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# Fundraiser will benefit Lowell schools' orchestra program



The beginning orchestra class at Lowell Middle School practices a Christmas carol.

Lowell Schools Orchestra Program will be held Friday night, Dec. 9, in the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

Music will be provided by the Lowell Music Ensemble, the headlining performers, who will play seasonal music and Archangelo Corelli's "Christmas Concerto Grosso No. 8." Wendy Tenney, Lowell schools' orchestra instructor, will perform a Rossini duet with her husband, Aaron, who teaches orchestra at Union High School in Grand Rapids. The Red Arrow Orchestra will be featured during the concert and the Lowell Fiddle Club will play before the concert which begins at 7:30 p.m.

A silent auction of decorated violins starts the happening at 6:45. The whole event is called "Art of the Violin 2005," so it is appropriate that a collection of small violins, decorated by local artists, will be sold by silent auction as part of the fundraiser. Violins can be seen around town in store display windows.

Among them is a violin that has been painted into a landscape; another features Victorian dancers. Both are on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson Street.

In addition to the music and violin auction, there will be refreshments available. Tickets to the event are \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and free for children under

All proceeds benefit the fledgling orchestra program in Lowell Area Schools. The program is already enjoying popularity, especially at the middle school level. A beginning orchestra class has 29 sixth-graders in it and a small group of students currently studying string music at the high school. This will grow into a full school orchestra as the middle school students graduate to high school.

"It's been a really neat thing for all the students involved," Tenney said. "A lot of these students have found their place in the school by being in the orchestra."

> Orchestra fundraiser, cont'd., pg. 8

# Lowell police tracking trespassing deer hunter

By Dan Schneider

ne successful hunter from this year's opening day of gun deer season may not turn out to be so lucky.

Lowell police are looking for a man who killed a deer within city limits on the land between Stoney Lakeside Park and the Grand River. A nearby resident found a tree stand and a

pile of deer entrails there on Nov. 15, and brought the tree stand to police. Clearly this contravened several city ordinances.

"One, they're discharging a firearm in the city, and it's illegal to hunt in the city," Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said. "But we're more concerned because that's a public area."

There is the possibility that the hunter killed the deer with a bow, and not with a firearm. The police did not receive calls from anyone who heard shots fired in the area. But given the timing of the incident, on the first day of gun season, police feel a gun is likely to have been used.

Even if a firearm was not discharged, the hunter

could face a 90-day prison sentence if convicted of hunting within the city limits, a misdemeanor offense. Discharging a firearm within the city limits is also a 90day misdemeanor. Currently, there are no suspects in the case.

"There were no identifiers on the tree stand," Valentine said.

The tree stand and gut

pile are apparently all the hunter left behind.

"We didn't get calls that somebody saw someone dragging a deer carcass and loading it on a truck," Valentine said. "They may

have been trying to (keep themselves) secret ... except for leaving the tree stand."

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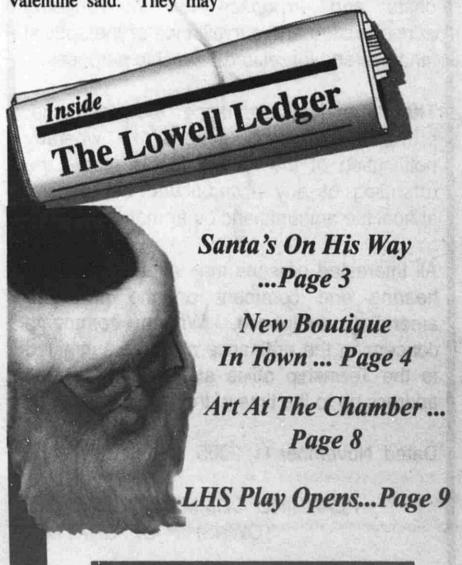
# City opens chambers for Rotary meetings

The Rotary Club of Lowell has struck a deal with the city to have its weekly meetings in the city council chambers.

The council approved a one-year lease agreement with the Rotary Club to use the council chambers from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Wednesdays for the group's regular meeting. The fee for the usage will be \$75, which city clerk Betty Morlock said covers the cost of having a city employee come in and set up tables.

Morlock said the cost for set up is about \$50 in labor. When asked if Rotary members could do that instead, Morlock said at this time, no. "A lot of people are happy to see the building being used," Morlock said, adding that it gives the city a chance to show off the space. Jim White, representing the Rotary, said the location is an ideal one for the group, providing a central spot for both merchants and residents to come to.

The Rotary will have access to the chambers, adjacent kitchenette, and conference room. The rental fee, \$3,900 a year, will be placed in the city's general fund.





#### BALCOM

C. Oren Balcom, aged 80, McCaul; sisters Nettie of Lowell, passed away Kaczynski, Irene Malin, Thursday, November 24, Margie (Ron) McCaul; 2005 at Metron of Belding. sisters-in-law Pearl (Julius) He was preceded in death by Bienick, Fredi Bailey; many his brothers Frank, Charles, nieces, nephews, cousins Harley, Mort; sisters Anna and friends. Mr. Balcom May Kindig, Viola Gould; was an Army veteran of and Gregory Klahn. He the American Legion Post is survived by his wife of #0152. He retired from 59 years, Anna (Doris) Doehler-Jarvis. He was an Balcom; son Steven Balcom avid hunter and fisherman. daughter (Franklin) Holwerda of Clarksville; Funeral Home, Lowell, grandchildren Ortowski of Clarksville, Elmdale Nazarene Church Angie (Larry) Putchaven officiating. of Indiana, Stacy (Robert) Oakwood Thomas of Lowell; six Memorial contributions may great-grandchildren; three be made to the Alzheimer's step-great-grandchildren; Association for Research brothers Robert (Pauline) or another charity of your McCaul, Gerald (Faye) choice.

Fredrick WWII and a member of Funeral services were held Monday at Roth-Gerst Bryan Rev. Gregory Freed

# TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, **MICHIGAN**

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

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

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

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

Dated: November 11, 2005

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

#### BIBBLER

Robert B. Bibbler, aged 58, passed away November 23, 2005, after he fought a courageous battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents Otis



and Bernice Bibbler: sisters Mary Ford, Cecelia Best: brother Stephen Bibbler; stepson Larry Stevens. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Sylvia "Sis"; stepchildren Jeffrey Stevens, stepdaughter-in-law Sharon Stevens: brothers Richard

Bibbler, Edward (Becky) Bibbler, Bernard Bibbler, Roger Bibbler; sisters Betty Malik, Charlene Stanard, Alice (Lewis) Wilson, Margaret (Don) Probst, 13 grandchildren; one greatgranddaughter; many nieces who loved to cook. He loved his family and friends a Vietnam veteran, receiving the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Combat Infantry was held Nov. 26 at the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Ada Bible Church, Rev. Jeffrey Manion officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery.

BYRNE Marie A. Byrne, aged 81, of Lowell, passed away Friday, November 25, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband Martin; son Roger Byrne; granddaughter Jessie Byrne. She is survived by her children Linda (Lawrence) Wierda, Bruce (Bonnie) (Peggy) Byrne all of Lowell;

grandchildren Christopher (Karla) Byrne of Rockford, great-granddaughter Kaylee Byrne; great-grandson Colton Byrne; brother Barbara (Earl) Thompson; Jeffrey (Liz) Teupel of CA; sisters Muriel Duff, Elaine Teupel of CA; brother-inand nephews. Bob was an law Arthur (Evelyn) Byrne of Belding; nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian of Lowell. Burial was offered Monday with great passion. He was at St. Patrick Church, Parnell, Rev. Rock Badgerow, presiding. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery, Memorial Badge along with Parachute contributions may be made Wings. The funeral service to St. Patrick Church or the

#### KREBS

Clare J. Krebs, aged 86, of Lowell, passed away November 27, 2005. He was born February 18, 1919. He was preceded in death by his wife Marian Dent, Alissa Butts; brother Krebs. He is survived by his Dan (Maggie) Blain; special son Ronald Krebs of Grand Rapids, daughter Shirley (David) Vander Molen of Elizabethtown, Ky.; grandchildren Theresa and Jon Vander Molen; brothers of Christian Burial was of Ada, David (Susan) Krebs of Grand Rapids; sister Irma presiding. Interment St. many nieces and nephews. contributions may be made held Thursday, December 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand

Lowell, 621 E. Main, Dr. Fred Byrne of Lowell; Michael Conklin officiating. Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Roth-Gerst may be made to the First United Methodist Church

#### SITZER Marilyn Louise Sitzer, aged

68, of Ada, died Thursday,

November 24, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald Sitzer Sr. She is survived by her children Roxie (Randy) Fairchild, Ronald Sitzer Jr., Suzanne Dent, Kathleen (Doug) Butts; grandchildren Weston, Nikki and Keri Fairchild, Kyle (Amanda) Sitzer, Ariel Tilma, Austin friends Bonnie, Joan, Lynda and Sue. She was truly devoted to her family and friends and always lived George (Mary) Krebs of offered Tuesday at St. Alto, Harold (Gladys) Krebs Patrick Church, Parnell, Rev. Rock Badgerow, Porter of Grand Rapids; Patrick Cemetery, Memorial Funeral services will be to Hospice of Michigan, 1 at 11 a.m. at First United Rapids, MI 49503.

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

Dated: November 11, 2005

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE **TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN** 

# **TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN**

**PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW** 

The Grattan Township Board of Review will meet to correct the various Assessment Rolls for 2005 at the Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI on:

> **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005** 9:00-10:00 AM

> > Frank Force, Supervisor James Marfia, Assessor

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#### Santa Claus parade brings Christmas to town this Saturday By Dan Schneider

Organizers of Sat-

urday's annual Santa Claus parade and associated activities are hoping the cold weather forecasted for 8:30 a.m. for the pancake this weekend pans out.

For one thing, it will be easier for North Poleacclimated in time for the visit from 8:30 - 9:45.

parade. For another, cold temperatures make for solid a seat on his float. The parade ice sculpting.

appearance in Lowell at Main Street. Breakfast is served from 8 along Riverwalk Plaza.

"BRAVO" for Lowell grad

Then Santa is off to take

meantime, and scrape chunks of ice

graduate of Lowell High

Fashion Institute of Tech-

City, Vosovic has attended

nology (F.I.T.) in New York York City.

cultivate his talents as a de- ographer.

warded when he was se- p.m.

**Book signing this** 

lected as one of two students

from F.I.T. to participate in

fashion seminars in Flor- passion is designing, he was

ence, Milan and Paris and also a competitive national

worked at Gorland/Ittiere in gymnast for 12 years and

London in order to broaden achieved professional status

his fashion technique and as a dance instructor/chore-

Saturday with local author

Laurie Kuna will be at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149

of her new book "That Old Black Magic,"

a sequel to "Some Practical

Magic." Her book

Bells

signing will be in

conjunction

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S. Hudson, on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 7-9 p.m. for the release

His efforts were re- on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 10

in December.

signer.

complex designs.

Santa will be available breakfast at the King ice sculptors will begin for photos and autographs Memorial Youth Center. working on their pieces on the Lowell Showboat in the stern of the boat, on the resident Claus to get - 11:30 a.m. and Santa will The sculptors cut, grind lower level. Other rooms

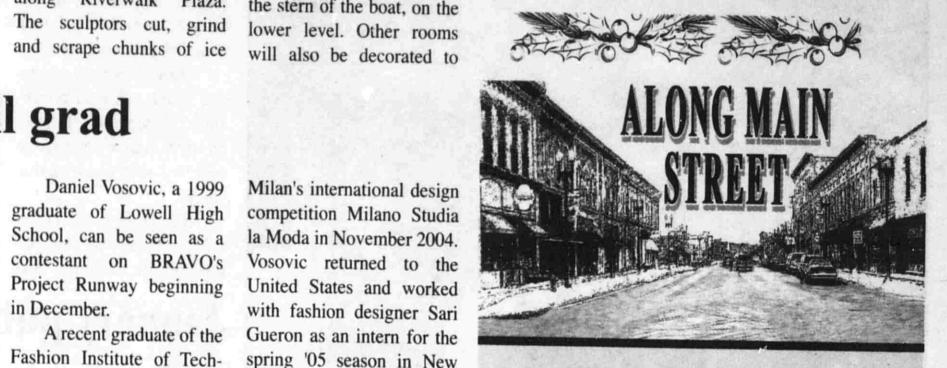
Though his principal

Project Runway will air

into ornate, sun-catching enhance the Christmas starts at 10 a.m. sharp at the the more pieces they can aboard the showboat from can also bring their letters to Santa. A mailbox for Santa letters is already in place in

front of the showboat.

sculptures. The colder it is, experience. Santa will be Workshop" will take place in the Lowell Area Chamber Santa makes his first fairgrounds, heading east on fuse together to make more 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Children of Commerce building from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., as well. Kids will be able to cut and glue together Christmassy



#### VINTAGE CLOTHING NEEDED

Men's fedora hats and full length men's winter dress coats (sizes s & m/1940s) are needed for the LHS play this weekend. Call George Hommowun at 987-2956 if you can donate.

#### 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.

#### ROGUE RIVER ARTISANS

The 23rd annual fine art and craft holiday sale will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Lowell High School. More than 100 juried artists and craftsmen. Lunch available. \$1 admission: benefits Red Arrow special activities.

#### BLUEGRASS FUNDRAISER

West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association fundraiser will be held at Riverview, 14043 E. Fulton on Saturday, Dec. 3. Jamming 6 & 10:30 p.m.; bands 7:30 p.m. Cover charge \$5 includes music and sandwich

#### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Fifth grade camp fundraiser at Murray Lake Elementary Saturday, Dec. 3, 5-8 p.m. Adult prices for the spaghetti dinner are \$6; ages 6-12: \$4; 5 and

#### 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.

#### **CALL FOR AUDITIONS**

The Thebes Players are seeking actors for "The Foreigner" to be performed Feb. 3, 4, 10-12 at Lowell Performing Arts Center. Auditions: Dec. 5 and 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. To borrow a script, call or visit the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson at 897-8545.

#### ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING

Regular business meeting on Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

#### 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

#### BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Dept is sponsoring a blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Center on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315, S. Hudson.

# Airport is still working toward general utility status

**Daniel Vosovic** 

Jim Sowle, airport manager for the Lowell further along in the process of obtaining general utility status than it is-perhaps

As it stands, the second appraisals, by an outside source, are being done and negotiations for the air rights should take place in January. That process should take about two to three months Sowle said, adding that that means the biggest part of obtaining the general utility status will be completed.

After that, minor issues such as additional lighting, fences and an outdoor telephone will have to be addressed, he said.

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The project, estimated to cost about \$160,000, is City Airport, admits that he on a 90/10 split with the thought the airport would be state. This means that the airport only needs to come up with \$16,000 for the status upgrade. Sowle said even having achieved by at last report, the airport has overpaid its portion and should be getting money

> Still the process is running smoothly and Sowle hopes to have more to report by next summer.

That Old Holly Gallery of Fine Arts and Refreshments will be served. For information

# or visit www. lowellartscouncil

# **COMMUNITY FORUM LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS**

SUPERINTENDENT **SEARCH PROCESS** 

The Lowell Board of Education requests your input regarding our next superintendent's qualities and skills. Your attendance at the following forum would be greatly appreciated.

> Tuesday, December 6, 2005 7:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.

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# New look at fashion in Lowell as Elle Boutique opens its doors offering women a unique clothing and not the variety owner Danielle Hulst said. said it's hard to find space primed for a boutique wom-

By Dan Schneider

A new store has opened in Lowell with the goal of shopping experience.

Located at 212 W. Main,

available at the mall.

Elle Boutique sells women's find anywhere else," store ence.

She also wanted to cre-"It's not what you can ate a local shopping experi-

It was the space that drew Hulst to start the busi-Street storefront vacant afclosed. She grew up in Lowell, and liked the idea of owning a store here.

"Lowell is kind of like one of the last hidden treasures," Hulst said. "I drove by and I saw this space and I've always loved this

She liked the exposed that I just love." brick and the old-time nature of the building. She

with that kind of ambience available in Grand Rapids, for instance.

Hulst is not new to small business ownership, having experience as the co-owner of a Caledonia ice cream shop. She put together the clothing boutique in the one-month span between the end of ice cream season and the clothing store's opening

"I've always been interested in women's clothes and women's fashions," Hulst said. "It's something

She thinks Lowell is

en's clothing store. "I think that Lowell is definitely ready for it, it's growing," Hulst said.

The store's regular hours are 10-7 Monday through Friday, 10-5 on Saturday and 1-5 on Sunday.

Hulst also plans to host after-hours "boutique parties," where people can host a "shopping experience catered to you and your friends." The host and her friends get to shop with the store all to themselves, and the host earns store credit on a percentage of the night's sales.

# January public hearing set for ordinance on canopies and awnings

By J. Lobdell

Contributing Writer

For Lowell Planning Commission member Mark Mundt, the question was whether the city really needed another ordinance, this one specifically to regulate canopies and

It was a question he raised as the planning commission reviewed a proposed ordinance that established guidelines for canopies and awnings in the commercial, public facilities, and the historic districts.

ordinance to keep track of and enforce," Mundt said. But chairman Clark Jahnke use without having to come before the planning commission to get approval for canopies or awnings, such as the car wash did several months ago.

ordinance in the commercial Awnings and canopies, public facilities, awnings or canopies cannot

said he could see the need be less than seven feet from for it since the ordinances the ground at its lowest would establish guidelines point and no greater than for business owners to 10 feet. The awning or canopy cannot project from the building or structure more than five feet, cannot encroach beyond the public sidewalk into the street and shall be compatible with With the proposed the building or structure.

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# Deer hunter, cont'd. ... From Page 1

have traveled to the site by located in the city.

The land is covered by wooded brush in most places. The hunter may not

question that the hunter may have known the spot was

"They might, because of the rural appearance of the setting, not even have realized that they were breaking the law," Valentine said. "It's remote and it appears to be out in the country so they may have thought they were totally

Police may have little to go on in investigating this incident, but hope to deter any future hunting in the area.

"We were made aware that it occurred, and we'll keep that in mind for opening day next year," Valentine said.



Danielle Hulst, owner of Elle Boutique, in her newly opened store.

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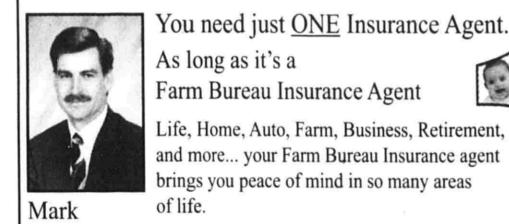
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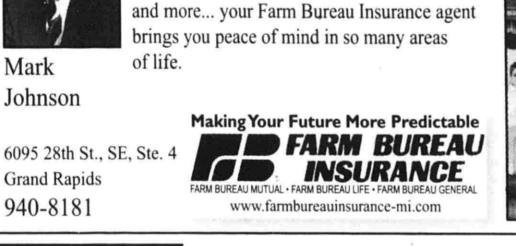


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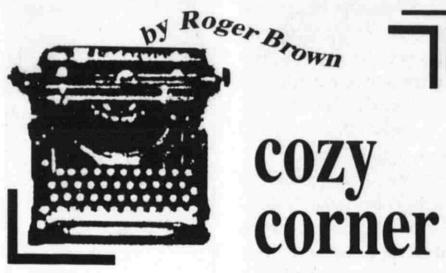
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Dogs love me. I've mentioned that in this space a few times in the past. My guess is the affection comes from the fact I can easily operate at a dog's mentality. Kids like me as well ... for the same reason. Adults are a different matter. There are adults out there who don't cotton to being treated like a dog or a kid.

yellow Lab. His name is Derby. The name comes from being downright scared of, big dogs. born on Kentucky Derby day. Clever.

seven years ago. My granddaughter was about one and my daughter was pregnant for her second child. Derby had a good home, but given the circumstances he didn't get the attention an affectionate dog like a Lab craves. They lived in Arizona at the time, and we visited as often as we could. Derby thought I came just to see him.

Derby was nuts for our long daily walks. He was nuts how I could stick out more. for our games of fetch. He was nuts for wrestling around. He was nuts for the treats I'd buy for him or the scraps from the table. He was my constant companion. If I went in the bathroom, he waited outside the door. He slept beside my bed. He followed me everywhere. If I sat down, his head was in my lap. He loved his grandpa.

live with my son. That arrangement worked okay for a year Needless to say, this became a great way to humor myself or two. The grandkids got older and wanted their dog. My son was selling his house and moving to an apartment. The planets lined up and Derby moved to China.

Chinese people. He finally got over that when he figured out there are about 1.3 billion of them and there wasn't much future in having an attitude about all of them.

Derby. Obviously they are both Chinese. The driver exercises him by throwing a ball whenever he's waiting outside. The maid absolutely babies the big boob and jabbers away at him language, but he likes the attention.

Ah, but when I show up, nobody else matters. In fact, That's me all over. it's as though all his other caregivers cease to exist. I think the maid is actually jealous.

Defense bill will protect

changing course in Iraq

our country while

With Senator Carl Levin

One of the primary responsibilities of the Senate Armed

Services Committee is to write the Defense Authorization

bill every year. This critical legislation authorizes the

programs of the Department of Defense, establishes their

Committee, my highest priority is to help write a bipartisan

defense bill that will protect our country and ensure the

bill for fiscal year 2006, and it now goes to a conference

committee with the House of Representatives, where

differences between the bills passed by the two chambers

will be resolved. This bill is always critical for our national

defense, but this year's Senate bill also recommends

amendment that stated that in order to succeed in Iraq,

"calendar year 2006 should be a period of significant

During debate on the Senate floor, I offered an

quality of life for our service members and their families.

As the senior Democrat on the Senate Armed Services

The Senate recently passed the Defense Authorization

funding levels, and helps set America's defense policy.

I'm guessing Derby goes back to those days when he was a young dog and I'd take him for those long walks in Arizona. It's the same deal in China. He waits outside the bathroom, sleeps next to my bed, follows me everywhere and has his head in my lap as soon as I sit down. It's really quite pathetic.

So, every morning in China I'd put on my walking shoes and head for the closet where the leash is kept. Derby would go crazy. Away we'd go, for a brisk one-hour walk around Chengdu

There a couple things I should mention. Chengdu is a huge city. My daughter told me the population is around eleven million. They live in the center of town and it is busy! The streets are jammed with vehicles. The wide bicycle lanes are packed with bikes and scooters. The sidewalks are bustling with people walking. Another thing I need to note is that Derby is a big dog. He probably weighs close to a No dog loves me more than my daughter's big, goofy hundred pounds. Finally, Chinese people are leery of, if not

That pretty well sets the stage. Away we go, Derby and Derby became part of their household a little over I always moved along at a pretty good clip through throngs of Chinese people. As we moved down the street, nearly everyone we met would lock his or her eyes on me. I am about a head taller than everyone, my skin is a different color, my hair is gray and I was moving faster than they were. I could walk for an hour, pass thousands of people, and often not see another Caucasian. It's hard to imagine

What I soon discovered was that people we met didn't see Derby until the last second, if at all. They would be staring so intently at me, they wouldn't see big old goofy Derby loping along at my side. When they did see him ... at the last instant of our passing and maybe just a few inches away ... they would panic and nearly jump out of their skin. When my daughter first moved to China, Derby went to Like I said, they generally seem to be very wary of big dogs.

Whether we were meeting people or overtaking them on the sidewalk, it almost always went the same way. They At first he hated China, mostly because he didn't like would stare at the big old white guy trucking along in his shorts and T-shirt. When they finally noticed Derby it was too late and they were already much closer than they wanted to be. They would quickly jump out of the way with panic In fact, my daughter's maid and their driver idolize in their eyes. I'd politely say hello in Chinese and keep on moving. Yes, I'd chuckle a little to myself.

No, this type of behavior probably doesn't do much to enhance the opinion Chinese people have of westerners. I all day in Chinese. I don't know if Derby has picked up the couldn't help myself. These walks had everything ... childish behavior ... a dog at my side ... and adult disapproval.

It stressed that our military forces should not stay in Iraq

The amendment called for an explanation of the

phased redeployment of U.S. forces from Iraq as each

condition is met, "with the understanding that unexpected

Senate then adopted a somewhat weakened version of it

Republican version dropped my original language that said

our military forces "should not stay in Iraq indefinitely" and

instead substituted that our forces should not be there "any

the reporting requirement relating to estimated dates for the

phased redeployment of our forces from Iraq as each goal

a strong bipartisan vote of 79-19. Even with the changes,

the amendment's passage was still a clear signal to the

Administration that we need to change the course in Iraq.

I supported this amendment and it was adopted on

Although my original amendment was rejected, the

indefinitely and that the Iraqis must come together politically

of United States forces from Iraq."

contingencies may arise."

so that the insurgency can be defeated.

Solomon Annis has raised 52-1/2 bushels of "Prolific" potatoes on a piece of ground 84 by 100 feet.

125 YEARS

THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

**DECEMBER 1, 1880** 

Over 125 teams (horses) were on the business streets at

The Journal editor promises better-quality paper as

Uncle Tom's Cabin is playing at Train's Hall tonight.

**NOVEMBER 30, 1905** Portland Supervisor Horner tracks down a hit-and-run driver by writing to the secretary of state with the license

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

The Standard and Pott companies in Portland have an oil war, and the going price of 12 cents a gallon is now

Mrs. T.A. Murphy keeps her photography studio open on Sundays and customers get a half-dozen photographs

Doors and windows were open to the balmy breezes Tuesday. Wednesday snow is flying "in a young

#### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **NOVEMBER 27, 1930**

Thermometer reading in Lowell last Thursday: 72, slightly better than Los Angeles. Michigan's bean crop was the smallest on record this year, because of drought; the nation's was the largest.

Aviator helmets are the preferred head gear for boys. D.W.Griffeth's "Abraham Lincoln" will show at the

Strand next week. C.H.Runciman will sponsor poultry authority Prof.

Krueck's lecture this Friday afternoon at City Hall.

#### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 1, 1955**

Administration's strategy for successful completion of the Boy Scouts worked all day Saturday on replacing posts mission in Iraq and regular reports from the Administration and fencing at the Showboat dock for safety. on conditions to be met, including estimated dates for the

The Ray Avery's open the new "Betty Kay Gift Shop" in addition to their jewelry store. Mrs. Bernie Bedell will

There is enough Salk anti-polio serum available for second shots to those having had the first inoculation a month ago; third shots come seven months after the seconds.

offered by the chairman of the Senate Armed Services U.S. Rep. Gerald R. Ford answers questions about Committee, Sen. John Warner (R-VA). The so-called Social Security in his weekly column.

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **NOVEMBER 26, 1980**

longer than required." The Republican version also deleted With all the red tape, dismantling and replacement of the Division Street bridge, closed in May 1979, won't take place until next summer.

> State aid cuts force the school board to cut the budget by \$184,000 and lay off five half-time aides. More cuts are

The Blandford Nature Center's log cabin is ready for Christmas, decorated in the pioneer tradition.

"Stay the course" is a bumper sticker slogan, not a strategy. The DNR opens a 24-hour, toll-free hot line for fish or game violations.

Lowell High School lists 27 all-A's among the Honor Levin, cont'd., pg. 14 Roll achievers.

The Senate said clearly that a new strategy in Iraq is transition to full Iraqi sovereignty, with Iraqi security forces taking the lead for the security of a free and sovereign Iraq, thereby creating the conditions for the phased redeployment

important changes to our Iraq policy.

Randy Meyers, pastor Calvary Christian Reformed Church

Sunday Nov. 27, the Grand Rapids Press ran an article by Peter Luke calling for higher standards in our schools. He Bible. claimed that the middle class has to work longer to afford all the things the middle class needs. He states "\$12 an hour translates to \$9 take-home. Hours needed to make payment on a new Chevy Silverado? About 40. To make the monthly payment on a starter home? Try 80."

more rigorous standards in the areas of math and science so students are better prepared for college. Maybe if they are more qualified, more will attend college. If more attend they can buy their new SUV and pay for the fuel that SUV cottage or large travel trailer."

more money. First, make more. He addresses that. Second, save more. Here he fails to mention the dangers of the soinsurance costs, not to mention the payments that come with no cost for the seminar. new SUV's, cottages and other toys.



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Christmas Day, 10:00 AM "Jesus at the Open Door"

on how that consumer thinking will never get you ahead. This is a reflection on faith column so I will ask the question: Why are you trying to get ahead?

Randy Alcorn's challenging little book "The Treasure Principle" makes bold statements like these: "God does not bless you to increase your standard of living but to increase your standard of giving" and "Giving is the antidote to Nead materialism." I do not suppose Alcorn would be opposed to higher educational standards in an attempt to make more money but he would oppose the corresponding American consumer mentality that contradicts the clear teaching of the

In addition to Alcorn's book which gives you the big picture, consider "Three Rules" by Theo Boers available by free download at www.threerules.org. Three Rules is a handy "workingman's" book which will challenge middle-class consumption assumptions. Beyond reading these, ask your Luke is trying to make the case that schools need local pastor to preach a stewardship sermon series. After all, Jesus spoke more about money than any other subject, so it is a fair challenge to give your pastor.

Finally, consider one of the many helpful community college, they will hopefully be able to make more money so events designed to help you in these tough economic times. The not-for-profit organization called The Barnabas consumes as well as "a couple of snowmobiles, a small lake Foundation is underwriting a financial freedom seminar this Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Christian Reformed Well, he is half right. There are only two ways to get Church. Whether you are middle-class, want to be, or would never go back, whether you "need it" or not, you will be challenged and blessed by this three-hour presentation. Call called middle-class dream, namely all the maintenance and 897-7060 to RSVP and mention this reflection and there is

Lowell schools are great and we can always improve This is not a financial column so I will not go into detail our educational standards for our children. The Lowell community is growing and mostly in the middle. Are we getting ahead and what are we going to do with our money once we finally do?

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Claire Marie Nead

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**DEC. 2:** Morgan Boss, Chelsey Treglia, Kari Bergy, Mary Alice Starkweather, Karly Batt.

**DEC. 3:** Chris Chambers, Chris Darby, Amanda Sterzick, Richard Kline. DEC. 4: Tennille Bryant,

French, Casey French. **DEC.** 5: Christopher

Vickers. DEC. 6: Katie Blough, Kristopher Vezino, Phil Seese, Christopher DeBold, Maria Blough, Marc **DEC. 7:** Jennifer Berry.

I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it.

- Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826)

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.11:00 A.M.

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# Murray Lake staff member of the month

Bob Titcombe, a third grade teacher at Murray Lake Elementary, was nominated by staff members for October staff member of the month. They commented on his patience with students and caring attitude, and mentioned the time he has donated to the Service Learning Project that students and staff have been working on. Recently, while

studies test. Titcombe and his class were discussing natural resources recycling. He asked if they could think of a renewable resource in our community. Titcombe was going for pop cans, newspapers, or maybe plastic containers but not one hand went up. He was about to start the review over when slowly Tommy raised his hand. Titcombe of teaching students from asked, "Did you think of a good renewable resource?" Tommy looked his teacher stories like these to share.

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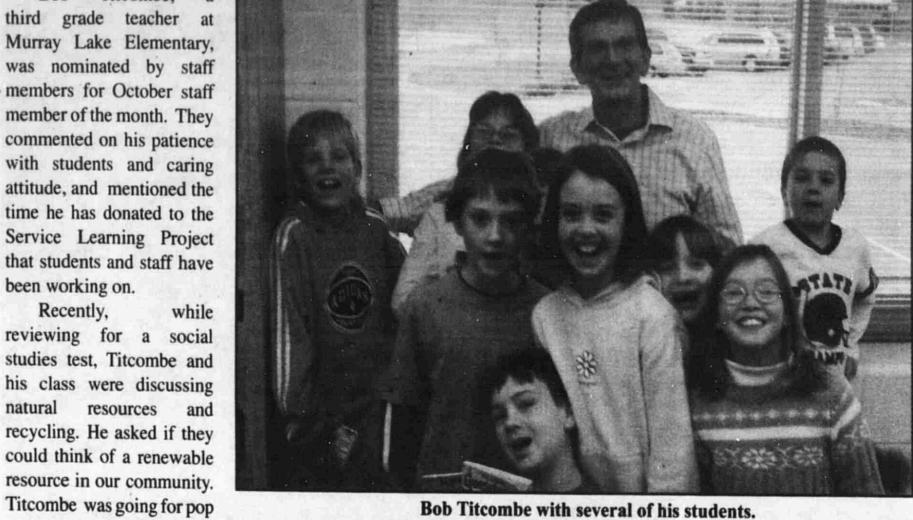
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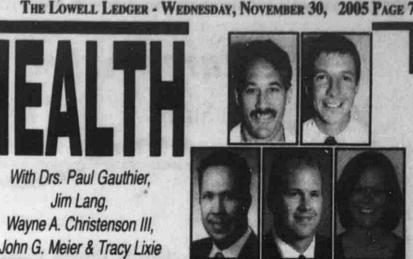
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in the eye, and announced, Other than the high school, blessed to have been guided building in the Lowell School

"I can't think of a career that could be more and feel the warmth that Titcombe has had several or more exhausting! I've been Schools every day."

"You are! First you were Titcombe has taught in every and supported by dedicated people that make me proud to say I'm a teacher. It is wonderful to see the smiles kindergarten to eighth grade, rewarding, more demanding, is shared in Lowell Area

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#### PERFORATED EARDRUM

Your eardrum (tympanic membrane) is a thin, oval layer deep in your ear canal. It helps protect the middle and inner ear from the outside world. Because it is so thin, your eardrum can be ruptured or punctured. The hole exposes the middle and inner ear to damage or infection.

There are several causes of perforated eardrums. These include infection of the middle ear (can be viral, bacterial or fungal), trauma (blunt or penetrating trauma from falls or something poked in your ear), rapid pressure changes (like with scuba diving), and other types of trauma, such as slaps to the ear, gunshot blasts, car accidents, and sports injuries.

Pain is the most common symptom of a perforated eardrum. Other symptoms include vertigo, ringing, buzzing, roaring, clicking, hearing loss and fluid or blood draining from your ear. Your doctor can diagnose eardrum rupture by looking in the ear with an otoscope. Occasionally, very small holes can be difficult to see and may require further

Perforated eardrums usually heal on their own. Some large holes or nonhealing small holes may require surgery. This is done by an ear, nose and throat specialist, usually at the hospital.



Lowell High School Presents

# The Man Who Came To Dinner

By Moss Hart & George S. Kaufman

December 1, 2, & 3 • 7:30 PM

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By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Smale's perception. Chamber of Commerce now has artworks on display by an Ada artist.

Debra Smale has been Smale said. an artist for a long time.

myself," she said.

that is what is on the walls would react to it differently of the chamber.

The pieces are made reaction to the piece. from papers, watercolor, buildings, but filtered the Ada resident.

through several layers of

impressions of things that I've seen in my travels,"

"I'm 53 and I've been an the Way to El Paso" is a includes parts of a sketch artist as long as I've known conglomeration of yellow of a factory in New Jersey circles and burgundy that has since been torn She has art degrees shapes on a bright green down. Another piece, from background. The picture "Skating in Grand Rapids," Michigan State University. started as a sketch Smale did is her depiction of an old But for the last six years, of a view out of an airplane downtown building that was she's been making mixed window. Looking at the converted into a parking media pieces on paper. And sketch several times, she garage. each time and add that are "a recording of time's

"I really superimpose pastel and ink. They are that second image on top of recording of transition." documents of places and what I already have," said

She accumulated several aerial sketches over the

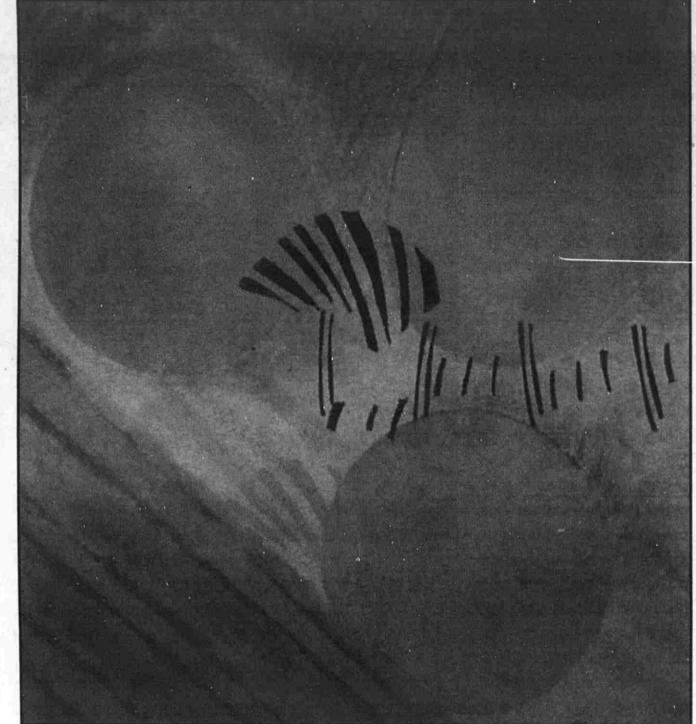
automotive industry for years and traveled extensively during that time, and during those travels I would draw aerial views from the airplane," Smale

She would also take sketches on the ground For instance, "On Another of her pieces

Such works, she said, effect on a building.

"It's also kind of a

Smale's work will be on display until Dec. 20.



"On the Way to El Paso" is one of the works Debra Smale currently has on display.

# Orchestra fundraiser, continued



These are two of the artistically decorated violins that will be sold by silent auction in a fundraiser for the orchestra program at Lowell Area Schools.

# ...From Page 1

The orchestra also allows the students to play a role in the community. They are frequently asked to perform at community events. The most recent of these occasions was at the Nov. 9 memorial celebration for Lowell Area Schools' late superintendent, Shari

"The kids really felt important and like they had something to offer," Tenney

Miller was an important advocate of the district's string program throughout its development.

Funds raised through the "Art of the Violin 2005" will be used to purchase instruments, sheet music and equipment for classrooms. The Lowell Education Foundation will match the funds raised by the violin auction up to \$1,000.







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Some of the cast members in a scene from Lowell High School's current production.

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By Dan Schneider

start Thursday, all have big-city actress, is invited to something in common. All the Ohio town by Whiteside. feature a performance of She makes the secretary's "The Man Who Came to relationship with the reporter Dinner" by the Lowell High into a live triangle, much to School drama department in the dismay of the secretary. the Lowell Performing Arts But things get patched up

snob man of letters who eats named Banjo (Ryder Jones) dinner at a wealthy small- shows up and Sheldon gets town family's house in shipped off in a mummy Ohio. Sheridan Whiteside s the name of the visitor and he is played quite that early in the play, a The family is named the Huffman) shows up with and Autumn Nethercot play cockroaches. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley.

ice outside the Stanleys' of the Lowell High School Whiteside, falls in love with bringing it out. a local newspaper reporter, Cutler is the secretary; she is theater crew.

to break them up, fearful small Ohio town.

doctor (played by Regan

Doyle) discovers the original X-rays were wrong, the leg The first three days was not broken. Lorraine which Sheldon (Haley Briggs), a between the secretary and The play is about a rich the reporter after somebody

It is worth mentioning effectively by Gary Kilgore professor by the name of in the LHS production. Professor Metz (David Stanleys. Garrison Fredline wild hair and a box full of

Based on Monday's Whiteside eats dinner dress rehearsal, the play and then slips on some does quite well in the hands house, apparently breaks performers, stage crew his leg, threatens to sue and techs. The actors bring them, and ends up living in plenty of energy to their their living room for a few lines and the play keeps its weeks. His secretary, one momentum. There is plenty of the few characters in the of humor in the script, play willing to back-sass and they do a good job of

All in all, it looks like Bert Jefferson. He is played it should be another solid by Chad Drenth. Maggie production from the LHS

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Whiteside endeavors for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances. of losing his secretary to a Admission is \$5 for students and seniors, and \$7 for the He uses his literary general public if tickets connections to prolong his are purchased in advance. stay in Ohio after the local Admission is \$8 at the door.

Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sun-dial in the shade?

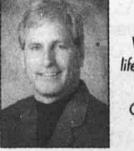
- Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)

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SUN.: Tri-town Conserva- 292-6039 for more info. tion Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12- TUES.: Weight Watchers 5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome. Church, corner of Kirby &

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

mous, 7 p.m. at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weighins. Brenda 897-9141.

drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek El- 897-7060 or 897-7555. ementary. Call Dave

MON.: Boy Scout Troop Room of Grattan Township 102, 11 & up or completing Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 Public invited. p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

MON.: Lowell Board of 897-2760 or 897-9160. Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 1ST TUES .: Adults with 300 High Street.

1ST MON.: Regular com- at 897-6325 or 248-2423. munication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Ma- 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell Main, Belding. Dinner at S. Hudson St. 6:30 p.m. All Masons may

S.E. at 7 p.m.

ship Historical Society 231-780-1249 info. meets 7:30 at historic museum,84th/Alden Nash. 2ND & 3RD TUES .: Qua- THURS .: Weight Watch-

fice or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m. matters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at

3RD MON.: Peripheral Hudson. Call 897-8304. Neuropathy support group. Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD MON.: Lowell Show- Wellness Center, Bridge boat Garden Club meetings St., Saranac. All are wel- THURS .: St. Mary's Preg-Nazarene at 7 p.m. dinner is provided.

3100 Alden Nash S.E. at Mary School at 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

bile Home Park Community Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda Rapids.

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3188 meets at 1st United Methodist Church (as long p.m. 1st-5th grade boys. Contact Gary Liu at (616)

at Alto United Methodist Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. Register 1 1/2 hrs. before meeting, 800-651-6000.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at

TUES .: Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45 - Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 -11:15 a.m./women only at 9:30 p.m.Rd. Robin open MON.: Women's over 30 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian play, all levels, walk- ins Reformed Church, Call

(YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3. 1ST TUES .: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien

> 1ST TUES .: Diabetic Sup-Schneider Manor Commu- Belding Masonic Temple, nity Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle

sonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look 2ND WED.: Support group pregnant teens and teen p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Memorial Fire Station, 315 for Peripheral Neuropathy,

of the American Sewing 1ST MON .: V.F.W. Post Guild, Plainfield Senior 3RD WED .: GR area #8303, 3116 Alden Nash Center, 5255 Grand River Scrabble Club at Schuler's Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refresh- Bookstore, Alpine NW, ments/ 7 p.m. program 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.Rd. Robin 2ND MON .: Bowne Town- Olga 616-975-9977/June open play, all levels, walkins. Jan 897-5759.

Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, ers at Lowell Nazarene 3RD MON .: Fallasburg His- 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 Church, 201 N. Washingtorical Society board p.m. 3D archery range ton St. 5:30 p.m. Register meetings at chamber of open to public daily except 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000. Tues. evenings.

> 2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS THURS.: Saranac Area - Mothers of Preschoolers Musicians and Singers ... because mothering Impact Church, 1070 N. 7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy

7 p.m. at Schneider Manor 2ND & 4TH TUES .: THURS .: Pottery classes 10 a.m. meeting. LARC Community Rm., 725 Saranac Needlers, at Franciscan Life Process needleart/quilting bee, 5- Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m., 4 Health 897-7842.

are held in the Fellowship come. Contact Bev or nancy Crisis Center, 402 Hall at the Church of the Melissa, 642-6466. Light Amity St., non-denomina-4TH MON .: Clark-Ellis 2ND & 4TH TUES .: Knights a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: American Legion Post 152, of Columbus #7719 at St. 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

1ST THURS .: Michigan 3RD TUES.: Parents of Hepatitis C Foundation TUES .: Take Off Pounds children w/AD/HD at St. support meetings, 7-8:30 Sensibly Tops MI#372 Luke's Lutheran Church, p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; memmeets at Key Heights Mo- 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Cancer Center, Grand bers free. Call 897-7688.

at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588.

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.

WED.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet MON.: Overeaters Anony- LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m. league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

> 1ST WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's 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 port group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. #73 meets at 7:30 p.m. in 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome.

> Women's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand 2ND TUES .: G.R. Chapter Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir:6-Maatman, 897-5981.

tional help for pregnant women/adolescents.11

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.

2NDTHURS.: 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

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

862-8841.

3RD THURS .: Parents Main St. Call 897-2037. 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 AD/HD at Calvin College, 2ND WED .: Lowell pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

> 1ST & 3RD FRI.: Teen MOPS support group for Frederik Meijer Gardens moms, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Express" event. For more Hudson, 897-8304.

> 2ND & 4TH FRI.: GR area Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe, Knapp's Corners, 10 Lowell Moose Recre--3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins Main, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. welcome. Jan 897-5759.

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

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: sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

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NOW THROUGH DEC. 23: Sleigh Bells and Holly exhibit at Lowell Area Arts fine art and gifts for the holidays open during regular council hours. Call 897-8545 for more infor-

NOW THROUGH JAN. 8: invites the public to attend the Garden's "Polar info, call 975-3155.

THURS., DEC. 1: Commodities distributed at ational Bldg., 1320 E. tion, 315 S. Hudson.

Vergennes Cooperative Club annual Christmas dinner at Schneider Manor. Punch bowl 12 p.m.; dinner 12:30 p.m. Gift exchange will be food for the local food pantry.

SAT., DEC. 3: Christmas parade in downtown Lowell, begins at 10 a.m. Visit Santa on the showboat. Lots of activities along Riverwalk Plaza.

SAT., DEC. 3: West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association fundraiser at Riverview, 14043 E. Fulton. Cover charge \$5. Jamming: 6 & 10:30 p.m.; bluegrass bands 7:30 p.m.

SAT., DEC. 3: Spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Murray Lake Elementary to benefit fifth grade camp, 5-8 p.m. Adults: \$6; ages 6-12: \$4; 5/under: free.

MON., DEC. 5: Athletic Boosters regular business meeting in high school staff lounge at 7 p.m.

TUES., DEC. 6: Community Blood Drive, 3-7 p.m. at Calvary CRC, 1125 W. Main (across from Burger Council. Wide variety of King). Pre-register or walkins are welcome. Call

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

> WED., DEC. 14: Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Center, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Sta-

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

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

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

WED.: 10:30 a.m. Exercise Class.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

THURS., DEC. 1: 12 p.m. Pizza Lunch Center Shower.

FRI., DEC. 2: 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 1 p.m. Bowling; 6 p.m. VanAndel Organ Concert.

MON., DEC. 5: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Games at Center.

TUES., DEC. 6: 12 p.m.

Soup & Sandwich. WED., DEC. 7: 8:30 a.m.

Traveling Breakfast Brandywine; 10 a.m. Blood Pressure. THURS., DEC. 8: 12:45

p.m. Food Pantry.

FRI., DEC. 9: 12:45 p.m. Bingo; 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Keiser's and Christmas Light Tour.

# Lady Arrows basketball falls in regional final

By Dan Schneider

what they were up against going into last week's Grandville at Caledonia.

six-foot-eight, Grandville's Allysa final score was 50-37. DeHaan really had an impact on the game. The

offense feeds off its defense. "I think they really just stepped up to the challenge."

- Dee Crowley, coach off the transition and off our

shot and got the foul.

Red Arrows never backed off from challenging her, but the center's influence changed the complexion of the game on both sides of the court.

VanEck had the challenging defensive assignment to

DeHaan's presence on the court changed the whole pace of the game.

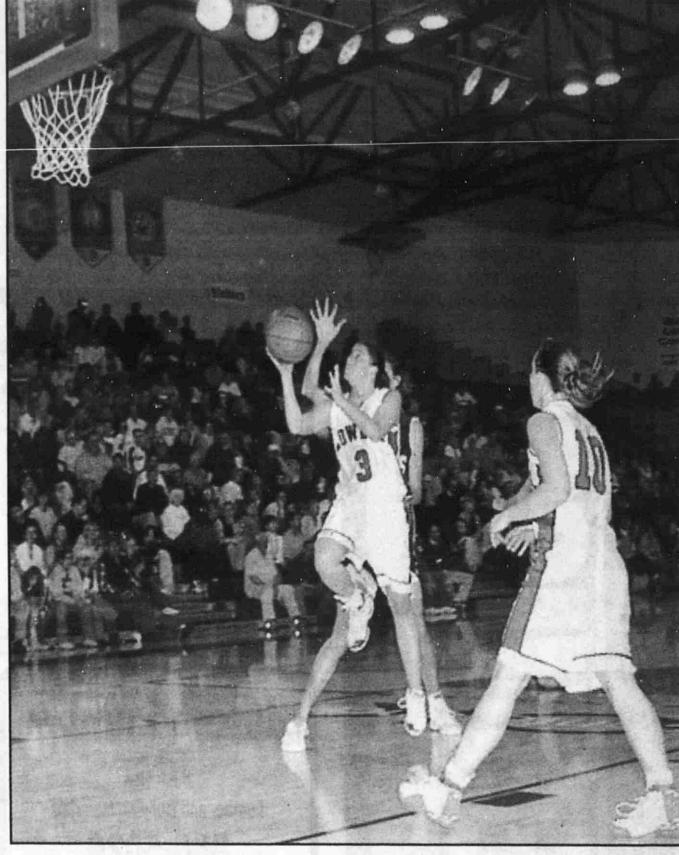
"She's a one-woman press-breaker so that really takes away one of our Lowell center Brook methods of scoring," Lowell coach Dee Crowley said.

Throughout the season,

start the game. Then on an Lowell's favorite way to early Lowell possession, score points had been to steal girls VanEck drove straight at the ball around mid-court DeHaan in the key, hit the and beat their opponent's to the hoop. That kind of But the 3-2 lead fast-paced play worked well regional final game against VanEck's free-throw gave enough this season to give the Arrows would be their . Lowell a 23-1 record coming only lead of the game. The into the regional final. But with DeHaan on the court Because Lowell's last Wednesday, the steals were hard to come by. The Lowell press would trap players in the backcourt, but those players could always toss a pass up to DeHaan to get out of the jam.

"We like to get points press," Crowley said. "When those points are taken away, we struggle a little bit in the half-court."

In the second quarter, Lowell was having some success in the half-court sets when they moved the ball rapidly. But throughout the game, Lowell was often



Lowell's Brook VanEck goes up for a shot during last Wednesday's regional final game at Caledonia.

But even while ahead by 10 points or more that started the season with own goals and their own throughout the second half, an uncertain picture on accomplishments." Grandville coach Charlie offense. The year before, DeRyke remained afraid Lowell had graduated had its share of acthat those shots would start its three top offensive complishments this season.

dangerous team, they have a the course of the season, year's team advanced one lot of scorers."

for Lowell with 14 points in the game. Kelsey Crowley

stranded on the perimeter was next with seven, just stepped up to the and struggled to make shots Brittany Bueche had six and challenge," Crowley said. Brittany Lyman, five.

never Arrow players quickly the OK White conference comfortable against a three-stepped up at the beginning championship. Then, they point shooting team and a of the season to create a won the district title with a team as strong as Lowell," team style of basketball that come-from-behind victory DeRyke said. "They're a proved very effective. Over over Rockford. And this

"I think they really squad.

"They wanted to have This was a Lowell team their own team and their

This Lowell team weapons. But several Red The Arrows ran away with seven different players were game further in the state VanEck led the scoring Lowell's leading scorers. tournament than the 2004

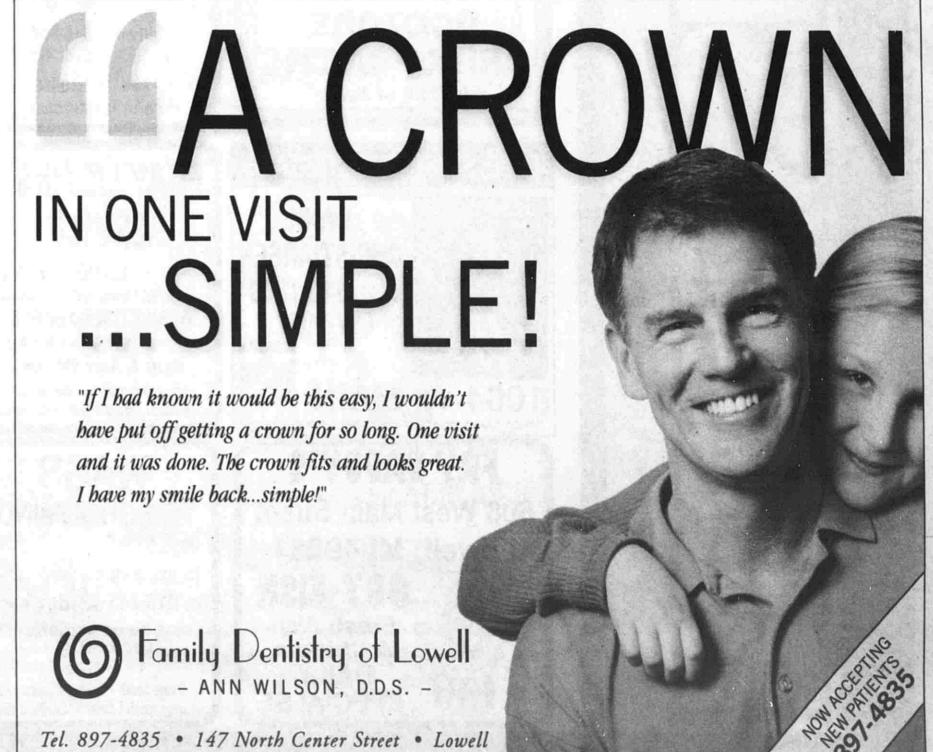
Lowell's Nicole Shepard catches a pass behind the three-point arc in last Wednesday's game against Grandville.



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# Ordinance, continued ... From Page 4

without signage, may be the number of canopies on despite the fact that there windows and there is no limitation as to the number.

proposed ordinance which or canopy to exceed five the

proposed ordinance he said. and would end up being grandfathered in. Also, an ordinance, Mundt said

placed around doors or a building as long as it's is currently no ordinance approved by the historic regulating canopies and awnings, businesses have said he saw followed some guidelines, number of awnings since those which are up are and canopies that would aesthetically pleasing and not fit the regulations of compliment the properties,

regulation was too limiting. He added that verbiage on the canopy being aesthetically

verbiage usually ends up being a judgment call on the Pasquale said he planned to

he believed the seven-foot building inspector, which look over the awning and can lead to problems.

commission set a public pleasing, complimenting the hearing on the ordinances surrounding properties, and at its Jan. 23 meeting. If would then head to the city such council for final approval.

canopy ordinance for the historic district and make a recommendation to the council. He hoped to be able not a safety hazard would be approved, the ordinances to present both ordinances at the same time to the council for final approval. City manager David

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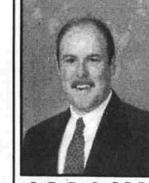
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# Residents still have concerns about final details on Grindle Place

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

VanderWilt, who first raised believes the development is it's not right." in violation since it has been

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then you should contact the constructed the private drive Kent County prosecutors which did not meet city office," said city attorney ordinances. After review by a lengthy Richard Wendt. Wendt said city staff and Wendt, several discussion over issues he reviewed the state law waivers were drawn up to regarding subdivisions, and bring the drive up to city located off of Grindle, the the development does not fall standards. Those waivers, under that until construction which were approved at last it has finally put the issue is started on the fourth parcel. week's city council meeting, For now, Wendt said it is his included that Grindle Place residents aren't certain they opinion that the property is be allowed to exceed the not in violation of the state's maximum 800-foot length Lowell resident John subdivision requirements.

the issue of the private with the whole matter," private street would have street called Grindle Place VanderWilt said. "I think the a minimum 33-foot rightwhich services 911, 925 and city needs to address it. We of-way versus 66 feet; that all know what happened and the paved portion not be 36

and go up to 1,000 feet; "I'm very disappointed that the first 424 feet of the feet with curb and gutter but

Several months ago, would have no less than 16 split for a fourth home to be after VanderWilt pointed feet with one-foot gravel it out, it was determined shoulder on each side of "If you feel that way, Andreson Builders had the pavement; and that the

the private street could meet that support the sizing of all that runs through the area. the 45-foot radius cul-de-sac; culverts shown on the asthat requirement was left built plan. standing. Also the council

Dave Austin, of to improve the situation. Williams & Works, said his firm reviewed the waivers

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of the paved portion of the the street should be limited to Berk on that issue. With the homes currently on it and all the development that

valley gutter on each side approval. He said access to said he sympathized with After review from the the developer should provide has gone on in that area, no city engineer, Williams & hydraulic calculations for the one seems to be willing to Works, it was determined that city's review and approval address the natural drainage

Mathews said he still didn't understand how this Water and where it is development got to the point is requiring that at least 950 going was a big concern for it was at and where the ball feet from Grindle Drive to resident James Berk, who got dropped. City manager the east on the private street lives at 911 Grindle, one of David Pasquale said when be paved in accordance the homes serviced by the the third construction with city requirements and private drive. He said the permit was pulled, the specifications at a width water comes through his yard issue of the private drive of 16 feet and a thickness and goes behind the third becoming a private street at of three inches by Sept. 1, house and that he could be that point fell through the back if something isn't done cracks. Pasquale said staff is working to make sure that Councilman Al Mathews doesn't happen again.







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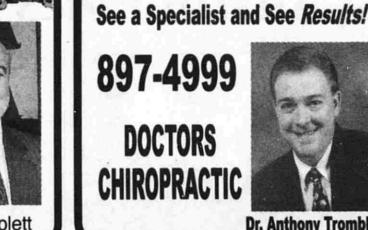




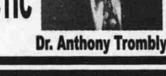




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#### TIME TO THINK ABOUT YEAR-END TAX TIPS

family gatherings and holiday celebrations. Still, try to find some time to think about a non-holiday topic: taxes. You \$750 profit. may have until April 17, 2006, to file your taxes, but you action soon.

Here are some suggestions to consider:

 Maximize your retirement account contributions. If you haven't "maxed out" on your 401(k), see if your employer will allow you to make additional contributions can carry over the excess into subsequent years. before year-end. For 2005, you can contribute up to \$14,000

your 401(k) with pre-tax dollars, so, the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income.

Donate appreciated securities to charities If you have stocks that have appreciated greatly over the years, you might want to donate some shares to charitable organizations. Suppose, for instance, that you bought shares of XYZ stock for \$250, and that they are now worth \$1,000. If you were to give these shares to a charitable group, and you are in the 28 percent tax bracket, you would get a \$280 tax deduction, based on the shares' current market value. Now that it's December, you're probably busy with Furthermore, because you are not selling the shares, you will avoid having to pay any capital gains taxes on your

Sell your "losers" - Did any of your stocks lose only have until the end of the year to make some moves value in 2005? If so, you may want to sell some of them that could benefit your tax situation - so you'll need to take to take the tax losses. If these losses exceeded your capital gains from selling appreciated stocks, you can deduct up to \$3,000 (or \$1,500 for married couples filing separately) against your other income, reducing the amount on which you must pay taxes. And if you lost more than \$3,000, you

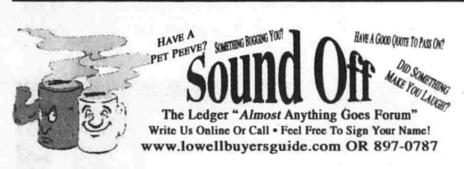
• Consider buying "big-ticket" items now - If you are (or \$18,000 if you're over 50 years old). You typically fund planning on buying a car, boat or other "big-ticket" item,

you may want to do so before the end of the year. If the total sales tax is more than your state or local income taxes, you can choose to deduct any of these taxes on your 2005 federal tax return - but this is the last year in which this benefit will be offered.

· Defer income when possible - If you're selfemployed, defer billing until late December. If you work for a company, and you're scheduled to get a year-end bonus, see if you can put it off until January.

· Delay exercising non-qualified stock options · You will be taxed on any non-qualified stock options you exercise, so you may want to delay exercising them until next year. (Before you make this decision, though, you'll want to evaluate the price and prospects of the stock on which you hold an option. If you hold an option too long, you will eventually be forced to exercise it; if the stock price is down at that point, you might not make much of a profit - and, in a "worst-case" scenario, your option could become

If you are unsure about which of these suggestions may be appropriate for your individual situation, see your tax adviser. But don't wait too long - 2006 will be here before



So was anyone surprised to see the gas prices go up just before the holiday? Just adds to everyones already tight holiday budget!

LUNCH MENU

**ELEMENTARY MENU** 

Week of Dec. 5, 2005

MON: Cheesy raviol

(Alto & Murray Lake

BBQ rib on bun also

offered), whole kerne

corn, assorted fruit

Goldfish crackers, milk

TUES: Soft shell tacc

lettuce (Alto & Murray

Lake - stacked ham

cheese on bun also

offered), carrot sticks

fruited gelatin salad

WED: Cheese pizza

(Alto & Murray Lake

hamburger on bun also

offered), oven baked

beans, assorted fruit

THURS: Chicken patty

on bun (Alto & Murray

Lake - three meat su

also offered), steamed

orange

animal

broccoli

carrots

wedges,

offered),

crackers, milk.

FRI: Macaroni

assorted fruit, milk.

cheese w/cinnamon rol

hot dog on bun also

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cheese

To the lady in the red minivan who parked sideways and blocked all the spaces - Thanks a lot!

Our paper delivery person forgot to bring us the Thanksgiving newspaper, jokes on you, my mom got two!

Thank you for reinstating our sisters Christmas! You rock hot blond mama! Love your sisters

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Thank you to Ryan and Julie at Zeigler Ford for their honesty! I dropped my paycheck in their parking lot, and they tracked me down to return it! Thank You! - Candice Bowne

Why have a clock the time?

Shame on those that didn't help your dog. Shame on you for him running the streets.

Hats off to PFC Susan Hoag of Lowell for PT & Academic Military Honors & to Lowell School System for producing another athletic achiever in the

military. - John S.

After hitting your dog, I stopped, applied hazzards, diverted traffic, and watched your husband carry him away. Instead of questioning my reaction, why was your dog running

I'm so glad some people are willing to decorate early. The lights

around Main Street?

are so pretty with all the snow. Thank you to the early birds.

days but, if you don't

want to put a timer on them I don't think you should have them up. They're blinding me lights through my windows.

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

sponsored, offered by Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) to ban torture. The amendment prohibits cruel and inhumane treatment of detainees and establishes that interrogation and detention policies must follow the rules set forth in the Army Field Manual, which complies with the Geneva Conventions. This clear statement of American values is essential for restoring our international credibility and for protecting our own troops if they are captured in battle. These bipartisan amendments - to change course in Iraq and to ban torture - will make a positive shift in our defense policy. I am proud that the Senate adopted the bill 98-0.

House of Representatives. If they are retained, they will represent remarkable bipartisan steps, a refreshing change from so many recent events in Washington.

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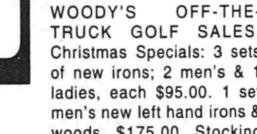


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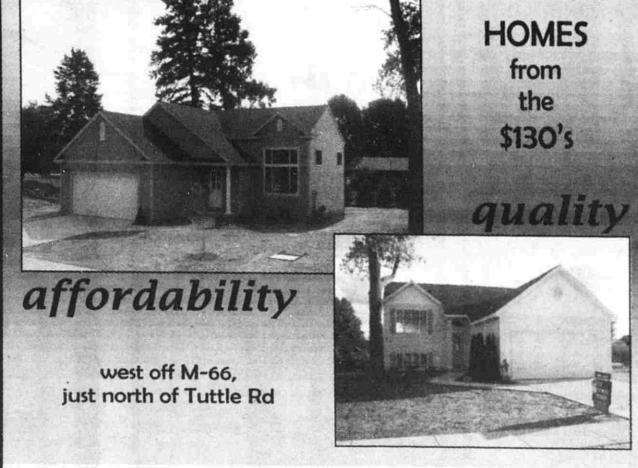
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