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## Bowes Road tree clearing making way for new power lines

By Dan Schneider

Work crews are clearing trees on both sides of Bowes Road this week.

They are clearing the way for a new express feeder distribution line for Lowell Light and Power. The new line will connect downtown and customers on the south side of the Grand River to the utility's new Bowes Road substation.

The new line will run along the north side of Bowes Road from the substation to West Street. From there, it will cross the road and run along the south side to the Lowell Fairgrounds.

"We designed the line as much as possible to avoid obstacles and old-growth trees," said Lowell Light and Power general manager Tom Richards.

The line runs on the city's utility easement on both sides of the road. Unfortunately, Richards said, that property contains some impressive old trees. But, he added, the crews are cutting down trees only where necessary, trimming the rest, and there hasn't been a substantial outcry from affected residents.

While the project

requires the removal of trees, it will also allow for the removal of some aesthetically unappealing structures in Lowell. The express feeder is another step in the utility's progress toward making the city's entire power system originate at the Bowes Road substation. This will allow the elimination of several smaller substations elsewhere in the city.

"When we're done, the new express feeder will make it possible to dismantle some of the equipment around town," Richards said.

The first substation to be eliminated will be the one at the northwest corner of Stoney Lakeside Park. Substations at the Lowell Light and Power offices and generating station, next to Unity High School and near Lowell Middle School should be removed within two years.

"When the Bowes Road project is completed in the spring, we have one other small project, but soon after that we expect all power to be coming from that (Bowes) substation," Richards said. "We hope to be removing some of those things (substations) that haven't been too pleasant for the people who live around there."



A worker with the Medco tree cutting company saws a limb from an oak tree on Bowes Road. Several trees are being felled on Bowes Road to make way for new power lines.

## Lowell High School grad back in the states after being injured in Iraq

By Dan Schneider

Lance Cpl. David Stephens of Lowell was among the Marines injured in Iraq last week.

An improvised-explosive device went off near the truck he was in. He

was on patrol near Fallujah.

Though Stephens suffered second and third degree burns, his grandfather, Dick Gephart, said Stephens was doing better than thought when news first came of the explosion. Stephens was brought from a hospital in

Germany to a burn center in San Antonio over the weekend.

"They're thinking of moving him out of the ICU and he is not as bad as we thought in the beginning," Gephart said.

Stephens, 20, had been in Iraq for a matter of months,

stationed near Ramadi. He joined the Marines right after graduating from Lowell High School.

"He's a very nice young man," said Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw. "In fact, he just visited us recently. I was very impressed with how mature

he seemed and how grown up and how successful he had been in the Marines."

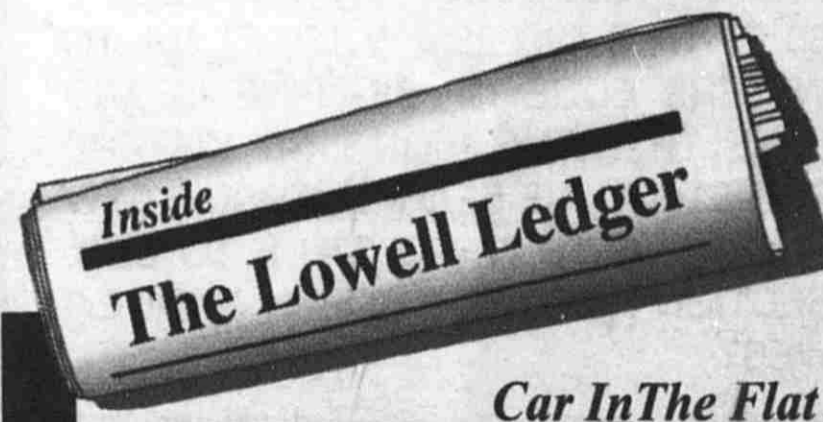
Vashaw said he was "very glad that his injuries

are not life-threatening and hopefully he'll be able to come home soon, and (we're) looking forward to his visit."

## Snow shoveling reminder from LPD

As cold temperatures continue and snow builds up this winter, a reminder about the city's snow removal ordinance is in order. The ordinance states that not only must property owners clear sidewalks on their property of snow, they must do so within 24 hours of the snow's accumulation. Also, the ordinance requires property owners without sidewalks to clear a pedestrian footpath on their property when sidewalks exist on adjacent properties.

The fine for failure to obey the ordinance is a minimum of \$50. Lowell police detective James Hinton said they try to be flexible in enforcing the ordinance to accommodate people with health-related or other legitimate reasons. "We try to typically work with the resident first to try to gain compliance, but if they don't comply, there is still the possibility of a citation being written," Hinton said.



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# Obituaries

**COOK**  
James Byron Cook Jr., aged 57 of Lowell, peacefully passed at his home surrounded by his devoted family December 8, 2005. He was preceded in death by his mother Dora Jane Cook and his father-in-law Paul J. Detmers. He is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Berdie Lou; three daughters Jamie Beth and Christopher Frain, Jennifer Jo and Aaron Kik, and Cindy Lee Cook; grandchildren Victoria Jane Kik and Tyson James Frain; father James Byron Cook Sr.; mother-in-law Elsie Detmers; two sisters-in-law Karlene and Ron Redder, Paula and Dan Kruger; nieces and nephews Laurie Floyd, Scott Floyd, Zachary

and Meagan Kruger, Noah Kruger, Jedidiah Kruger; cousins Mary Del Hummel, Jane Anne Rivette, Jacob Daniels, Rosmond Daniels and daughter Morgan; and those special people who through mutual love he considered daughters and sons. Jim enjoyed farming and showing cattle, and received many honors. Over the last 25 years, he enjoyed auctioneering which was both his profession and his passion. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 12 at the First United Methodist Church, Dr. Michael Conklin, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 1260

**PARKER**  
Randy Parker, aged 47, of Saranac, formerly of Phoenix, AZ, passed away December 1, 2005. He was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Vera Parker, brothers James Sutton, Ronald Parker, and sister Geraldine Houge. He is survived by his sisters Joy Rasmussen of AZ, Deanna Powers of Lyons and very dear friend Bobbie Worthington of Saranac; several nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place; a memorial service will be held at a later date.

**SCARLETT**  
Mrs. Alice M. Scarlett, aged 81, of Grand Rapids, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 3, 2005. She was a graduate of Scottville High School. She and her husband Wallace owned and operated Scarlett Associates which was founded in 1966. Mrs. Scarlett was a former member of Rockford ABWA and enjoyed playing bridge with her friends. An avid golfer, she enjoyed the companionship to her friends at Silver Lake Country Club. Her family will miss her wonderful laugh and her

great sense of humor. Mrs. Scarlett was a loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and loyal friend. She is survived by her children Jim (Bonnie) Scarlett of Grand Rapids, Sherry (Jeff) Schaap of Grand Rapids, Judy (Gary) Gilbert of Lowell; grandchildren Jim, Mark, Ryan and Kelli Scarlett, Joshua and Justin Schaap, Kurt and Kyle McDonald; sister-in-law Ruth (Kenneth) Scarlett Muir of Grand Rapids; nephew William Muir of Traverse City. She was preceded in death by her husband Wallace and two brothers. The service for Mrs. Scarlett was held December 7 at Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford, with The Rev. Laurel TenHave-Chapman officiating. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider The Down Syndrome Association of W. Michigan, Santa Claus Girls or Children's Relief Fund through The American Red Cross.

**WHALEY**  
Trisha Marie Whaley (nee Corbeil), aged 35, of Lowell, formerly of Ontonagon, passed away December 10, 2005. She is survived by her husband Terry; children Joel and Braden; parents Ken and Rena Corbeil; brother Clint Corbeil; sister Christie Corbeil; nephews Nick and

Tony; grandmother Vivian Waatti; several aunts and uncles. Trisha was a loving wife, mother, daughter and loving person to all who knew her. Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday at St. Mary Church, Lowell, Rev. George Fekete Celebrant. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Terry Whaley and the boys, c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell 49331.

**WYMAN**  
David Leslie Wyman, aged 70, of Grand Rapids, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 8, 2005 shortly after complications from heart surgery. Dave was born to Joseph and Anna Palmer Wyman on September 19, 1935, in Detroit and grew up in Farmington. He lettered in baseball and football at Farmington High School where he graduated in 1953. He attended Hillsdale College on a football scholarship and worked for various local banks. Mr. Wyman left Southeastern Michigan in 1976, moving to the Grand Rapids area to return to college, eventually accepting a position as an officer of the Sebrite division of Foremost Corp. Dave

founded Michigan Leasing and Financial Services, Inc., in 1981, served as chairman until 1999, retiring to pursue his love for his grandchildren, antiques, history, Beaver Island and hunting. He was a member of the Creston Rod and Reel sportsman club, the Christian Hunter Guild, the 6X9 Ranch, Keystone Community Church of Ada. He is survived by his wife of two years, Sun Op; brother John of Waterford; son Chris of Howell, son Patrick and daughter-in-law Lynn of Brighton, son Michael and daughter-in-law Renee of Rockford, son Paul and daughter-in-law Tammy of Greenville, son Matt of Lowell; step-son Mike Reidt and daughter-in-law Shelly of Greenville, step-son Ed Reidt and daughter-in-law Kelley of Austin, Texas; 15 grandchildren; previous wives Nancy Lutz Saunders, Judy Lowry Wyman. A memorial celebration was held Monday at Keystone Community Church, Ada. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the memory of David Wyman to Keystone Community Church at 655 Spaulding Ave. SE, Ada, MI 49301.

## • LEGAL NOTICES •

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF KENT

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Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 05-180,639-DE

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Date of birth  
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December 6, 2005  
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Lori Sieracki  
1386 Trinidad NW  
Walker, MI 49534  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate

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## Charges filed after car ends up in river

By Dan Schneider

Early Tuesday morning was rough for a 22-year-old Lowell man.

His car ended up in the Flat River. Beginning to walk home, he was given a ride by Lowell police and is now scheduled for arraignment on a misdemeanor charge.

Police found the man walking south along Alden Nash Avenue shortly after 1 a.m., and gave him a ride home. At 2:08 a.m., the

same officer found the man's 1988 Oldsmobile Delta 88 in the Flat River just north of the showboat.

Police estimated the car landed in the river around 12:45 a.m. The man was apparently leaving the city parking lot on Monroe Street. Instead of turning right onto the exit drive, he turned left onto Avery Street. The problem is, Avery Street is a pedestrian walkway west of the parking lot. This didn't seem to bother the driver of the Delta 88, as he proceeded

west onto Riverwalk Plaza, drove around the circular planter, and over the retaining wall into the river.

The subject was uninjured by the incident. His windows were all above the waterline, so he was able to crawl out without getting wet. There was no evidence of any passengers in the car.

There was evidence that a truck was also at the site, perhaps there in an attempt to extricate the Oldsmobile 88 from the river.

Despite the fact that his

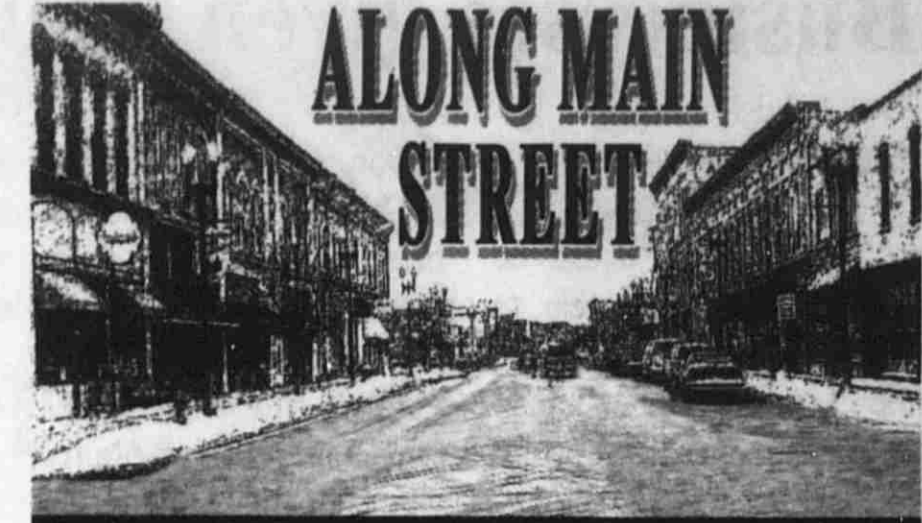
car was in the river, things weren't so bad for the subject until he decided to report his car stolen about an hour after the officer dropped him off.

When the officer questioned him after bringing him back to the river to identify his car, police chief Jim Valentine said it became obvious that he had driven the car into the river himself. Now the man will be arraigned Dec. 21 on a misdemeanor charge of making a false police report.

## Project Pals enjoy annual holiday party



One event that members of the Project Pals program enjoy each year is their annual Christmas party. Coordinated by Luanne Kaeb, of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, and Kevin Nugent, Lowell high school teacher, the program involves Lowell high school students with Cherry Creek, Alto and Murray Lake elementary students in a mentoring relationship. Pictured is Kaeb, left, with members of the Pals program.



### BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Center this 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).

### SHOTGUN/ARCHERY LEAGUES FORMING

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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.

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

Betty R. Morlock  
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## 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 20, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on the application of Doug Medema and Conecraft Builders for a special land use so as to permit the expansion and enlargement of an existing dwelling located on a nonconforming parcel of land. The special land use would be granted under the terms of Section 4.04 of the Township Zoning Ordinance and would permit a proposed building addition to the dwelling located on lands commonly described as 7549 Ravine Drive and legally described as follows:

PART OF GOVT LOT 1 COM AT NE COR THEREOF TH S 0D 11M E 650.65 FT TH S 89D 29M W 810.44 FT TH N 30D 29M W 100 FT TH N 44D 22M W 245 FT TO BEG OF THIS DESC - TH S 44D 22M E 60 FT TH S 49D 22M W 129 FT M/L TO WATERS EDGE OF BIG PINE ISLAND LAKE TH NWLY ALONG SD WATERS EDGE TO A LINE BEARING S 49D 22M W FROM BEG TH N 49D 22M E TO BEG, SECTION 10, TOWN 8 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST.

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

Dated: December 8, 2005

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

**Chapter 3 Zoning Districts**  
Amend R-A District, Section 201.304 (C) (14), to add a new section requiring a special exception use permit for certain types of rental storage.

**Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations**  
Amend Section 201.431 (B) to add language referencing the new section to be added to Chapter 3. This section is designed for older farm type buildings where no dwelling exists on the property for rental storage of RV and other items. There are conditions and standards for review and approval.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671** [fax 897-5674] or on the website at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org). Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: [zoning@vergennestwp.org](mailto:zoning@vergennestwp.org).

Vergennes Township Planning Commission



## Businesses given until the end of the month to switch providers

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

Realizing it would be the worst time of year to switch internet providers, the Lowell City Council decided to grant a reprieve to local businesses that currently have Airwave.

At last week's Monday night meeting, the city council decided to give Lowell businesses who are serviced by the wireless internet provider until Dec. 31 before pulling the plug. According to city officials, David Yomtoob, who is the owner of Airwave, owes the city back rental fees on equipment that is located on a city tower.

"Christmas is coming," said mayor Jeanne Shores, who felt that giving the businesses until the end of the month was a reasonable request.

The council had originally decided to end the service at the beginning of the month unless Yomtoob worked on the debt he owes with the city. Letters, however, from several business owners who use the service asked that the end date be delayed ... their reasons being that it is a busy time for retailers and not having internet access could hurt them, and it would also take time to switch to another provider.

When reached by phone earlier this week, Yomtoob said he was pleased the city had reconsidered the request to extend the deadline. Yomtoob had come before the council in November making that request and the council chose at that time to keep the original deadline of Dec. 7.

"The city does not want to work with me or they would have worked out a deal instead of taking this drastic measure," Yomtoob said.

In October, Yomtoob brought up the issue of working out a new agreement with the city and the company he wanted to sell his internet business to, which is All-In-One Wireless. This

is the same company Yomtoob said he is working with to provide internet service to Vergennes and Lowell townships.

But the city said an outstanding bill of \$9,000 of back rent needed to be settled first. Yomtoob said that bill was from his now defunct company, Wifnet. The following month the council decided to end the service and informed Yomtoob that he needed to notify his customers. Although it granted the reprieve, the matter is not

over as the council did direct staff to investigate collection procedures for what Yomtoob owes the city.

Chief of police Jim Valentine said Yomtoob would not be able to get his equipment back without first contacting the city. He would then be required to have a police officer escort him to the site so he could remove the equipment, Valentine said, adding that the facility is locked and does contain city-owned equipment.

## Several issues discussed at Monday's school board meeting

By Dan Schneider

An unqualified report on an audit of the district's financial records was the good and familiar news heard by the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education.

Auditor Phil Saurman gave a report on the district's audit at Monday's board meeting, saying no irregularities were found in the district's record keeping. His main recommendation was that the district increase its fund balance, but recognized that state funding procedures and tough economic times make that difficult to do.

Also Monday night, the board adopted an amended budget for the 2005-2006 school year.

The last budget had been adopted in June. Changes

to the school's financial picture since then included a 10-student increase and an extra \$75 more per student in the state per pupil foundation allowance. LAS also decided to purchase only three new buses this year, rather than four.

The budget also includes adjustments for increased fuel and heating costs.

In the amended budget, the projected fund balance for July 1, 2006 is increased by 5.52 percent to \$2,120,363.

Dee McKendrick, chairperson of the district's "Safe Routes to School" committee, reported that state funding for the program will be used to address safety concerns for the schools' walking routes.

This includes building railings on a bridge and adding lighting at Creekside Park.

The board approved a contract agreement with the Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI) to conduct a search for a new district superintendent.

Under the terms of the contract, MLI will receive \$7,000 to perform that service and will be allowed up to \$750 to cover miscellaneous expenses.

The price of drivers' training in Lowell is going up again. For the 2006-2007 school year, the program will be offered at a cost of \$300 per student.

Changes to the district's middle school and high school reproductive health curriculum were approved, Monday. The changes will bring the curriculum up to date with new state requirements.

A committee will be named in January to respond to a formal request to rename Red Arrow Stadium. The district received the request in the form of a letter. Forming a committee is in

keeping with the district's new policy on naming facilities after individuals, which was approved at the November board meeting.

Feb. 7 is the due date for petitions and filing

fees to run for a school board seat in the May 2, 2006 election. Two seats are up for election. Forms are available at city and township clerks' offices.

## Be safe: make sure ice is the proper thickness for winter activities

With the predicted forecasts of colder weather and potential snowfall over the next few weeks, thin ice will remain a danger on our inland lakes. Deputy Don Hamilton of the Kent County Sheriff Department Marine Unit wants all outdoor enthusiasts to be aware of the thickness of ice necessary to sustain certain weights.

As a general guideline, three inches of ice is required for an adult person. For a few people fishing in the same general area upon a lake, you should have four inches. Snowmobiles generally require at least five. Operating a motor vehicle upon the ice is never recommended.

Ice does not have uniform thickness; frequent checks are necessary as you move across the lake. Use of a personal flotation device can add a measure of safety. Don't venture out on the ice without letting family or friends know where you're going to be. Fishing with a companion is always safer. Pull heavy additional equipment behind you to spread out the weight.

Snow will insulate the formation of ice and may not be as thick under a layer of snow. Try to learn more about the lakes that you are going out onto. Many have natural springs or inlets where the ice will not form as quickly as other areas of the lake.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Deputy Hamilton at 632-6223.

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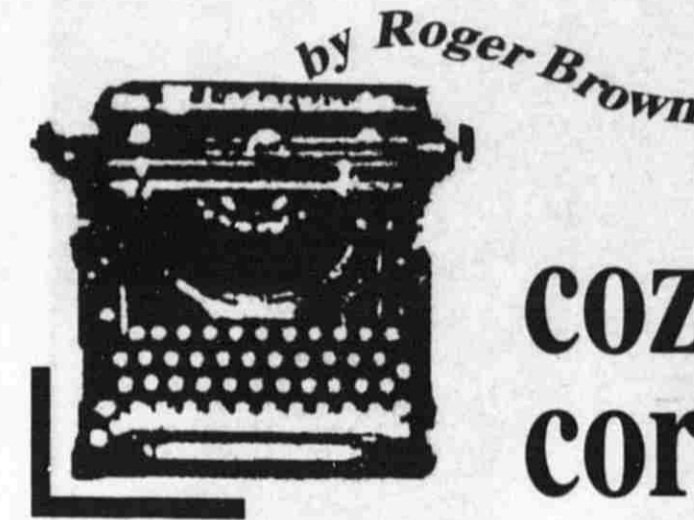
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# Viewpoint



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I left you last week with my 1941 Stearman biplane still on the ground at the Barclay State Park airport in Western Kentucky. Good-old-boy Leroy and I had transported the engine from Florida, hung it on the plane and got it running. It was too late in the day for a test flight, so I had to sleep thinking about the prospects of leaving Earth's confines while flying behind an engine built by Leroy and his cohorts. Actually, I was so tired I slept like a baby, despite Leroy's fitful snoring.

Morning dawned a bit warmer than the previous day. It was a balmy forty or so. The Weather Channel was calling for a high around fifty across my 400-mile route from Kentucky to Lowell. That doesn't sound too bad until you factor in the open cockpit, no heater and a 90 mph slipstream washing over you. Being strapped into a seat with no way to keep the blood circulating also adds to the chill factor. I stoked up on a big breakfast at the lodge.

After some tinkering we got the tachometer to work and the throttle linkage adjusted to my liking. Raised in south Florida, Leroy was shivering in the morning cold. A stiffening breeze didn't help. When she was ready to test fly, old Leroy bucked it up and climbed into the front seat. Gotta hand it to him ... if not for braving the cold, then for the guts to trust his rebuilt engine rebuild.

We flew for twenty minutes. We flew out over the sizeable Lake Barclay and nearby rolling hills with lots of trees. Prudence would have dictated circling the airport, but prudence has never been much fun. The engine performed beautifully and the flight was gorgeous. Back at the airport, we landed to the south in what I noticed was building into a nice tailwind for my trip. Leroy didn't say so, but I could tell he was really glad to be back on the ground.

I wanted to top off the fuel, which required a call to the lodge for someone to unlock the pumps and take my money. We used the time packing up Leroy's tools. I gave Leroy some cash for gas, food and a motel room. I had discovered that his boss doesn't pay his expenses on the road. I guess that's part of the reason the rebuild had been such a too-good-to-be-true price in the first place.

Topped off and ready to go, Leroy and I said our good-byes. I'll bet he had the heater cranked right up in his old truck all the way to Florida. It was 12:30 when I got in the air. My plane cruises in still air at a little over eighty knots, or about 90 mph. My G.P.S. told me it was just over 400 nautical miles to Lowell. The sun was due to set at about 5:30. I needed a fuel stop somewhere along the way. My mind operates at about a fourth-grade arithmetic level, but even I could deduce that I wasn't getting back to Lowell before dark.

Not far out of Lake Barclay I approached controlled airspace that dictated I either go over at about 4,000 feet or deviate my course. I climbed, despite losing three degrees Fahrenheit per thousand feet of altitude. It was only fifty on the ground. I was wearing several layers of clothes and my Carhartt coveralls. Even so, it was mighty cold up there.

At four thousand feet I noticed my G.P.S. was indicating about a 110-knot groundspeed ... unheard of for a Stearman! Now I had a choice. Stay up there and freeze. Or, drop back down to the treetops, gain ten degrees of warmth, lose twenty knots of tailwind and plan on spending the night in another cheap motel. I froze!

After two and a half hours, I was getting low on fuel and located an airport with a runway favoring the wind. I somehow got my stiff limbs to manipulate the controls well enough to get on the ground without mishap. I begged the lady in the office to put on a pot of coffee. After fueling, I gulped two cups of hot java and ate several cookies someone had brought in. According to my computations, I could make Lowell if I hustled. I'm not sure if an old fat guy in heavy clothes flying an antique airplane can really "hustle," but I tried.

I went right back up to four thousand feet and settled in for another numbing leg. The tailwind held, and I sometimes indicated even more than 110 knots. As I approached Lowell, the radio told me a couple planes in the pattern were using runway 24 ... right into the setting sun. I landed just as the big orange orb sank below the horizon. My wife and I had left the Florida Keys and headed for Lowell on Labor Day weekend. I finally landed in Lowell on Veterans Day. Is it just me, or could this story be a "Twilight Zone" episode?

With the plane safely tucked away for winter, that should be the end of this story. There is one more footnote.

The plane didn't make its scheduled annual inspection in October ... for obvious reasons. The guys in Lowell agreed to perform the FAA required inspection. It's a two-day process to assure an aircraft is airworthy.

I called to see how things were going with the inspection, and was told they had a little problem. Oh boy! Here we go!

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## To The Editor

To the Ledger editor:

Many Ledger readers know that the Lowell Education Foundation has recently formed a Lowell High School Alumni Association. We often hear from alums who have scattered to the four winds, none of which has scattered any farther than 1958 graduate, Dr. David Hammer, M.D.

He delivered babies for local folks early in his career, was a flight surgeon in the Desert Storm and Afghanistan skirmishes, and is now Chief of Clinical Programs for the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C. Dr. Hammer sent the following letter which I thought might interest your readers during this season of caring:

Christmas season reminds me of the year 1956 when we had a house fire. We lived in the Ada/Honey Creek area and there were six kids then (seven ultimately). Around the 18th of December, we had a house fire, and the particulars of that are interesting but not remarkable. Fire is devastating to a house and possessions, as is the water the fire department must use.

The remarkable point is the response of a community and one's neighbors. The fire department was spectacular during the snowstorm at putting out the fire, but the house was not liveable afterward. We had the clothes on our backs and not much else. Then came the response!

We were all divided up among the neighbors - I stayed with the Baer family (Maynard was a year younger and a

class behind me). I wore his clothes to school, ate there, slept there, and did so for a couple of weeks until we could get a place to live and reassemble the family. Other members of my family stayed with the Norwoods (Lloyd, Linda, Leslie - all schoolmates), and still others stayed elsewhere. People delivered clothes and necessities to us and asked nothing but our well being.

One particular notable was a wonderful lady and Samaritan, Ms. Molly Wepman, clothing store owner in Lowell. She went to the trouble of finding out sizes and such, then literally went down the "racks" in her clothing store for us, and delivered new clothes, asking nothing in return but that she help get us back on our feet.

Ultimately, all came back to normal for our family, and we had no permanent "scars" from the episode. On the contrary, we have this season approaching to fondly recall the wonder of these community people and their generosity and kindness. My family has scattered but we are all still in awe of the Michigan folks and our friends from Ada/Lowell. Happy holidays to all.

Very respectfully,

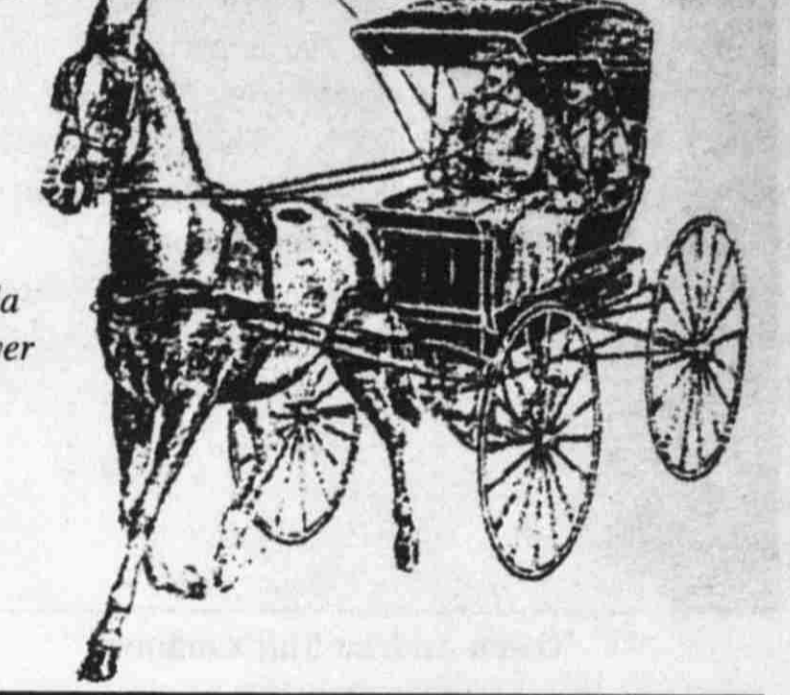
Dave Hammer for the Hammer family

We all know this is a great, caring cooperative community. We may not have known that the roots of that caring and cooperation go back for decades. "There can be hope for a society which acts as one big family, and not as many separate ones." Anwar Sadat

Sincerely,  
Marsha Wilcox

## Ledger Entries

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



By Priscilla Lussmyer

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL  
DECEMBER 15, 1880

"Four newspapers in Texas are edited by women." Mackinac is to have a new summer hotel, and Bay City an electric light company.

Ice harvest here is 10 inches thick, and plentiful; won't cost 50 cents a hundredweight next summer.

Fallasburg: William Rexford's barn is on a hill; his cow got in through the top entrance and was killed when she exited on the two-story side.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
DECEMBER 14, 1905

J.T. Jones' feed barn, containing a large amount of lumber, livery supplies, tools and veterinary office, burns. Horses and buggies are saved.

The mild weather is appreciated by some; others say it is bad for business.

The Lowell Ledger and The New-York Tribune Farmer together, subscription \$1.25 for the year 1906.

Volunteers in Fallasburg are building a road to two nearby farms.

Stereoptican views of the Holy Land will be shown at the Snow Church, Seeley Corners.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
AND THE ALTO SOLO DECEMBER 11, 1930

Michigan cherry growers look forward to selling cherry pies year-round with the coming of new quick-freeze processes.

State banking commissioner Reichert assures the public that state banks are sound, and only two small ones have gone out of business since the Depression started last year.

Charles Knapp is appointed deputy sheriff of Lowell and vicinity, in response to petitions by residents and businesses.

A few timber wolves, coyotes, bear and bobcats were taken during hunting season this year, in addition to at least 17,000 deer.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
DECEMBER 15, 1955

It's a good idea to set a box or basket near your mailbox to contain the Christmas overflow.

Lowell voters decide on whether to bond expansion of sewer and water lines today, rather than relying on pay-as-you-go projects.

Christmas and New Year both fall on Sunday this year, so predictions are for a high highway death toll of about 800.

Bob Christiansen reports from Big Delta, Alaska, that the sun rises at 9:40 a.m. and sets at 1:46 p.m. Temperature high is 20 below zero.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER  
DECEMBER 10, 1980

School lunches cost more because of rising food prices; less state aid puts the board in a crunch in other areas too.

Local entertainers Alive and Well put out their first album, of the same name.

A cooperative live Nativity scene at Richards Park will need live animals: sheep, goats, donkeys, camel? Luminaria will light the paths.

Organizations are lining up for their parts in the Lowell Sesquicentennial in mid-July, and beard-growing starts in January.



# New Arrivals

## MacNaughton



Owen Andrew MacNaughton

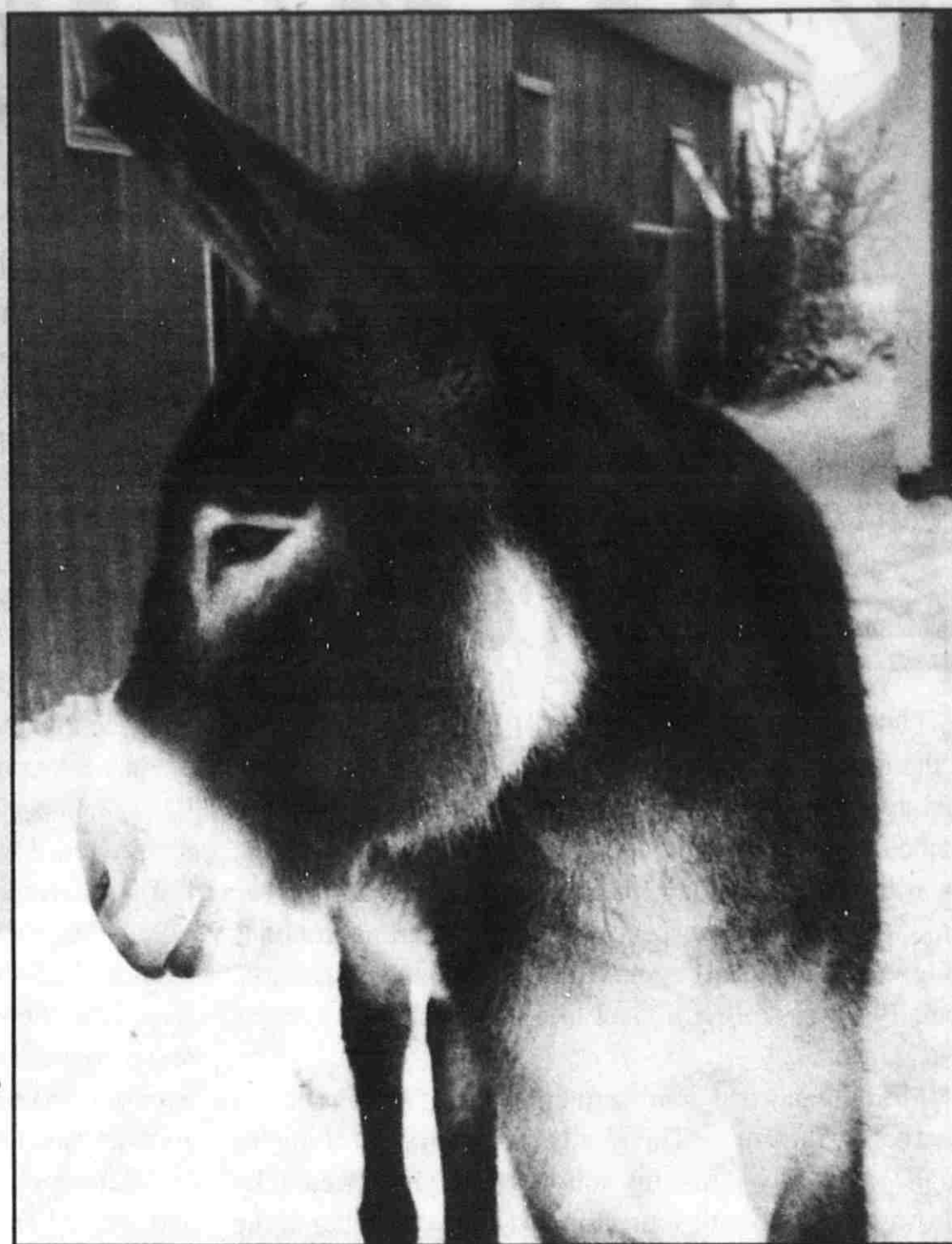
Scott and Shelly MacNaughton, together with their children Mallory and Jackson, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Owen Andrew, born November 26, 2005, at 9:47 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 19 inches.

# Live nativity at Bowne Center UMC

For years, the tradition of a live nativity has been very popular with children and adults alike at Bowne Center United Methodist Church. The congregation portrays angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary and Joseph. Besides sheep and cattle, one special animal stands out: Hayden the donkey.

The event will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 from 6 - 9 p.m. Families may choose to walk or drive through to view the nativity, located at the corner of 84th and Alden Nash (M-50).

Refreshments will be available at Fellowship Hall, and the historical museum and schoolhouse will be open to visit.



Hayden the donkey is featured at the live nativity.

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*Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.*

-Washington Irving

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# Reflections of faith

Father George J. Fekete  
Saint Mary Church

When Leonardo da Vinci was working on his famous painting, "The Last Supper," he had an argument with a certain man. He spoke out against the man with bitter words and even threatening gestures. When the argument was over, Leonardo went back to his painting where he was working

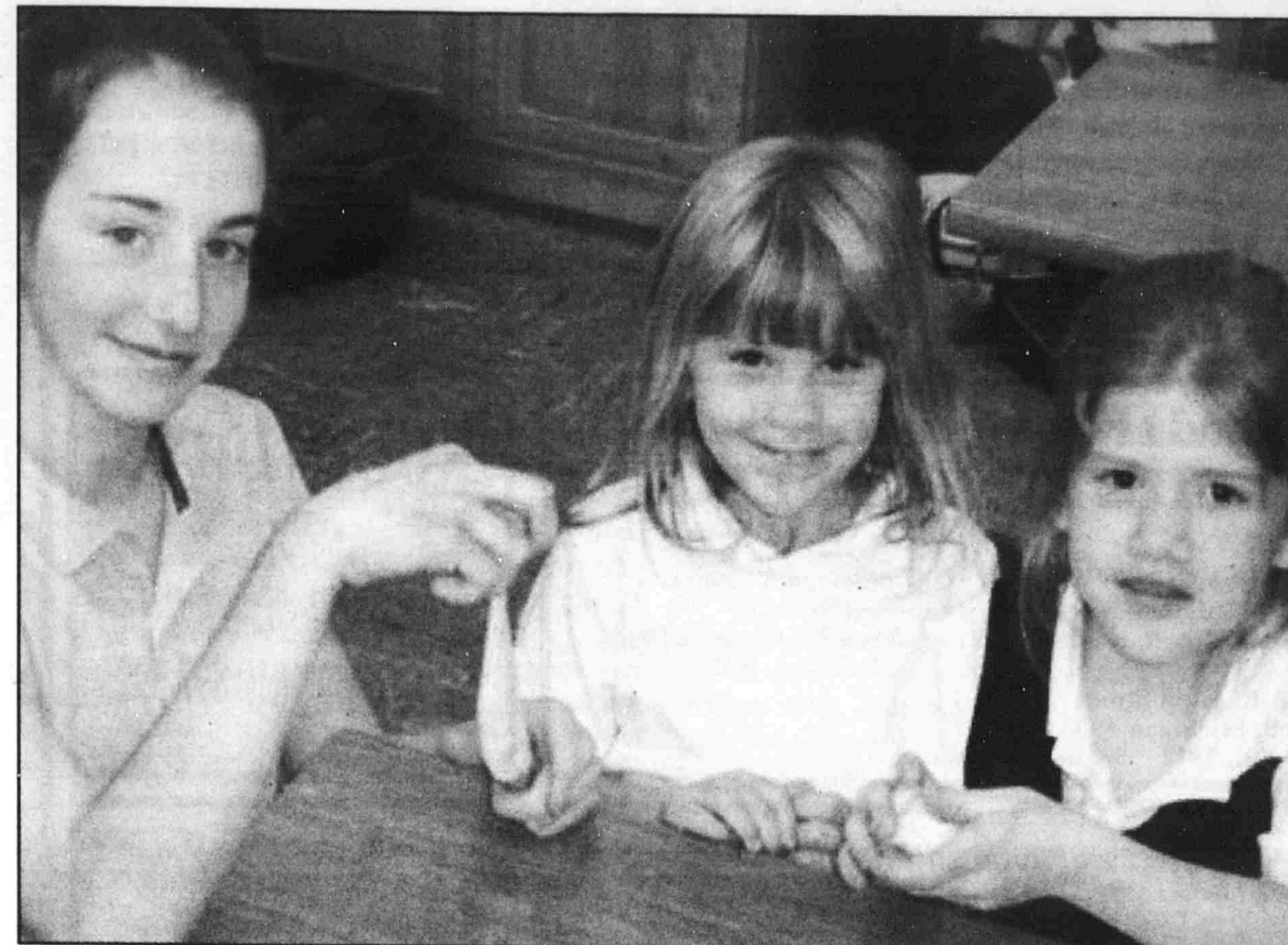
on the face of Christ. He found that he could not make a single stroke with a brush. Finally, he realized what the trouble was. He put down his brush, found the man he had offended, and asked his forgiveness. Then he returned to his studio and calmly continued painting the face of Christ.

Like Leonardo da Vinci, aren't we trying to put Christ into the masterpiece of Christmas? Don't we want Jesus to be the center of our Christmas celebration? With the birthday of Jesus just 11 days away, we hear the strong words of Isaiah the prophet in the Advent Gospel: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (Mk 1:3). The Gospel continues: "John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mk 1:4).

What is the connection between reforming our lives

and preparation for Jesus' coming? The biggest obstacle to the coming of Jesus into one's life is sin - selfishness, self-centeredness, misuse of alcohol, drugs or sex, dishonesty, not forgiving others - that is, not living the way our loving God would have us live. To prepare the way of the Lord, we must get rid of sin in our lives, reform our lives and start practicing the opposite virtues of those sins. Just as Leonardo da Vinci could not work on the face of Christ while he was guilty of offending another man, so you and I cannot work at putting Christ into the Christmas picture as long as we are not sorry for our sins to the point of deciding to change. This includes a turning away from sin and a turning to God and learning to live rightly and love rightly as Jesus teaches. This we must do if Christmas is to mean what God wants it to mean for you and me. God love you.

# A family night of science discovery



Pictured, left to right: Students' Lindy Nawrocki, Carleigh Shalda and Angie Mauric demonstrate the properties of the slime they created at St. Patrick School's Family Science Discovery Night.

St. Patrick School teachers, parents and students came back to school the evening of Dec. 1 for something exciting and new. Parents and their children of all ages had the opportunity to rotate among nine different experimental stations, where they engaged in scientific inquiry.

At one station, families had a chance to study polymers as they made their own slime. Once wrested into baggies, the kids could bring their slime home with them. Another station employed scientific observation in fun and unusual ways, using the

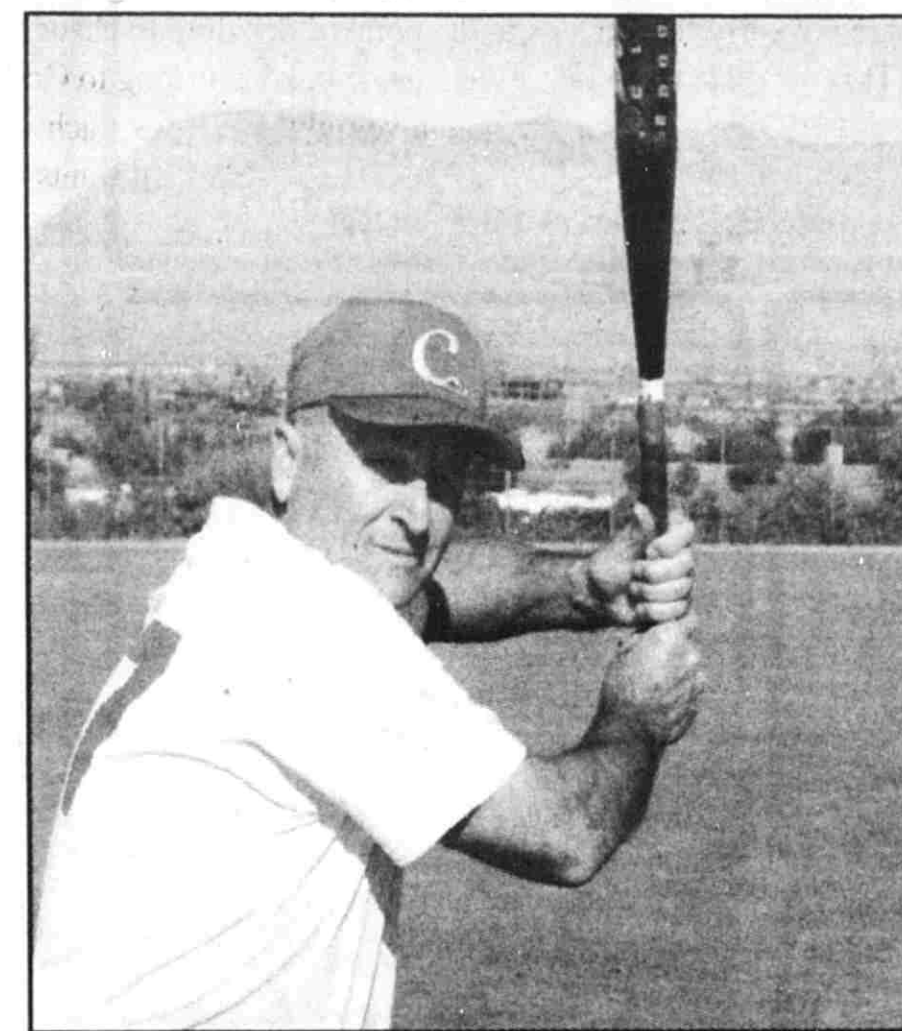
five senses. And yet another station involved an ongoing contest throughout the evening to see who could make an aluminum foil boat that would hold the most pennies without sinking.

Families also had the opportunity to visit and purchase books from the

Scholastic Book Fair, as well as shop for reasonably priced rocks and minerals from a local dealer.

St. Patrick School families had a great time laughing, talking and learning together at this first annual event.

# Former resident running the bases on Florida team



Bill Potter, a member of the Clearwater Reds senior softball team.

Bill Potter, a member of the Clearwater Reds in Florida, recently helped his team win the 2005 senior softball World Series in Ft. Meyers. Playing in the top division of the 70-74 age bracket, the team won the tournament in the seventh and final game against the four-time defending world series champs' Mitchels of Pennsylvania.

Potter had 15 hits in 19 times at bat plus three intentional walks, three home runs, and 12 RBIs.

In St. George, Utah, last month, the Clearwater team was eliminated in the sixth game of the world championships.

Potter is now a resident of Iron Mountain, Mich., and Dunedin, Fla., where he and his brother Joe play in the Clearwater three score league. A former Red Arrow, Bill Potter played for Cris Burch's 1949-1950 championship teams.

# HEALTH

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



## DIVERTICULAR DISEASE

Diverticular disease affects the bowel. It is caused by pouches called diverticula that can form in the wall of the large intestine. There are several types of this disease. The most common are diverticulosis, diverticulitis, and diverticular bleeding.

People with diverticulosis have pouches in the colon that may not cause any problems. Diverticulitis is when pouches are red, hot, swollen and painful. Bleeding comes from a blood vessel next to the pouches.

This disease affects men and women and is common in older people. Most physicians believe it is caused by not eating enough fiber, thus causing pressure to build up in the bowel wall. This pressure then causes pouches to form.

Most people with diverticula never have symptoms. Many times the disease is found when tests are ordered for a different problem. About one in four people with this disease develops diverticulitis or diverticular bleeding.

Treatment for diverticulitis includes antibiotics. Some people need to stay in the hospital to be given fluids. Occasionally, people may need surgery.

# Happy Birthday

DEC. 15: Roger Brown, Hillary Graves, Cliff Karen Latva, Tammy Baird, Walling.  
DEC. 19: Lori Moore, Kathryn Duiven, Kristin Ellis, Danielle Brenk, Marea Carol Chamberlain.  
DEC. 20: Ed Mohr, William Borg, Kimberly Kline.  
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*Thank You*

To the many people of this community who prayed for Vance Dimmick's successful surgery. He is home recovering and appreciating each day, considering it a gift from God.

A special Thank you to all our good friends at Lowell First United Methodist Church and Pastor Mike. Our deep appreciation to our children Tim & Jacqui, Betsy & Jason, Jennifer & Jason, Christy & Chris and their children for their faithful selfless care of us.

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## Cozy Corner, continued ...From Page 5

Shortly after starting the engine, oil began gushing out. The engine was shut down, but oil continued to flow. About half the four-gallon capacity went on the ground before the leak could be plugged.

It turned out that the oil filter had burst. The reason? The oil lines had been hooked up in reverse ... the in to the out ... the out to the in. A call to the filter manufacturer confirmed that their filters are not designed to withstand pressure in

the wrong direction. Well, I've got news for them. This filter held up for over four hours of flight before it blew up while on the ground. I'll leave it to your imagination and knowledge of engines to figure out what happens when an airplane engine loses all its oil while the aircraft is in flight.

Gosh, isn't that story just like flying twelve hours cross-country to have the engine slip its trimming and fail while

on the ground in Kentucky? Leroy and the boys got me again.

I'm not a particularly religious man, nor am I terribly superstitious. But, I can't help wondering ... is there something going on here I should know about? You know, just in case I should be buying lottery tickets or getting my will in order.

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### SHOULD CHANGES AT "THE FED" AFFECT HOW YOU INVEST?

It's been a long time since someone other than Alan Greenspan has served as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. In fact, Greenspan has been at his current job since 1987. But in a few weeks, we'll see a "changing of the guard" as Ben Bernanke takes the helm at the Fed. This is big news for economists and policymakers, but what about individual investors? How will you be affected by the emergence of a new Fed chairman?

Before you can answer that question, you need to be somewhat familiar with what the Federal Reserve does, particularly its ability to contract or expand the money supply. For example, if the Federal Reserve feels that inflation is heating up, it may raise the federal funds rate, a key short-term interest rate. This causes borrowing to become more expensive, so consumers are more likely to save money, instead of spending it. In theory, this reduction in demand will lead to less upward pressure on prices, thereby bringing inflation under control. And lately, inflationary fears have

been on the minds of the Federal Reserve's governors, because the Fed has raised the federal funds rate 12 times from June 2004 through November 2005.

Of course, Alan Greenspan could not take these actions by himself; he needed to get agreement from the other Federal Reserve governors. And the same will be true with Ben Bernanke. Nonetheless, the Federal Reserve chairman does wield considerable power; when testifying before Congress, Greenspan's mere words had the power to move markets.

Still, as an investor, you probably shouldn't place undue emphasis on what the Federal Reserve chairman says, or what actions the Fed takes. You need to look beyond short-term events and make moves that can help you in the long run. Here are two ideas to consider:

- Consistently diversify your holdings. When the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, some industries, such as housing and construction, may be adversely affected, while others, such as healthcare and energy, may actually benefit. But you'd find it almost impossible - and quite costly - to constantly juggle your portfolio in response to rising or falling interest rates. Consequently, you'll be much better off by building a diversified portfolio containing many different types of stocks, along with other investments, such as bonds and certificates of deposit. Over time, you may need to "rebalance" your portfolio to make sure that it is properly diversified and that it still reflects your risk tolerance and time horizon.

- Build a bond ladder. When interest rates rise, the prices on your existing bonds will fall. That's because no one will pay you full price for a bond that offers a lower rate than bonds that are just coming on the market. To build a bond portfolio that offers benefits in all interest-rate environments, you may want to create a "bond ladder" consisting of bonds of varying maturities. When market rates are high, you'll have short-term bonds coming due to reinvest. And when market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds - which typically pay higher rates - working for you.

By following these basic suggestions, you can help stay on track toward your financial objectives - no matter what's happening at the Federal Reserve.

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## Abandoned bikes pile up in storage at Lowell Police Dept.

The Lowell Police Department has an extensive collection of at least 75 bicycles in its large property storage room.

All of them are abandoned bikes found in the city of Lowell.

"All different shapes, sizes and conditions, because sometimes we get them and they've been in a creek" or other tough spot, said Lowell police detective James Hinton.

Some are recovered stolen bikes that are unclaimed.

"Typically a bike owner

will not write the serial numbers down, so it makes it difficult to track down the owners," Hinton said. "A typical scenario is someone is walking from the city or the township, and they'll see a bike and they'll ride it to almost their destination and then abandon it."

The bikes have been accumulating in the storage room for two years. They will either go up for public auction or be released to a nonprofit organization. Auction proceeds would go to the city of Lowell's general fund.

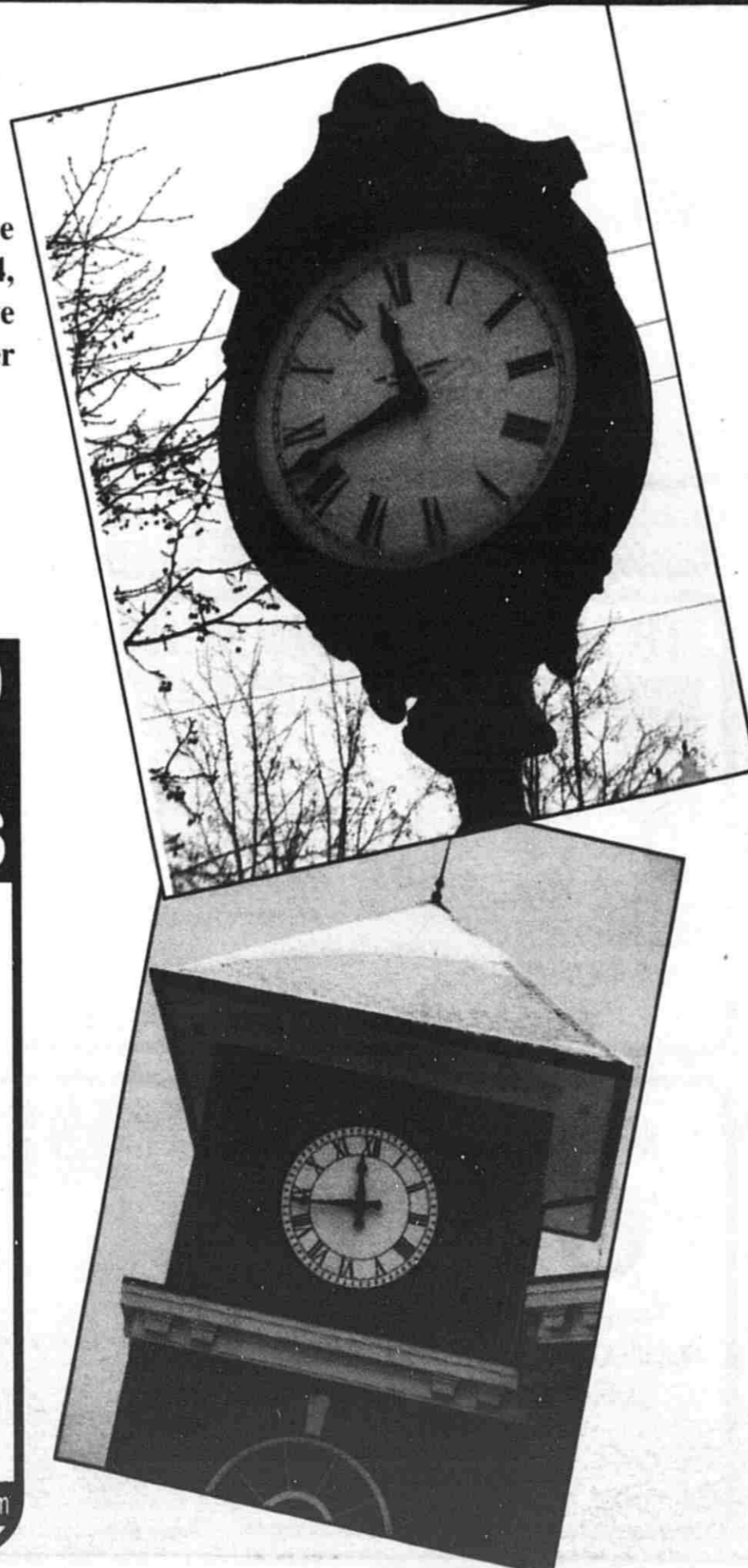
## Students on board to help needy families

Students at Alto Elementary are collecting for Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc., again this year. They are trying to fill a train made of cardboard boxes called the "F.R.O.M. Express" with non-perishable food items, unwrapped toys, books, hats and gloves, crayons and coloring books. Donations may still be sent to school with students until the drive ends Thursday; at that time the items will be transported to F.R.O.M. From there, they will be distributed to needy families in the Lowell area. Alto Elementary Student Council, which organized the drive, hopes to collect even more items than they did last year, at which time more than 2,000 items were collected. Pictured with some of the items as of last Wednesday are third grade student council members' Anna Thompson (from left), Sage Moore, Anna Peterson, Alyssa Lilly, Maria Blough and Adrienne Rife.



## Town clocks in sync once again

The clock tower at City Hall and the outdoor clock at the corner of Main Street and Riverside Drive now display the correct time. These pictures were taken Tuesday morning at precisely 11:42 and 11:44, respectively. However, icy sidewalk conditions and the distance between the two prevented an objective graphic representation of the clocks' synchronization. Both clocks were repaired and set to the proper time last week.



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## Making quilts for charity is just one of many hobbies for this busy lady

By Dan Schneider

Jean Carlson, 81-year-old resident of Key Heights mobile home park in Lowell Township, has not been to the moon yet.

"No, maybe next year," she said.

But she has dabbled in quite a number of hobbies short of space travel. This year was her first deer hunting season, for instance. She shot a spike buck and a doe.

"My kids were so excited that I said I'd go deer hunting with them," Carlson said. "I grew up hunting small stuff ... but this was my first deer hunting. I had never shot a 12-gauge shotgun before; the first time I shot one was when I got that spike buck."

She was almost an even more successful deer hunter.

"I saw a big buck and my gun jammed, and two other times I shot and missed," Carlson said.

She had ridden out to the deer blind on a four-wheeler on those occasions, and the jostling may have knocked the sight out of whack.

"I used that for an excuse, anyway," Carlson said.

She has lived in Lowell for about two years now, after moving here from El Paso.

Carlson is an avid baker. Monday afternoon, her kitchen table was filled with plates of cookies to be sent in care packages to her grandchildren.

"Another of my hobbies is HAM radio, I'm a HAM radio operator, have been for 45 years," she said.

Carlson is a member of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club. She picked up the hobby because she was a radio operator for the FBI during World War II.

But since August, the hobby she has spent the most time on has been quilting. She has quilted for 30 years.

"I'm sure I've made at least 100 quilts," Carlson said.

This year, she made at least 12, all of them since August. She made the colorful quilts, six themed for boys and six themed for girls, to donate to young cancer patients at the Ronald McDonald House in Grand Rapids. The quilts were hanging on a line from one end of her living room to another over the weekend.

"They're all different and they're all patchwork," Carlson said.

Actually, she's made 14 quilts since August.

"I started in August and took time out to do these," she said, pointing to pictures of two quilts she made for her church.

The First United Methodist Church of Lowell is featuring quilts as a theme for Advent. Carlson's contributions were called "Mariner's Compass" and "World Without End."

She plans to make a series of baby quilts after Christmas is over. "I have to keep busy and I've got the fabric," Carlson said.



Jean Carlson with some of the 12 quilts she made to donate to Ronald McDonald House in Grand Rapids.

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# COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**3RDMON.:** Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber office 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. Winter leagues start 1st week of January. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org.

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

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

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

**3RD TUES.:** Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**3RD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

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

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

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

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

**2ND SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

**FRI., SAT. AND SUN.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada, located at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

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

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

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**NOW THROUGH JAN. 8:** Frederik Meijer Gardens invites the public to attend the Garden's "Polar Express" event. 975-3155.

**WED., DEC. 14:** Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Center, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

**SAT., DEC. 17:** Installation of officers for Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge at 211 E. Main, Belding, at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Public is invited.

**SAT., DEC. 31:** Wittenbach/Wege Center and Grand Rapids Audubon Club will co-host a bird count day beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the center, 11715 Vergennes. Hot lunch/\$5 or bring own brown bag. Call 987-1002 to register or ask questions.

**SAT., DEC. 31:** New Year's Eve dance at St. Pat's, Parnell. Contact Art at 691-7548 for more info.



# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS VARSITY WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

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## BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

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

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

## VARSIY BOWLING

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

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

## VARSIY GYMNASTICS

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

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

## VARSIY ICE HOCKEY

\* Indicates a home game at Standard Federal Ice Center

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

## VARSIY VOLLEYBALL

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

- 12/22 at 9 a.m. Byron Center Tournament
- 12/28 WMVOA Tournament at E. Kentwood - Time TBA
- 1/5 at Greenville
- 1/7 at 9 a.m. Ferris State Tournament
- 1/9 at 5 p.m. Wyoming Park Quad
- 1/12 at Reeths Puffer
- 1/14 at 9 a.m. Zeeland East Invitational
- 1/19 Forest Hills Northern\*
- 1/26 at Forest Hills Central
- 1/28 at 8:30 a.m. West Ottawa Invitational
- 1/30 at 6 p.m. Ionia/Thornapple Kellogg
- 2/2 Northview\*
- 2/9 Kenowa Hills
- 2/15 East Grand Rapids\*
- 2/21 at 5:30 p.m. Coopersville/Grandville/Belding\*
- 2/25 Conference at Greenville - Time TBA

## VARSIY WRESTLING

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

- 12/14 at 5:30 Hesperia/Hart/Fremont
- 12/15 at East Grand Rapids
- 12/17 at 9 a.m. Coldwater Invitational
- 12/28 at 9 a.m. Reeths Puffer Tournament
- 1/5 Greenville\*
- 1/7 at 9 a.m. Clinton Invitational
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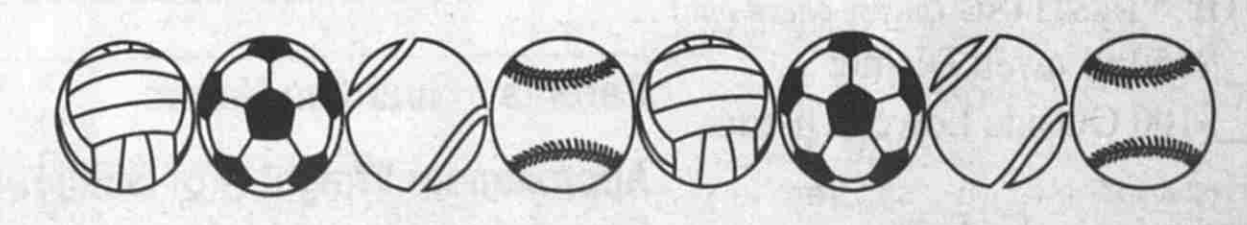
**WED., DEC. 21:** 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast at Sundance; 12:15 p.m. Alto School Lunch.

**MON., DEC. 19:** 10 a.m. Shopping Rivertown Crossing Mall.

**THURS., DEC. 22:** 12 p.m. Christmas Lunch and Party.

**TUES., DEC. 20:** 12:45

**FRI., DEC. 23:** Center Closed. Merry Christmas!





# Lowell wrestling victorious in season's first contests

## Red Arrows upend Montrose, crush Kenowa Hills in conference opener

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell wrestling team started the season on a high note with victories in its first two contests.

On Saturday at Michigan State University, Lowell beat Montrose, the number-one ranked team in Division 2, by a score of 38-30.

"The team wrestled really well," said Lowell coach Dave Dean.

At 103 pounds, Lowell's Joe Sadlak was pinned by Brandon McNeal in 1:00. Ryan Dean lost to Montrose's Greg Smith, 9-2, in the 112-pound match.

At 119, Lowell's Zach Baum pinned Shawn Preston.

At 125, Lowell's Cody Toomey lost 6-2 to Trevor Williams, who was all-state last year.

Rob Karasiewicz pinned Blake Hitchcock in 52

seconds to give the Arrows six points. Then Lowell's Tim Gingerich pinned Zach Labelle in 2:42 at 135.

"The big pin of the night, this one really turned the match in our favor," Dean said.

At 140, Lowell's Justin Boss was pinned by Vince Lahar in 5:30. At 145, Lowell's Chris Jones was pinned by Brandon Boon in 3:18.

Eric Dean of Lowell

defeated Bradley Boon in overtime, 8-6, at 152. Then John Fleet won by tech fall at 160 for Lowell. Brock Graham pinned Nathan Ply in 1:43 for Lowell at 171. Alex Fleet pinned Spencer Henige in 1:55 at 189 for Lowell.

At 215, Lowell's Phil Burton lost to Clayton McKone, 6-3. Then Dominic Doyle lost in overtime to Montrose's Shelby Cross, 11-9.

"They're one of the best programs in the state," Dean said of Montrose.

Lowell also beat Montrose at the middle school and elementary levels.

Lowell opened the season facing Kenowa Hills at home, also the OK White conference opener, last Wednesday. Lowell won 44-22 with pins in five different matches.

The match started at 152, where Eric Dean lost to Steve Inger, 6-4. Then John Fleet lost a 12-3 major decision to Luke Beersma at 160.

The home crowd got into it after Graham and Alex Fleet won their matches by pin. Graham pinned Jack Rasch in 2:44 at 171. Fleet pinned Josh Stewart in 2:54 at 189.

Burton was pinned by Aaron Komar in the 215 match in 3:09. At 275, Doyle decided Cody Corner, giving Lowell three points with a 7-3 victory.

"That was the big match of the night," Dean said.

"Because Dominic beat a guy he never beat who was a state qualifier."

The match continued at 103, where Lowell's Sadlak lost in overtime to Sean Rodriguez, 8-6.

Ryan Dean decided Dan Cartwright 14-8 for a Lowell win at 112.

Lowell's Tyler Jack was pinned by Travis Otten in 2:46 at 119.

Baum decided Zach Cartwright, 10-3. Karasiewicz won by technical fall over Tom Sicilian, 20-5, in the 130-pound match. At 135, Gingerich pinned Dan Collins in 3:41. Boss pinned Kenowa's Matt Van Holstyn in 5:25 at 140. Then Jones won by pin in 59 seconds at 145.

"I think we got beat by a better team," said Kenowa Hills coach Rich Elliot. "Our younger guys did well, they did what they needed to do, but we needed the older guys to get the job done and that didn't happen."

Kenowa Hills surprised

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# Hockey team still looking for first win

By Dan Schneider

In both of the Lowell-Caledonia hockey team's last two contests, it was three or four minutes of low-intensity play that put the games out of reach.

Lowell-Caledonia lost 7-1 in an away game Friday against the Kalamazoo Blades. The Blades are a cooperative team among four different Kalamazoo-area schools. They play a varsity schedule in travel-league hockey.

"It was a difficult night all around," Lowell-Caledonia coach Mike Ballard said. "We had a three-minute spurt where we had low energy and they scored goals and put us in a hole."

Lowell-Caledonia suffered a similar brief letdown in a 5-1 loss at Grand Rapids Christian Saturday. They allowed three goals in a three-minute stretch, but it was a 2-1 game from there. Ballard attributes the periods of low-energy to the team's short roster.

"For an 11-man squad, we're a real good team," Ballard said. "Unfortunately, with the low numbers we have, it's tough to give the kids a rest."

The team's next game is a league game at Hudsonville at the Georgetown Arena.

"It's a prime time for us to step up and work on getting rid of that three-minute lapse and get a complete game together," Ballard said.

This year's tier three OK hockey league consists of Kenowa Hills, Hudsonville, South Christian, Wayland, West Ottawa and Lowell-Caledonia. Lowell-Caledonia has one loss already in conference play, but things are still in a state of flux in the league. After Kenowa Hills beat Lowell-Caledonia, they lost to Hudsonville who went on to lose to South Christian. So the top spots in the league aren't out of reach in the season's early going.

"They're still wide open for anyone to grab," Ballard said.

Lowell-Caledonia plays at Grand Ledge on Saturday.

This year's cooperative team consists of seven players from Lowell High School and five players from Caledonia High School. It's not too late for players from either school to try out for the team.

"Any other local players that can compete at the high school level, we'd be more than happy to speak with them," Ballard said.

# Lowell fall athletes earn all-conference, other honors

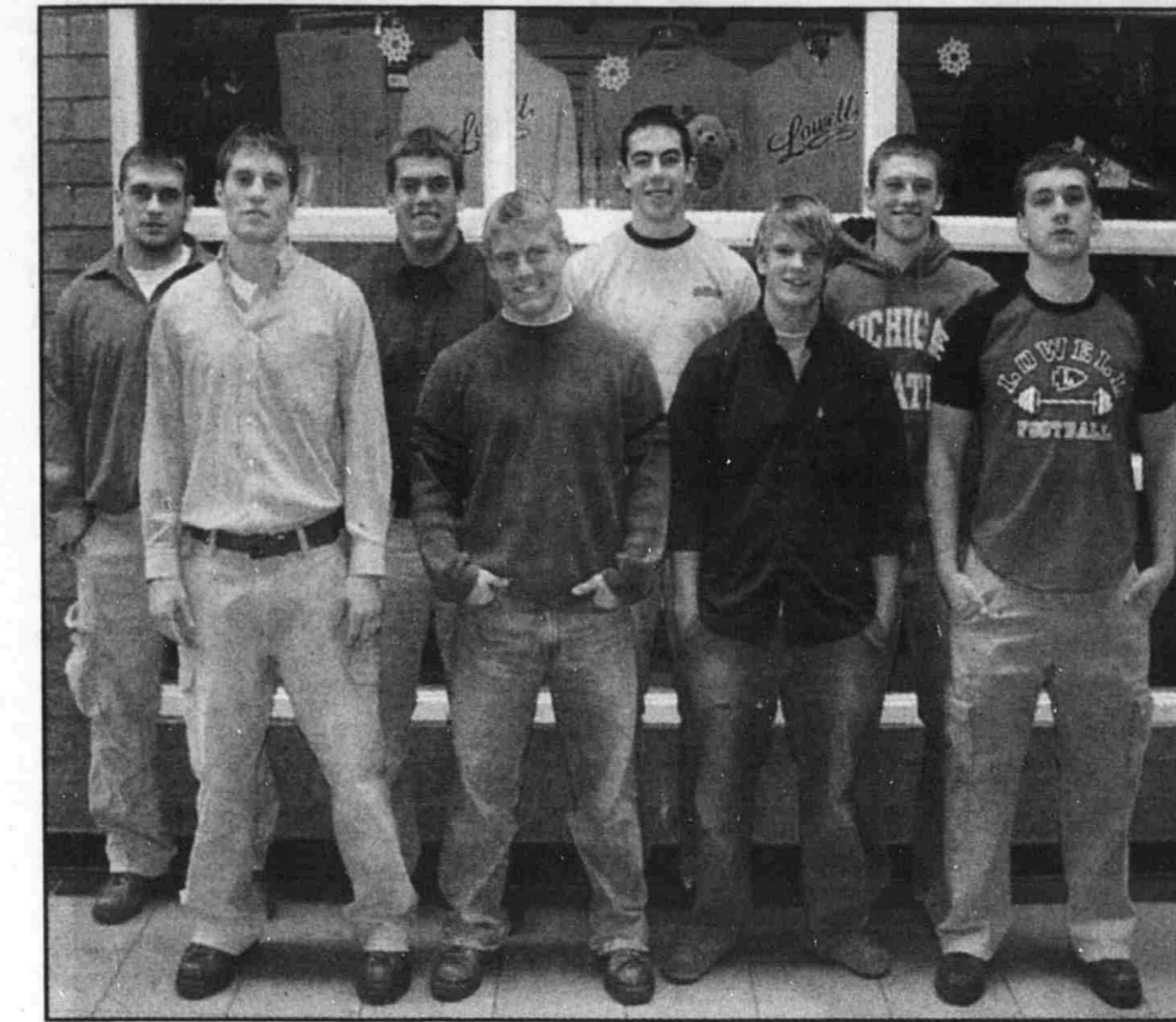
It was a good year in the OK White conference for the Lowell Red Arrows.

The girls basketball team won the conference championship, and all the fall teams. In all, 18 Lowell

athletes made all conference and six were given all conference honorable

mention this fall season. Four Lowell athletes received recognition beyond

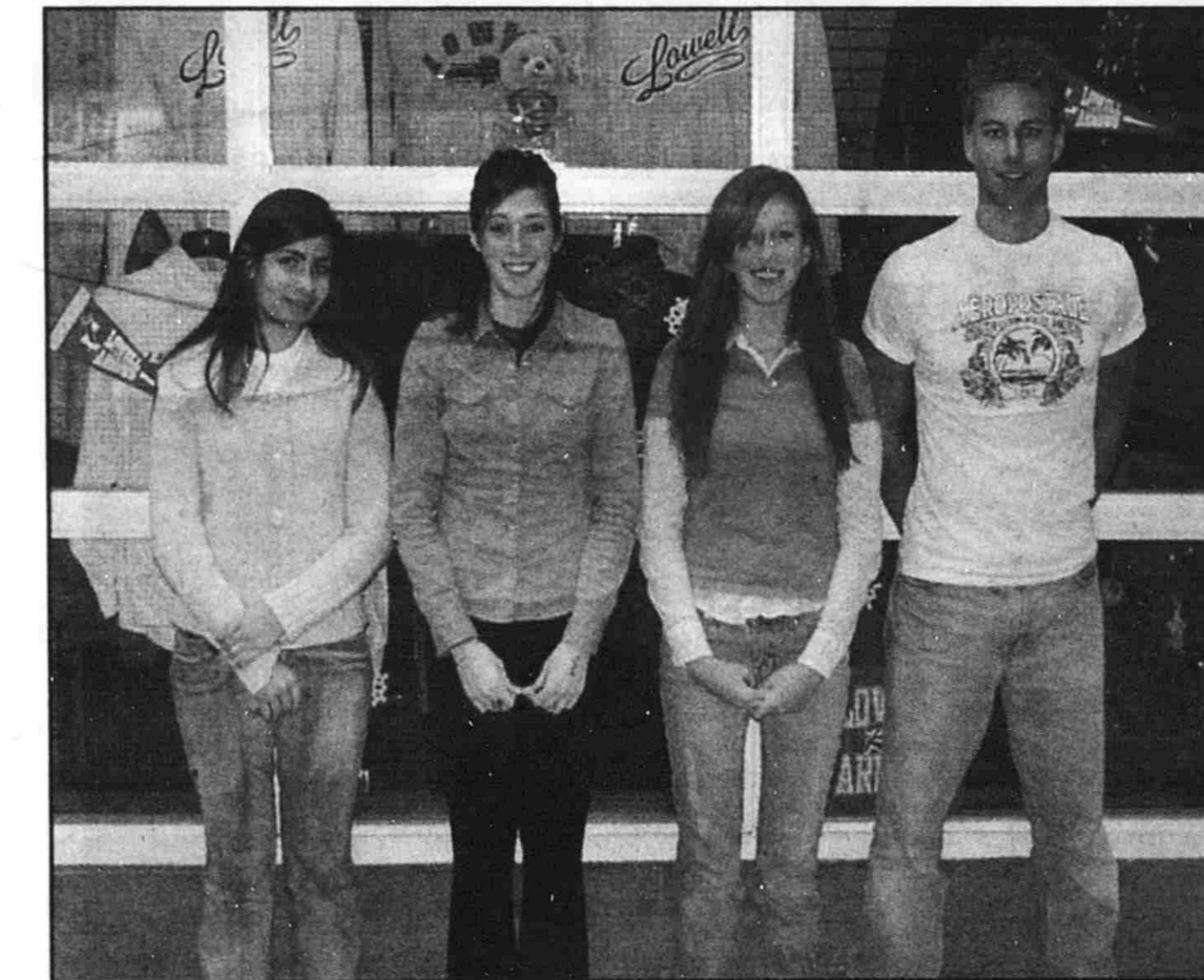
the conference, ranging from all area honorable mention to all state.



Receiving honors from the varsity football team were, front row, left to right: Brock Graham, all conference, all area, honorable mention all state; Gabe Delnick, all conference, honorable mention all area; Jay Eldridge, honorable mention all conference; Kameron Blake, all conference. Back row: Tyler Meppelink, all conference; Phil Burton, all conference; Keith Nichol, all conference, all area, all state, class A player of the year; Mike McElroy, all conference, second team all area, honorable mention all state. Not pictured is Brad Shea, all conference.



Receiving all conference honors from the girls basketball team were Brittany Lyman (from left), Brittany Bueche, Brook VanEck and Kelsey Crowley. Not pictured is Nicole Shepard, who was named honorable mention all conference.



Receiving honors for tennis, cross country and golf were, from left: Priscilla Farias, honorable mention all conference for tennis; Monica Fitzpatrick, honorable mention all conference for cross country; Rachelle Livingston, all conference for tennis; and Kyle Wittenbach, all conference for golf.



Receiving honors from the boys varsity soccer team were Kory Anderson, all conference (from left); Josh Tapia, all conference; Ken Bieri, all conference; Ben Hanson, all conference; Ryan Converse, honorable mention all conference; and Alex Carpenter, honorable mention all conference.

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Coaches: The High School coaching staff and special guests



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Youth night will be at 5:30 on Thursday, January 26 (just prior to the High School dual meet against Forest Hills Central) @ the Lowell High School Gymnasium.

### LOWELL YOUTH WRESTLING

Ages: 6-10 (Red Group)

9-14 (White Group)

Dates: January 3rd - March 16th

Days / Location: Tuesdays and Thursdays @ Cherry Creek 6:00 - 7:30

(Subject to change based on group sizes)

Cost: \$65 in district, \$100 out of district

Red Group: Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm

White Group: Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm



\*\*Note\*\* Practice times will vary slightly for the "White Group" during the month of February to accommodate the Middle School wrestling schedule.

The Lowell Youth Wrestling practices will be staffed with qualified instructors - appointed by the high school coaching staff. The goal of this program will be to properly evaluate the youth wrestlers abilities, place them in groups to maximize all wrestlers' potential to train and learn. The coaching staff will provide input to the parents regarding the placement of their children in respect to experience level and capabilities. Emphasis will be placed on basic fundamentals that will allow the wrestler to build upon in the future and also compete at any youth organized wrestling competition.

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Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk



# Lowell boys basketball splits first two games of season

## Red Arrows roll over Lakewood at home, struggle at Cedar Springs

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys basketball team jumped out to a big lead in the first half of their 57-48 home win over Lakewood last Tuesday.

Drew Happie hit a short hook shot inside on the Arrows' first possession. Then Josh Hettinga hit a three-pointer and Happie hit a short jumper before the Vikings called timeout.

Lowell went on to score 12 unanswered points before Lakewood finally got on the board with a free throw. Lowell was up 19-7 after one quarter. The Arrows continued to dominate for the rest of the first half, turning rebounds, pass interceptions and steals into fast-break points. Lowell was up 36-15 at the half.

"We came out and obviously played with great intensity and effort and hustle in the first half and made shots," Lowell coach Jeff McDonald said.

But Lowell came out of the locker room with less intensity. Lakewood closed the gap to 10 points, 40-30, after the third quarter.

"We fell in love with the three-point shot and didn't get enough touches inside,"

McDonald said.

Lowell hit four triples in the first half, but the long shots weren't falling in the second half.

Lowell made it into a more comfortable deficit with six unanswered points to start the fourth quarter. But then Lakewood hit two straight three-pointers to get closer again. The closest the Vikings got was 50-42 with a little more than two minutes left on the clock.

The Arrows killed some time, then made some free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Lakewood coach Mark Farrell was just glad his team buckled down on defense in the second half and made it a game for the large contingent of visiting fans.

"Our defensive intensity picked up and we limited them to (21) points" in the second half, Farrell said. "We just need to know that we need to do that for four quarters."

For McDonald, it was good to start the season on a winning note.

"I'm just glad that we got a win against a really good team that was in the

regional finals last year," McDonald said.

Happie led the Arrows with 16 points, Hettinga had 15, Ryan Lane scored 10, and Mike McElroy had eight points and three steals.

This year's Red Arrow boys basketball team has some experienced leadership with six seniors on the team.

Outside threat Josh Hettinga is back in a starting role. Ryan Lane and Drew Happie are the post players. Juniors Justin Harden and Mike McElroy are the other two starters.

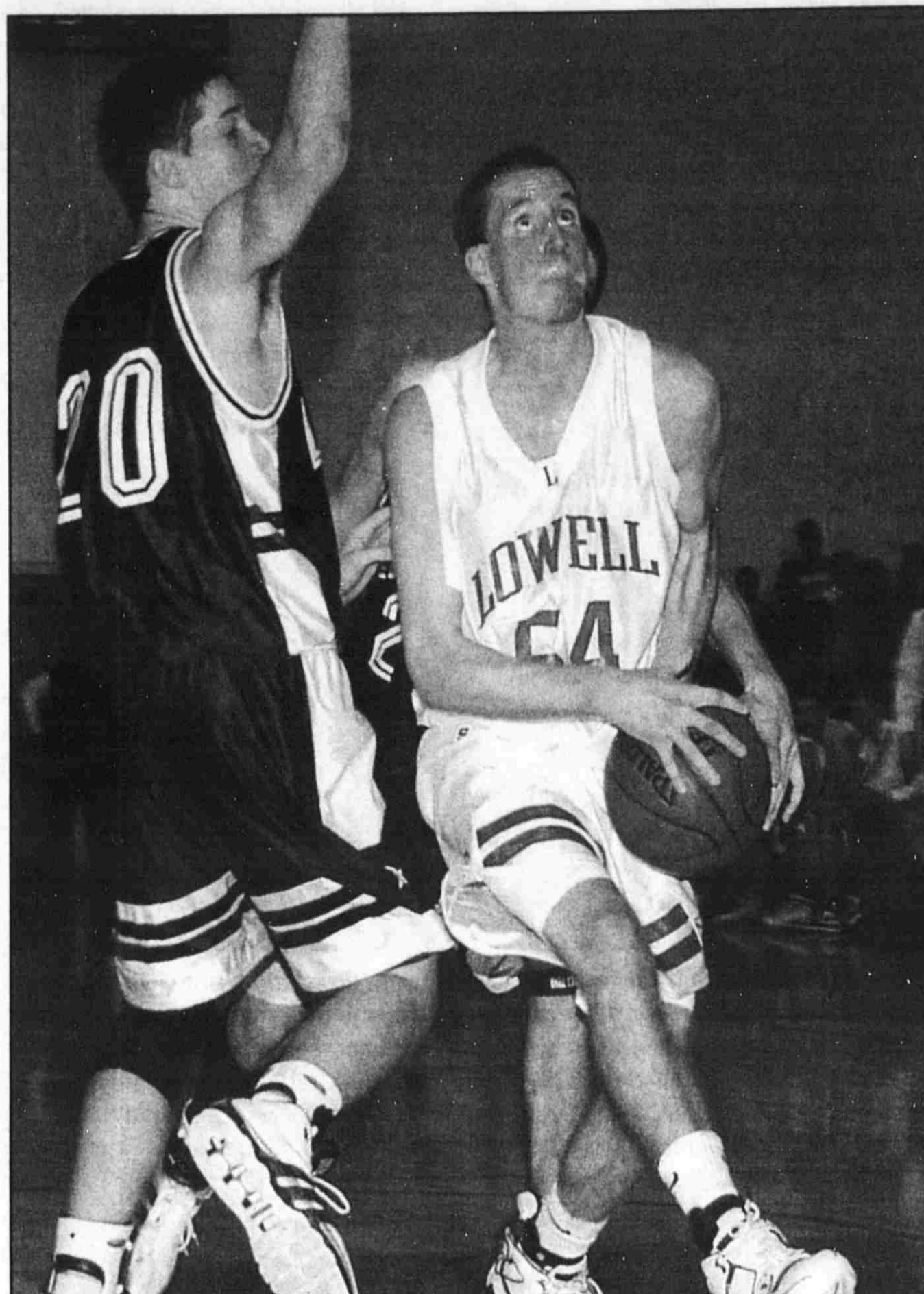
Ben Hanson, Ryan Converse and Dave VanKeulen are returning seniors on the team.

Junior Colin Rich got some playing time at center against the Vikings. Lowell's youngest player, sophomore point guard Brett McMahon, was also on the floor a lot down the stretch in last Tuesday's win.

"He got a lot of valuable game experience at the end," McDonald said.

Lowell lost 74-50 at Cedar Springs last Friday.

"They had a lot of



Lowell's Ryan Lane goes up for a shot in last Tuesday's game against Lakewood.

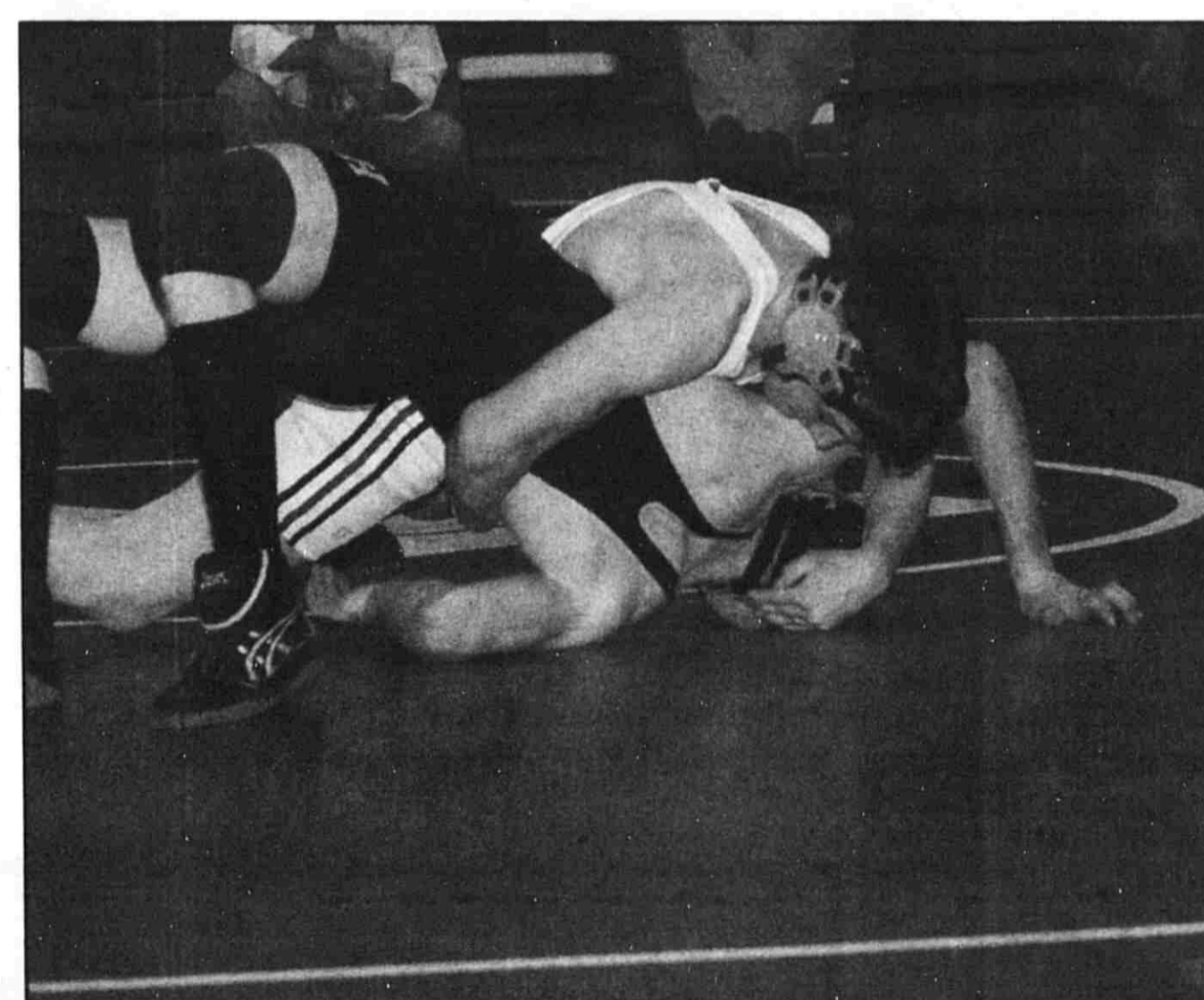
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Lowell with the progress their wrestling program has made over the last few years.

"They're a little better than what I was expecting," Dean said. "I didn't know what to expect, but they had some pretty good kids. They matched up good against us in the upper weights."

Lowell's next match is a quad with Hesperia, Hart and Shelby on Wednesday at Hesperia. Hesperia is the number one ranked team in Division 4 and one of the top teams in the state. Lowell travels to East Grand Rapids for another OK White match Thursday. On Saturday, Lowell travels to the Coldwater Invitational.



Lowell's Zach Baum scores a near-fall against Kenowa Hills' Zach Cartwright.

### NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

A Public Hearing for a proposed Special Exception Use Permit will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on Monday, December 19, 2005, at 7:00 pm at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Heather Strejc, of 1170 Grindle Drive, Lowell, MI, is requesting a Special Use Permit to run a group child care facility, the home and property located at that same address in the Southwest quarter of Section 36 of Vergennes Township. Ms. Strejc plans to use an existing building on the property in which to care for 7 to 12 children in the event the permit is granted. The use is allowed as a Special Exception Use under "R-2" Medium Density Single-Family Residential District, Section 201.306, C., 2., of the Vergennes Township Ordinance.

Copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the township office prior to 7:00 pm on December 19, 2005.

Mari C. Stone  
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The Vergennes Township offices will be closed December 23rd and 26th for the Christmas Holiday. Taxes paid by mail, in person, or using the drop slot in the office door that are received by December 30th at noon will be posted in 2005. The staff and officials of Vergennes Township wish everyone in the Lowell Community a peace-filled and joyous Holiday Season.

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# Volleyball opens strong at Reeths Puffer Invitational

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell High School varsity volleyball team got the season off to a good start Saturday at the Reeths Puffer Invitational.

They were playing what coach Gigi Peal called some of the best team volleyball she has seen in her three years coaching varsity at Lowell.

"It was actually a really good day of volleyball for us, a good start," Peal said.

Lowell swept Mason County Central, Muskegon and Forest Hills Eastern to emerge from pool play in first place. In the tournament quarterfinal, the Red Arrows dispatched Holland 25-16 and 25-19. They beat Hudsonville in the semifinals 25-21 and 25-16.

Actually, Lowell didn't lose a single game until the final match with

Unity Christian where, unfortunately, the Arrows lost both games. The score in the first game was 25-16 and it was 25-15 in the second game.

After controlling the first half of the first game against Unity Christian, Peal said, Lowell began to struggle in dealing with Unity's slower pace of play.

"Volleyball is a game of momentum, shifts of momentum," Peal said. "After they won the first game, we weren't able to get any momentum in the second game. We weren't able to make them play our game."

Kristin Johnson had 38 kills; Amanda Schneider, 24; and Sam Mol, 22. Lisa Johnson had 68 assists, Taryn Schumacher, 42. Mary Vanderlaan had 17 blocks on the day along with

13 aces; Malley Cahoon had nine aces.

"Our entire day of serving was good," Peal said. "But those two, Mary and Malley, had never served before in varsity competition. For them to go back there and serve the way they did was great."

Lowell has a good base of returning players on a deep roster this year. There are six seniors on the team, four of them are returning role players from last year's squad. Kristin Johnson and

Mol are third year starters at the outside hitter position. Schneider is a senior moving from middle hitter to right side hitter and outside hitter. Cahoon is a returning senior at middle blocker. Eva Wilcox and Jenny Zoodsma are returning seniors.

Juniors Lisa Johnson and Schumacher are playing as a two-player setter position until one of them takes the role over individually. Schumacher played setter on the junior varsity team last year while

Johnson is moving from defensive specialist.

Vanderlaan, a sophomore, is the starting middle and Katie McElroy, also a sophomore, is playing in the libero position. New to varsity volleyball this year, the libero is an exclusively defensive player.

Amanda Geelhoed is a junior who plays middle blocker and right side hitter positions. Sophomore Amy VanEn is currently injured, but is expected to return after New Year's.

"She will definitely step in and be a huge contributor," Peal said.

While several players are adjusting to new positions, Lowell should benefit from quite a bit of depth on this year's roster. Once everyone is healthy, Peal expects all 12 players on the varsity team to be able to make contributions as the year continues.

Lowell's next volleyball action is next Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Byron Center Tournament.

## Lowell bowling starts to get rolling

Both the Lowell boys and girls varsity bowling teams are off to strong starts this year.

At the season opening conference tournament at Northview, the boys team placed first and the girls team placed second.

Both teams have won handily in their dual matches so far this season. At Forest Hills Northern last Monday,

the boys team won 23-7 and the girls team won 29-1. Rolling at Lowell Lanes last Wednesday, the boys team dispatched Kenowa Hills 22-8 while the girls beat Kenowa 27-3.

Both teams faced East Grand Rapids at home Monday. The Lowell Invitational is Saturday at Lowell Lanes starting at 10 a.m.

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energy opening night at their place," McDonald said.

The Redhawks jumped out to an 18-10 lead after the first quarter. Lowell tightened the deficit to 33-30 at half. But Cedar Springs' transition offense widened out the lead in the game's second half.

McElroy led Lowell with 12 points. Happie scored eight and Hettinga had seven.

Lowell opened conference play Tuesday at Kenowa Hills. The Arrows travel to East Grand Rapids Friday. The next home game is Dec. 20 versus Creston.

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# Serving up a spaghetti dinner at Murray Lake Elementary

Fifth grade students from Murray Lake Elementary hosted a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Dec. 3. The dinner/fundraiser was intended to raise money for their trip to Camp Ebersole next April. With more than 350 people attending, over \$2,000 was raised to help defray the cost of fifth grade camp.



Head chef Mike Fillman, center, supervises his assistants' Brent Noskey, left, and Paul Jacobus as they serve spaghetti and garlic bread to student Maggie Wissman.

Mike Fillman, a fifth grade teacher and dinner coordinator, felt it was a big success. "Not only did the dinner raise money for our camp, but it also brought parents and community members together. It also allowed our students to put our character trait, responsibility, into action. I was proud of our students. They did a fantastic job putting this thing together. They made posters, walked in the Santa Claus parade, and worked the entire event. It was neat to see them come together and work as a team to pull this off." Each student signed up for a job: taking money for the event, collecting tickets, serving beverages or dessert, and cleaning up. Parents also volunteered to monitor the students and work in the kitchen. Fillman, along with other fifth grade teachers' Paul Jacobus and Diane Titche and Murray Lake principal Brent Noskey could be seen manning the serving line. Kyle Bowers, fifth grade and ticket taker, commented, "I couldn't believe how many people showed up. The line got really long." Abby Rogalke (dessert server) said, "It was work, but it was fun work. The best part of my job was I got to eat the leftover desserts!"

## Secretary of State holiday closings

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land has announced that all offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 30 through Monday, Jan. 2 in observance of the holidays. The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty. Motorists can "skip the trip" to the branch office by renewing license plates by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

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<p>20 words for \$2.00 each additional word is 10¢</p> <p>\$1 extra for bold \$1 extra for a box</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE</b> - Everlast free-standing punching bag and gloves. Adjustable height. Excellent condition. \$65. Call 868-6907.</p> <p><b>MATTRESS/BOX SPRINGS</b> - Brand new, \$49/set. Twin, full, queen, delivery available. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.</p> <p><b>BABY CRIB</b> - \$100, includes mattress; 6 ft. kids table &amp; set of chairs, \$50. Call 897-4990.</p> <p><b>ESTATE SALE</b> - 2 twin size head &amp; footboards w/rails, \$20 ea.; king size headboard, \$20; antique table w/ 4 chairs &amp; 2 leaves, \$300 firm; dishwasher, \$75; sofa &amp; loveseat, \$50 ea. or both for \$90; sleeper sofa, \$55; recliner/rocker, \$15; recliner/rocker, \$75; lift chair/recliner, new \$650, sell \$450 firm; 2 lamps, \$10 ea.; 2 video cabinets, \$30 ea.; 2 chairs, \$25 ea.; Ottoman, \$10; organ, \$200. No Saturday calls. To see call 897-4174.</p> <p><b>BERBER CARPET</b> - 80 yards, beige color, bought, never used. Cost \$800, sell \$295. 517-719-0451.</p> <p><b>WOODY'S OFF-THE-TRUCK GOLF SALES</b>, Christmas Specials: 3 sets of new irons; 2 men's &amp; 1 ladies, each \$95. 1 set men's new left hand irons &amp; woods, \$175. Stocking stuffer golf balls (experienced), \$4.00 per dz. or 3 dz. for \$10. Also used clubs and bags, sets or singles. Great condition. Phone 616-897-7585.</p> <p><b>MISSION OAK DINING TABLE</b> - 6 chairs, JC Penney brand (2 mos. old). Family size. Cost \$1,800, sell \$250/best. 517-719-8062.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - 1997 Chevy Tahoe LT, 4x4, leather interior, excellent condition, runs good, \$5,200, call 897-9444.</p> <p>2000 MAZDA 626 - 4 dr., beige, 5 spd., power everything, remote entry, \$5,000 obo. Call 897-0833.</p> <p><b>BED &amp; MATTRESS SET</b> - Queen pillowtop (new, in plastic), never used, comes with warranty, \$125. Call 517-719-8062.</p> <p><b>WESTERN SADDLE</b> - child's 12" saddle, two new saddle pads &amp; saddle stand, excellent condition, ideal for lead line, \$175. Call 949-0218.</p> <p>1989 BUICK CENTURY - one owner, runs great, \$625. Call 676-9100.</p> <p><b>FIREWOOD</b> - All hardwood, split &amp; delivered, \$75 truck load (approx. 1 1/2 face cord) Vosburg Farm 676-1047.</p> <p><b>REAL ESTATE</b> - Flintridge, Oklahoma. Mountain lots, \$4995 each, water, electric, lake access, 864-247-8868 AD1967.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - 1994 mobile home, 16x70. Kids are gone, downsizing &amp; moving closer to job. More info call 616-204-0859.</p> <p>'94 DODGE RAM - runs great. \$2,000. Call 897-9773.</p>	<p><b>BIRD HOUSES MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS</b> - Nice selection of bluebird, Wren &amp; bat houses, quality houses at excellent prices. Bob's Birdhouses, 12279 60th St., Alto. 868-6633.</p> <p><b>TOY POODLE PUPPIES</b> - AKC, females 1 black &amp; 1 apricot, 7 weeks old. \$500. Call 616-374-3286.</p> <p><b>BARBIE COLLECTION</b> - 75 Barbies, boxes never opened, including Holiday Barbies. Original purchase price \$20-\$400, \$2,200 for full collection, will sell individually. Call 616-897-9444 for more details.</p> <p><b>COUNTRY STYLE TABLE</b> - with 4 chairs, good condition, \$100, 897-7883.</p> <p><b>MATTRESS SETS</b> - Name brand all new, special purchase, while supply lasts. Twins, \$70, Full, \$80, Queen \$95 &amp; up. 682-4767 or 293-6160. Can deliver.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - Ruud Delux 90 plus furnace, 19 years old, new heat exchanger installed 02/2004, size 52" high, 17 1/2" wide, 28" deep. Replaced because it was too tall for air conditioning in my basement. \$100. Call 987-4211.</p> <p><b>LOWELL</b> - Great Eastgate home with spacious addition, 2,000+ sq. ft. that includes an extra large master suite, 2 other bedrooms &amp; 2 full baths. Finished daylight lower level, over sized garage, huge private fenced in rear yard that adjoins woods and features a 16x32 in ground pool. Central air, newer windows &amp; roof, you must take a look at this one! <b>\$149,000 Patrick Schaefer Five Star Lowell 581-7580 patschaefer.com</b></p> <p>2006 DEER RUN GOLF CLUB PREFERRED PLAYERS PASS - Pass includes: 4 free greens fees; 4 free weekday greens fees (BOGO), 4 free weekend greens fees (BOGO), 5 free buckets of range balls (BOGO) &amp; \$10 off Pro Shop merchandise. A \$625 value - all for only \$50. Great Gift Idea! AVAILABLE AT THE BUYERS GUIDE OFFICE OR contact Jay at 897-1355.</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b> - Air tire changer, \$400; 1 ton rolling engine hoist, \$150; 880 lb. elec. engine hoist w/beam, \$100; 14 in. metal cut-off saw, \$75; 10 in. compound mitre saw, \$100; Bellsaw double wheel grinder on stand, \$75; tripod pipe vice, \$50; transmission jack, \$50. Call 897-6521.</p> <p><b>SADDLE</b> - Brass trimmed Australian trail saddle &amp; stand, must see, \$200, 1-702-860-4883, Lowell.</p>	<p><b>HOUSE FOR RENT ON 3 ACRES</b> - 3 bed, 2 bath, new flooring, 1-stall garage. 1277 Alden Nash NE. \$900 per mo. Call 897-0686.</p> <p><b>LOWELL</b> - \$400 moves you in (includes 1st months rent and deposit). 1-2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Garage, vaulted ceilings, washer/dryer connections and walk-in closets. \$625-\$650/mo. Open house Tuesdays 3:30-5:30 pm. 866-443-3098. www.wmpmonline.com. Stoneridge Apartments.</p> <p><b>HALL FOR RENT</b> - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.</p> <p><b>MURRAY LAKE HOME FOR RENT OR BUY</b> - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 stall garage, \$1,250 per month. 691-7583</p> <p><b>FOR RENT</b> - 1 &amp; 2 bedroom trailers \$800 - \$840 to move in; \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1 mo. rent deposit. No dogs please. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.</p> <p><b>FOR RENT</b> - One, possibly 2 bedroom lower level apartment. Quiet neighborhood. 1078 Lincoln Lake Ave., Lowell. <b>RENT INCLUDES WATER, HEAT, Washer/dryer hookup.</b> Deposit \$300, rent \$495/month. 987-9124.</p> <p><b>DUPLIX FOR RENT</b> - 3 bedroom, \$650 + utilities; 2 bedroom duplex for rent, \$575 + utilities. 292-6631.</p> <p><b>HALL FOR RENT</b> - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location &amp; great rate! Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.</p> <p><b>FOR RENT</b> - 2 bedroom country apartment, washer, dryer, dishwasher, 2 stall garage, utilities included, \$700 per month. 897-8067.</p> <p><b>FOR RENT</b> - singlewide mobile home, 2 bedroom, fireplace, washer/dryer, private property, porch &amp; car port, central air, \$600 per month plus deposit &amp; utilities. Call 897-8591 until 1 pm Mon. to Fri., after 5 pm 299-4851.</p> <p><b>SARANAC, W. RIVERSIDE</b> - 2 new mobile home sites for rent. Phone 642-6985.</p> <p><b>HOUSE FOR RENT</b> - on Long Lake between Belding &amp; Ionia, attached garage, immediate occupancy. Call for information 616-897-5441.</p>	<p><b>QUALITY/PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR</b> - Steel processing company is seeking a self starter with good organizational, leadership, oral &amp; written communication skills. 3-5 years of experience in manufacturing supervision or quality systems/problem solving required, metal working &amp; heat treating preferred. Experience in TS16949, QS9000, bilingual in Spanish a plus. Salary commensurate with experience, excellent health insurance, dental, 401(k). Send resume in confidence to: Michigan Wire Processing, Co., Inc., 2487 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.</p> <p><b>PART-TIME MIRACLE WORKER</b> - needed 48 units in Lowell, MI. Must have: own tools, great sense of humor, experience with "antique" supplies and equipment. Good attendance history. Must be able to: Work alone, smile all the time, perform miracles, answer pager calls, accept that you're not being paid what you are worth, and deal with difficult people (while still smiling). Experience needed: plumbing, painting, gardening, HVAC, general repair, lawn care, snow removal. Please call Heather at 616-897-7135 for applications and interviews.</p> <p><b>STORE CLERKS &amp; SANDWICH ARTISTS</b> - Lowell Mobil Mart is looking for friendly and professional individuals to fill part-time openings for our brand new store. Duties will include cleaning, stocking, customer service and food service. Applicants must be available to work weekends and holidays. Stop by and fill out an application at 4475 Alden Nash Ave., Lowell or Meadowbrooke Mobil, 4919 Town Center Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49548. Please visit our website, www/jhoil.com for the complete location list. EOE</p>	<p><b>PET SITTING / DOG WALKING</b> - Going away for the holidays? Lic. veterinary tech. will watch or walk your pet. Experienced with administration of medication if needed. Call 616-322-5186 or 616-690-3371.</p> <p><b>LINKS SNOWPLOWING</b> 897-1536 or 204-7385.</p> <p><b>PAYROLL &amp; BOOKKEEPING SERVICE</b> - By certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.</p> <p><b>PLUMBER - Experienced. Residential Service or New Construction. Reasonable rates. Call 897-2575.</b></p> <p><b>COUNTRY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL OF SARANAC</b> - has openings for 3 &amp; 4 year olds, small classes, personal service, kindergarten preparation. 616-527-1624 or 616-902-0859.</p> <p><b>BOB FORD</b> - Formerly of Hahn Hardware, is doing all kinds of service work. Call 299-3198.</p> <p><b>CONCRETE</b> - We pour any flat work, new &amp; replacement. Call Brian for a free estimate. 616-318-9501.</p> <p><b>SCRATCH PADS OF PAPER</b> - We have 'em! 2 different sizes. \$1.25 per lb. Lowell Litho/Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway.</p> <p><b>NEED ODDS &amp; ENDS DONE</b> - in the cold? Call us, we'll help. Tree limbs, brush removal; snow removal from roofs &amp; pathways. Call 293-6980 or 292-2196.</p> <p><b>NO JOB TOO SMALL</b> - Those little jobs about the house need fixing. Call me and get them done at a reasonable price. Call 616-443-3718.</p>
				<p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>DOES YOUR CHRYSLER, PLYMOUTH, DODGE CAR, TRUCK OR VAN NEED REPAIR?</b> - Don't make a mistake &amp; take it anywhere else - give Geo-Tech a try! Contact George at Geo-Tech Transmission &amp; Repair. Call 897-0743.</p> <p><b>SNOW REMOVAL</b> - Small drives, sidewalks &amp; such. Priced by the job. Low rates. Call Jim at 693-2278 or 893-3171.</p> <p><b>HORSE BOARDING</b> - 2 stalls left, willing to work with you on care &amp; cost. Call Bobby at 642-3620.</p> <p><b>ALTERATIONS - Experienced professional men's, women's, leather coats, all fabrics, zippers replaced, wedding &amp; prom dresses altered. Call Helen 897-6071.</b></p> <p><b>SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE</b> - Daily pickup 3:30 p.m. 105 N. Broadway. Compare our prices - call for a price quote! (weight, dimensions &amp; zip code required for a quote). 897-9261.</p> <p><b>B &amp; T CONSTRUCTION</b> - Remodeling, basements, bathrooms, kitchens, all remodeling needs. Licensed and insured. Troy 437-5162 or Bill 318-5602.</p>	
				<p><b>CARD OF THANKS</b></p> <p>Preferred Rent To Own for donating a big screen TV for the football benefit for Outreach Ministries.</p> <p>From The Riverview, Karla &amp; Pam</p>	
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				<p><b>PERSONALS</b></p> <p><b>LONELY, HOMETOWN GUY TEMPORARILY DISPLACED</b> - Pen-pals wanted! Will send pictures! Steven James Osborne 10852040; PO Box 8000, Bradford, PA 16701-0980.</p>	
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