial, cooperative effort among the three municipalities.

Also on the agenda, the board approved a special use permit for Arrowhead Golf Course to build a pole barn to store equipment. A building permit for the 60-by-40-foot structure can be issued after the golf course finishes cleaning up some debris around its current storage barn. The stipulation was added after one of the golf course's neighbors, Thomas Krebill, complained about the trash. He said it has been a persistent problem in the 15 years he has lived there, but great improvements have been made since Josh Bruwer took over as general manager a little more than a year ago.

Old golf cart batteries and other trash that had littered the site has been cleaned up. But a few tires, parts of maintenance equipment, a derelict dump truck, and some irrigation equipment remain out in the open.

"Josh has done a good job of making improvements, but I think we should

put some stipulation on there that the job does get completed," township trustee Vern Nauta said.

Bruwer said the cleanup is a high priority. The remaining trash, he said, will get cleaned up. The irrigation equipment, however, will be stored in the new pole barn once it is built.

Another issue on the docket involved property at the corner of Cumberland Avenue and Vergennes Street. Marcia Roth went before the board to present a general, very preliminary, concept for a condominium and apartment community serving senior citizens at that location. She wanted to find out if such a project would be feasible under township

regulations before making a substantial investment. The board generally agreed that the project could work, and advised Roth to seek further advice from township planner Jay Kilpatrick. "I think it's something that we need in the community," said township clerk Mari Stone.

The board voted to amend the budget for the current fiscal year to include \$10,800 for loan payments for the purchase of 22 acres of land on Lincoln Lake Ave., south of McPherson Street. The township plans to buy the land on a seven-year loan agreement. Possible uses for the land include a township park, nature preserve, or the site of a new township hall.

Another issue on the

## Sidewalk must be installed, says city council

J. Lobbell  
Contributing Writer

A local builder will have to put sidewalk along the properties he owns on North Jefferson street. That was the decision by the Lowell City Council at its Monday night meeting.

Holwerda Builders had sought a waiver from the city's sidewalk requirements long before pulling a permit, pointing out that Holwerda has built in the city before.

"I think he should play by the rules we set forth from the very beginning and put the sidewalks in," Myers said.

His issue was that eventually the city wants to have sidewalk everywhere, and there is no guarantee that future homeowners at those properties may need the safety of those sidewalks. He envisioned children riding their bikes or tricycles up and down, but to the homeowners it isn't going to matter if the sidewalk connects now or not.

The council was considering whether to allow the builder to construct sidewalk on the opposite side of the road. Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden reviewed the possibility and determined that retention walls would need to be put in place; also a rather large and healthy tree at 820 N. Jefferson would have to be removed, something the property owner objected to.

Councilman Jim Pfaller was willing to concede and have the sidewalk constructed on the opposite side of the street. He said he was not willing to have the tree at 820 N. Jefferson removed, but felt the city could allow it to run its natural course before

connecting the sidewalk there.

Councilman Al Mathews agreed with Pfaller. Both voted with Myers, however, on requiring that the developer put the sidewalk in on his own properties, 885, 875 and 855 N. Jefferson.

Councilman Jim Hodges was in favor of the waiver and not having sidewalk on either side of the street. Mayor Jeanne Shores was absent from the meeting.

In the end, the council upheld its decision from its Nov. 7 meeting requiring Holwerda Builders to put the sidewalk on the properties it was developing.

connecting the sidewalk there.

## Outdoors, cont'd. ...From Page 5

I was surprised to discover that the new drop action in-line muzzleloader loaded with two Triple Seven pellets pushes a 45-caliber copper-jacketed pistol bullet in a plastic sabot on a nearly flat trajectory between 50 and 100 yards. The in-line breach plug screws out for direct access to the rifled barrel. Convenient access to internal parts and the new less corrosive powders make cleaning and general maintenance of the modern muzzleloaders a breeze. I am confident enough that I will be using an in-line during the regular firearm season.

The '05 muzzleloader season in southern Michigan begins earlier than usual this year on Dec. 2 and runs through Dec. 18 which is longer than previous seasons. The season in the northern Lower Peninsula is Dec. 9-18 and the Upper Peninsula is Dec. 2-11.

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# Short and sweet: the whys and wherefores of Thanksgiving

The Ledger went to Bushnell Elementary to ask several first graders pertinent questions about the Thanksgiving holiday and how we celebrate it. Here are the questions and some of the answers:

## Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving?

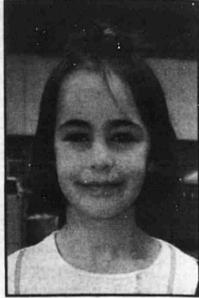


Cherrish Phillips:  
"To give thanks about what we have."

## What are you thankful for?



Becky Hall:  
"Turkeys and pumpkin pies."



Madison Stephens  
"Animals."

## What is your favorite thing about Thanksgiving?



Lucas McElveny: "When it's snowing, I get to watch the birds through the window."



Brianna Haywood:  
"I get to go to my Grandma's house and there we eat all our food, we can play games, and we can also play the piano that they have."



Zach Weston:  
"A person."



Cassandra Franklin:  
"It's a type of Indian and they share food."

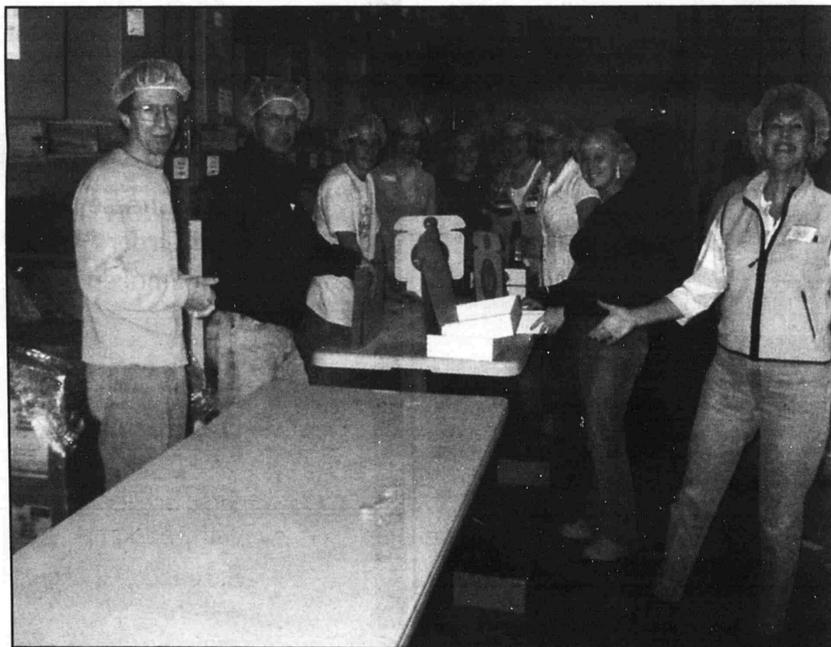
## Rotary members bundling up gift packs for the holiday season

Rotarians Charlie Bernard and Chris Banner; Junior Rotarians Louie Glinzak, Alice Blumm, Amy Junewick, Laura Crimmins, Kristen McAlpine and Autumn Nethercot; and Rotarian Judy Harrison were among those busy putting together gift packs of Litehouse products Thursday, Nov. 10 in the warehouse at Litehouse, Inc., on Foreman Street. Rotary Club sells the gift packs each year for a fundraiser; each pack contains four assorted Litehouse sauces. They are available for \$12 until Christmas at a variety of businesses in Lowell or from any Rotarian. Money raised from the fundraiser goes into the Lowell Rotary Club's general fund to support its scholarship programs, local projects and international clean water project in the Dominican Republic. Last year a total of \$6,000 was raised.

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You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.

- Albert Schweitzer (1875 - 1965)



## Class of '54 remembers "Mr. Red Arrow"

Members of the class of 1954 had an impromptu reunion Monday afternoon. They met for a picture with this tree in front of Red Arrow Stadium. The class donated the tree in memory of Bob Perry, a.k.a. "Mr. Red Arrow." When Perry came to Lowell in 1950, these people were in his first freshman biology class.

"And he coached us all in one sport or another," Richard Bryan said.

If certain members of the class were as rowdy 55 years ago as they were when this picture was taken, Perry must have had his hands full for his first year of teaching.

Perry's family wanted to thank the class of 1954 for the gesture. "The caring and the love from the whole community since Dad passed away in July has been wonderful," Perry's daughter, Ann Wittenbach said.

Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Helen Kuiper, Jenette Patrick, Nancy Thornton, Velma Perry, Bert Baker, Ann Wittenbach, Nola Bryan, Carole Anderson and George Anderson; back row: Donna VanderLaan, Nancy Porter, Dick Huver, Richard Bryan, Arnie Stahl, Bob Grummet.



## Library software, continued ...From Page 1

composing a summary of the book, then choosing relevant subject headings from a book. The Destiny software does all of that automatically after a librarian enters a book's ISBN number.

"It just cuts off so much book work for us," Cherry Creek library media assistant Dawn Sprague said. "What would take us a week to process an order of books now just takes a day."

With features such as searching by picture (visual search), the software is accessible even to young students.

"I think it's a lot more student-friendly than the other programs," Sprague said.

The program will help students with the accelerated reading (AR) program. It allows searches by AR reading level and points.

Students doing research may find the software

helpful. After they review book search results on a subject, they can click on an icon that will take them to web links for more information.

"They are all teacher-selected web sites, so they are credible web sites," Beachler said.

The software can help teachers find materials in the libraries pertinent to particular state requirements. It can search for books based on specific grade-level benchmarks in the Michigan Curriculum Framework.

In the future, the district will be able to track textbooks using the system.

"It will help us avoid losing textbooks and so forth," Beachler said.

Parents can check out the software from any computer hooked to the internet. The web address is <http://follett.lowellschools.com>.

## Phone calls, cont'd.

...From Page 1

He also gave the general advice that people should be good neighbors and watch for suspicious activity when they know their neighbors are going to be away from home.

"Jot down vehicle descriptions and, if possible, license numbers," Valentine said.

He said other law enforcement agencies in the area haven't reported problems with suspicious phone calls.

"We have not heard of any other police agencies in the area investigating these kinds of things," Valentine said.

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# Homeowners should take precautions to protect property

A number of thefts were reported Sunday morning, Nov. 20, after homeowners realized that their vehicles, garages and, in one case, their home had been entered. According to Sgt. Roger Parent, public information officer of the Kent County Sheriff Department, reports

were taken at a couple of homes on Talamore Ct. SE, Cascade Township, and at several homes on Boynton and Bennett in Vergennes Township.

In all cases it appeared that vehicles sitting outside were left unlocked, and were entered with property

were taken. In many of the cases, the garages were also entered. Some homeowners reported having a screen cut or a window pried at, believing someone tried to gain entry into the home.

Homeowners need to be reminded to take valuables out off their vehicles. Ve-

hicles should be locked and garage doors closed, and garage service doors locked. Added security devices will help deter criminal activity near the home, such as motion lights and alarm systems.

Reporting suspicious activity and getting out of

bed to check on suspicious noises are things a responsible homeowner needs to do to help keep their neighborhoods safe.

Crime prevention starts with alerting police to suspicious activity. Giving detailed descriptions of sus-

pects and suspect vehicles will help the responding patrol units. Have your local police dispatch numbers ready in case you need to call: 911 for emergencies; for non-emergencies in the Kent County patrol area call 336-3113.

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Kayla Barr\*  
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Christopher Bilski  
Nolan Blair  
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Laura Blanton\*  
Ian Blodger\*  
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Nicholas Brown  
Elena Brubaker\*  
Theresa Buist  
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Rochelle Bieri  
Justin Boss  
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Briana Buck  
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Kelsey Callihan  
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Keith Nichol  
Michael Nichols  
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### WHAT DO THOSE ECONOMIC INDICATORS MEAN, ANYWAY?

If you follow the news regularly, you will see many different reports on the state of the economy. Government officials and economists closely watch these reports - and, as an investor, maybe you should, too.

Here are a few of the most important economic indicators to consider:

• **Employment Situation Report** - This monthly report, issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows the unemployment rate, new jobs created, the average weekly hours worked and the average hourly earnings. Economists and policymakers watch this report closely because employment drives consumer spending - a key factor in economic growth. Furthermore, low employment figures can cause the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates, while high employment figures can signal an overheated economy, which may lead the Fed to raise rates. Higher interest rates can have an effect on all your investments. When rates rise, it's more difficult for companies to borrow to expand their

businesses, which can hurt their stock prices. Also, higher interest rates will likely cause the value of your bonds to drop.

• **Housing Starts** - Around the middle of every month, the Commerce Department releases a report on housing starts for the previous month. Economists consider housing starts to be a leading indicator of recessions and recoveries - and both those events can have an impact on interest rates.

• **Advance Monthly Retail Sales** - Each month, the Census Bureau reports on retail sales for the previous month. This indicator tracks the merchandise sold by companies, large and small, within the retail industry. Each month's report shows the percent change from the previous month. This indicator can affect some important areas of the financial markets, particularly retail sales.

• **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** - Released mid-month by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the CPI is considered the most widely used measure of inflation. Basically, the CPI tracks the monthly change in price of a "basket" of consumer goods and services. Generally speaking, the financial markets anticipate the CPI will rise at an annual rate of 1 percent to 2 percent; any larger increase is seen as a signal of inflation heating up too much. (Keep in mind that the "core rate" of inflation excludes food and energy prices, which are often volatile.)

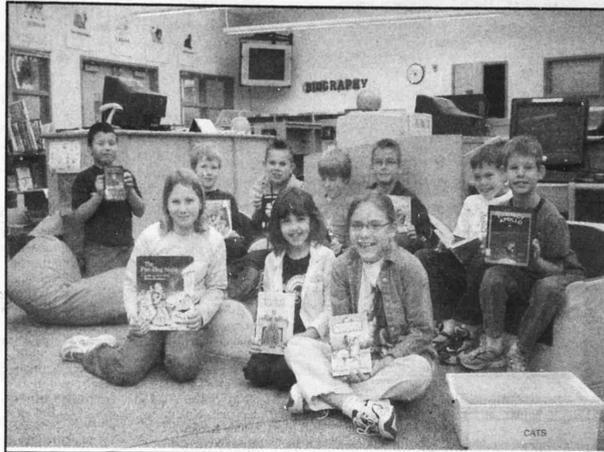
• **Producer Price Index (PPI)** - Generated each month by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the PPI is not as commonly used as the CPI, but it is also considered a reasonably good indicator of inflation. The PPI is essentially a basket of various indexes covering a wide range of industries, including manufacturing and agriculture. Because the PPI includes goods being produced, it is often seen as a "forecast" of future CPI reports.

When it comes to investing, no one has a "crystal ball." But by paying close attention to these and other economic indicators, your investment professional can acquire valuable information that may well help you make the right moves at the right time.

## Accelerated reading gift card winners

Each month Meijer donates ten \$10 gift cards to help promote reading at Murray Lake Elementary. For a student's name to be placed in a drawing for the cards, they must earn 10 Accelerated Reader (AR) points.

The winners for the month of October, front row, left to right, are: Kailey Botma, Rachael Yomtoob and Abbi Flentje; back row: Zach Vanderstelt, Trevor Roest, Brenden Ruschkewicz, Kevin Blanchard, Nick McCormick, Ryan Walters and Liam Peterson.



## New emergency guide available

The Michigan State Police Department has printed a small blue and white brochure titled "Family Preparedness Guide" to help Kent County families learn what to do before, during and after an emergency.

The guide, free of charge, assists citizens in preparing a family emergency supply kit and lists web sites for additional information.

Interested citizens will find the brochures in public service racks of local businesses. In Lowell they are available at Rite Aid Pharmacies. Other locations include CVS Pharmacies, D&W, Family Fare and Walgreen.

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

### Regular Meeting of November 14, 2005 ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

The Board added a new hire to agenda item #VIIIIC within the consent grouping.

### STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Brooke Liu, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board of Education, reported that there was a celebration of Shari Miller's life held at the high school last week. The student council members held a blood drive and collected 97 pints which is the highest amount collected to date. Another blood drive will be held on March 24. Floral arrangements continue to arrive at the high school in honor of Shari Miller. Winter sports are getting under way. The canned food drive will be ending November 18. The students will be putting on a play entitled "The Man Who Came To Dinner". Jessica Nelson, Adam Ingram and Brooke Liu will be participating in the Albion College Honor Band the first week in December. There will be an art show held at the high school on Saturday, December 3.

### REPORTS

**District Library Software**  
Christine Beachler along with students Janina Richardson, Kortney Beachler, and Madelynn Willemstein gave a report on the district's new library software which enables students and staff to find library material in any of the school libraries.

**Reproductive Health Advisory Update**  
Mark Kasmer along with Justin Miller and Lisa Enslin reported on the areas the district will be improving upon as it relates to reproductive health. The 3 areas are: laws pertaining to the responsibility of parents to children born out of wedlock, information regarding adoption and safe delivery, and laws pertaining to sexual contact with individuals under the age of 16.

### ACTION ITEMS

The Board accepted the following gifts:  
• The High School Class of 2007 conducted a fundraiser from dress swap donations.  
• Lowell Community Fund c/o Dr. Robert Reagan - Fifth Grade Program \$200, Lowell Academic Boosters \$200, and Lowell Athletic Boosters \$200.

• Cathy Noffke donation of baby carriers and toys valued at \$50 to be used by TOTS on Track and donation of books and toys valued at \$50 to be used by TOTS and Curiosity Corner Preschool.  
• Marj Harding donation of art books valued at \$650 to be used by the Art Department.  
• Mark & Nancy Russell donation of baby items valued at \$1,250 to be used by the TOTS program. The Board went into closed session to discuss attorney communication. Following the closed session the Board announced that they will begin the search process for a superintendent. The Board approved the administration to seek bids from architecture/engineering firms and construction manager firms for a feasibility study of the Middle School HVAC system.

### CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

- Minutes for October 10, 2005 Regular Meeting and Closed Session and October 24, 2005 Workshop and Closed Session
- GENERAL FUND.....\$1,258,003.83
- SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
- A. Food Service Fund.....\$105,835.78
- B. Athletic Fund.....\$7,870.63
- 1990 Debt Fund.....\$452,311.25
- 2000 Debt Fund.....\$49,481.26
- 2005 Debt Fund.....\$154,342.71
- TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$42,898.24

• **New Hires:**  
Brooke O'Keefe-4th Elementary-4th Grade Teacher  
Tamara Hanson- Cherty Creek-Title I Reading Teacher  
• **Overnight Varsity Wrestling Trip for January 6-7, 2006**  
• **Michigan School Readiness Program**  
• **Summer Tax Resolution**

**BUDGET UPDATE** Connie Gillette reported that Lowell will receive a State Aid foundation allowance of \$6875 per student which is the first time it has been raised in four years. The Board will review the amended budget at the November Board Workshop and will then bring the budget to the December Board meeting for a formal amendment.  
**CURRICULUM REPORT** Mark Kasmer recognized Mike Fillman for his efforts in bringing staff from Grand

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Valley Regional Math and Science Center to conduct a teacher workshop on Inquiry Based science. Mark also thanked Mary Blanchard for providing a workshop on Inspiration Software which assists teachers and students in sharing and understanding curriculum content through graphic organizers. Justin Miller and Lisa Enslin were thanked for their work with the Reproductive Health Committee and for presenting information to the Board, and Mark thanked Kris Gallagher and Brenda Rawson for serving as co-chairs on the Reproductive Health Committee. Marlene Heemstra was thanked for her assistance in bringing trainer Mark Dressel in for a writing workshop with the teachers. Workshop participants (teachers) were also recognized for their attendance and desire to improve the school system.

**DISCUSSION BOARD POLICY** - The Board discussed a proposed Board policy #4750 entitled "Naming of Facilities" on its first reading. The policy will be brought to the November Board Workshop for further discussion and then will be placed on the December Board meeting agenda or adoption.  
**PUBLIC COMMENTS GM Ross** - an ignored request for a graduated cylinder.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Pat Murphy asked for a moment of silence in honor of Shari Miller. He also expressed his appreciation in serving as Interim Superintendent.  
**CLOSED SESSION** The Board went into closed session to discuss negotiations.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
Monday, November 14, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.  
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room  
**Board Workshop**  
Monday, November 28, 2005 - 5:30 p.m.  
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room  
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# LHS crew team seeks to make new home at Rec Park

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell High School crew team received the blessing of Lowell City Council to move its operation to Rec Park, but was told it still needed to follow procedure.

Representatives from the Lowell High School crew team came to the Monday night council meeting to request to store equipment and have access to the river from the park.

Mark Fryling said he started the program at the high school with Missy Harrison in 2001. For a time, the group had space at the Forest Hills boat house and for the past several months have been storing and using an area in the Lowell Township's Grand River Riverfront Park.

Due to some issues, the crew team had to look for a new home, Fryling said. After some discussions, it was decided that Rec Park, also home of the Kent

County Youth Fair, would be an ideal spot. "We try to find a location that is far enough away so we don't drown when the water goes up, but not so far that the girls can't complain that they can't carry the boats," said Fryling.

The group found a spot not too far from the boat ramp at the park and was seeking permission to erect a 50- by 70-foot chain link fence that was purchased by the team through fundraising efforts. That fence was at Grand River Riverfront Park, but has since been removed.

Fryling said the fence protects the crew's equipment, which includes 2 eight-person boats that are about 60 feet long, 1 four-person boat, and a 14-foot launch. These items are currently being stored on a 35-foot trailer. The group also has oars and outboard motors.

The area would be sufficient to store everything, and give additional room for

the program to grow, he said.

The council saw no reason why the crew team could not operate from the Rec Park site, but felt that procedure had to be

followed and that it should go before the city's Parks and Recreation Commission which meets Dec. 10.

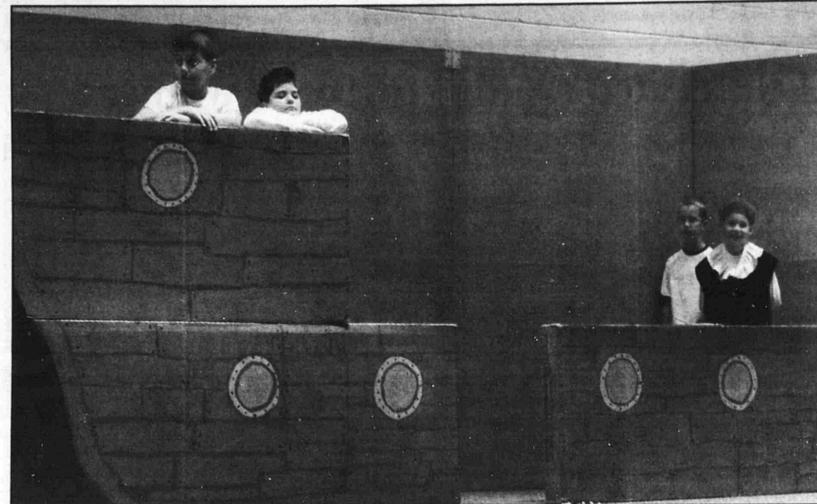
Fryling said there wasn't an immediate need for it to be approved and that

the group could wait until the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

The crew's season usually starts at the end of March after the ice melts

and runs 'til about the end of May. Fryling said he hopes the program will grow to include summer classes for adults interested in rowing.

## Columbus at Murray Lake - acting out history



Fifth grade Murray Lake students-turned performers enacted Columbus's 1492 voyage to the Americas. Pictured here Columbus (Kannon Dean) and his assistant (Jesse Anes) try to inspire their discouraged crew members (Grant Noskey and Gabe Webby) who have not seen land in several weeks.

## Lowell grad returns to Hope team

Becky Bosserd, a junior at Hope College, is a returning letterwinner for the Flying Dutch women's basketball team.

Bosserd, a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School, is the daughter of Jim and Jane Bosserd of Sparta.

The season began Saturday at the new Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse in Holland.

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*The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity.*

- Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

# Arrows break down Rams; big win in regional semifinal

By Dan Schneider

A 16-3 deficit looks like a big hole after only one quarter of play in a basketball game.

But the Lowell girls team made it abundantly clear to Rockford that Friday's district final at Forest Hills Northern was four quarters long. The Red Arrows' second quarter quickly made the first eight minutes of the game look like ancient history. Lowell went on a 21-0 run in a flurry of steals and loose-ball recoveries to open quarter number two. It vaulted them out of the hole, putting the Arrows in control of the game.

Lowell was up 30-22 at the end of the first half, which was capped by a three-point field goal by Chelsea Harrison.

At the end of the game, the score was 62-53, Lowell. Rockford kept the scoring close in the second half, but was unable to close the gap.

The most impressive thing was Lowell's confidence as they took the court for the second quarter. The Arrows had the momentum in that quarter long before they had the lead. Even down by 13 points, they played with a risky defensive scheme that led to the loose-ball grabs.

"I thought that was a good comeback," said Lowell coach Dee Crowley. "My girls showed a lot of heart and a lot of determination. They really wanted this one bad."

Senior Brook VanEck agreed. "It's just sweet because we were down 16-3," she said. "We just knew we had to come back. We just knew we had to keep it up."

It was a young team on the floor during the comeback. VanEck was on the bench in foul trouble and four juniors and a sophomore were on the floor.

Throughout the second half, Lowell and Rockford matched speed for speed.

"Both teams played very much alike—a lot of pressure, like to shoot the three, uptempo," Rockford coach Steve Majerle said. "They're a good team. There's no embarrassment in losing to the number (five) team in the state." Lowell's second consecutive district championship.

Brittany Lyman led the Lowell offense with 20 points. Brittany Bueche scored 13 and Kelsey Crowley and VanEck each scored nine. Lyman pulled down six of Lowell's 20 rebounds. Lowell had nine steals, three of which Crowley accounted for.

The Red Arrows were seven for 15 from behind

the three-point arc, but shot only 13 for 27 from the free throw line.

To get to the district final, Lowell had to beat Forest Hills Central, the

only team to give the Arrows a loss this season. Lowell didn't have any trouble with the Rangers this time around, handling them 62-44. It was a simple

recipe to get the better result. "Better execution, better energy, finished shots, more intensity," Crowley said.

Lyman led the Arrows with 18 points in that win.

VanEck had 16 and Bueche scored 10.

In Monday's regional semifinal at Caledonia, Lowell defeated Muskegon

Reeths Puffer 63-34. The Arrows play Grandville at 6 p.m. this Wednesday at Caledonia.



The 2005 Lowell girls basketball team with the district championship trophy.

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12/3 Traverse City Inv. - Time TBA  
12/10 at 9 a.m. Reeths Puffer Invitational  
12/22 at 9 a.m. Byron Center Tournament  
12/28 WMVOA Tournament at E. Kentwood - Time TBA

1/5 at Greenville  
1/7 at 9 a.m. Ferris State Tournament  
1/9 at 5 p.m. Wyoming Park Quad  
1/12 at Reeths Puffer  
1/14 at 9 a.m. Zeeland East Invitational  
1/19 Forest Hills Northern\*  
1/26 at Forest Hills Central  
1/28 at 8:30 a.m. West Ottawa Invitational  
1/30 at 6 p.m. Ionia/Thornapple Kellogg  
2/2 Northview\*  
2/9 Kenowa Hills  
2/15 East Grand Rapids\*  
2/21 at 5:30 p.m. Coopersville/Grandville/Belding\*  
2/25 Conference at Greenville - Time TBA

### VARSITY WRESTLING

\* Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym  
Games begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated

12/8 Kenowa Hills\*  
12/10 at 4 p.m. Montrose at MSU (Jenison)  
12/14 at 5:30 Hesperia/Hart/Fremont  
12/15 at East Grand Rapids  
12/17 at 9 a.m. Coldwater Invitational  
12/28 at 9 a.m. Reeths Puffer Tournament  
1/5 Greenville\*  
1/7 at 9 a.m. Clinton Invitational  
1/7 at 10 a.m. New Lothrop Tournament  
1/12 Sparta\*  
1/14 at 9 a.m. Lowell Invitational\*  
1/19 at Forest Hills Northern  
1/21 at 12 p.m. Lakeshore Tournament  
1/26 Forest Hills Central\*  
2/2 at Northview  
2/4 at 9:30 a.m. Goodrich Tournament  
2/8 at 6 p.m. Crossover\*  
2/11 Conference at Northview - Time TBA



## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS VARSITY WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

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### BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

\* Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym  
Games begin at 7:30 p.m. unless indicated

12/6 Lakewood\*  
12/9 at Cedar Springs  
12/13 at Kenowa Hills  
12/16 at EGR  
12/20 Creston\*  
1/6 at Forest Hills Northern  
1/10 at Godwin Heights  
1/13 Forest Hills Central\*  
1/20 at Northview  
1/23 at 6:15 p.m. Greenville at VanAndel Arena  
1/27 Kenowa Hills\*  
1/31 East Grand Rapids\*  
2/3 Greenville\*  
2/7 Thornapple Kellogg\*  
2/10 at Caledonia  
2/14 at Forest Hills Eastern  
2/17 Forest Hills Northern\*  
2/24 at Forest Hills Central  
2/28 Northview\*  
3/3 Crossover (OK GREEN)\*

### VARSITY GYMNASTICS

\* Indicates a home game at LHS Auxiliary Gym  
Games begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated

1/4 at Forest Hills Central  
1/7 at 10 a.m. Rockford Invitational  
1/11 East Grand Rapids\*  
1/14 at 10 a.m. Holland Invitational  
1/16 Rockford\*  
1/21 at 10 a.m. Mona Shores Invitational  
1/25 at Holland  
1/28 at 10 a.m. Kenowa Hills Invitational  
1/30 at Kenowa Hills  
2/4 at 10 a.m. St. Johns Invitational  
2/8 Mona Shores\*  
2/15 at East Kentwood  
2/25 Conference at Mona Shores - Time TBA

### VARSITY ICE HOCKEY

\* Indicates a home game at Standard Federal Ice Center

12/2 at 7 p.m. Kenowa Hills\*  
12/3 at 3 p.m. Dewitt High School\*  
12/9 at 6 p.m. Kalamazoo Blades  
12/10 at 9 p.m. G.R. Christian  
12/16 at 8 p.m. Hudsonville  
12/17 at 7 p.m. Grand Ledge  
12/26 at 5 p.m. Wayland Tournament  
12/27 Wayland Tournament - Time TBA  
1/6 at 7 p.m. Northview\*  
1/7 at 3 p.m. Essexville-Garber\*  
1/13 Kalamazoo Eagles - Time TBA  
1/14 at 9 p.m. Forest Hills Northern  
1/19 at 7 p.m. Kenowa Hills  
1/21 at 3 p.m. South Christian\*  
1/28 at 3 p.m. Wayland\*  
2/8 at 8 p.m. West Ottawa  
2/10 at 7 p.m. Holt\*  
2/11 at 3 p.m. Hudsonville\*  
2/17 at 9 p.m. South Christian  
2/18 at 9 p.m. West Ottawa\*  
2/25 at 3 p.m. Grand Haven\*

### VARSITY BOWLING

\* Indicates a home game at Lowell Lanes  
Games begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated

12/3 at 1 p.m. Conference Tournament at Northview  
12/5 at Forest Hills Northern  
12/7 Kenowa Hills\*  
12/12 East Grand Rapids\*  
12/14 at Forest Hills Central  
12/17 Lowell Invitational\* - Time TBA  
1/9 Rockford\*  
1/11 Northview\*  
1/16 at Reeths Puffer  
1/18 Forest Hills Northern\*  
1/23 at Kenowa Hills  
1/25 at East Grand Rapids  
1/30 Forest Hills Central\*  
2/6 at Rockford  
2/8 at Northview  
2/13 Reeths Puffer\*  
2/18 Conference Tournament at FHC - Time TBA

# Falsely reporting an Amber Alert will bring penalties

Sen. Mike Goschka (R-Brant) lauded the Governor's signing of legislation that makes it a felony to falsely report an Amber Alert. Public Act 205 of 2005, which was introduced by Goschka earlier this year as Senate Bill 74, was previously approved unanimously by both the Senate and the House, with an effective date for the legislation of Feb. 1, 2006. PA 205 establishes felony penalties for individuals who file a false Amber Alert, making the offense punishable by up to four years imprisonment and fines as high as \$2,000.

"Falsely reporting an Amber Alert has become a serious problem across the country," Goschka said, "and it is important that

we have now sent a strong message that such a terrible act will be met with severe consequences if committed in Michigan. Each hour that passes after a child is abducted makes the chances of a safe recovery more difficult, and the intent of this legislation is to assure that all possible resources are available in the event that they are needed."

There have been several cases where false Amber Alert reports have occurred, including a case in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where a woman told police her child had been abducted when her car was stolen from a grocery store parking lot. She later recanted the story, telling police that she wanted a higher priority placed on finding her stolen vehicle.

Another case in Edmond, Oklahoma, involved a girl who was out with her boyfriend and convinced her brother to file a false report so that her parents would not know the truth as to why their daughter was not at home.

"The recent abductions of a 12-year-old Lansing girl and a 9-year-old Florida girl once again show the very real need for an Amber Alert system that is not tainted by false reports. We owe it to children and their parents to make sure that in a genuine emergency situation, all media and law enforcement resources are available to help find missing children," Goschka said. "I want to commend the Governor for signing Senate Bill 74 into law, and I hope that this

legislation will serve as a deterrent to anyone who may have thoughts of filing a false Amber Alert.

The Amber Alert system is all about focusing in on apprehending child abductors and bringing children back to safety, and that is exactly where it must remain."

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*Did I miss it or was there nothing in the paper about the elections beforehand? I think voter turn-out would be better if the Ledger would publicize things before the election!*

*Shame on the person who hit our dog on Main Street Thursday night and did NOT STOP!! Not one car stopped to help. Thank you, Melody, for your*

*Ryan & Amara - congratulations on your award. You have the biggest hearts and are such great role models, and an inspiration for all. Best of luck to your new family!!*

*While in the store someone helped themselves to my cart of groceries taking all my empty pop bottles to be returned. Shame on you.*

*Roger, next time "bump" Vern Ehlers. I'd rather read articles from "honest" people!*

*It was nice to see so many shoppers in town for the "Christmas Through Lowell". Looking forward to the parade and pancake breakfast at the King building on the 3rd!*

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The specific amendments are as follows:

- Amend the following definitions in Article II; lot, lot lines, rear lot line, front lot line, lot width, and road frontage and delete net buildable area;
- Add the following definitions to Article II: lot of record, lot coverage, lot depth, lot corner, lot interior, lot area, through lot, cul-de-sac, right of way, easement and street;
- Delete Section 4.2.5A, New Lots to be Buildable;
- Add Section 4.2.10, provisions for the creation and regulation of lots on a cul-de-sac;
- Add Section 4.2.11, Minimum Lot Frontage
- Add Section 4.2.12, Maximum Right of Way for Private Streets;
- Amend Section 4.1.2, being the Table of General Bulk Regulations to change the columns for Minimum Net Building Area to Minimum Lot Area;
- Amend Section 4.1.2 being the Notes for the Table of General Bulk Regulations to delete Note 1 and amend Note 2 to add a reference to cul-de-sac lots and to re-number the Notes accordingly.

The hearing will be held as follows:

**WHEN: MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2005**  
**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

**WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL**  
**2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE**  
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The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of David Kipton Mack thank everyone who helped us celebrate his life and passing. Thank you to the Rev. Dean Bailey of Alto Methodist Church. Thank you to Joy Shattuck and family for the lovely luncheon at the Monterey Center. A special thanks from the Mack and Ramberger families, to Kip's many friends and loved ones who helped to bury him. Your thoughts, prayers, cards and calls will be appreciated always.

**HELP WANTED - OPTICIAN**, motivated, personable person for active local office. Salary & benefits commensurate with experience & certification. Send resume to Optician, P.O. Box 247, Lowell, MI 49331.

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**CUSTOMER SERVICE** - Staffing service is seeking an energetic individual for an opening in their Lowell office. Duties include interviewing applicants, job placement, extensive customer contact & record maintenance. Candidates must have strong data entry skills & be proficient using MS Office applications. Successful candidates will enjoy working at a fast pace & be accustomed to adapting with the changing priorities within an office environment. Interested candidates are encouraged to fax their resume to the attention of Mark at 616-897-4801.

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