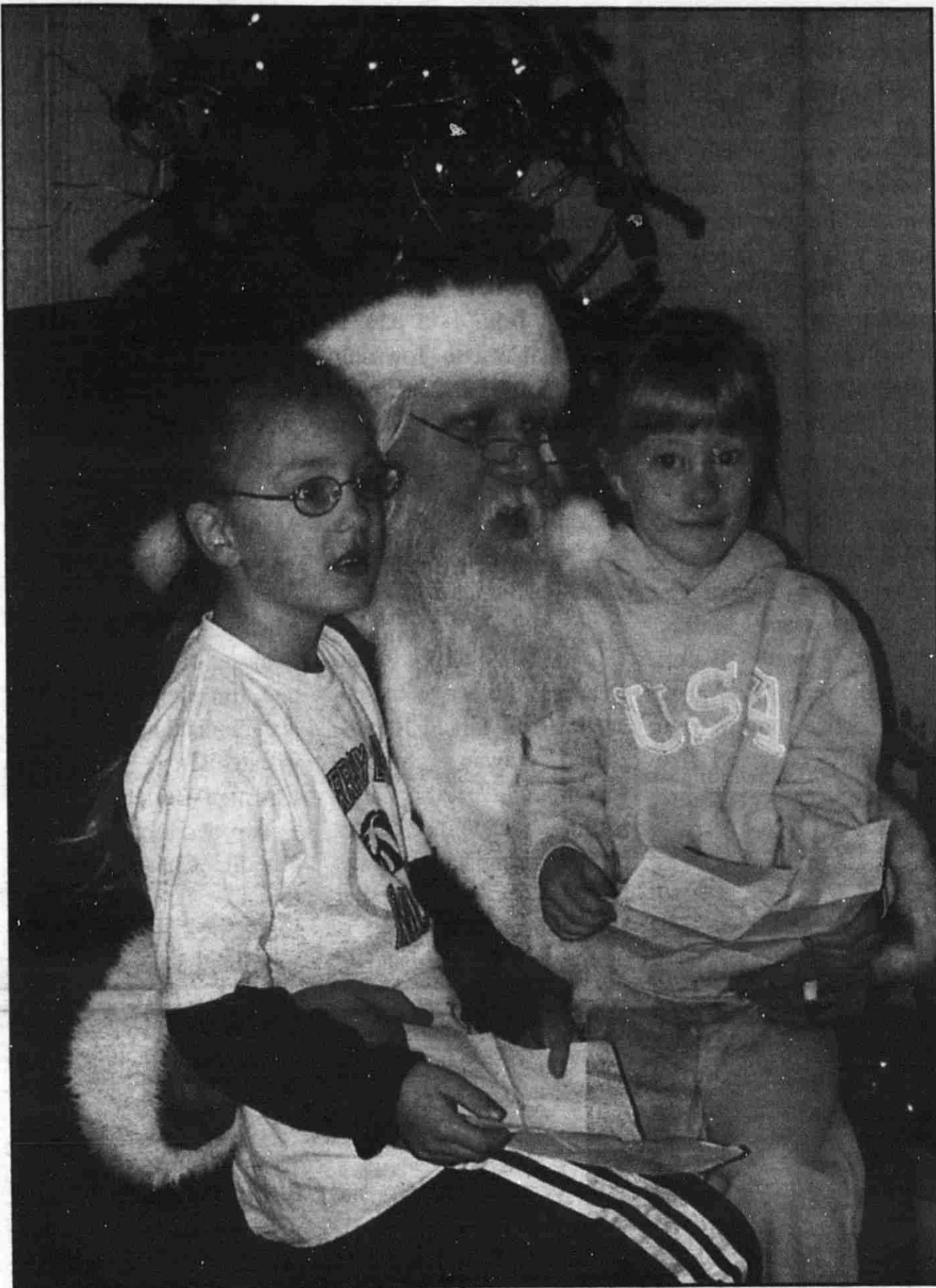


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Twin sisters, Rose and Callie Ford-Webster, age six, read their Christmas lists to Santa Claus.

## Do you have the time?

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

**H**ave you checked the time lately? More specifically, have you checked the time on the clock tower at Lowell City Hall?

Public Works director Dan DesJarden is betting that if you did, you'll have discovered both clock faces are correct—“At least they were this morning, when I checked,” DesJarden said Monday during a phone interview.

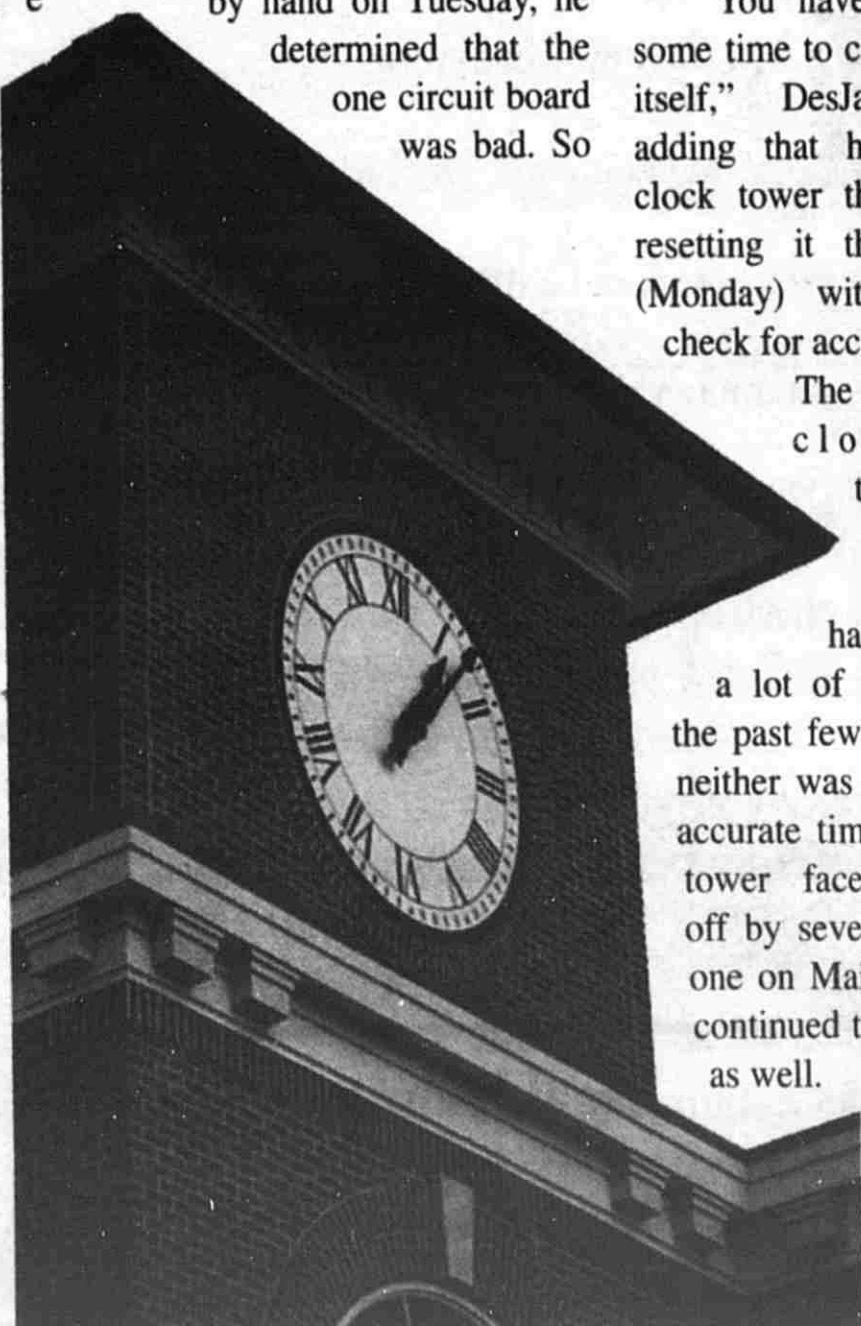
For the past few weeks, the two faces have sported different times, neither one being very accurate. After some investiga-

tion last week, DesJarden said he discovered that the two faces were controlled by separate circuit boards. When he reset the clock by hand on Tuesday, he determined that the one circuit board was bad. So

he called the manufacturer Electric Time Company and ordered a new circuit board, which he installed on Friday.

“You have to give it some time to catch up with itself,” DesJarden said, adding that he gave the clock tower the weekend, resetting it this morning (Monday) with plans to check for accuracy.

The city's clocks—the tower and the one on Main Street—have generated a lot of interest over the past few weeks since neither was able to keep accurate time. The clock tower faces could be off by seven hours. The one on Main Street also continued to fall behind, as well.



When this picture was taken last Friday, the correct time was 2:06 p.m.

## Santa ushers in the season

By Dan Schneider

**I**t was another good start to the Christmas season in Lowell with the annual Santa parade and associated activities.

It was cold and gray outside – good weather for Santa ... and exceptional weather for ice carving.

Santa made his first stop at the pancake breakfast in the King Memorial Youth Center at the Lowell Fairgrounds. Most of the tables were filled with people, young and young at heart, in the hours before the parade. The pancake breakfast which includes sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce and pure maple syrup is an annual fundraiser for the Kent County Youth Fair.

Outside, floats were lining up for the parade. On Main Street, people were bundled up against the cold and awaiting its start. Even some animals—among them a Weimaraner, a collie and an angora rabbit—were dressed in red coats and hats.

The weather was perfect for the Flat River Freeze ice sculpture competition. The cold allowed the ice artists from the Grand Rapids Community College ice carving team to fuse pieces of ice into more complex designs. The clouds shielded the sculptures from the sun. Sun can ruin a good ice sculpture because the ice fills with hairline cracks when exposed to sun.

Greg Smith earned third place for his lion carving, as well as the People's Choice award.

Jason Offenbacher, who won first place for carving a sailboat, said it takes about three hours to make an ice sculpture. The stakes get higher as the sculpture progresses, as a mistake near the end can destroy the whole three hours' work.

“The tensest part of any carving is usually the last hour,” Offenbacher said.

In addition to the People's Choice award, the ice artists were trying out for a spot on the college's traveling team. As the team goes to different regional events, it will be narrowed down to a team of four that will travel to a competition in Alaska in March.

“Every competition that we go to we try to advance the difficulty of what we do,” Offenbacher said.

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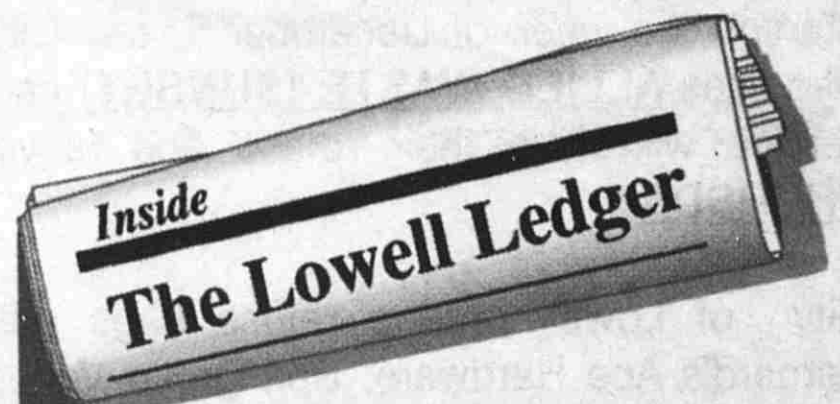


The Lowell Middle School band strikes up a chorus of “Jolly Old Saint Nicholas.”

City manager David Pasquale said Verdin, a Cincinnati, Ohio, based clock maker and the manufacturer of the Main Street clock, was contacted before Thanksgiving. Since 1842, Verdin has been making bells, clocks and carillons and is well known for the type of street clock found on Lowell's Main Street.

“The repair person

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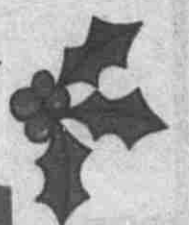


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# Obituaries

**HUFF**  
Thelma Huff, aged 97, formerly of Cedar Springs, passed away Saturday, November 26, 2005. Thelma was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cedar Springs and retired as an elementary teacher from the Cedar Springs Public School system. She was preceded in death by her husband William in 1991 and her sister Peggy Sawicki. Surviving are two sons Terry (Lori) Huff of Lowell, Tom (Sue) Huff of Allegan; three grandchildren Shelly (Dave) Klein of Wyoming, Greg (Satu) Huff of Allegan, Tim (Tracey) Huff of Rockford; 10 great-grandchildren; special niece Marilou (Chuck) Switzer of Coopersville; nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Nov. 30 at First Baptist Church of Cedar Springs with Pastor Jim Howard officiating. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the Holland Home Hospice have been suggested.

**MENCHIEY**  
Florence E. Menchiey, aged 88 of Lowell, formerly of Comstock Park, passed away November 30, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband George Menchiey; brothers Russell and Herbert Knapp. She is survived by her brother Robert (Blanche) Knapp of Lowell; four step-children; several grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Florence was a member of Marantha Bible Church. Funeral service was held Dec. 5 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Todd Dykstra officiating.

**MILLER**  
James P. Miller Sr., aged 72, of Alto, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, December 1, 2005. Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Arvella Miller; children Jacquelyn Anderson, James P. and Lisa Miller II; grandchildren Taylor, Johnny, Cody; brothers Elmer and Roger Miller; several nieces and nephews. James will be greatly loved and missed by his family and all who knew him. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Reyers North Valley Chapel with Rev. Chuck VanLente officiating.

**NOFFKE**  
Scott A. Noffke, aged 42, of Lowell, passed away December 2, 2005. He is survived by his wife Cathleen; children Alicia Marie, Alexis Marie, Benjamin Edwin, Ryan Scott; parents Paul and Janice Noffke of Lowell; brothers Steve (Pam) Noffke of Green River, WY; sister Teri (Mark) Trombly of E. Lansing; sister-in-law Deb Bolo of Hastings; grandparents Howard and Judy Thumser of Lowell; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Dr. Michael Conklin officiating. Visitation Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. or to the charity of one's choice.

**RANKIN**  
Alice V. Rankin, aged 82, passed away at her home November 26, 2005, following a lengthy illness. Alice Viola Walker was born March 27, 1923, in Lakewood, Ohio, to Elizabeth and Daniel Walker. She spent her early years with her family in Lowell and was a 1941 graduate of Lowell High School. She married James Milne Rankin on October 13, 1945, in Saginaw where they resided happily together for more than 49 years. Jim predeceased her in 1995. She was also predeceased by her parents, her brother Daniel Walker, nephew Daniel Walker Jr., and niece Iris Walker Mixer. Alice moved from the family home to live

with her daughter and son-in-law in 2002 but her heart was always in Saginaw and Lowell. After living an extraordinary life as a wife, mother, friend and caregiver, Alice is home with Jesus and the many loved ones who have passed on before her. She is survived by her children and their families; special sister-in-law Agnes Wieland; many other nieces, nephews and dear friends. Alice was retired from Saginaw General Hospital but considered her true career to be the most devoted housewife, mother and friend to all she came to know. She touched many hundreds of lives with her caring and compassion. There will be a celebration of her life held on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1-5 p.m. at the Tittabawassee Township Community Hall, 220 Church St., Freeland, Mich. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider Hospice of Lansing or VNA Hospice/Partners in Caring of Saginaw.

**RUSSELL**  
Rebecca Eileen Russell, aged 39, of Grand Rapids, passed away Sunday, November 27, 2005, after battling pancreatic cancer for 10 months. She was preceded in death by her father Eugene Jones. She is survived by her husband of 13 years, Patrick; children Victoria 8, Samuel 6 and

John 5; mother Rosemary Jones of Muskegon; sisters Lori (Tom) Linck of Ravenna, Sandy (Bill) Curtis of Belmont; mother-in-law Ruth M. Russell; sisters-in-law Mary Kay (Mike) Trippe, Carrie (Bob) Casaceli, Sarah (Tom) Gammans, Ronna Russell; many nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Rev. Donn Tufts, presiding. Memorial contributions may be made to the Becky Russell and family benefit fund c/o 5/3 Bank. Proceeds will go toward the children's future education.

**SCHUSTER**  
Benedict "Ben" P. Schuster, aged 88, of Jenison, passed away Tuesday, November 29, 2005. He was preceded in death by his first wife Geraldine (Pelletier) and his son Martin. Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Elizabeth "Betty" (Buchner); children Michael and Charlene Schuster of AZ, Mary Beth and Jim Kenyon of Alto; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church with Fr. Ronald D. Hutchinson Presider. Memorial contributions may be made to School Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee, WI.

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*My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular.*

- Adlai E. Stevenson Jr. (1900 - 1965)

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City of Lowell orange refuse bags are now available at Bernard's Ace Hardware, Springrove Variety, Meijers and City Hall at a cost of \$10 for a bundle of 10 bags.

When you recycle, please have all paper products in a bag to keep separate from other recyclables such as cans and glass. The bag can be placed either inside or next to the bin.

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## Lowell police warn of Internet scam

By Dan Schneider

Lowell police are cautioning residents to beware of e-mail scam artists after a local woman lost \$4,250 to one of them.

"This is the first one I'm aware of (in Lowell)," said Lowell police chief Jim Valentine. "E-mail solicitations, telephone solicitations, or in-person solicitations with an offer that is too good to be true--it is too good to be true."

The Lowell woman responded to an e-mail offering a seven percent commission for helping facilitate the sale of art. The scam "artist" said he was from Great Britain and had sold five works of art to buyers who paid by money

order, cashier's check or wire transfer. He said he couldn't cash these payment methods in Great Britain.

He offered a seven percent commission for cashing the checks into the woman's American bank account, then wiring the money by Western Union or Moneygram to a "personal secretary" in Nigeria. The Lowell woman followed the instructions, received the checks, and forwarded the money. But then the checks turned out to be bad, and the Lowell woman, the last person to endorse them, was liable for the sum.

The scam artist went to great lengths to establish the appearance of legitimacy and a personal relationship through the email. He

described his family and pets, his favorite artistic medium (colored pencil and air brush), and called himself the CEO of a small graphic art company.

"We are all susceptible to get-rich quick schemes," Valentine said.

Some scammers try to steal money, others use glamorous-sounding offers to try to get people to divulge personal information. Valentine said it is an evolution of an old problem.

"What used to be telephone scams or mail scams now have gone high-tech," Valentine said.

The international nature of the internet makes the scam artists tough to catch. It also means scam artists

can reach their victims anywhere, even in a small town like Lowell.

"The problem with these is they all originate internationally," Valentine said. "It's far beyond the local police force's means to investigate this internationally."

The FBI is responsible for investigating international crimes. But the bureau only investigates scams involving sums of \$20,000 or more. Scammers are well aware of this threshold, which means many scams fly under the radar. That means the best way to stop scam artists is to be on the lookout for them and not fall for their tactics in the first place.

## Deadline quickly approaching for Lowell Community Fund requests

The deadline to request funds from the Lowell Community Fund is Monday, Dec. 12 at noon.

To receive consid-

eration and approval, all requests must be for funds that will aid local organizations in providing help to persons in the Lowell

area. The Heart of West Michigan United Way has set the December date aside for those qualified to receive funding for 2005-2006.

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

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

From 1955-2004, the Lowell Community Fund has dispersed over \$225,000 into the community.

"It is important to note that this funding program is entirely separate from the Harold Englehardt funding program (Lowell Area Community Fund) which is handled through the Grand Rapids Foundation," said Dr. Bob Reagan, secretary/treasurer of the fund.

## Winners announced and more magic visiting Santa on the Showboat

The annual Santa parade with all of its floats definitely brought "Christmas Magic" to Lowell this year. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce announced that the following floats were winners: Alto Cub Scouts Pack #3180 - 1st place (\$150); Lowell Area Historical Museum - 2nd place (\$100); Lowell Area Schools Bus Transportation - 3rd place (\$75);

and Greenridge Realty, honorable mention.

Carvers who placed in the annual Flat River Freeze ice sculpture contest were: Jason Offenbacher - 1st place (sailboat); Andrea Stahl - 2nd place (alligator); Greg Smith - 3rd place and People's Choice award (lion).

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Lowell Downtown

Development Authority invite the community to continue to experience the Magic of Lowell this holiday season.

Children and adults can visit with Santa in his all new room on the Robert E. Lee while enjoying hot cocoa and cookies. And don't forget your camera! Dates to visit Santa on the showboat are Dec. 7, 9, 14 and 21 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.; on Dec. 10 and 17 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. free digital photos will be taken by River Valley Credit Union.

For more information call the chamber at 897-9161 or visit the web site at www.lowellchamber.org.

## Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Chip



Chip Geldersma

Geldersma received Realtor of the Month in November.

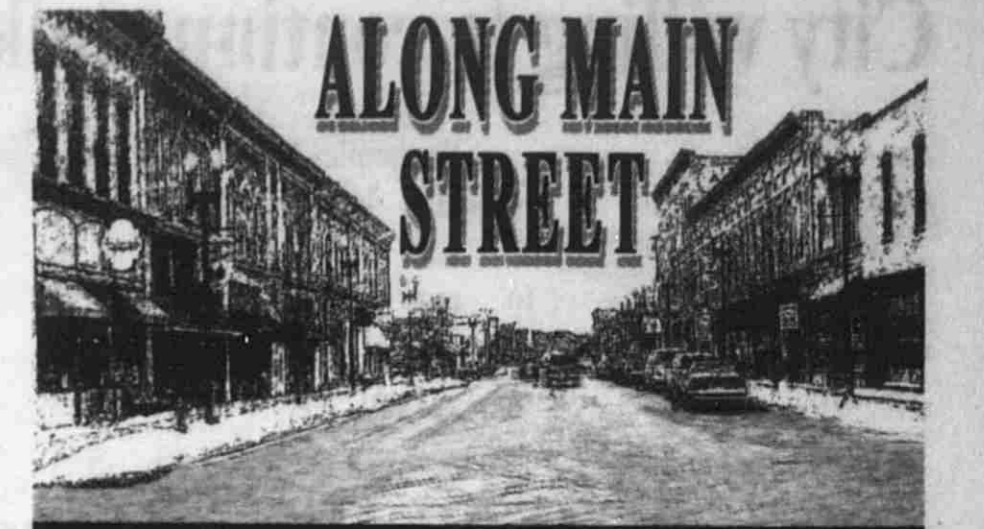
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**SANTA CLAUS PARADE ON CABLE**  
The "Magic of Christmas" in downtown Lowell last Saturday will be on Channel 20 the following dates: Wednesday, Dec. 7 and Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m.

**ACADEMIC BOOSTERS**  
Interested persons are welcome to attend the Academic Boosters meeting Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room of the high school.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL CELEBRATION**  
The Lowell community is invited to the 2005 Girls Basketball Celebration on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the high school LPAC. The high school teams and players will be recognized with awards and the 2005 highlight video will be shown.

**ART OF THE VIOLIN 2005**  
A fundraiser concert to support Lowell schools orchestra program will be held this Friday at LPAC. A silent auction starts at 6:45 p.m.; Art of the Violin concert 7:30 p.m.

**LIVE NATIVITY**  
St. Patrick Parish in Parnell will host a Live Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 6-7 p.m. All are welcome.

**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.

**WITTENBACH CENTER EVENT**  
Discover winter birds Saturday, Dec. 31 at the Wittenbach/Wege Center with the Grand Rapids Audubon Club. Bird count begins at 7:30 a.m.; hot lunch for \$5 or brown bag it. Free for 18/ under. Call 987-1002 to register or ask questions.

**WINTER FAST PITCH CLINIC**  
Elementary and middle school girls interested in becoming a softball pitcher are invited to a clinic at Riverside gym on Thursdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Sixth grade/ under at 6 p.m.; seventh/ eighth grades at 7 p.m. Cost: \$30. Applications at middle school, Cherry Creek, Alto and Bushnell. Call Bob Rodenhouse at 987-2900 (school) or 245-4596 (home).

**Angel Tree Donations**

During the upcoming holiday season, Family Dentistry of Lowell will be helping Wood TV and the Salvation Army by collecting gifts for underprivileged children throughout the area. Tags are now available. We sincerely thank everyone that has responded to this wonderful cause in the previous years. We look forward to another successful year. Unwrapped presents can be dropped off until December 19, 2005 at:

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## City willing to continue talks about providing utilities to Vergennes Township site

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

While willing to continue discussions on providing services to a

Vergennes Township parcel, city leaders aren't really sure if those talks will go any further than previous ones.

At its Monday night

meeting, the Lowell City Council reviewed a letter from the office of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth director David C. Hollister. It stated

that Hollister had postponed his consideration on the annexation of 177 acres in Vergennes Township in hopes that the city and township would continue negotiations

on an intergovernmental agreement such as the 425 agreement or an Urban Cooperation Act agreement. The letter was sent to both the city and Vergennes Township at the beginning of November.

DuRay Development had sought the annexation of the township property to the city in order to get city utilities to the site it wants to develop. The site is located near the corner of Vergennes and Alden Nash. At the encouragement of the boundary commission, Vergennes and city leaders got together to see if the two could work out a 425 agreement that would eventually have the property transferred to the city.

The city felt the sticking points came down to zoning and the sharing of the millage, since the city would be providing utility services to the site and negotiations for the agreement ended. A couple of months ago, the boundary commission voted to deny the annexation. It doesn't go fully into effect, however, until Hollister signs the order.

City manager David Pasquale said he is willing to continue negotiations with the township; both he and mayor Jeanne Shores plan to attend the Dec. 15 boundary commission meeting where the matter will be discussed.

But, Pasquale said, he is not certain whether any further negotiations will resolve the issues.

"Whichever avenue is taken, it is going to have to involve millage or property tax," he said. "If it is not, it's not worth our time."

Pasquale noted in a letter in response to the boundary commission that Vergennes Township is in favor of an Urban Cooperation Act agreement which would

allow for a share in millage, but, according to that letter, no property transfer. He said upon further research, he discovered that an Urban Cooperation Act can allow for a property transfer, as was the case between the city of Portland and Portland Township.

Zoning would also have to be addressed and he felt that the developers need to be involved in those discussions with perhaps a mediator as suggested by Vergennes Township officials.

Councilman Jim Pfaller felt the issue was part of a larger need to be discussing intergovernmental sharing on a number of topics including the parks. He said less than 20 percent of the organized usage of the parks is by city residents with the majority being township residents, yet when it comes to sharing the cost of maintaining the parks, the townships are not interested.

"At this point we have something that they need and now they want to talk about it and talk about this issue only," Pfaller said.

He added he was not comfortable going ahead on negotiating city utilities until the cost analysis for water and sewer is completed.

Shores felt the city should respond to the boundary commission, at least showing an act of good faith, but wasn't sure either if further discussions would resolve anything.

Pasquale said he would respond indicating the city's willingness to continue the discussions along with the points of property tax sharing, having a mediator, bringing the developer into the discussions, and other city utility needs outside of water and sewer.

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**To see what is in front of one's nose needs a constant struggle.**

- George Orwell (1903 - 1950)

## City parks will receive funds for improvements & maintenance, thanks to former resident's bequest

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

In spite of tightening belts and crunching numbers, the city has received a little windfall from a former resident.

Frank L. Carr left one-eighth of his estate to the city of Lowell. In 1996, the city received the first

\$20,515.71; that money was used to establish a perpetual fund in Carr's name, earmarked by the council toward the library.

In late November, before Thanksgiving, the city received a letter from Fifth/Third Bank, overseeing the estate that gave the city an additional \$69,758.45, the remaining payment from Carr's estate.

City manager David Pasquale proposed to the

council at its Monday night meeting that the city establish a second fund in Carr's name, called the Frank L. Carr II fund, which would provide extra income for capital improvements and maintenance of the city's parks, and help relieve some of the burden from the city's general fund.

The foundation amount of almost \$70,000 would provide about \$3,000 per year to the city. The

only requirement on the inheritance is that it be used toward public, charitable or educational purposes. Pasquale felt using it for the city's parks certainly fell under the category of public.

He also proposed that a portion of the fund's proceeds be put back toward the base amount to help the fund grow. Councilman Jim Pfaller, who is the council's representative to the parks and recreation commission, supported Pasquale's proposal and moved that the portion of the proceeds be 10 percent.

The council unanimously supported his motion.

Pasquale said the interest of about \$500 per year from the original bequest of \$20,515.71 would not change and will still go to the Englehardt Library for the purchase of furnishings, equipment and materials and to help underwrite the cost of adult and children's programs.

## At Your Local Library



### "MAKE IT, WRAP IT, TAKE IT" WORKSHOP

The Englehardt branch of Kent District Library will offer a holiday workshop on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Make It, Wrap It, Take It" workshop is

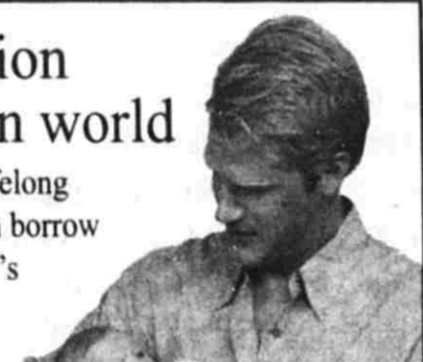
recommended for children ages four-14. Registration is required and participation is limited. Call the Englehardt branch at 647-3920 for more information or to register.



Mark Johnson

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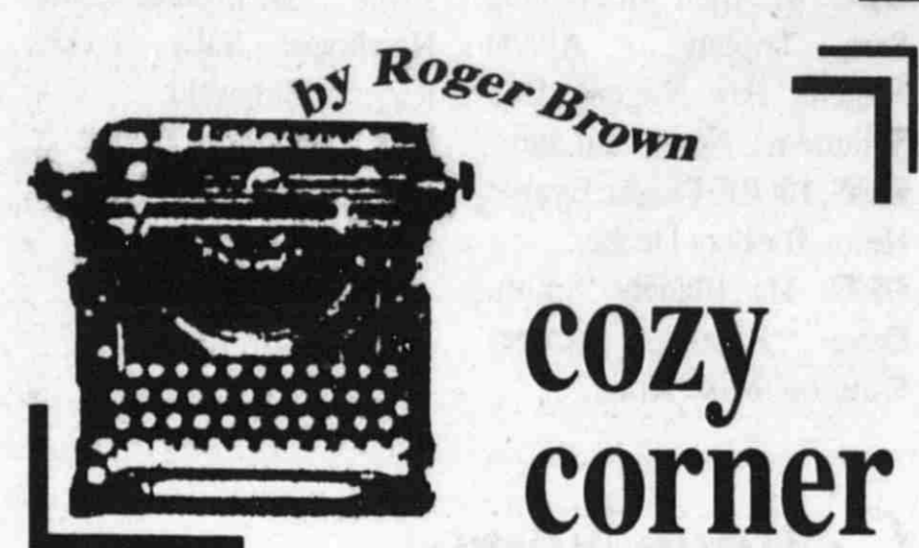
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# Viewpoint



The last two or three months have been something of a blur for this old boy. With our extended trip to China, Hurricane Wilma, very busy times with our publication and last but certainly not least, the final chapter in the engine rebuild on my old biplane. In fact, my mind is such a blur, I'm not exactly certain this rebuild-of-the-rebuild hasn't already been covered here. If it has, and if your memory is better than mine, feel free to pass on this week's column.

We returned from our China trip on November second. Hurricane Wilma had been through the Keys a week or so earlier. The first few days at home were a frantic distribution of our monthly publication along with a search and salvage mission for our one hundred-plus street distribution boxes. That accomplished, we dove into cleaning the worst of the debris from around the house and getting things at least functional. Completely incidental to all of this, my biplane was still stranded, sans engine, at a remote airstrip in western Kentucky. I thought life was supposed to get easier as you got older.

With winter closing in, a decision had to be made regarding the plane. It's an open cockpit antique with no heater. Hence the need to get it to Michigan before the snow flew.

The rebuild had completely torn down the engine and rebuilt it while I had been away. I was told it could be ready to go by Wednesday, November 9th. I had to be back to work on the 16th, at the very latest. I hauled debris on Tuesday the 8th while Terese went to a doctor's appointment. When she returned home that afternoon, we loaded up and took off for the six-hour drive to Avon Park, Florida, where my engine was located. We slept fast in a cheap motel and were at the rebuild shop when they opened the next morning. Can't say I was bright eyed and bushy-tailed.

In my face-to-face meeting with the owner and his mechanics, I hoped to get a solid answer to why the engine had quit on me with only a dozen hours since their rebuild. There was a lot of c.y.a. going on, but the best answer I got was that a spacer was left out of the cam drive assembly. The missing spacer left enough tolerance for the cam drive gear to slip. This was obvious, as the engine was 85 degrees out of time when it arrived back at their shop. Again, I'm just glad the timing gear decided to slip while the plane was on the ground and not over the Everglades. My wife agrees, since she was in the front seat.

After our little meeting, Leroy and I left for Kentucky in his old Ford pickup with my engine in the back. Yes, this is the same good-old-boy-toothless-Leroy that helped me take the engine off the first time ... way back in April. He also helped me install it in August. I had removed it the second time by myself. I figured that between the two of us we ought to be capable of getting the thing installed in fairly short order. I'm such an optimist. That, or just plain dumb.

## Sharing The Vision

With Nancy Hopkins  
Board of Education President

The Lowell Board of Education officially began the search process for the district's next superintendent with a special meeting on Wednesday, November 23, 2005. During the meeting members of the Board reviewed a plan and time frame for the search with Tom Pridgeon of the Michigan Leadership Institute, who is facilitating the search.

The search process includes forums led by Pridgeon with district administrators, employee groups and community leaders, and a public community forum. The forums are designed to gather input from various district and community stakeholder groups regarding what qualities and skills the superintendent should possess to meet the needs of the district.

The Board will meet again on Monday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. to finalize a candidate profile. The nation-wide

It is about 800 miles from Avon Park to where the plane was stranded. Leroy had a reputation as a road warrior, so I planned to snooze a little on the way. What I didn't know was that Leroy had a paper route that kept him up most of the night. He was nodding off at the wheel just a couple hours into the trip. I drove the rest of the way, to include Atlanta at rush hour. Nice planning.

We arrived in Cadiz, Kentucky, at about eleven o'clock and checked into a motel reminiscent of "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." Fortunately, I had a pair of foam earplugs in my shave-kit. That Leroy can snore! Another bonus was that we had driven into central time. It was only ten o'clock. I can't tell you how much better I felt when I discovered that. A whole hour!

After a breakfast of weak coffee and stale raisin bran at the motel's less-than-lavish continental breakfast, we were off to the airport. The good news was that a guy with a roadside truck service rig had agreed to meet us at the plane around nine a.m. The small crane on his truck had worked great in picking the engine off the plane six weeks earlier. The bad news was, the Weather Channel was reporting 31 degrees in the area. Having lived in Michigan most of my life, I thought the nip in the air felt good. To a born-and-raised south Florida cracker like Leroy, 31 degrees was his idea of Antarctica. He wasn't much help until the sun began warming things up a little.

Our guy showed up and things went without a hitch. The engine was in place by mid-morning. I took off with the truck to retrieve the prop, throttle linkage, cowling, etc., that had been stored with a friend. I got back to the airport around noon with the parts and sandwiches. Leroy had run out of things to do, or so he said, and was waiting for me in the heated line shack. Woosie.

We labored on through the afternoon connecting wires, hoses, linkages, cables, etc. The sun was sinking low and the temperature was diving as we poured in the four and a half gallons of oil the old Continental requires. If she started, there would be just enough time for a test flight around the pattern. It did start ... and even better, it continued to run! We did have a couple small problems. The tachometer wasn't working and the throttle linkage was way off. I decided not to fly that day and shut her down. I have to say, hearing that old engine was music to my ears.

The reason the plane was at this particular airport in the first place was because I wanted to treat my wife to a nice, dare I say it, romantic evening at the nearby Lake Barclay State Park Lodge. The airstrip is part of the park. The stay turned into two nights, though the engine problem put a serious damper on any romantic notions we might have had.

I had talked to a park employee while Leroy and I were working on the install. Winter rates were in effect at the Lodge. The price was only ten bucks more than the motel way out on the highway, so I booked a room for Leroy and me.

Picture this if you will. Leroy and I enjoying a fine meal at the Lodge restaurant overlooking the lake, strolling the grounds after dinner and finally returning to our room, which also offered a beautiful view of the lake. You're right; it doesn't paint a very pretty picture. Maybe it's a good thing life has been a blur lately. There are some things I just don't need to remember.

As you can see, this is the end of this week's column, and I still don't have my plane back to Michigan. Maybe we'll get 'er done next week.

search for applicants will launch Wednesday, December 14 with recruiting of candidates and collection of application materials through February 3, 2006.

Initial candidate interviews will be held in the Board of Education Room February 20, 21 and 22 at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Second interviews will take place February 28, March 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. Interviews will be open to the public. From March 6 through 10, the Board will be making visits to the final candidates' communities to meet with their current district administrative teams, employee groups, parents and community members.

The Board expects to make the selection and appointment of the district's new leader by March 13, with a starting date of no later than July 1.

The selection of a district's superintendent is the Board's most important responsibility. The Board is focused on finding the best candidate for our district and committed to keeping the district moving forward in its mission to increase student achievement and provide the best possible educational experience for all children in Lowell Area Schools.

Comments may be made to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com

## Ledger Entries

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer



### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL DECEMBER 8, 1880

E. Covert of Alton lost a five-dollar bill here the other day. Reward offered.

Your \$1 subscription includes a free copy of Dr. Kendall's book on "The horse and his diseases."

Business is booming so that there are not enough freight cars to carry the loads.

The editor requests that the railroad depot waiting room be kept open for the early and late trains each day, perhaps a night manager. A lot of business is done here.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DECEMBER 7, 1905

The Maccabee Lodge will put on a play at Train's Opera House tonight. "A Newsboy's Fortune."

Page 1: The county has enough money to get to the end of the year without making a bank loan.

The Ledger protests the new primary voting law, requiring disclosure of one's political party.

Grand Rapids Public Library requests weekly copies of the Ledger for their Reading Room and Historical Collection.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO DECEMBER 4, 1930

The legislature is acting to have one time throughout Michigan Eastern Standard instead of the variety now used by local governments.

The coldest Thanksgiving on record? Six above zero. Last Thursday it was 72 above.

Russell Smith of Yeiter's radio service finally finds the source of static here: a 2200-volt light wire shorted on a guy wire on South Monroe.

The Lowell Livestock Judging team of Adelbert Odell, William Read and Rudolph Wittenbach take honors at the American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DECEMBER 8, 1955

Police chief Frank Stephens warns that dogs running at large will be picked up and the owners issued warrants for arrest.

The Tell-Tale Theatre will present "The Little Lost Angel" at the Methodist Church. The Don Mullin family has built and operates the puppet theatre.

Village council sets pay at \$75 a week for the village clerk, who will now work full time, adding fire and police department phoning and bookkeeping.

A special legislature session providing extra funds for school services results in immediate salary/wage increases for all school employees.

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER DECEMBER 3, 1980

Tuesday's blowing snow across sleeted roads made driving tricky.

The Michigan Securities Exchange Division of the Department of Commerce warns of a "pyramid scheme" sweeping West Michigan. Police chief Barry Emmons has received several complaints.

Amway will host a "Skybreaking" ceremony on the 9th for its 28-story second phase of the Grand Plaza Hotel.

Two huge cranes lift the new Ada Covered Bridge into position.



# Engagements

## Schaefer/Berta

Brandi Lee Schaefer of Lowell and Richard H. Berta of Rockford have announced their engagement to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bill and Jodi Schaefer of Lowell. She is a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School and a 2005 graduate of Grand Valley State University.

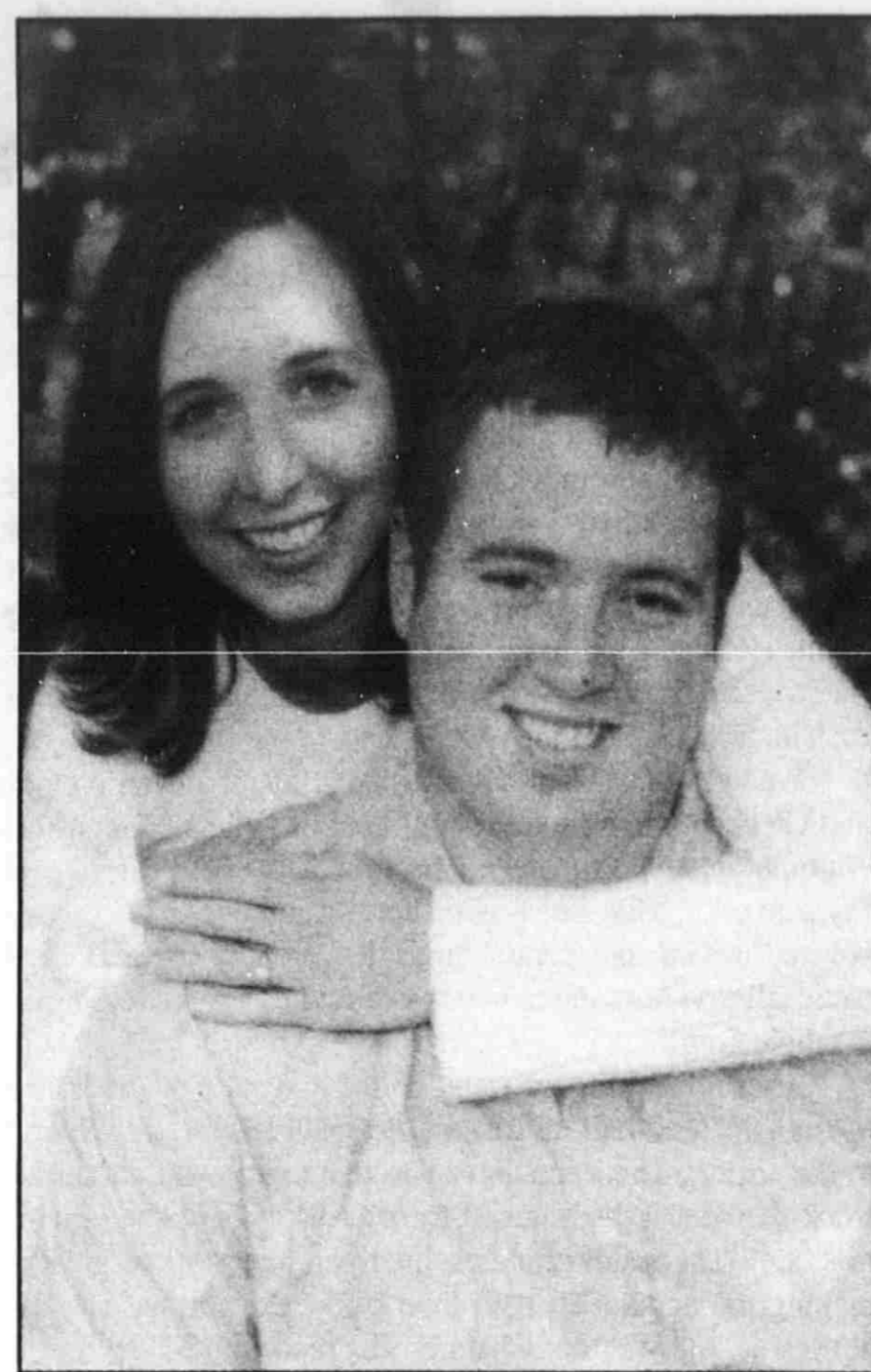
The groom-elect is the son of Rick and Peggy Berta of Rockford. He is a 2000 graduate of Rockford High School and a 2005 graduate of Grand Valley State University.

The couple plan to be married December 17, 2005.

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*A woman is like a tea bag - you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water.*

- Eleanor Roosevelt



Brandi Schaefer and Richard Berta

# Happy Birthday

**DEC. 8:** Mike Cummings.  
**DEC. 9:** Allen Metternick, Sara Triplett, Alison Nugent, Ben Nugent, Deb Schuitema, Noah VanLaan.  
**DEC. 10:** Bill Fluger, Evelyn Heim, Barbara Decker.  
**DEC. 11:** Blanche Smith, Dave Rhodes, Amber Waldron, Mike Kline.  
**DEC. 12:** Brad Briggs, Joyce Stormzand, Matt Newhouse, Sally Hacker, Kathryn Zalewski.  
**DEC. 13:** Chrys Thaler.  
**DEC. 14:** Chris Kropf, Bryan Robert Roth.

## College News

Northwestern Michigan College's Aviation Flight Technology program has announced that **Matthew Wyman** of Lowell has received the EAA Chapter 234 Scholarship Award for the 2005-2006 academic year. The NMC Flight Technology program offers a wide variety of degree and certificate options that prepare students as private pilots or for careers as commercial pilots. The school is located in Traverse City.

# Reflections of faith

Father George J. Fekete  
 Saint Mary Church

We're now well into the Season of Advent as we prepare to celebrate a mighty event which happened two thousand years ago, the birth of Jesus Christ, Savior of the world. Advent is also a time when we should recall that Jesus will return at the end of time - at a time we least expect. As the Advent Season Liturgy began, we were given, in St. Mark's Gospel, the words of Jesus, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33) Here Jesus is referring to His Second Coming at the end of

time or the end of our lives, whichever comes first. Jesus is teaching that His coming could catch us off guard. He is also encouraging us to live now in such a way that if He came today for us, we would be ready for His coming, by living the way He has taught us to live.

To bring out his point, here's a beautiful example I recently read: "Tom Anderson of Bernardsville, New Jersey, rented an ocean cottage for a two-week vacation. Before driving to the beach with his wife, Tom made a solemn promise to himself that for the next two weeks he would be the kind of husband that he knew he could and should be. And so he began. For two weeks he made no phone calls to his office. For two weeks he held his tongue when tempted to say something unkind. For two weeks he was thoughtful. For two weeks he was loving and caring. Only one thing went wrong on that vacation. And that happened on the last night. Tom caught his wife staring at him with a deeply concerned expression on her face. He looked at her and said, 'Honey, what in the world's wrong?' Tears rolled

down her cheeks as she said, 'Do you know something I don't know?' 'What do you mean?' he responded. 'Well,' she said, 'last week I went to the doctor for a checkup. You've been so kind to me, Tom. Tell me the truth. Did he tell you something about me? Did he say I had cancer? Did he say I'm going to die? Is that why you've been so good to me, Tom?' It took a full minute for her remarks to sink in. Then Tom broke into a laugh. Throwing his arms around his wife, he said, 'No honey, you're not going to die. It's just that I'm starting to live.' (Illustrated Sunday Homilies by Fr. Mark Link, S.J.)

This story brings out Jesus' teaching for this Advent. He is urging us to live out His teachings and to live them out in our own particular state in life as Tom Anderson began to do as a husband. In this way we will be prepared to celebrate Christ's coming on Christmas Day and His Second Coming, worldwide, or personal, as it will one day be for each of us. God love you.

# Lend A Hand

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### HELP PROMOTE LITERACY

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Thursday, Dec. 15 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the Council and its literacy programs. At the end of the 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.

The information session will be held at the Gaines Township Library, 421 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids. Call 459-5151 to register.

### KENT AREA HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Foreign high school students, ages 15-18, will be arriving soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and a few more host families are needed.

Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) area reps match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. These students are English-speaking, have their own spending money, and carry accident and health insurance.

Families who host for P.I.E. are eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

If you are interested in hosting a foreign high school student, call 1-800-631-1818.

## Food drive to benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries

A month-long food drive was held by the Awana Club of First Baptist Church of Lowell. It benefited local families through Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. Pictured, left to right, are Sparks Clubbers with some of the food and paper products they collected: Lane Weeks, Jamie Roquemore III, Jerry Williams (Sparks leader) and Cassie Franklin.



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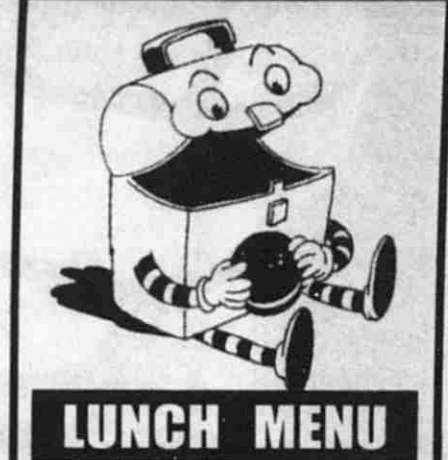
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**WED:** Spaghetti & meatsauce w/garlic bread (Alto & Murray Lake - hotdog on bun also offered), fresh carrots, chilled pineapple, milk.

**THURS:** Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes/gavy, assorted fruit, dinner roll, holiday cookie, milk.

**FRI:** Pepperoni pizza (Alto & Murray Lake - cheeseburger on bun also offered), whole kernel corn, assorted fruit, milk.

**LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND ACCEPTS GRANT PROPOSALS**

All Proposals Must Be Submitted No Later Than **December 16, 2005 to be considered.**

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You may also pick up an application at any of the following locations:  
 Lowell Township Hall,  
 Vergennes Township Hall, City Offices of Lowell,  
 Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce,  
 the Englehardt Public Library  
 or any Lowell Area School.

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# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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<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>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>                  10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)                  Halfway between Lowell &amp; Saranac on M-21</p> <p>www.goodshepherdlowell.org</p> <p>Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study, 9 A.M.                  Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.                  Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M.                  Rev. Rick Ferguson - 987-6475                  ALL ARE WELCOME!                  (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b>                  10501 Settlemood • Ph. 897-7185</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.                  Morning Worship.....11 A.M.                  Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M.                  Rev. Rick Ferguson - 987-6475                  ALL ARE WELCOME!                  (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b>                  Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road                  897-5648</p> <p>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><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b>                  2275 West Main Street • 897-7168                  Internet: http://www.fbcloowell.org                  Rev. David O. Sims &amp; Rev. W. Lee Taylor                  Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor</p> <p>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; 8:30 P.M.                  Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times                  Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>						

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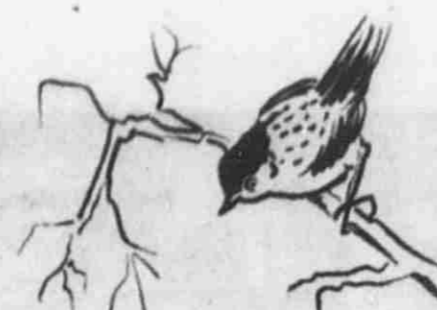
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## Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



### THINK WINTER

It is that time of the year when those who have the option of heading for warmer climates begin to put together an escape plan. If cold temperatures, shoveling snow, and poor driving conditions compel you to seek relief, then traveling south may be the answer. Lack of something to do, however, should not be a reason for Michigan residents to bail out.

The winter season brings conditions that support a variety of fun and interesting activities. If winter in past years has seemed too long and uncomfortable, then it may be time to begin exploring new pastimes.

There are thousands of snowmobile riders who wait all year for the first substantial snowfall to pack the miles of trails across the state. The new sleds are reliable and comfortable. Special cold weather clothing keeps the rider protected from the elements. In the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula there are hundreds of miles of designated trails that take the rider to out of the way places not readily accessible in warm weather. Communities along the trails provide food and lodging for out of town riders.

It is possible to take cross-country trips by riding from one town to the next over several days.

Cross-country skiing or hiking the backcountry with snowshoes may appeal to folks who seek a more tranquil way to experience the winter landscape. Trails can be found within a short driving distance of most residential areas.

Year around seasons for many species of fish allow the angler to fish lakes and ponds right through the winter so long as the ice is safe. If you don't mind sucking the ice out of line guides, a few steelhead remain all winter and can be fished in designated sections of some rivers.

Several hunting seasons are open during the winter. The most popular is rabbit hunting. Although rabbit season began in September, many rabbit hunters wait for the swamps to freeze and snow to fall before setting out for cottontail or snowshoe (varying hare) rabbits. Rabbits can be hunted by

walking through cover or by waiting for a beagle to chase the circling rabbit by for a shot.

There is always sledding and ice-skating. Downhill skiing is popular in Michigan and a few slopes were already open in November. Lack of opportunity should not be a reason for hibernating or fleeing the state during the long Michigan winter. Make the best of it and participate in activities which you may have given up over the years or learn new skills by taking up a new interest. Think winter.

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## More scenes of the season

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Santa, the star attraction in the parade.



Members of the 2005 Kent County Youth Fair Court kept warm as they made their way along the parade route.



A giant jack-in-the-box was the main feature of the Lowell Area Historical Museum's parade float.



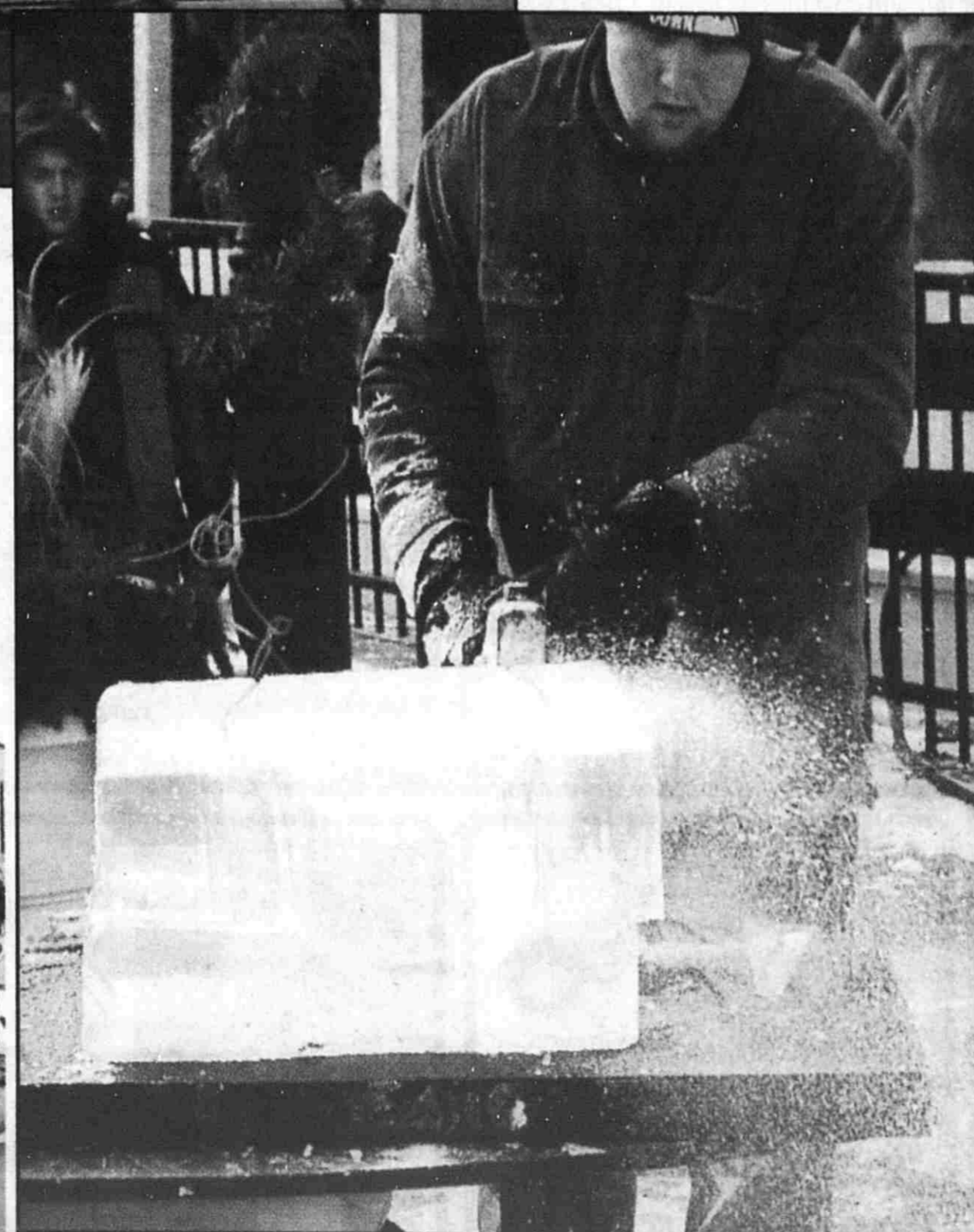
People lined the streets, eagerly awaiting the start of the parade as the kids kept a lookout for Santa.



An enormous dalmatian enjoyed the parade from the back of one of the Lowell Area Fire Department's brush fire trucks.



Above, the Lowell Veterans of Foreign Wars lead the parade east on Main Street; at right, a school bus had a message urging drivers to be cautious around children.



Jason Offenbacher saws into the hull of a sailboat ice sculpture.

## Jailbirds for a cause

Cumberland Manor resident Anne Washburn and business manager Cindy Meyer were "locked up" last Tuesday during a fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The event took place at Harold Zeigler Ford in Lowell. Volunteers were asked to collect "bail money" for the fund drive. If they were still short of their goal by last Tuesday's drive, they sat at tables at the Ford dealership and called friends to come and bail them out with additional donations. Meyer and Washburn, however, had already raised their allotted portion and spent their hour in "jail" playing cards. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to provide summer camp for children with muscular dystrophy.



## Clock tower, continued ...From Page 1

was out there Wednesday (before Thanksgiving) in the snow around 4 p.m. in the day," said councilman Jim Hodges. "If I was him faced with climbing a ladder on a snowy day, I'd have been thinking, 'Man, I just want to go home and be with my family.'"

Instead, he spent about two hours looking at the Main Street clock, finally determining that the motor needed to be replaced, Pasquale said. The clock was stopped at the time of 10:57 and the motor removed; it was expected to be replaced with the clock up and running by the end of the week, according to staff, who were checking on when the repair person would be in.

Pasquale estimates the motor will cost the city about \$500. The clock is about eight years old and probably is not under warranty, Pasquale said.

The clock tower on City

Hall is about two and a half years old and was installed during the construction of City Hall.

The cost of the motor for the Main Street clock was about \$1,040 with the

Downtown Development Authority offering to cover the cost, according to Pasquale. The new circuit board for the clock tower was covered by the manufacturer at no cost to the city.

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# Public transportation discussed for Lowell area residents

By Dan Schneider

The closest a city bus comes to Lowell right now is at the corner of 36th Street

and Kraft Ave., which is at the western end of Cascade Township.

Kent County public transit fans hope the future holds viable mass transit

options for Lowell and other smaller communities surrounding Grand Rapids. At the "Citizen Transit Summit 2005" in early October in Grand Rapids,

attendees identified Lowell as one of the cities in need of improved public transit. The recommendation was to create something like a dial-a-ride service with

centers in Lowell, Rockford and Jenison. Higher on the list of priorities was to establish a commuter rail line connecting Grand Rapids to other cities. If such a rail line were built between Grand Rapids and Lansing, it would likely be accessible for Lowell citizens.

But a rail line would be a long way into the future. It will also likely be several years before there is a bus stop on Main Street in Lowell. But there's nothing stopping buses from making an eastward trip on M-21.

The theory among transit proponents is "if you build it, riders will come."

"If it's out there, people will use it," said Grand Rapids resident and summit participant Dave Bulkowski.

One Lowell area resident who would ride a bus to work if one existed is Gordon Gould.

"If it were available, I would use it," Gould said. "It's not available, so I don't use it."

Currently, he drives back and forth every day to his job as a news anchor at WOOD Radio.

"Particularly with gas at whatever number of dollars it is right now, I can see how it would be a significant chunk of savings by the end of the year," Gould said.

The Rapid bus system operated by the Interurban Transit Partnership in Grand Rapids currently operates a service called "County Connection." The service allows Kent County residents to call ahead and schedule a ride from anywhere in the county to anywhere else in the county. But at \$14 per one-way trip, the service would not offer viable daily transportation.

The Rapid could offer bus service to Lowell. It's just a matter of paying for it. Part of the cost would be covered by riders paying

fares. But the city or some other local entity would have to pay some part of the cost.

"The key thing would be the ability to contract to pay that local share," The Rapid spokesperson Jennifer Kalczuk said.

When The Rapid expanded its route number 5 outside of its regular six-city area and into western Cascade Township, one of the main reasons was because factories in that area wanted transit for their employees.

The Rapid currently has a route, operated on a contract basis, connecting downtown Grand Rapids with the Allendale campus of Grand Valley State University. The university pays a share of the cost.

That route has been a successful example of the "If you build it, riders will come" phenomenon. It has seen a 650 percent increase in ridership since the route opened in 2000.

"We've added service to that route every year since it started in 2000," Kalczuk said.

So if enough people in Lowell are interested in a bus route, the mechanisms are already in place to make it happen. It would take a millage or some other form of funding, but it could happen.

For now, transit proponents are hoping people in the Lowell area and elsewhere in Kent County will keep public transit in mind as a priority for the future.

"The important thing to do would be to get a hold of state representative Dave Hildenbrand and county commissioners and county commissioners and say 'Hey, what are you doing to connect Lowell to some choice destinations,'" Bulkowski said.

# Senior housing decidedly scarce in Lowell area

By Dan Schneider

Schneider Manor is a popular living option for seniors in Lowell.

It's a rather uncommon institution: an independent senior housing community exclusively for local residents. While many small towns, Saranac, for instance, have subsidized housing for seniors, Schneider Manor is self-supporting.

It was established in 1970. In that year, part of the Philip H. and Jennie Winegar Schneider Memorial Fund was used for its construction. The fund was left as a bequest by an Akron businessman who grew up on a farm outside Lowell.

A decade after it was built, Schneider Manor was expanded to 45 apartments. Now, there are a total of 84 apartments. The apartments are available for rental by residents of the city of Lowell and Lowell Township, ages 62 and older. And they are popular.

"The waiting list down here is probably eight to 10 years for a one-bedroom and longer for a two-bedroom," Schneider Manor manager Jody Haybarker said.

Phil Schneider, president of the Schneider Manor board, said the apartment facility has had a long waiting list for years. New apartments are periodically added

to accommodate more residents.

"We will be probably building on this next year," Schneider said.

But he doesn't expect new construction to have an impact on the waiting list.

"We aren't going to make much of a dent because we only build eight units at a time," Schneider said.

Schneider Manor residents' Lola Posthumus, 83, and Fern Lamb, also 83, were both on the waiting list for five years. "They always tell you 10 years, but I didn't have to wait that long," Posthumus said.

Both said they enjoy living at Schneider Manor.

"I love it here, it's better than living on the farm all by yourself," Posthumus said.

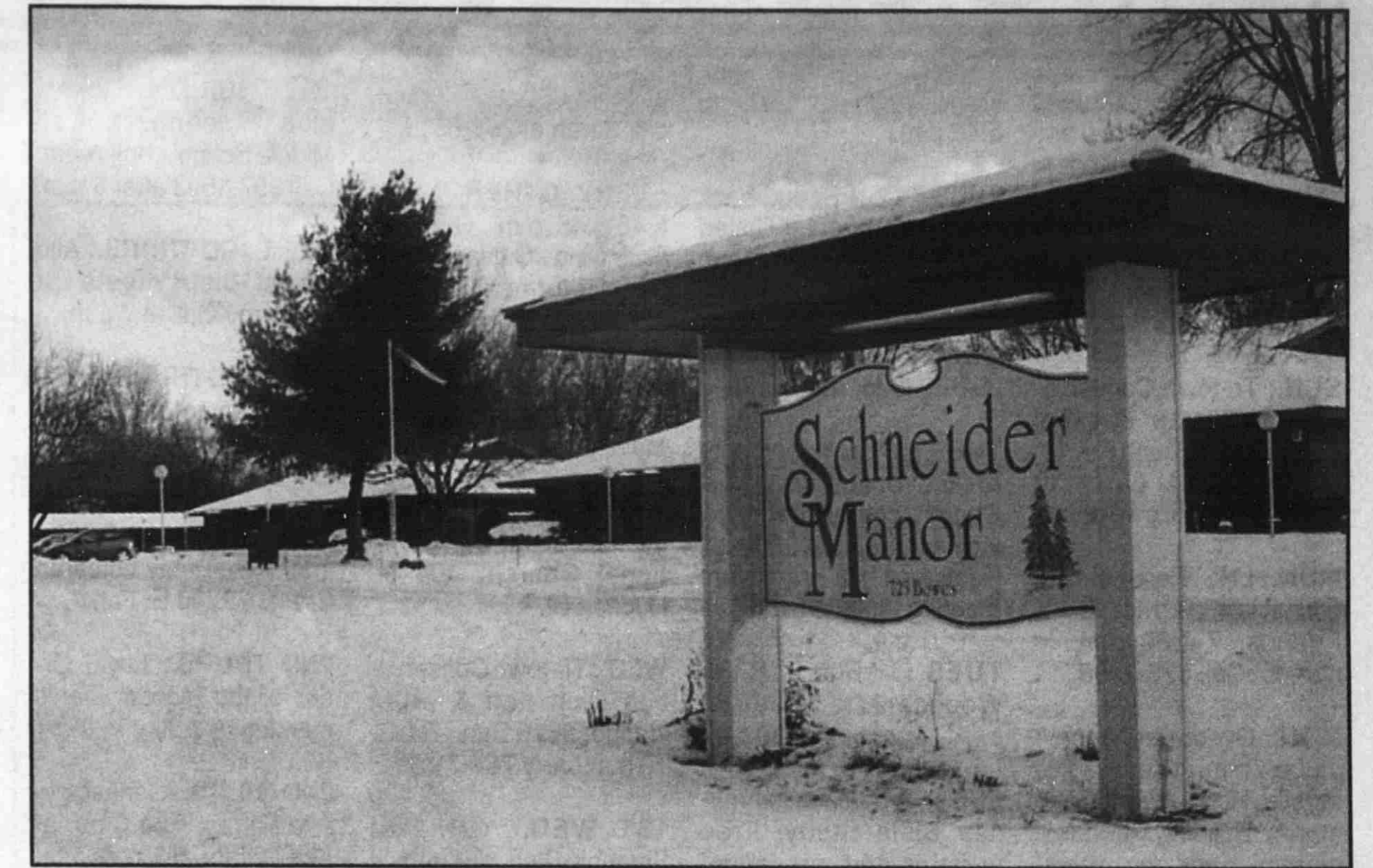
"When my husband died we had a 140-acre farm and it was too much, too much for me to keep up."

Lamb, who has lived at Schneider Manor for 14 years, said she probably would have looked for a place with a shorter waiting list if one had been available.

Part of the reason for its popularity is likely the low rates. "We try to keep the rents as low as we possibly can," Schneider said. "It's real reasonable," said Ernest Smith, 84, and a resident of Schneider Manor for two months.

Smith spent 10 years on the waiting list.

For seniors who want to



Schneider Manor is a rare institution, as a self-sustaining, community-minded living center devoted exclusively to local seniors.

live locally, independently, and in low-maintenance apartments such as those at Schneider Manor, there aren't a lot of other options at any price in Lowell.

Cumberland Manor, on the west side of town, has 18 beds in a building designated for independent living. But the vast majority of that facility is devoted to assisted living and adult foster care. Laurels of Kent does not have any units designated for independent living. In fact, many people at that facility are not seniors

and are there on a temporary basis for rehabilitation after injuries.

While Lowell and its surrounding townships have experienced residential growth and development in recent years, that development has not targeted seniors. Local realtor Rick Seese said one of the reasons for that is because in residential

development, particularly apartment housing, profits can practically be calculated in units per acre.

In Lowell "we are very fortunate to have our own housing at least meeting some of the needs, but much more is going to be needed," Seese said. "And I don't see any developers targeting that need right now and I don't see any on the horizon."

There are fewer incentives for the private sector to build apartments suitable for seniors, who typically require single-floor living space. A developer can fit more units on a property by building multi-level apartments.

So it is a good bet that the waiting list at Schneider Manor will remain a long one.

## On exhibit at Huntington Galleria



An exhibition of mixed media and acrylic paintings by artist Gretka Domer will be at Huntington Galleria, 414 E. Main through Dec. 26.

Domer, who has a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Kendall College of Art and Design, works out of Coldwater Studio in Alto where she resides on a farm with her six children. She has been working as an independent artist and mural painter in Caledonia for the past six years.

Her murals can be seen in Caledonia High School, Fountain St. Church, Duncan Lake Middle School, and in the Greater Grand Rapids area.

Visit her website at [www.coldwaterart.com](http://www.coldwaterart.com) or [www.lowellartscouncil.org](http://www.lowellartscouncil.org) for more information. The exhibit is presented by Lowell Area Arts Council.

## In The Service

Army Reserve Sgt. Jason A. Stoutjesdyk was honored at a special Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Award ceremony in recognition of the soldier's personal sacrifice, exceptional duty

performance, and honorable service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The reservist is assigned to the 88th Regional Readiness

Command headquartered at Fort Snelling, Minneapolis, Minn. He is a member of the 180th Transportation Company in Muskegon.

At the ceremony, the commanding general of the Army Reserve presented Stoutjesdyk the award package. The award, exclusively for Army Reserve Citizen-Soldiers, consists of a personalized encased American flag,

a commander's coin with Reserve logos, a lapel pin set for the soldier and spouse, and a Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen flag.

Stoutjesdyk, a motor transport operator with five years of military service, is the son of Jim Stoutjesdyk of Lowell and Susan L. Lewis, also of Lowell. He is a 1995 graduate of Greenville High School.

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**Roller hockey league organizing**

An organizational meeting for a youth roller-hockey league will be held next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Rollaway Bowling, Skating and Laser Tag at 805 E. Main Street.

The league is open to all first- through eighth-grade students who will play pick-up games. All that is required is a pair of rollerblades, a hockey stick and a helmet. Additional pads are at the discretion of the player.

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

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

**3RD MON.:** Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. 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 MI#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. Bellline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda

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

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

**WED.:** Rotary meets at noon at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THURS.:** Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

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

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

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

**1ST THURS.:** Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

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

**1ST & 3RD THURS.:** Alto Lions Club meets at Monterey Grill at 7 p.m.

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

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

**2ND THURS.:** Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

**3RD THURS.:** Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Call Dawn 862-8841.

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

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

**3RD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializ-

ing; 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.

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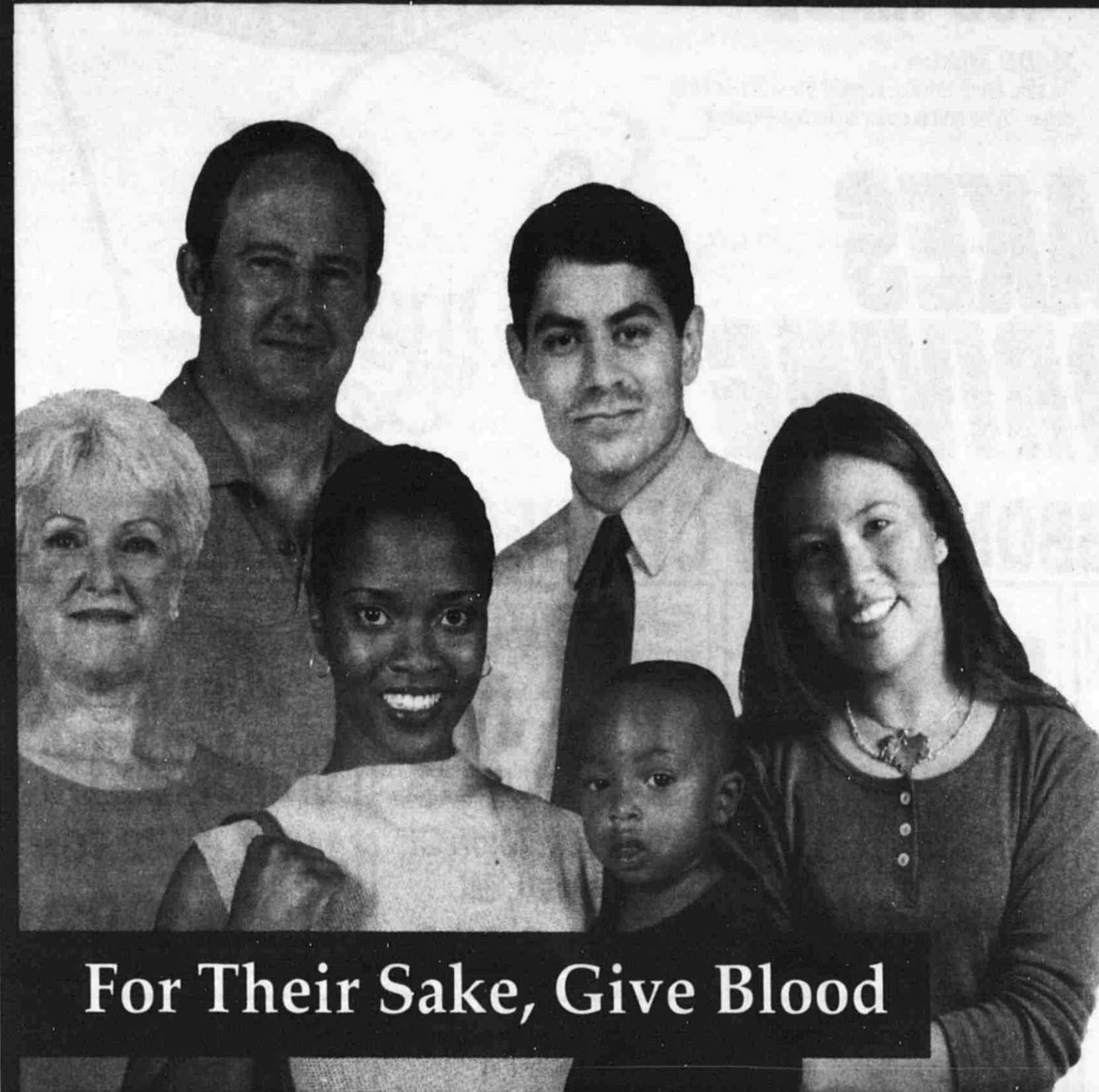
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
LOWELL CHARTER  
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PLANNING COMMISSION**

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  
LOWELL, MI 49331**

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.

Dave Simmonds, Secretary  
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission





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## New wrestling coach excited by Lowell's wrestling culture

By Dan Schneider

Wrestling wasn't the first thing on Dave Dean's mind when he came to Lowell.

Lowell High School's



Lowell's new wrestling coach, Dave Dean.

new security director and varsity wrestling coach moved here from East Lansing, where he had been assistant wrestling coach at Michigan State University for 13 years. He quickly found the change to be a good move for his family.

"It's been great, it's different, but it's been better," Dean said. "I got the chance to be closer and spend more time with my family and to spend more time with my brother Noel—our kids are virtually the same age—it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

His brother, Noel Dean, teaches at the high school and is the head varsity football coach.

Dean found out quickly that in addition to being a good place to raise a family, Lowell is a good place to coach wrestling.

"Another thing that is great about this place is there is a culture of excellence with the wrestling program," Dean said. "I wanted to come in and work with people who have a high standard. Instead of coming and trying to build that, it's already here."

The high school team has been practicing since Nov. 14. But many of the wrestlers have been working outside of school, competing individually in events such as Border Wars.

"We've been working at wrestling since the very beginning of June and I've had great commitment from a lot of people in this program," Dean said.

Some new additions to the schedule this year will make it a challenging season. On Saturday, Lowell will take on Montrose at Michigan State University. Next Wednesday, the Red Arrows travel to Hesperia for a quad match with Hesperia, Hart and Fremont.

"Hesperia is one of the best teams in West Michigan right now, so I wanted to wrestle them," Dean said.

The New Lothrop tournament in January is

another addition to this year's schedule.

Dean says his coaching is mostly focused on building the fundamentals of wrestling and being wrestling smart.

"Philosophically, I'm about kids being able to handle a lot of pressure and being disciplined under those conditions and making good decisions," Dean said. "From there, you build out the whole structure."

The OK White conference looks different this year. Sparta, Unity Christian and Cedar Springs are gone, the loss of Sparta having the biggest impact on the wrestling landscape.

But there are tough teams still in the conference.

"Greenville's going to be the team to contend with this year in the OK White, and Northview," Dean said.

Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Central are back in the OK White. Dean said he expects the new Forest Hills Central coach to return the Rangers to their wrestling tradition in the near future.

The Red Arrows' first match and conference opener will be Thursday when they host Kenowa Hills at 7 p.m. They take on Montrose at Michigan State University on Saturday.

## Lowell-Caledonia falls short in conference opener at Patterson

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell-Caledonia (L-C) varsity hockey team fell 4-0 to Kenowa Hills in their conference opener

Friday at the Patterson Ice Center.

Lowell-Caledonia started the game strong, keeping the puck on forward

ice for most of the first period. But despite that, and despite having to kill three penalties, Kenowa Hills was up 2-0 after the first period.

They scored at the five-minute mark and again 24 seconds later. On the face-off after the second goal, they had breakout and nearly scored again.

L-C started the second period on a double power play but was unable to capitalize. Kenowa scored again with 8:54 left in the period.

The Red Arrows/Fighting Scots regrouped in the third period and played some of their best hockey of the game. They put pressure on the Kenowa Hills goal but still were unable to score.

The Knights scored the final goal of the game with 8:54 remaining.

Once Lowell-Caledonia got down a few goals, it was tough to get back in the game mentally, L-C coach Mike Ballard said.

"Then we kind of lost track of our responsibilities on the ice and started scrambling," he said.

Lowell-Caledonia is playing with a short roster this year, with 10 skaters and a goalie.

"It's hard to keep up with the teams with the multiple lines," Ballard said. "But the quality of the skaters we have, they're good skaters and they're smart skaters."

He said the short roster may help the Red Arrows/Fighting Scots in the end, as they'll have a group of better-conditioned skaters on the ice. He also expects to add two more players to the team in the coming weeks.

L-C is dealing with the loss of its two biggest offensive weapons from last year. They are learning a more team-oriented approach

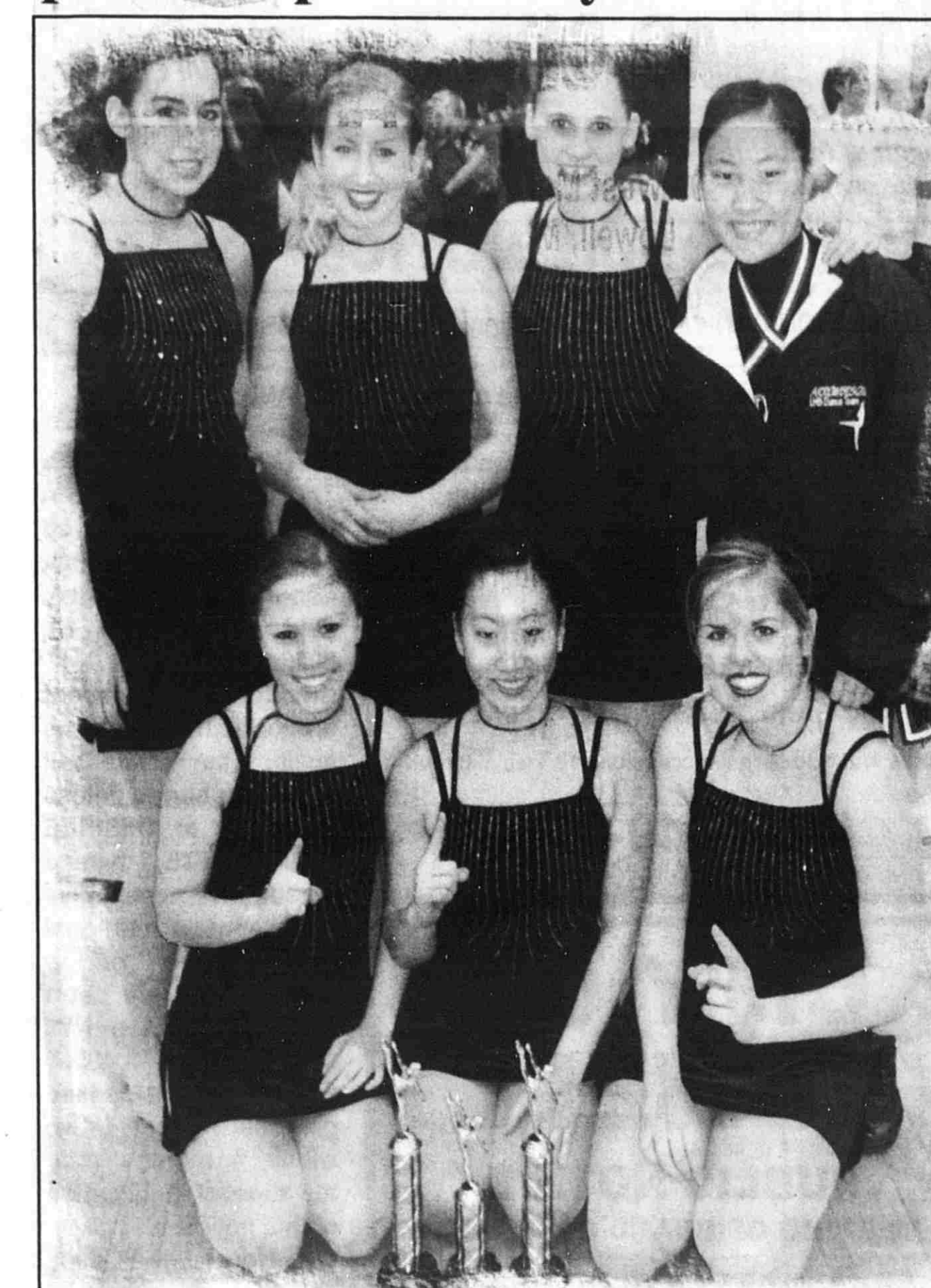
to offense this season.

"It really hasn't affected this group in the aspect of they're much more cohesive as a team," Ballard said. "They know they don't have that big gun to rely on."

Lowell-Caledonia played Saturday against DeWitt High School, losing by the closer margin of 4-2. The Arrows/Scots kept it close at Grand Haven on Nov. 23 but lost 5-4. It was a 7-3 loss against Forest Hills Central on Nov. 19, and the season-opener Nov. 18 was a 7-2 loss at Holt.

Lowell-Caledonia will look for its first win with away games against the Kalamazoo Blades, Friday, and Grand Rapids Christian, Saturday.

## LHS dance team takes two 1st place trophies at Byron Center



The Lowell High School Arrowesque dance team won two first-place trophies and placed fourth in a third event at a Nov. 19 competition at Byron Center High School. They took first place in the kick event, which is judged on choreography, technique and height of kicks. They also placed first in the pom pon event, which is judged on choreography, visual effect, skills and technique. They took fourth place in the dance competition, which is judged on choreography and technical dance.

Pictured, back row, from left to right, are: Kari Hernandez, Jane McNaughton, Kimmi Carrier and Jennifer Lupton; front row are: Brandi Rix, Jodi Lupton and Angela Harvey. The team is coached by Kendy Varble.

The team's next competition is Jan. 7 at West Ottawa High School. They also compete Feb. 4 at Sparta High School. More information is available on the team's web site, www.arrowesque.com.

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You can now find dividend-paying stocks in a wide variety of industries, including financial services, food producers, consumer products, pharmaceuticals, technology, publishing and others. In short, you can help diversify your portfolio by investing in dividend-paying stocks - and many of them offer growth potential, too.

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Clearly, this new rate will affect your decision-making on how to receive investment income. Dividends may now be more attractive, from a tax standpoint, than bonds and certificates of deposit, both of which pay interest that is taxed at your current income tax rate, which could be as high as 35 percent. But you'll need to balance this tax advantage with the greater investment risk carried by stocks. Any investment-grade bond will likely offer you greater protection of principal than even the most stable of stocks. On the other hand, fixed-income investments expose you to purchasing power risk if their return does not keep up with inflation.

Ultimately, there's no easy answer to the question of how you should structure your portfolio to receive investment income. You're probably better off by diversifying your holdings to include both dividend-paying stocks and bonds, along with growth stocks, government securities and other types of investments.

Keep watching the news

The 15 percent rate on dividends is scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, 2008; after that, dividends will again be taxed at your personal tax rate, unless Congress acts to make the 15 percent rate permanent. So, stay informed on what's happening in Washington - it could have a significant impact on your investment plans.

## Lady Arrows elect club officers



The Lady Arrows Varsity Club, pictured, now in its fifth year at Lowell High School, has elected its officers. Brooke VanEck is president; Nicole Shepard, vice president; Kelsey Crowley, treasurer; and Becky Plummer, secretary. Chelsea Smit and Emily Timpon are event planners, and Alison Nugent is communications director. Patty Sellner, Dee Crowley and Robin Briggs are club advisors.

The club hosted its annual Father/Daughter dance on Nov. 2 for second and third grade girls and their fathers. Held at Cherry Creek Elementary, chairpersons Becca Underwood and Nicole Shepard along with other members decorated and provided prizes, pictures and beverages. A portion of the proceeds are used to make a donation to the Kathy Talus Scholarship Fund. Members also help mentor young girls at the elementary and middle school levels, and attend luncheons where local female leaders talk about how sports have affected their lives. In the past, the club has hosted the "Women In Sports Leadership Conference" put on by the MHSAA.

The Lady Arrows Varsity Club is an organization in which girls who are involved in varsity athletics come together to help the community through leadership opportunities and provide recognition for the accomplishments of Lowell high school athletes.

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- Liz Baker - Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

Christmas Magic & Santa Visits on the Lowell Showboat! Check the website for schedule or call the chamber!

Why do some schools have more lunch options than the other schools? Don't we all pay the same?

Dog Story Part III. Didn't see you stop, but thanks. Thought I hit a pedestrian, panicked, left the car door open and the dog got out. A deer hit me! Dog is fine, deer ran off, & car is ok!

The wreaths look great! How hard would it be to set the clock while you were at it?

What a fantastic Secret Santa Shop at Alto this year!

Congratulations Keith Nichol on making All-State and Player of the Year!

I'm very nostalgic and grew up in the fifties. I think it would do wonders to see some colored lights on Main St. Enough of this white, white, white stuff.

Congratulations to all our sports teams for the wonderful showing this fall.

A special appreciation to Mrs. Tousey's and Mrs. Lum's class for making 100 Christmas cards to send to our soldiers.  
-Sharon Ryan

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

FILE NO. 05-800,616-DE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of STELLA K. TOLES, deceased Date of Birth 5/28/1938

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, STELLA K. TOLES, who lived at 12388 Heintzelman, Cedar Springs, Michigan, died September 13, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DESIREE S. SCHUTTE, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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YOUTH WRESTLING GEAR - Headgear, 2 reversible singlets, knee pad, 3 pair shoes (sz. 7, 8, 8 1/2). All in excellent condition. Will sell individually or all for \$50. Call 897-4346.

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HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.

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