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Father and son win Ledger's '06 First Buck Contest

By Emma Palova

father and son team were the first hunters to bring a buck into the Lowell Ledger office at 9 a.m. on opening day of hunting season.

For Dylan Olin, 14, a Lowell High School student, it was his first buck in his second season of hunting.

Dylan, with his dad Dean, headed into the woods in the Fallasburg Park area on a wet foggy Wednesday morning at 6 a.m.

"I was looking around and saw him off to my right," said Dylan. "He came from the east heading west."

Dylan watched the six-point buck follow a doe trail. Once he had an open shot between two trees, he fired his Winchester 12-gauge and hit the buck above the shoulders.

"Hunting is pretty good," said Dylan.

For Dean, who has been hunting for 33 years, it was a good experience.

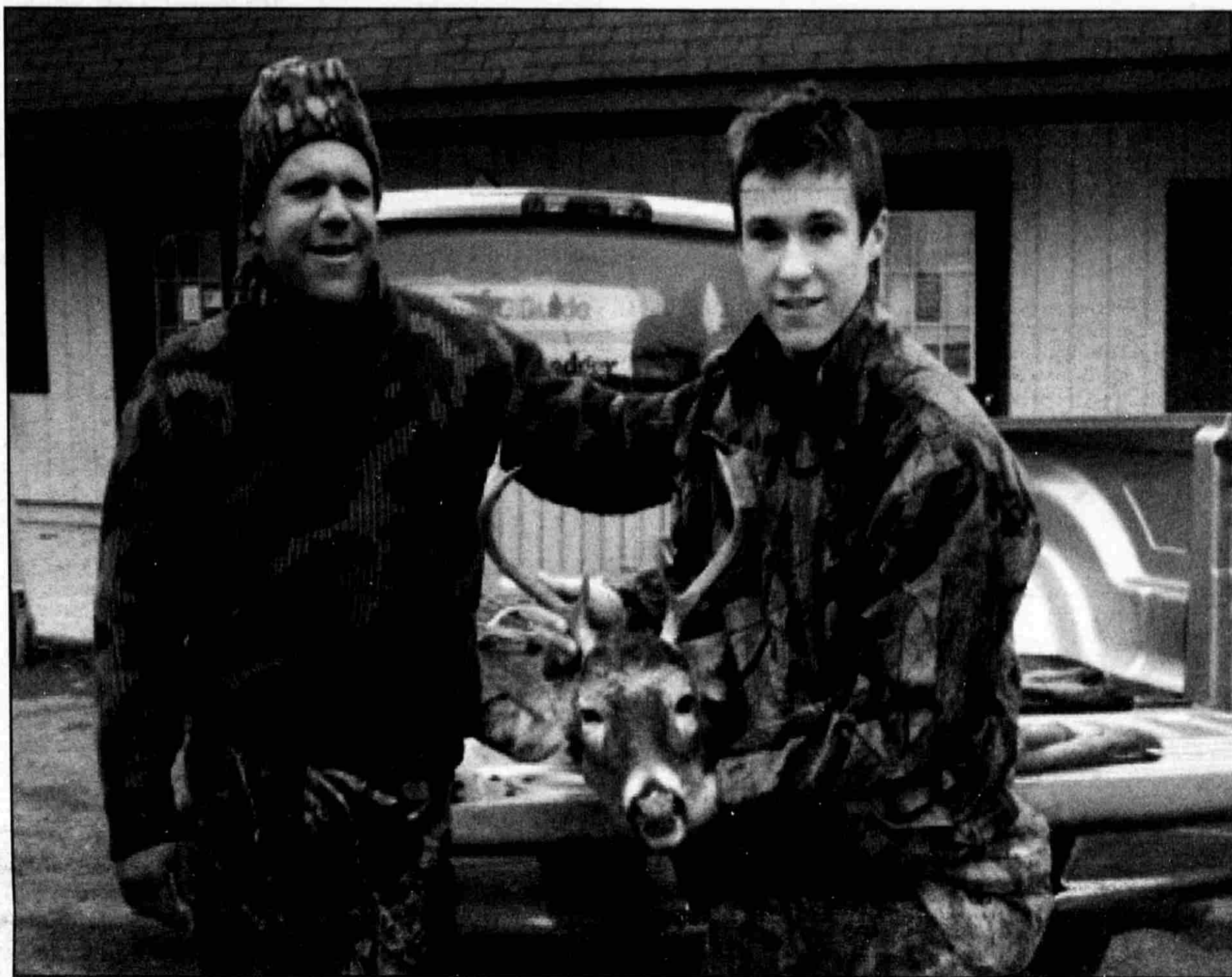
"It's nice to be able to hunt with your kid," he said.

The family is going to eat the venison and mount the horns on a plaque. Last year, the two were fourth or fifth to come into the Ledger office.

"This year we hustled a little bit more," said Dean. "It's nice that you have this contest. It's been around for 35 years."

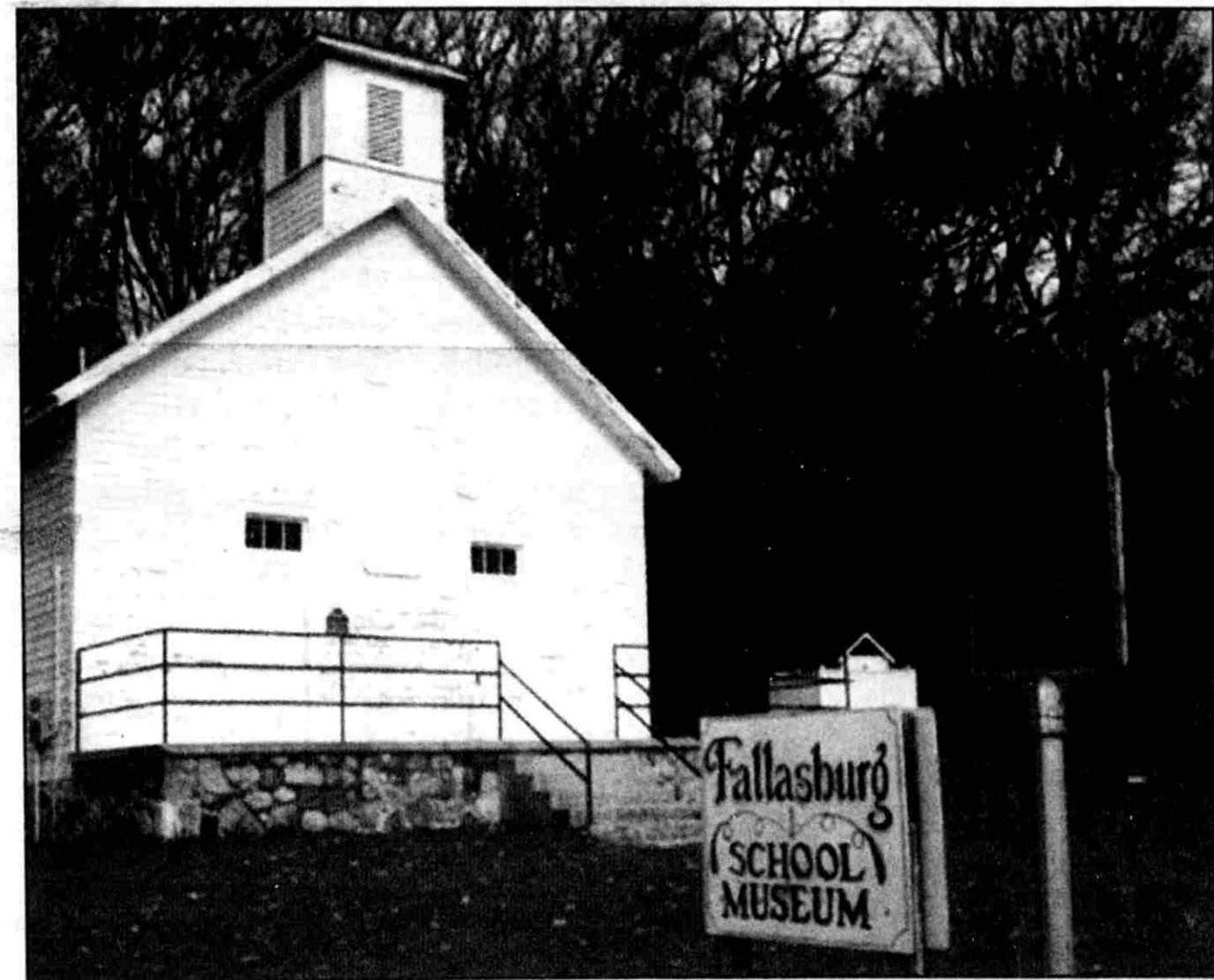
After winning first prize which included free processing, a free oil change, a subscription to the Ledger, dinner and a certificate, the team headed back out into the woods.

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Dean and Dylan Olin bagged a six-point buck on the opening day of hunting season.

Historic ordinance will recognize two historic landmarks



By Emma Palova

The Fallasburg Historic District and the Fallasburg Covered Bridge will be recognized in the new Historic District Commission Ordinance as major historic resources.

Once the ordinance is approved by the Vergennes Township Board, it will no longer be part of zoning.

"It doesn't relate to zoning," said consultant Jay Kilpatrick of Williams & Works. "It should be a free-standing ordinance."

Under the ordinance provisions, any alteration

or repair of a building or structure within the historic district would require approval by the Historic District Commission.

The Fallasburg Historic District is a significant resource in the community and all efforts to preserve its historic character and integrity should be made, according to Lynee Wells of Williams & Works.

The new ordinance requires only an annual meeting. The purpose of the ordinance is to safeguard the heritage of Vergennes Township and to preserve historic landmarks.

The ordinance will

improve the value of historic districts, foster civic beauty and strengthen local economy.

It will also identify and promote the use of historic resources for the education, pleasure and welfare of the township citizens.

The commission will consist of at least five members appointed by the township board for three-year terms.

The ordinance will allow regular maintenance or repair of a resource within a historic district under a permit issued by the inspector of buildings.

Voting precincts to be placed in one location

By Emma Palova

All of the city precincts will vote in the City Hall chambers beginning next year. The Lowell City Council approved the consolidated location Monday to accommodate handicap voting and to increase election efficiency.

The polling location for precinct 1 was Englehardt

Library, while the site for precinct 2 was Look Memorial Fire Station.

According to city clerk Betty Morlock, neither location allowed for proper use of the AutoMARK handicap voting equipment. The equipment requires a 10-foot clearance radius space around the handicap voter for privacy.

AutoMARK, with its

10-foot radius, would shut down three other polling stations at the library.

"We have enough room here to keep the precincts separate," said Morlock, "and I am right here. It will save me time running around."

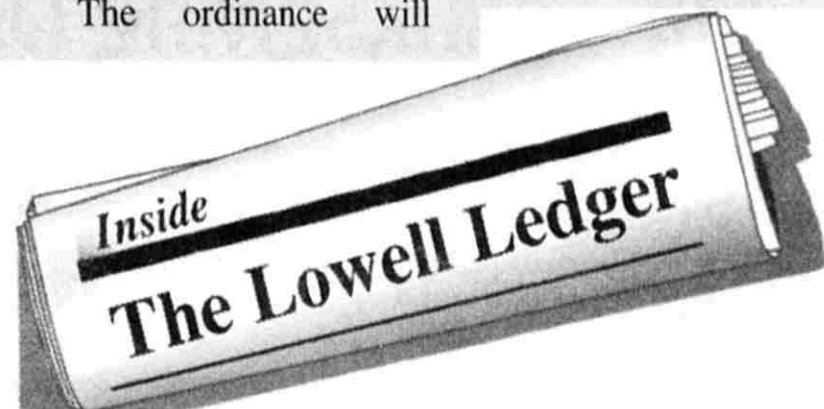
Consolidating the precincts into one location will also make voting more friendly, according to the

city clerk. In spite of the consolidation, the precincts will remain separate.

"I don't want one huge precinct," said Morlock. "There are no savings in having just one precinct."

The precincts will be kept separate by different colored registration sheets; each precinct will have its own tabulator and AutoMark equipment.

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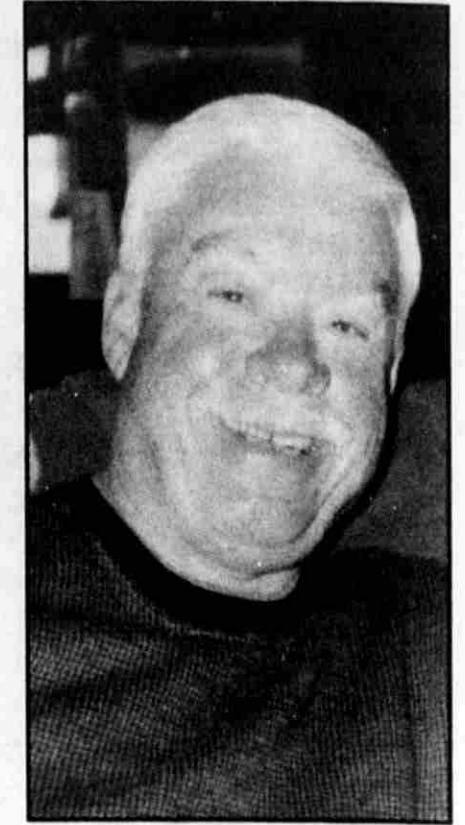
Obituaries

DEN BOER Caledonia, Gordon (Mary) Martin J. Den Boer, Jr., aged 93, formerly of Saranac, WA, Dennis (Joan) Den went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, November 15, 2006. He was preceded in death by his wife Edith and two infant daughters. He is survived by his children Robert M. (Sharon) Den Boer of DeTour Village, MI, Marlene K. Den Boer of

officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Ada Community Reformed Church, P.O. Box 164, Ada, MI 49301.

JENKS Jerry Lee Jenks, aged 75, of Grattan, passed away Saturday, November 18, 2006 in Grand Rapids. Jerry was born on January 8, 1931, in Grattan Twp., the son of Glen and Mary Newland Jenks. Jerry graduated from Belding High School with the Class of 1951 and served in the U.S. Air Force for four years during the Korean War. Jerry was a member of the American Legion Post 203 of Belding, the Belding Sportsmen Club and the Eagles of Greenville. He was married on Nov. 8, 1958 at St. Patrick Church in Parnell to Margot Carey and she survives along with their son John "Nick" Jenks of Grattan; granddaughters Dominique Lee Jenks and Tana Elizabeth Jenks; brother and sister-in-law Walt and Geraldine Jenks of Grattan; brother-in-law Jim Moran of Charlotte. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Ann Moran. Funeral services were held Tuesday from Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding, with Father Fred Brucker officiating. Interment at St. Patrick Cemetery, Parnell. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association or a charity of one's choice.

Leon J. Seeley, aged 94, of Cascade, passed away Friday, November 17, 2006. He was preceded in death by his wife Irene, daughter Diane (DeVries) Bing, sons Vernor, Howard and Cecil. He is survived by his grandchildren Jackie (Stan) Stencil of Ada, Jeffrey (Kristin) DeVries of Rochester Hills, MI; great-grandchildren Nicole and Drake Stencil, Corinne and Monica DeVries; many nieces and nephews; caretakers and close friends Dan and Karen Stephens. He was loved and will be missed by many. Funeral services were held Sunday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Raymond Gaylord, officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



High School Class of 1955. He attended MSOT for 30 years, retiring in 1996. He was a member of the Ionia Moose Lodge. Russell is survived by his fiancée Terri Lynn (Bristol) Geldersma of Ionia and his sister Judy and Bill Lobdell of Ionia. He was preceded in death by his sister Beverly Redemsky. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Lake Funeral Home in Ionia with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. You may make a memorial contribution in Russell's name to Ionia High School Athletic Program.

STOWELL Russell H. Stowell, aged 69, of Ionia, passed away October 27, 2006, in Ionia. He was born June 23, 1937 in Ionia, the son of Russell B. and Gertrude (Neustifter) Stowell. Russell was a graduate of Ionia

LPD warns of telemarketing fraud scam

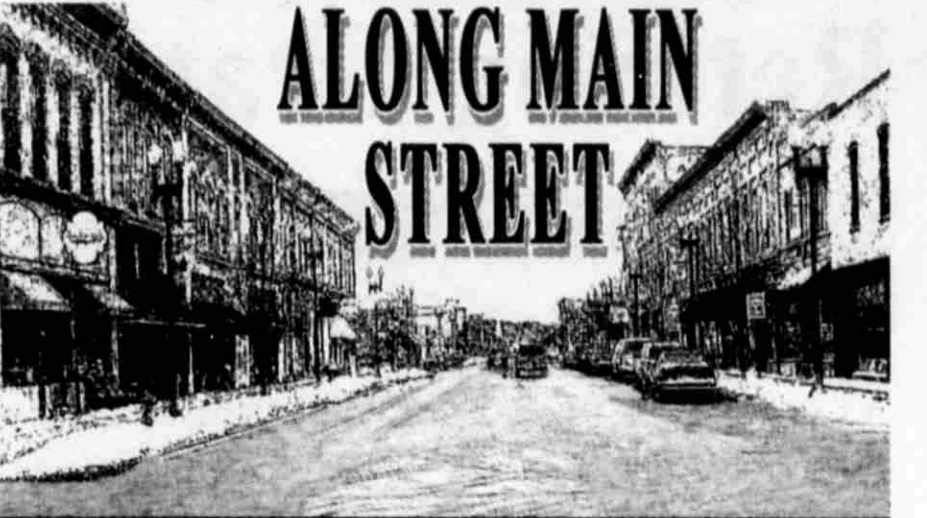
The Lowell Police Department is investigating mail and telemarketing fraud involving senior citizens. The police did not release the names of the victims.

Over the past 30 days, one of Lowell's senior citizens was defrauded of approximately \$6,500. The exact total of fraud could be as much as \$16,000 for this family. Lowell police were able to stop a transaction of \$93,000 into a new account which would have wiped out this family's retirement nest egg. Since the first incident, this couple has been bombarded by several telemarketing calls and mailings.

According to authorities this is nothing new. There have been internet scams and telephone scams going on for years. This couple was contacted about sweepstakes' winnings of \$250,000. All they needed to do was wire \$3,000 to an offshore account in Costa Rica, Jamaica or Australia to cover the costs of insurance for the check. The offshore accounts are used because it's harder to trace the money. This has happened several times to this couple and when the money wasn't coming and they were told to pay more, they became suspicious. A neighboring police agency has had similar complaints as well, such as life insurance or annuities, as well as forged cashier checks and money orders.

The Lowell Police department offers the following advice: The bottom line is if someone calls you and says you have to pay to collect your winnings, it's a scam. If they ask for your account number, social security number or any other personal information, don't give it out over the phone. If something sounds too good to be true, it is. We recommend residents only contribute to local organizations you are familiar with.

Further prevention information can be obtained at the Department of Justice website usdoj.gov using search fraud prevention.



NEW LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSION
Applications for Lowell Institute for Volunteer Leadership are being accepted for the 2007 leadership training session Jan. 13 - March 6. Deadline Dec. 1. Call 897-9161 with questions or visit www.lowellchamber.org.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
Lowell/Caledonia varsity hockey team is hosting its 1st annual Thanksgiving Tournament at Patterson Ice Arena on Nov. 24 and 25. The first games are at 8 p.m. on Friday. The Consolation game is at 3 p.m. and the Championship game is at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

ROGUE RIVER ARTISANS
The 24th annual Rogue River Artisans fine art and craft holiday sale is Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Lowell High School. More than 100 juried artists and craftsman. \$1 admission benefits Lowell Red Arrow special activities. Special holiday lunch available.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Help 5th graders attend a 2-day team building camp in the spring. An all you can eat spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Murray Lake Elementary from 5-7:30 p.m. \$6 adults; \$4 children. Donations are welcome.

CHRISTMAS PARADE
The annual Santa parade is Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. Ice carvers, breakfast w/Santa, pictures w/Santa on the showboat, shopping and eateries open all day.

BLUEGRASS JAM
Riverview Restaurant will have another bluegrass hotbands fundraiser on Dec. 2 starting at 6:30 p.m. Three bands, jam session, food: all for \$5.

ROTARY GIFT PACKS
Lowell Rotary Club is selling their holiday gift packs for \$12.50. See any Rotary member or purchase at 5/3 Bank, ICNB, Huntington Bank, City Hall, Cousin's, State Farm, LAAC, Bernard's Ace, and Springrove Variety.

LAAC GIFT GALLERY
"Sleigh Bells and Holly - A gallery of fine art and gifts" has over 20 artists/artisans with artwork for sale at Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson through Dec. 23. Visit www.lowellartscouncil.org for extended gallery hours.

Alto Elementary students pay tribute to Veterans



A Veterans Day concert was presented by Alto fourth and fifth grade students on Friday, Nov. 10 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. The group, directed by Tom Rhein and accompanied by Cindy Holliday on piano, led the audience in the Pledge and National Anthem before performing several patriotic standards. Between songs, speakers introduced each tune with a brief story, historical reference or essay.

Christmas Past at Charlton Park

Visitors are invited to Historic Charlton Park's turn of the century event on Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10. Admission to Christmas Past is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 5-12. There is no additional cost for crafts. Adults and children will be able to make traditional crafts and ornaments, including hand-dipped candles. Skills will be demonstrated by artisans in the village buildings.

Admission to Christmas Past is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 5-12. There is no additional cost for crafts. Visit www.charltonpark.org or call 269-945-3775 for more information.

Students wore the colors of the United States flag and assembled on stage in the pattern of the flag. Veterans were asked to stand during the singing of the theme song of their branch of service. The audience concluded the program by singing "God Bless America."

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WED/TH 11:15, 1:30, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35

HAPPY FEET (PG)
MON/TH 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

CASINO ROYALE (PG-13)
MON/TH 1:00, 3:55, 6:50, 9:45

SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE
THU/FRI 11:05, 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05, 9:05

FLUSHED AWAY (PG) RITE THE MONTUE
MON/TUE 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15

PLAS OF OUR FATHERS (R) RITE THE MONTUE
MON/TUE 9:10

SAW III (R) RITE THE MONTUE
MON/TUE 11:10, 9:25

THE PRESIDENT (PG-13) RITE THE MONTUE
MON/TUE 1:25, 4:05, 6:45

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4. Application fee (check or money order).
\$67.00 (16 years or older)
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All applicants including children must appear at the time of processing. Passport applicants under 14 years old must have both parents present. Please allow 8 weeks for processing. Expedite services available for a fee!

Questions call 897-8457

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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NOTICE

Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office, Light and Power and Cable TV will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, 2006 in observance of Thanksgiving.

City of Lowell residents who use the orange refuse bags will have their refuse, recycle and yard waste picked up on Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

My Thanksgiving Blessing...

came from all of you and from my husband and chief caregiver. The nearly 250 cards I received during my hospital stay meant so much to me and were an important part of my recovery process.

I want to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness which came to me in the form of prayers, cards and a lot of concern all through my ordeal. I am home now and slowly recovering. And though still a little weak, I look forward to seeing all of you again as soon as I am able.

*It IS true that Lowell IS the Best Place To Be!!!
Thank you ... each and every one of you!*

Jan Thompson

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 06-181-424-DE

Estate of
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deceased
SSN: 379-14-7489

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, **HAROLD ARTHUR DEMULL,** who lived at 3940 29th St., Grand Rapids, MI 49512, died July 23, 2005.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 06-182-323-DE

Estate of
ELEANOR GORSKI
deceased

Date of Birth:
03-29-1910

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, **ELEANOR GORSKI,** who lived at 2161 Leonard St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI died September 19, 2006.

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

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of
HOWARD GRIFHORST, Jr.
deceased

Date of Birth:
03-29-1910

TO ALL CREDITORS:

FILE NO. 06-182-399-DE

Estate of
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deceased
SSN: 386-44-0889

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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The decedent, **JUNE GRIFHORST,** who lived at 3740 Richton NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525, died November 1, 2006.

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

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Retiring Grattan clerk Green will miss the public



Lana Green relaxes at the township hall as she talks about the challenges of public service.

By Emma Palova

Relaxed with tears in her eyes, Grattan Township clerk Lana Green talked about her service to the public for the last 17 years. Green, who will turn 61 on Dec. 2, felt it was time for her to retire and enjoy life.

"I want to travel," she said. "I want to do whatever I please with my life. It's time in my life where things are set in my direction."

Green traveled a rocky road during her public service, at times being accused of promoting hostilities in the township. She started as part-time office help when Joe Nowak was the supervisor in 1989. They worked out of the old fire station that only had two desks and a window where people paid their bills.

In 1998, in the new township building, Green resumed more duties as administrative assistant.

"I learned all aspects of township operations," she said. "I enjoyed helping out the elected officials."

In 2000, Green, who ran without opposition, was elected township clerk. This was quite a different challenge, admits Green.

"I had to prepare for different roles of a clerk," she said. "It was more challenging."

The challenges included clerk trainings, accreditation, and running elections and meetings. These challenges culminated in 2003 when Green, together with trustee Dennis Heffron, had to face a recall election. Some of the allegations included promoting hostilities in the

township and excessive spending on attorney fees.

Ironically, Nowak was part of the Grattan Citizens for Responsible Government group, which collected signatures for the recall election. Both Green and Heffron survived the recall and stayed in the office.

"The whole board wasn't doing their job," said Nowak. "They didn't have the people's best interest in mind. They wouldn't allow enough input."

Nowak said although Green was accommodating to people in the office, she didn't stand up for the residents of the township when voting on the township board.

"She always voted with others on the ordinances," said Nowak. "She's gone a long way from part time

to township clerk. She was always friendly, and she laughed a lot."

On hostility allegations, Green admitted she didn't always agree on the same principles with other township officials.

On the other hand, Green was known in the community to go the extra mile. Outside her clerical duties, Green restarted the Parks & Recreation Committee, initiated the Family, Friends & Neighbors group, and she was in charge of public relations for the township. She also worked on farmland preservation and senior programming.

Green started the township newsletter that comes out every three months. She was instrumental in cemetery upgrades such as the fence.

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Pilot model to limit special education, increase student achievement

By Emma Palova

A pilot model in the Lowell Area Schools (LAS) district for grades K-3 aims to increase student achievement.

The Response to Intervention (RTI) model is a new approach to the diagnosis of learning difficulties. "It's a three-tier model where we try to identify students' issues and define a plan of action," said LAS superintendent Greg Pratt.

The major goal of RTI is to intervene early and define a strategy over a course of time rather than put the student into special education, according to Pratt.

"It provides a nice road map for the kids in regards to what interventions have been tried," said Roger Bearup, director of curriculum.

The model provides support and intervention with the best practices for student achievement.

"We want to ensure success for each student," said Bearup. "I see good results."

The pilot model builds on a similar program already in place at Bushnell Elementary.

"We are building on preschool intervention at Bushnell Elementary," said special education director Jonathan Schelke.

Bushnell Elementary principal Karen Burd said the school immersed in the effort last year as a team.

"It's a whole new philosophical shift acknowledging that all children learn differently," Burd said. "One size does not fit all."

The first tier is what happens in the classroom during instruction. The second tier focuses on a child who is not progressing, adjusts instruction to the child's level, provides support and monitors progress. In the third tier, the instruction is even more closely streamlined and focused in a smaller group.

"It really hones in on individual needs, but it never replaces classroom instruction," said Burd. "It adapts curriculum in the classroom."

The crux of the approach is to change instruction to the students' level and focus on their needs, according to Burd.

"The goal is not to have special education," she said.

In the past, to qualify for special education, teachers had to assess a discrepancy over a number of years.

"Instead of that we focus on the child and adjust the instruction to meet the needs of that child," said Burd.

The entire Child Study

process, referred to as Student Opportunities for Success (SOS), involves teachers, counselors and parents. "We sit down as a team and look at how we are going to build on the child's strengths to address concerns," said the elementary principal.

According to Burd, the pilot has had a great success rate. "Students have made academic gains as a result of the instruction adjustment," she explained.

Schelke said the pilot is an alternative approach rather than testing how a student has responded to intervention. "It's a national movement how we

identify students for special education," he said.

In the past, special education students have been identified by looking at the gap between a higher IQ and lower achievement scores.

The process has not been well documented, according to Bearup. "Now we intervene early and get a clear picture of what's going on with all the documentation," he said.

Only after all the means have been exhausted will a child possibly be placed in special education. "Parents are always involved in the entire process," said Bearup.

Precincts, cont'd. ... From Page 1

Parking has been a concern. Morlock said the north side of Avery Street

could be reserved for handicap parking, and the north parking lot behind City Hall could be designated for elections only. The Unity

School parking lot could also be used during elections.

"I don't think parking will be a big problem," said council member Jeanne Shores. "Right now, there are a number of people who go to the wrong precinct."

The city will print new voter registration cards designating the voting place.

"It will help us clean our files," said Morlock.

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TALK TO YOUR ADULT CHILDREN ABOUT ESTATE PLANS

What type of legacy would you like to leave to your adult children? Whatever you have in mind, share it with them. By making sure they understand what elements are in your estate plan, you can avoid a lot of confusion, hard feelings and family squabbles when it's time to settle your affairs.

Of course, it may not be as agreeable to discuss estate plans with your children as, say, talking about your granddaughter's soccer game or your grandson's role in the school play. And you may have to recognize that your children, even though they're adults, feel uncomfortable in discussing topics dealing with estate planning. Such feelings are not uncommon. In fact, fewer than one in three families have actually had a meaningful conversation on legacy-type issues, according to a study by Allianz Life Insurance Co.

Why are people of your generation more at ease in talking about these issues? It's difficult to say, but it seems likely that greater maturity and a sense of perspective have a lot to do with it.

In any case, once you've decided it's time to bring up your estate plans with your children, how should you go

about it? Consider easing into the subject by talking about things that may not be so emotionally charged. For example, you might want to discuss your grandchildren's college education and how you'd like to help pay for it. Or, you might want to talk about a charity you've already supported, and mention that you're planning to remember it in "the future."

Once you've broken the ice by addressing these types of subjects, you should find it easier to move into the real nitty-gritty of your estate plans. Tell your children what's in your will, who helped draw it up and where a paper copy can be found. Better yet, give them a copy of it. If you've created a living trust, explain its benefits; i.e., your assets can pass directly to them and other beneficiaries without court interference, lengthy delays and public disclosure.

Just as importantly, let them know how you'd like matters to proceed if you should ever become incapacitated. Do you want to give one of your children durable general power of attorney to act for you? If so, which child? Explain your decision to all your children.

One final word: Make sure your beneficiary designations are updated - and let your children know that these designations are up to date and now take into account all births, deaths and remarriages in the family. Keep in mind that these designations - which will appear on your retirement plans, insurance policies and investment accounts - can supersede the instructions on your will.

At first, discussing estate plans with your adult children can seem awkward for everyone. But after a short while, both you and they will feel more and more comfortable in discussing these issues, which are of such great importance to your family.



Legal Ease

With Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN:

My mother named me as her power of attorney so that I could help her out with all of her financial matters. After she died, I tried to consolidate two of her bank accounts but the bank would not let me do it. Can you explain why?

JONATHAN SAYS: Because the power of attorney your mother gave you automatically terminated upon her death. Based on your question, it appears that those bank accounts are in your mother's name alone and if so, those accounts will need to be probated. As such, only the person who is named as the personal representative of the estate by the probate court will have the authority to deal with those bank accounts and any other assets of your mother which need to be probated.

DEAR JONATHAN: I know the current exemption against federal estate taxes is currently at \$2,000,000. Is this for a married couple or is everyone entitled to this amount? When does the amount change?

JONATHAN SAYS: The \$2,000,000 applicable exclusion amount is available to each individual. As such, a married couple can shelter up to \$4,000,000 from estate taxes. Under the current law, the \$2,000,000 exclusion amount applies for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008. In 2009, the exclusion amount is currently scheduled to increase to \$3,500,000.

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Ledger Entries

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



By Priscilla Lussmyer

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL NOVEMBER 23, 1881

Very mild weather; some fields are still green. King, Quick and King's sawmill has closed for the season, leaving a large pile of logs in the boom.

Train's new block is being tin-roofed by John Scott's tinners.

"Messrs. Stiff and Stiff, of the Lowell Flouring Mills, presented each of their employees with a nice turkey."

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 22, 1906

Dr. Meda Hess returns from two years of medical practice in Turkey.

"A colored gentleman by the name of Kriss gave a concert at the Fallsburg schoolhouse last Thursday evening and all those who attended were well satisfied."

A Mrs. Lizzie Clippinger of Grand Rapids is arrested for making counterfeit silver dollars at home and having her 6-year-old daughter buy beer with them.

The antitrust trial of the giant Standard Oil Co. begins at St. Louis.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 19, 1931

Farmer Wm. Vollwiler is found, badly beaten and dead in his barn, by the hired maid.

Lowell and Wayland, football champions of their respective counties, will play Friday afternoon here. Mayor Henry declares a business holiday for the occasion.

A driver on the old Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids Stagecoach Line, Andy Stewart, who started working at age 13, is still living at McCords. He is 77.

The Strand Theatre reduces admissions: matinees, 20¢; week nights, 25¢; weekends, 35¢; and children, 10¢.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 22, 1956

The new \$349,000 elementary school will be named the Runciman School in honor of Carlton Runciman, school board member 35 years and president 31 years.

Lowell native Glendon Swarthout, now at Michigan State University, wrote both the original story and the screenplay for the movie, "Seventh Cavalry", just released.

Lowell Library, operated by the village and school, joins the Kent County Library system.

Village Council urges all businesses and citizens who want natural gas service to write to Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEMBER 19, 1981

Emergency Medical Training begins for 30 volunteers, to help fill the gap of losing Bud's Ambulance Service Lowell station.

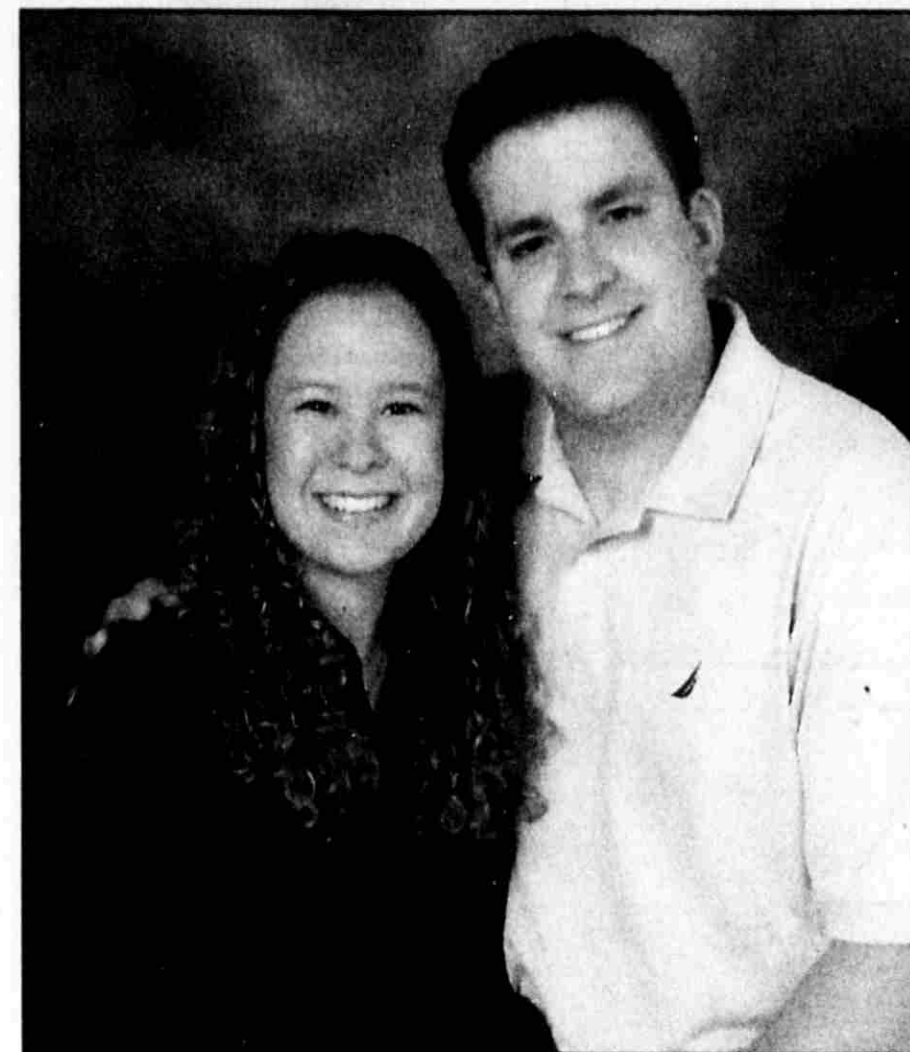
Local Close-Up students join the county-wide trash-athon to earn money for a study week in Washington D.C.

Snowmobile safety training classes start for the 12-16-year-old safety certificate.

Saranac and Ionia County argue over who will demolish the old Saranac Creamery building.

Engagements

Anderson/Stoutjesdyk



Kristi Anderson and Micah Stoutjesdyk

The ceremony which will unite in marriage Kristi Renee Anderson and Micah John Stoutjesdyk will be performed on December 29, 2006. The couple and their parents, Gordy and Deb Anderson and Steven and Laurie Stoutjesdyk are of Ada.

The future bride is a graduate of Lowell High School and is currently attending GVSU Kirkhof College of Nursing. Her fiancé is a graduate of both Grand Rapids Christian High and Grand Valley State University.

Reflections of faith

Rev. Randy Meyers
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

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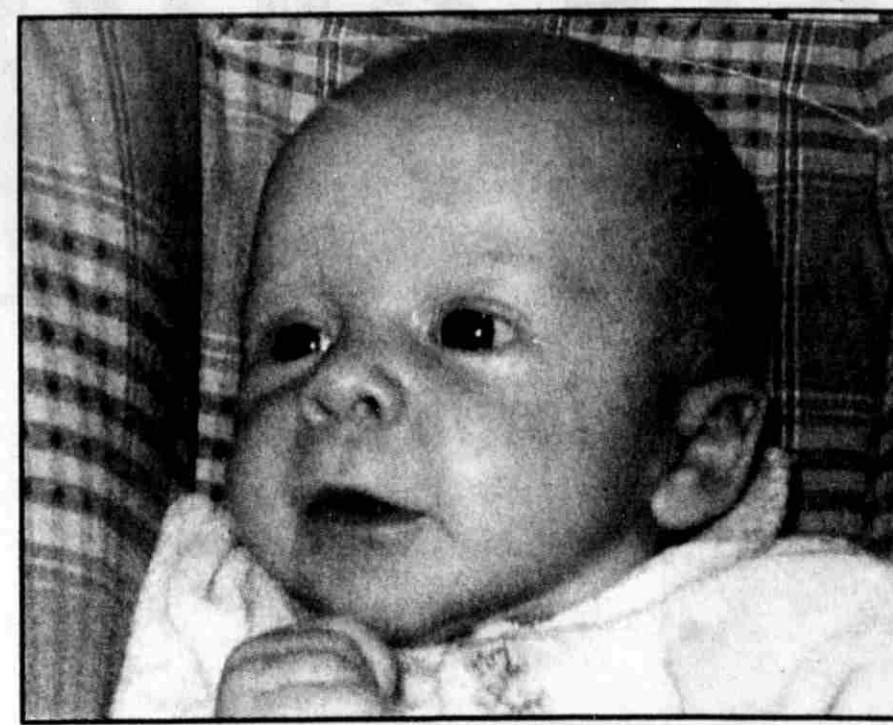
A couple weeks ago my young son was sad to go to sleep. Well, this is not new. He is always sad when bed-time rolls around. Who wants to stop playing anyway? But this time he was sad because the wild animals might get him while he slept. I cleverly reassured him that since animals did not have fingers, they would not be able to get into our house. Besides I would stand guard, which was fine for that night. The next evening, though, he was at it again.

New Arrivals

Rich and Shanda Weed of Ada would like to announce the arrival of their daughter, Addison Lorema Weed. She was born September 30, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 17 inches.

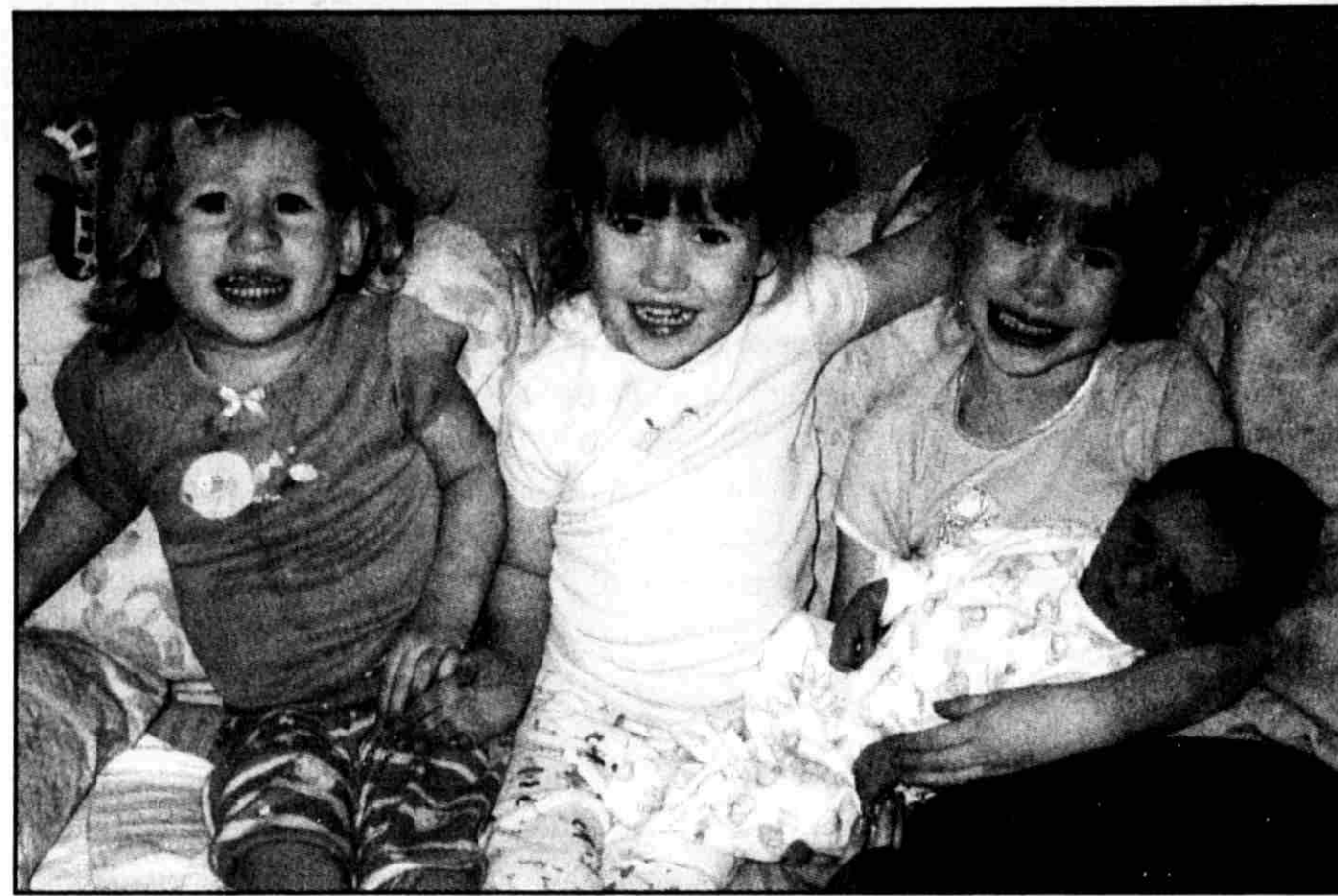
She was welcomed home by big sister Kennedy. Proud grandparents are Craig and Chris Yeiter of Ada and Jim Weed of Evert. Great-grandparents are Martin and Lorema DeYoung of Ada and Cora Yeiter of Lowell.

Weed



Addison Lorema Weed

Lozier



Hannah Grace Lozier with her big sisters.

Jesse and Dawn Lozier of Inkster, Mich., announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Grace Lozier. She was born on August 19, 2006, at 4:01 a.m., weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 19 1/4 inches.

She was welcomed home by big sisters Sarah Ashley, Tamara Marie and Kailey Rose.

Grandparents are Leo and Roselyne Peters of Lowell and Tim and Chris Lozier of Ann Arbor. Great-grandparents are Al and Mary Ellen Spitz and Ruth Loser, all from Battle Creek.

with ambush, snares and injustice aimed at taking out the innocent.

And surprise of all surprises, right there out in the open was verse 7, "But God will shoot them with arrows; suddenly they will be struck down." It could not have been more obvious if it were painted blaze orange.

Assaulting our sensitivities, God turns the tide, brings enemies to ruin, and makes evildoers fear him. Kzzam! Take that, bad guys! Whammo! Meanwhile the good guys back at Camp Refuge chill out singing praise songs.


Of course, these songs will not be mamesey pamesey lullabies about lilies and little lambs. No way! When God, the greatest hunter of all time, swoops in and just in time saves the day, we will chant about victory, marching and mighty warriors until the end of time. While we wait, maybe we should start practicing some of those songs with our small children. I wonder if they would sleep any better?

This time I radioed for backup. My wife reassured him that not only do animals not have fingers, they also do not have keys. He must have thought this one through from the night before. He was ready with the suggestion that they might keep their keys on their sharp claws. Hmm ... as my wife was pondering how to respond, he continued that he was not worried about it any more because he had made a toy gun out of his Duplo blocks.

What? This was the last straw for my wife. Clearly I was rubbing off him faster than she could clean him up. No guns. No talk of hunting. No wild animals. Go to bed. It is not right for small children to be talking about g-u-n-s and s-h-o-o-t-i-n-g.

The more I thought about it, the more she made sense. Love your enemies. Pray for those who persecute you. Scripture seemed to be on her side. Or was it? That was when I found Psalm 64; a great battle song laced with enemies, evildoers and conspiracy. It is a war cry spiked

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New Arrivals

Rottier

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rottier of Lowell are proud to announce the recent births of two grandchildren.

Lucas Michael was born July 16, 2006 at 6:49 p.m. to Mike and Holly (Bauman) Rottier of Hudsonville. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches. He was welcomed home by big sister and brother AnnaJoy and Jacob Rottier.

Elin Patrice was born Oct. 10, 2006 at 6:22 a.m. to David and Heidi (Maurer) Rottier of Washington, Ill. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Other proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grover of Lowell and Dr. and Mrs. Albert Maurer of Hopedale, Ill.

Happy Birthday

NOV. 23: Trisha Propst, Sherri Vezino, Gregory Duiven, Mike Harding.

NOV. 27: Bonnie Vezino, Kim Harding, Marty Chambers, Chad Uzarski, Elizabeth Roudabush, Aaron Rittersdorf, Heather Burrows, Josh Spencer, Aiden Malone.

NOV. 24: Sabra Nicole Kinsley, Ryan Moore, Jenny Decker, Heather French.

NOV. 25: Pat Vezino, Melissa Roudabush, Shawn Ayres Hazel, Megan Hewitt, Lorri Myers, Amy Swift.

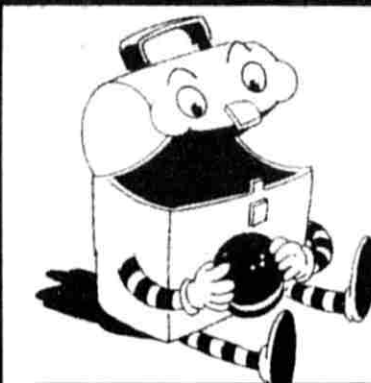
NOV. 28: Shelly Hildenbrand Richmond, Lee Miller.

NOV. 29: Margaret Gardner, Gail Thomet, Kelly Sauber, Scott Swanson, Tara Propst.

NOV. 26: John Erickson.

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TUES: Deluxe nachos w/meat, cheese & lettuce (ham & cheese sub/lettuce also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), fresh fruit/apple juice, animal crackers, milk.

WED: Bosco stick w/meatsauce (3 meat sub also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), broccoli, assorted fruit, milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets & homemade roll (turkey/cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), oven potatoes, carrot coins, assorted fruit, milk.

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DIVERTICULAR DISEASE

Diverticular disease is a disease of the colon (large bowel). It is caused by pouches called diverticula that can form in the wall of the large bowel. There are several types of this disease. The most common are diverticulosis, diverticulitis, and diverticular bleeding. Those with diverticulitis have pouches in the colon that may not cause any problems. Diverticulitis occurs when the pouches are red, hot, swollen and painful. Diverticular bleeding may

occur when blood vessels next to the pouches become affected.

This disease affects men and women and is common in older people. Most doctors think it is caused by not eating enough fiber. If insufficient amounts of fiber are eaten, pressure can build up in the bowel wall and pouches may form.

Diverticular disease can be diagnosed with a lower GI X-ray or with a colonoscopy. Flexible sigmoidoscopy (a shorter tube) may also be informative.

Most people with this disease never have a problem. About one in every four people with the disease develops diverticulitis or diverticular bleeding. If diverticulitis occurs, you have left lower abdominal pain, and usually a fever. Newer, more potent antibiotics have made it easier to treat diverticulitis as an out-patient. Prevention of diverticulitis involves a high fiber diet and avoidance of seeded vegetables, nuts and popcorn.

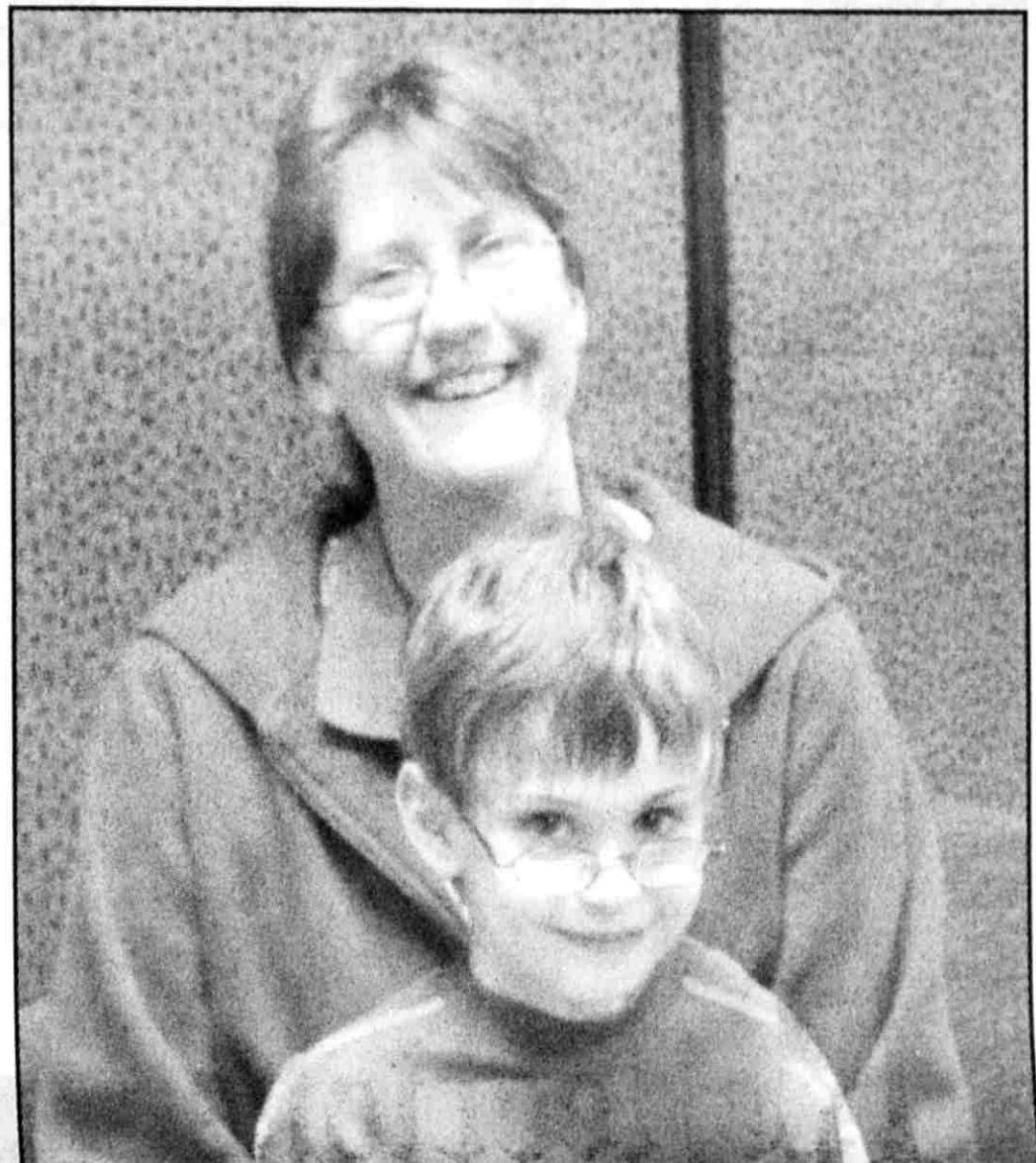
Volunteer of the Month

Staff members at Murray Lake Elementary nominated Kris Hubert as October's Volunteer of the Month.

Hubert has volunteered weekly in the classroom, media center, doing Mileage Club, and cutting and counting box tops.

Media center specialist Patti Harrel comments, "Kris is a life saver. Anytime I feel swamped Kris is there to bail me out and get books checked in and students checked out. She is just wonderful."

Hubert said, "I like to volunteer and to be involved in my son's education, and I just love the kids. I like meeting the teachers and other parents. Hopefully my son will always see school as being fun while he is learning."



Volunteer Kris Hubert with her son Thomas.

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12/8 Cedar Springs*
12/12 East Grand Rapids*
12/15 at Greenville
12/19 at Creston

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* Indicates a home game at Lowell Lanes
Games begin at 7:30 p.m. unless indicated
12/2 Pre-Conference at Rockford TBA
12/4 at Kenowa Hills
12/6 at East Grand Rapids
12/11 Forest Hills Central*

VARSIY ICE HOCKEY

* Indicates a home game at Patterson Ice Arena
12/1 at 7 p.m. at Hudsonville
12/8 at 7:30 p.m. at Bay City John Glenn
12/9 at 4:30 p.m. at Freeland High School
12/13 at 8 p.m. at West Ottawa

VARSIY GYMNASTICS

* Indicates a home game at LHS Auxiliary Gym
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1/3 East Kentwood*
1/6 at 10 a.m. Rockford Invitational
1/10 at Mona Shores
1/15 Kenowa Hills*

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VARSIY VOLLEYBALL

* Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym
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12/9 at 8 a.m. Reeths Puffer Tournament
12/30 time TBA WMVOA Tournament at E. Kentwood
1/4 Reeths Puffer*
1/8 at 6 p.m. at Unity Christian Quad

VARSIY WRESTLING

* Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym
Games begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated
12/7 East Grand Rapids*
12/9 time TBA Warren Woods Tower Tourn.
12/14 at Greenville
12/16 at 9 a.m. St. Patrick Quad (Chicago)

COMPETITIVE CHEER

* Indicates a home meet at LHS Main Gym
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1/31 Rainbow Meet*
2/3 time TBA Red Arrow Invitational*
2/7 at Wayland

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Lowell band dreams of making their hometown rock & roll capital

By Emma Palova

Vowing to put Lowell on the map as the rock and roll capital of the world, Al and the Black Cats played

their hometown for the first time last week.

Since their inception in February of 2006, the band has been touring Europe. They based themselves in

Eindhoven, Holland, and played major European rock scenes from London to Prague in the Czech Republic.

"We played show after

show," said lead vocalist and stand-up bass Eric Soules. "We're doing something different. We're not acting on the stage as a glorified jukebox."

Other band members include drummer Hugh Skiffington and guitarist Tony Cozzaglio. All are graduates of Lowell High School. The band was started by manager and electric bass player Al Krivoy who had his own band in the early '80s.

Krivoy credits the band's success to their high level of energy, youth and novelty approach.

"They are prolific songwriters," said Krivoy. "That combined with musicianship is a package for success."

Although the band was scheduled to play for three weeks in Europe, due to enormous success they stayed for seven months. And now they are already booked for next year to play in Europe, Russia and maybe Japan.

Next summer, they will also play in New York City and Indiana. The band has a CD out called "The Fabulous Rockability Sounds of Al and the Black Cats." They will be recording a second album in

December at the Audio Bay Studios in Cannonsburg.

"We liked how everyone is into the music scene in Europe," said Cozzaglio.

The band has returned to Lowell for a while to show the area what they have to offer.

"We want to show what we've been working on," said Skiffington. "We get to see the world and do everything we've ever dreamed of."

Skiffington said the band was well accepted in Europe.

"We like to make people happy and see different cultures," he said.

Their first hometown show last Friday night was a benefit for Flat River Outreach Ministries held at Larkin's Banquet Hall. They perform next on Dec. 9, also at Larkin's. A benefit for the Lowell High School band will be held on Dec. 22 at the high school.

"Lowell will be the rock and roll capital of the world," said Cozzaglio.



Tony Cozzaglio, Hugh Skiffington, Eric Soules and Al Krivoy of the Al and the Black Cats band, in front of the Lowell Ledger office, vow to make Lowell the rock and roll capital of the world.

Featured Artist

Jack Eppinga

By Emma Palova

A wafer cut from a pine tree depicts the famous Michaelangelo scene from the Sistine Chapel ... God reaching out to Adam.

Inspired by heroes, woodcarver Jack Eppinga carved that scene into one of his sculptures now on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It's something that I've always wanted to do," said the Grand Rapids area sculptor. "You want to learn from your heroes."

Eppinga, who comes from a long line of carpenters, likes working with wood. His artwork has evolved from paintings ... bronze sculptures to wooden sculptures.

Eppinga's sculptures of wildlife have their origins in Montana where he lived for some time. "People can relate more to these than abstract pieces," he said.

But Eppinga loves custom-made abstracts based on a person's vision.

"I try to see what is in other persons' mindscape," he said. "It stretches my repertoire."

It is that stretching of a certain repertoire that contributes to the evolution of an artist and his work, according to Eppinga.

"I try to expand what I am doing," he said, "and always go in a new direction I haven't gone before."

That new direction manifests itself in Eppinga's crane and figure sculptures, as well as in a floral totem pole.

The floral totem pole is on display in the Paul Collins Gallery at the Amway Grand.

Eppinga has also carved sculptures of his dog Wood, Indians and bears, to name a few.

The sculptor, who works at the Woodsources on 29th

Street, carves with a variety of wood such as willow, walnut, Manitoba maple, cottonwood, mountain mahogany, pine and red cedar.

This is the first time his exhibit has been inside the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. An Eppinga sculpture of a fish has adorned the Showboat in the past.

"I am happy that my pieces can stay warm this year," he said. The exhibit will run through mid-December.

Eppinga's sculptures range from \$100 to \$1,500. At the Christmas Through Lowell tour, Eppinga was showing, with his daughter Maddy, 6, necklaces made from chunks of driftwood.

"I wanted to give her experience in selling art," he said.

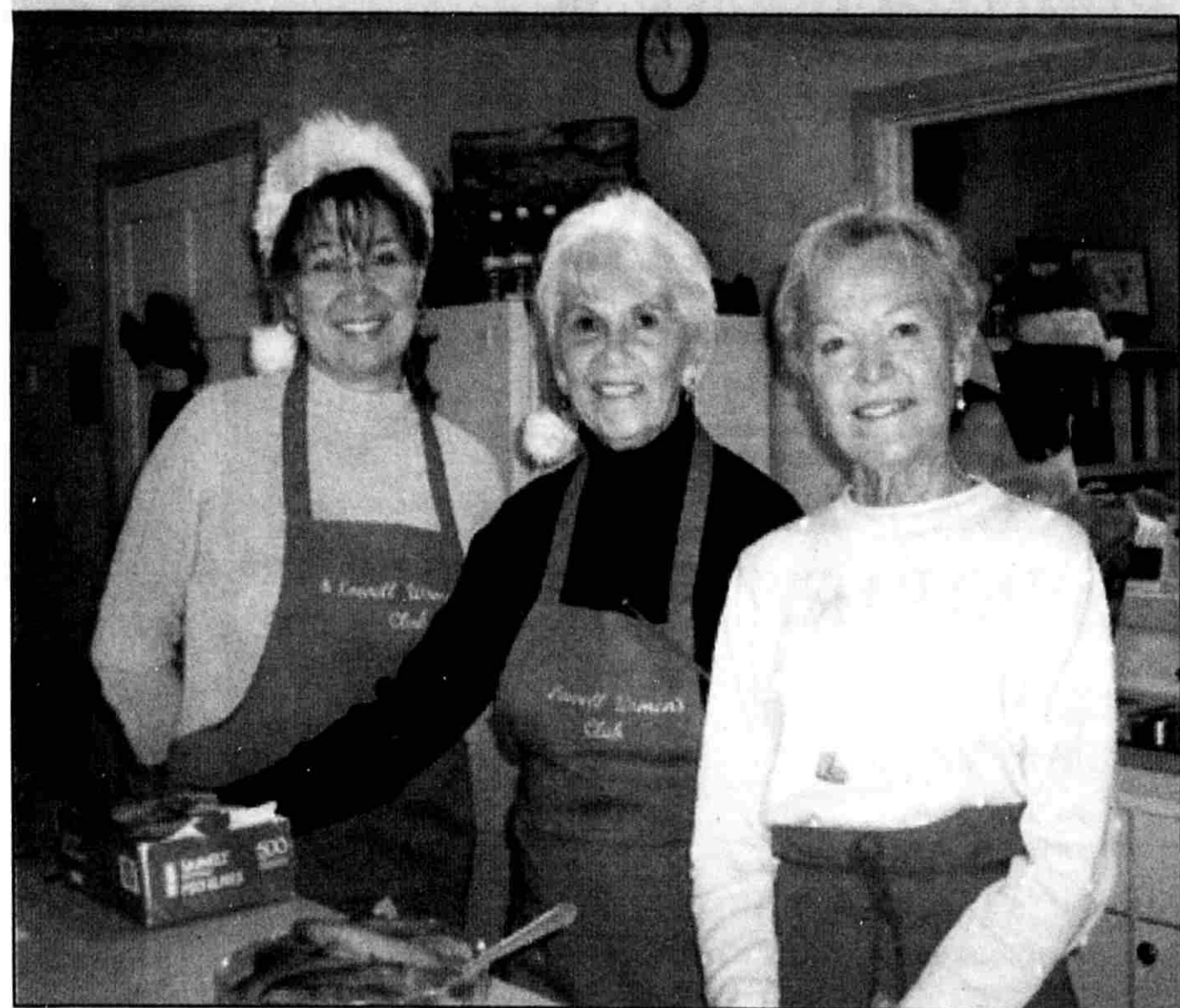
The first necklace will sell for \$10, and the price will go up \$1 with each piece sold.

He will also hold carving demonstrations on Main Street during the Santa Claus parade on Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Woodcarver Jack Eppinga, of Grand Rapids, poses with his bear sculpture during the Christmas Through Lowell tour last weekend. His exhibit is on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce through mid-December.

Christmas Through Lowell



Pictured above, Patti McBryde of Patti's Candles. She enjoyed a large crowd inside her newly remodeled 1880 home on Hudson Street during the Christmas Through Lowell tour last weekend. McBryde offered more than 50 candle scents including snowmen candles. "This is one of the best home tours in the area," said her fellow crafter, April Slater. She had hand-painted items, ornaments, primitive and folk art. In previous years McBryde had displayed her candles from the carriage house work shop. "This is the first time in the new house," she said. Deb Sinclair of Ludington said she has been coming to Christmas Through Lowell for many years because of its popularity. This was the fourth year on the tour for McBryde, who has been in the candle business for 13 years.

Above left, Veronica Blough, June Dilly and Barb Pierce of the Lowell Women's Club served entrees such as pulled barbecue pork during a luncheon held on Nov. 17 and 18 at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Part of the Christmas Through Lowell tour, the luncheon was a fundraiser for Lowell High School senior girls scholarships. The 15th annual tour featured more than 200 artists and crafters.

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Ambulance addition to move ahead/Valentine appointed to KCDA board

By Emma Palova

The proposed \$303,500 ambulance addition south of Look Memorial Fire Station is moving ahead with construction slated for early spring.

The addition will free up space for the fire department, while accommodating Rockford Ambulance. It will have two vehicle bays, storage, office and sleeping space.

The original cost estimate has gone up by \$60,000 due to the increase in steel prices, said city manager Dave Pasquale. The city has contracted Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber for architectural drawings. The Lowell Planning Commission is scheduled to review the site plan on Nov. 27; once it is approved, the project will be bid out.

The addition is funded by the Lowell Area Community Fund, Rockford Ambulance, city of Lowell, Vergennes and Lowell townships, Look Memorial Fund and pending grants from the Steelcase Foundation.

In other business, the Lowell City Council appointed police chief Jim Valentine to the Kent County Dispatch Authority (KCDA) Board for a three-year term. The Kent County Board of Commissioners and the cities of Grandville, Grand Rapids, Wyoming and Walker have recently approved a Kent County Dispatch Authority agreement in order to consolidate dispatch.

The authority requested representation from Lowell because the city uses the Walker Police Department dispatch. The KCDA may approve a four-percent surcharge on the telephone bill or propose a standalone 0.5 countywide millage to ensure proper funding.

The council also approved the extension of agreements with Lowell Youth Football, the YMCA and the Kent County Youth Fair until March 31.

A contract between the county, city and Hope Network North Kent Transit also has been approved by all the entities involved. The city has utilized Hope Network for transportation services for senior and handicapped citizens using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

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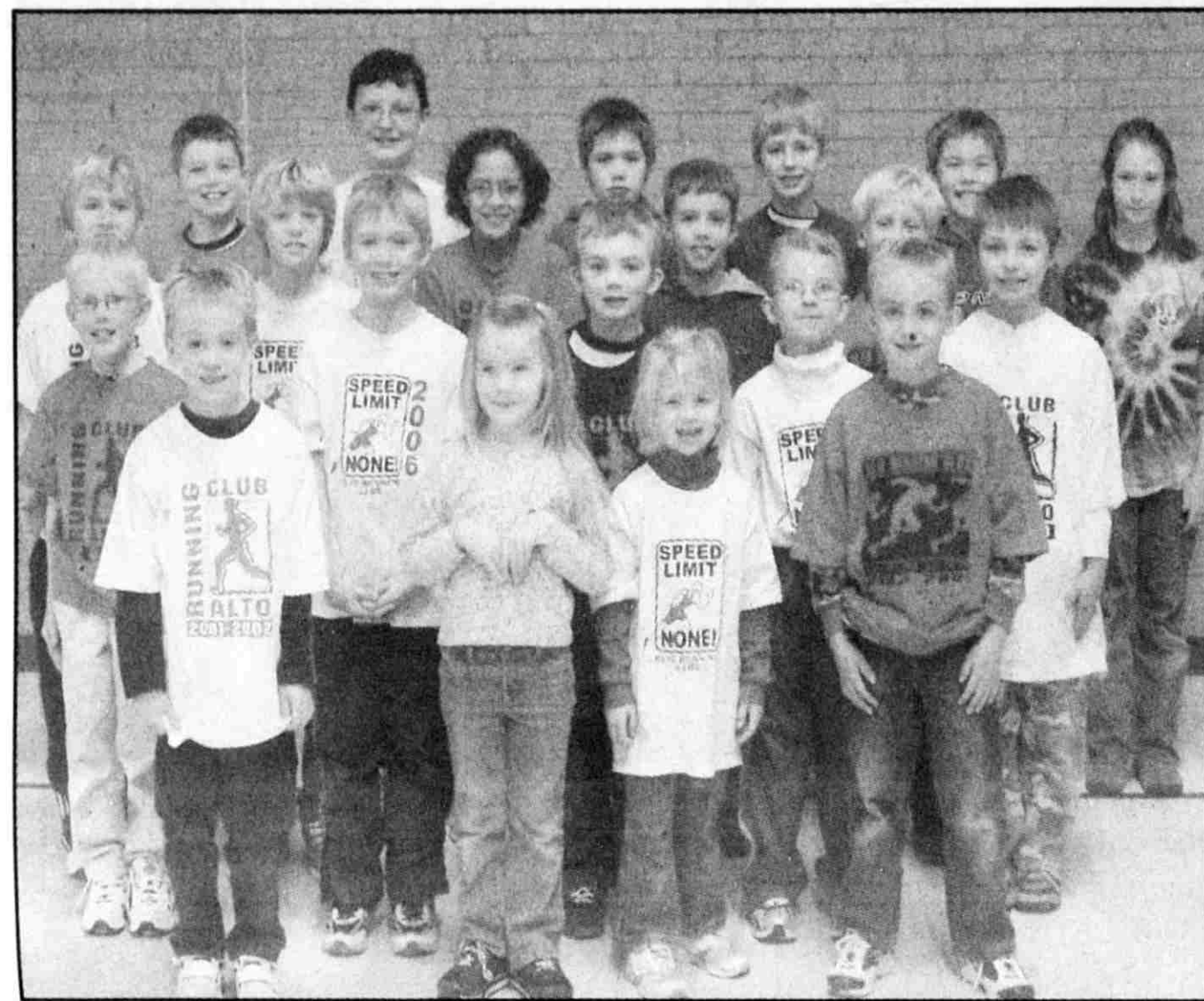
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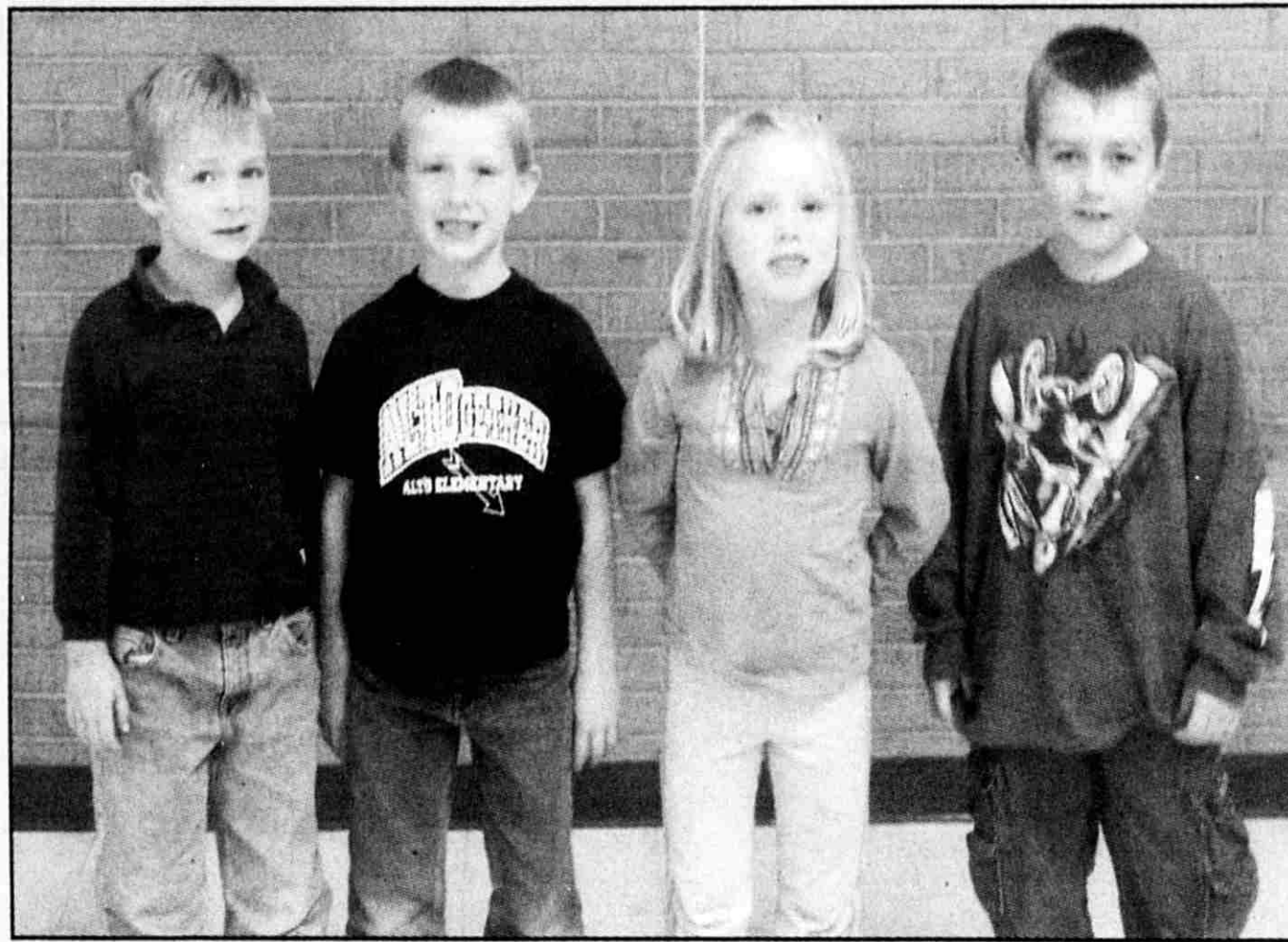
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Miles add up for kids in the Alto Running Club



Alto Running Club is an after-school activity every Monday and Wednesday in the fall and spring at Alto Elementary. After stretching and warmup, students run or walk outside around the building and receive a punch on a mileage card for every trip around which is 1/4 mile. Altogether the Running Club kids ran 2,421 miles this fall! That's about the distance of running across the United States. There were 25 students who ran over 20 miles each! Five of the classrooms totaled over 200 miles!

The following students each ran over 20 miles: Keegan Solon 28.5, Conner Smithee 26, Joel Fritsma 25, Sadie Richardson 25, Jason Woern 24.5, Liam Kelley 24, Michelle Starkey 24, Jacob Rau 24, Alex Bohr 24, Austin Rife 24, Erin Smithee 23.5, Nick Longway 23, Garret Taylor 22, Newt Longway 21.5, Kole Stoltzfus 21, Eric Judd 21, Alex Powell 21, and Sara Landon 20.5. At 20 miles each were Philip Thompson, Cassie Longway, Colton Churches, Kaleb Fisk, Josh Branagan, Tanner Barnes and Tayler Hoevenaer.



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Lowell Area School Board amends budget

By Emma Palova

The Lowell Area Schools (LAS) Board of Education approved a budget amendment Monday.

The amendment reflects major changes compared to budget projections made prior to July 1. These changes reflect lower student count by 40 students, grant information, and per pupil allowance.

"We had a lot of unknowns. The budget was based on projections," said superintendent Greg Pratt. "We didn't know the student count."

Concerning revenue, the district has received a refund from the Grand Rapids and Northview school districts for special education services.

The district saved some money due to staffing adjustments, i.e., filling vacated positions at lower levels. LAS also received a grant in the amount of \$81,000 from Lowell Area Community Fund.

LAS, a base foundation district, has received \$23 per pupil as an equity payment to close the funding gap with districts such as Forest Hills and Caledonia.

"We're going to try to maintain student numbers and improve programs," said Pratt.

A mid-term revenue state conference will help forecast budget projections for next year.

The LAS budget is based on a student count of 3,930 students at \$225 per pupil. The state aid bill was approved for \$210 per pupil.

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First grade students discover the science of boating

"Mine is floating! Mine works; it works! Uh-oh mine is sinking! It's floating! It's floating!"

These were some of the comments shouted out during a recent Battle Creek science lesson in Denise Washburn's first grade class at Murray Lake Elementary.

As part of their Water Works Unit, students were asked to design and build their own boat. The boats were loaded up with five marbles and tested to see if they would stay afloat in the manmade lake in their classroom (a.k.a. a wading pool).

The first graders had to think about what materials they would use, indicate the steps necessary to create their boat, then test it out and write why it sunk or floated.

They were truly engaged in their learning, and excited about the process.

Washburn said, "These experiences in the Battle Creek kits truly take kids through the scientific process. My kids are always excited about science. They are learning things they could never learn from reading a text book."

First grade student Cassie Dean said, "My boat floated because I balanced all the marbles just right. I liked doing this because it was fun working with my friends and watching to see if the boats floated."

Calob Devereaux added, "My boat sunk because my marbles rolled to one side and it was too much weight. I still had fun. Next time I know my boat will float."

The Battle Creek Science Kits were implemented in all of Lowell's elementary classrooms two years ago. The district reports a high success rate for the students using the program.



Students from Denise Washburn's room eagerly watch to see which boats will sink and which will float.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of November 13, 2006

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT
 Brooke Liu, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that the student council sponsored blood drive was a success and that students will be conducting a canned food drive for the Holidays. The High School Student Council has been partnering with the Alto Elementary Student Council. The younger students will be putting care packages together for the high school students to take with them on their next Alternative Spring Break trip to help hurricane victims. Career Day was a huge success with over 90 careers represented. A number of high school students are to be commended for their involvement in mentorship programs with the younger students.

REPORTS -
Response to Intervention
 Roger Bearup and Jonathan Schelke shared information on how the district is engaging students with early reading challenges in order to provide systemic literacy interventions for students in grades K-3. This effort will help meet the academic needs for all students in order to maximize student learning.

ACTION ITEMS -
 The Board accepted the following gifts:

- Lowell Education Foundation donation of \$180 to purchase library books for the high school in honor of former LEF board members.
- Susan Frasier donation of scholastic "math" magazines valued at \$77 for use in her algebra classes.
- Sara Guile donation of toys and accessories valued at \$500 to be used by the TOTS program.
- Karen Waid donation of books valued at \$30.99 to be used by the Cherry Creek and Middle School media center.

Following a PowerPoint presentation by Connie Gillette regarding the changes to the 2006-07 general fund budget due to now known factors, the Board took action to amend the budget. The amended budget will end in the red, dipping into the fund balance in the amount of \$263,702.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

- Minutes for the October 9, 2006 Regular Meeting and the October 23, 2006 Board Workshop
- The following payment of bills for October 2006:
 GENERAL FUND.....\$1,321,586.61
 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
 A. Food Service Fund.....\$5,836.15
 B. Athletic Fund.....\$7,424.33
 Scholarship Fund.....\$150.00
 1990 Debt Fund.....\$391,936.25
 2000 Debt Fund.....\$42,006.26
 2005 Debt Fund.....\$225,670.66
 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$62,384.42
- Overnight trip for the Baseball Team from March 30 - April 7, 2007 to Gulf Shores
- Summer Tax Resolution

CURRICULUM UPDATE - Roger Bearup reported that elementary and secondary building leadership teams will be meeting this week along with the District School Improvement Team to discuss instructional improvement. Data warehouse training at the buildings will begin soon.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt reported that the district is closely monitoring the new high school reform and the Michigan Merit Exam in order to prepare students and parents of the changes. The school day schedule configuration to best meet these new requirements is also being studied. The high school will be sponsoring a parent meeting and information will continue to be shared. The first class affected by the high school reform is the 9th grade class (Class of 2011). This is the largest reform that has been made in the last 50 years. The Demographics Committee is up and running and information will be shared at future board meetings concerning their findings and recommendations to best meet district growth. The OAK report that will recommend facility upgrades will be shared at the December Board meeting. Thank you to parents, staff, and students for the great effort in conjunction with the football program and all the extra curricular activities. Students who performed at the Strings concert did a great job.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
 Board Workshop - Monday, November 27, 2006
 5:30 p.m.
 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room
 300 High St., Lowell, MI

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, December 11, 2006
 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room
 300 High St., Lowell, MI - 7:00 p.m.
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COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

TUES., NOV. 28: Crafts with Eva at 9:30 a.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

THURS., NOV. 30: Noelle's for lunch 11 a.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

FRI., DEC. 1: Lowell Institute for Volunteer Leadership is accepting applications for the 2007 training session. Deadline is Dec. 1. Call Liz at 897-9161 for details.

SAT., DEC. 2: Spaghetti dinner at Murray Lake Elementary from 5 - 7:30 p.m. to help with costs for 5th grade classes attending 2-day water ecology camp next spring. Adults: \$6; children \$4. All you can eat.

SAT., DEC. 2: Bluegrass Hotbands fundraiser at River-view in Lowell starting at 6:30 p.m. 3 bands, jam session, food: all for \$5.

MONDAYS

Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. at Gallagher's. Call 676-1355.

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

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.

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. 7 p.m.

2ND MON.: Lowell Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

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

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meetings held 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room. Will resume Sept 18.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, Fellowship Hall at Church of the Nazarene, N. Washington St. at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY OTHER MON.: Lowell Area Juggling Club, in Community room, Englehardt Library, 6:30 - 8, 12 or older. Call 897-9879.

MON., TUES., THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main, Call 987-9533 for appt./open Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tu. 6-9 p.m., Th. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula and clothing.

EVERY MON: Women of Grace study series, St. Mary Church, 402 Amity, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Cheryl 868-6204.

EVERY MON.: Women for Sobriety, 7-8 p.m. Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 84th & Alden Nash. Call Sue 868-6219; www.womenforsobriety.org.

TUESDAYS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M#372 at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church 621 E. Main St. 6:30 p.m. Call Bruce Doll, cubmaster at 304-0082.

Weight Watchers, Alto United Methodist Church, Kirby & Harrison, 5:30 p.m. Reg. 1/2 hr. before meeting. 800-651-6000.

Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery/preschool story hour/craft time 9:45-11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. 897-7060 or 897-7555.

1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

2ND 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.

SAT., DEC. 2: Rogue River Artisans fine art and craft holiday sale, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Lowell High School. Holiday lunch available, \$1 admission benefits Lowell Red Arrow special activities.

MON., DEC. 4: Athletic Boosters regular business meeting in LHS staff lounge, 7 p.m.

THURS., DEC. 7: Vergennes Co-op Club Christmas dinner at Schneider Manor activities room, 12 p.m. punch bowl; 12:30 dinner. Surprise program. Gifts of paper products or food to FROM.

TUES., DEC. 12: Doric chapter #75 Order of the Eastern Star, regular communication in chapter room of Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; communication at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 12 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. 897-5449 for information.

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/7 program Oiga -975-9977/June 231-780-1249.

2ND TUES.: Doric chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star 6:30 dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting, 211 E Main, Belding.

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.qua-ke-zik.org.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers meets at Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, 9:15 - 11:30. 897-8304.

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. No cost.

TUES./THURS.: Back to Basics Closed AA meetings at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson. 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

EVERY TUES.: Women of Grace study series, St. Mary Church, 402 Amity St., 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. Beth 897-5771.

WEDNESDAYS

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

8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at new 1st Congregational Church, 865 Lincoln Lake S.E. enter north parking lot, side door.

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

1ST WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

2ND WED.: Lowell Area Trailway, 6 p.m. alternate locations. Call Mari Stone 897-5671 or www.lowellareatrailway.org.

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

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

2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

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

3RD WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th SE 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

3RD WED.: Alzheimer's Assoc. of West Mich. support group at Fountain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, 1 p.m. 897-8413.

THURSDAYS

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.

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

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 are free. Call 897-7688.

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

ALTO LIBRARY: Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m. 647-3820.

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

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

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed.- Fri. 10 a.m. -6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

THURSDAYS

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

St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 897-9393.

EVERY THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. 987-9533, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing. Or by appointment

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 on Alden Nash S. at 7 p.m.

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

2ND & 4TH THURS.: GR/W. Michigan Scrabble Club, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walk-ins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more information.

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.: 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.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

2ND & 4TH FRI.: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens/teen moms, 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers, Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30-12:30 p.m. Call Pat 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. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, located at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

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

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Youthful hunters also have opening day success



On opening day of bow season, Michael Plite, 14, shot an 11-point non-typical deer. This was the Lowell boy's first time hunting.



Devyn Earls, 13, of Lowell, was with his grandpa on opening day of deer hunting season. At 7:30 a.m. he shot a seven-point buck in Charlotte in Eaton County.

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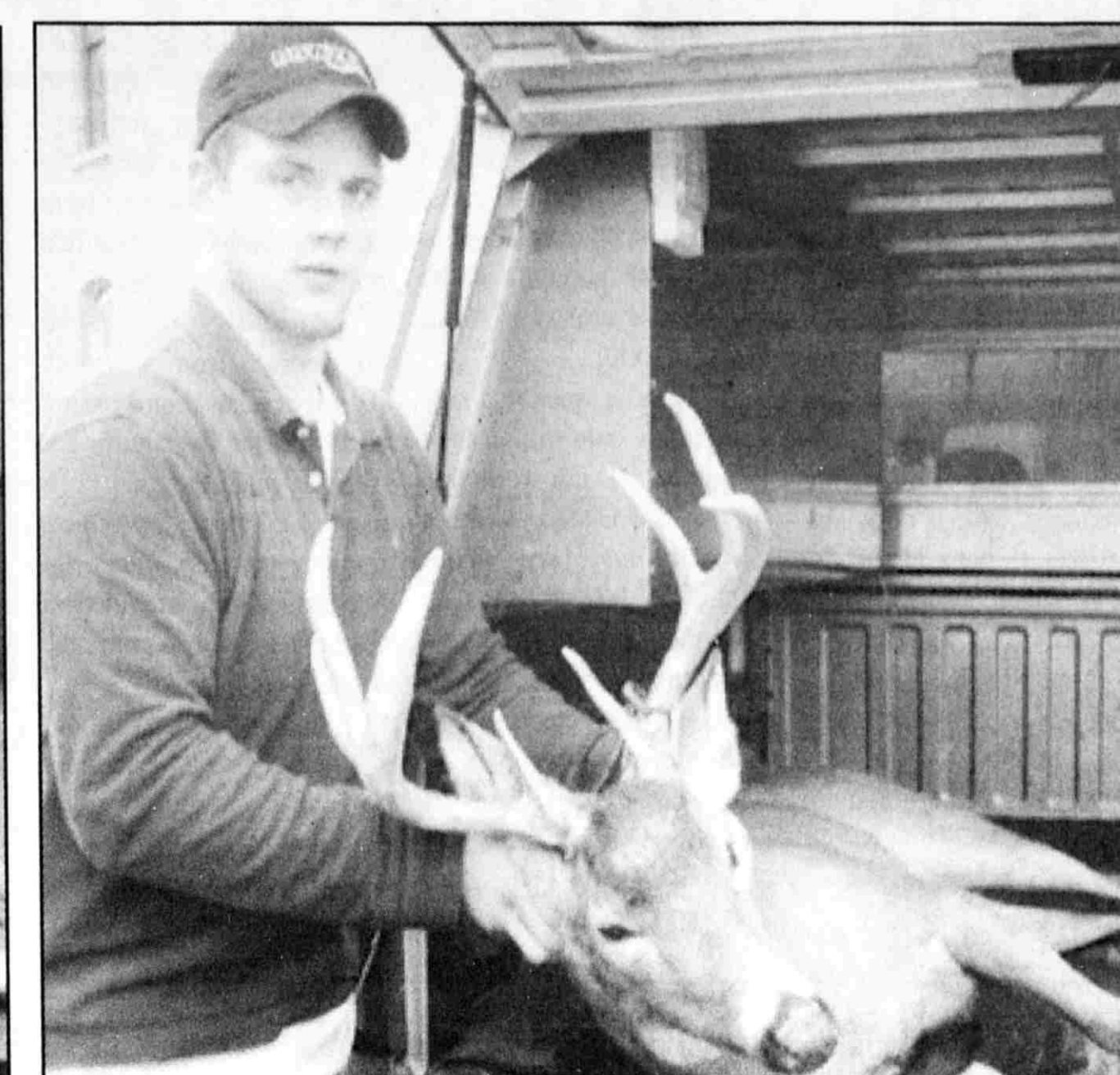
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First Buck Contest winners, continued ... From Page 1



Dennis Milewski, of Greenville, took second place in the annual Lowell Ledger buck contest. About six miles east of Lowell at 6:15 a.m., he walked into the woods and at approximately 7:15 a.m. shot his eight-point buck with a muzzle loader. "I watched him come in and waited for him to get around a branch," Milewski said. But the buck walked away. When he made a loop back, Milewski shot him from 50 yards. "I am going to fry him up and eat him," he said. "We had very good conditions with no wind." Milewski received a free oil change, subscription to the Lowell Ledger and a large pizza.



Kyle Sitzer followed Dennis Milewski into the Ledger office with his eight-point buck to take the third prize. He shot the buck north of Lowell around 8 a.m. The buck was chasing some does, and when he came in view, Sitzer shot behind the shoulder. "We're going to mount him and eat the meat," he said. "The hunting conditions were good." Amanda, his wife, encouraged him to go to the Ledger office to get a prize. Sitzer received a free oil change, subscription to the Ledger, and a large pizza.

Darin Zigterman, at right, of Belding, shot a 15-point buck in the Belding area at 9 a.m. on opening day of hunting season. "I've been hunting for 20 years," he said. "I got lucky." Zigterman brought his buck into the Ledger office around 2 p.m. which was too late for prizes. Still excited by his 15-point buck, Zigterman didn't mind not being one of the winners of the annual First Buck Contest.

When he was young, I told Dale Jr. that hunting and racing are a lot alike. Holding that steering wheel and holding that rifle both mean you better be responsible.

- Dale Earnhardt



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Shaklee distributor cares about environment

By Emma Palova

Local Shaklee health products distributor Earl Pomeroy promotes the company's effort for cleaner environment to reduce greenhouse emissions.

"It's a cooperative endeavor to work on reducing greenhouse emissions," he said. "I like being associated with a company like that. I care about the environment."

According to Pomeroy, by using Shaklee products, homeowners can make their houses nontoxic.

"They can reduce greenhouse emissions in their own homes by using these products," he said.

Shaklee Corporation, based in San Francisco, has joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Leader program with a pledge to offset 100 percent of its greenhouse emissions from 2006 to 2009.

"They're one of a few companies doing this," said Pomeroy. "I am fortunate to be associated with a company that cares about the environment."

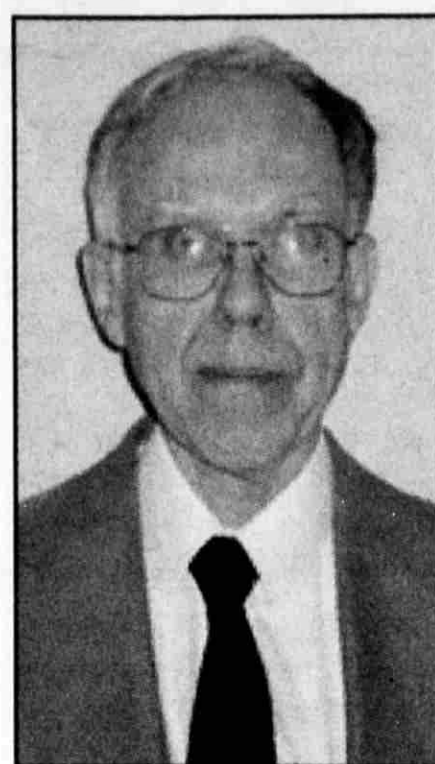
According to Pomeroy, the company has a 50-year heritage of protecting the environment.

"For 50 years, Shaklee has helped protect the health of people and the planet," he said.

The Climate Leaders program was launched in 2002 as an industry-government partnership that works to develop long-term comprehensive corporate climate change strategies.

Pomeroy, a retired engineer from Smith Aerospace, has been working as a Shaklee distributor for over a year. He has been using Shaklee products for the past 35 years. In September, he attended a Climate Leader conference in San Francisco.

Shaklee Corporation, a health and wellness company, provides green household products.



Earl Pomeroy

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Lowell's small town feel is the heart of our town. Building 400 houses would change. Do we want our community to be busy and loud? I don't. Go build your houses somewhere else!
~M.R.

Do we want Lowell to become like any other city? Lowell is Lowell, don't change it for the worst.
~LHS student

I'm fifteen and I ride my bike faster than older people drive their cars.

Burning leaves is a sure sign of fall and some people actually like it.

Thank you to whoever found my purse at Meijer that was very nice of you to turn it in and not steal anything like might have happened in a larger town.

It would be nice if there was some way for someone to help the seniors at the paper drive at the high school to get the papers up to the semi truck.

What happened to friendly business competition?

It's almost Thanksgiving. I'm sick of all the negativity in Sound Off. Come on Lowell - you guys have a good town.

Well there is one person I'm giving thanks for - Keith Nichols. After the Muskegon/Lowell game he was quite sportsman-like. Who better to speak for the community of Lowell.
- Mike Lessens

Old people and big trucks don't scare me but marsupials do. Because they're fast.

Officers look for unbelted drivers over holiday weekend

Law enforcement officers in West Michigan will ticket unbelted motorists and arrest drunk drivers as part of additional patrols intended to make sure motorists arrive at their Thanksgiving celebrations safely.

The Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) is administering federal traffic safety funds for the enforcement activity in an effort to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities.

"Drivers need to be responsible by buckling up and driving sober, especially during high-traffic times like Thanksgiving weekend," said Michael L. Prince,

OHSP division director. "Everyone wants to make it home for the holiday, and officers will be out to make sure drivers do so safely." will begin Nov. 22 and run through Nov. 30. Kent County along with other counties in the area will be participating.

During Thanksgiving weekend 2005, 19 people died in Michigan traffic crashes. Five of the 17 fatal crashes involved alcohol. Two of the people killed were not wearing safety belts.

For a list of Thanksgiving patrol dates, times and locations, visit www.michigan.gov/ohsp.

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"It's all been challenging," she said. "Many things didn't happen but you go on until another opportunity arises."

Although faced with hostility allegations, Green reached out to the people. Once she brought the

ballot to the home of an ill resident so he could vote. Another time she helped the disalced Carmelite Nuns of Parnell when they were experiencing an issue with a building project.

Deputy clerk Jim Fues has been appointed

as the new township clerk beginning Dec. 1. "In her 17 years, Lana helped bring the township from a small quaint community to a progressive community," Fues said.

Green, a 1963 graduate of Belding High School, likes flower arranging, golf,

travel and just having fun. She is a member of the Silk City Mad Hatters Society who put together a 2006 calendar as a fundraiser for the Alvah N. Belding Library in Belding. She plans to do some volunteering in the community.

"I have enjoyed working with the public and trying to satisfy their needs to the best of my ability," she said, "but I don't want to be obligated. I want to get outdoors and get bigger space."

Green said she is looking forward to where

her next journey is going to take her.

An open house for Green will be held on Dec. 2 at noon at the Grattan Township Hall.

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