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# Christmas Magic begins this weekend with Santa parade

By Emma Palova

upcoming he Santa Parade historic downtown Lowell will retain last year's "Christmas Magic" theme as Lowell

continues to become The Next Place to Be.

More than 70 entries representing the community will proceed along Main Street at 10 a.m. on Dec. 2. New this year is the Preston High School visiting band, a special guest of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, in addition to local bands.

The Lowell middle and with children in the King

high school bands will lead the way for the star of the parade, Santa Claus. Prior to the parade, Santa will have breakfast and chat

Memorial Youth Center at the fairgrounds from 8:30 -9:45 a.m.

To enhance the magic, culinary arts students from Grand Rapids Community College will be carving ice sculptures on Riverwalk Plaza. Carving starts at 9 a.m. and runs through 1 p.m. The sculptures will explore various subject matters.

The chamber will award the best sculptors with first (\$150), second (\$100) and third (\$75) prizes.

"Spectators are encouraged to be a part of the excitement in this skillful and artful challenge by voting on the People's Choice award," said chamber executive director Liz Baker. "We usually get a good turnout." There will be a Rudolph's Craft Workshop at the chamber for children ages two to eight, sponsored by Lowell Area Schools TOTS program, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visits and pictures with Santa on the Robert E. Lee are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well. Hot cocoa, cookies and more will be available in the decorated rooms.

Historic downtown, will offer a shopping extravaganza for all tastes. With a variety of new shops that have recently opened, many will be offering hot buttered popcorn, apple cider or a bowl of piping hot Santa Lash.

"We're looking forward to a successful Christmas parade as we start the holiday season," said Baker. "We hope people will check out Lowell and why we are The Next Place to Be."

Baker said Lowell is not quite at that place yet.

"It's work in progress," she said.

Other activities throughout the day include the Sleigh Bells & Holly



Lorain Smalligan, executive director of the Lowell Area Arts Council (LAAC) arranges Christmas artwork by Robin Prawdzik-White. Prawdzik-White is one of 20 local artists whose work is on exhibit at the LAAC until Dec. 23. In the gallery, you will find painted and carved gourds, pastel and watercolor paintings, beadwork, photography, jewelry, fused and stained glass, ceramic ornaments, beeswax candles and honey. Extended hours during the holiday exhibit are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For a complete list of artists go to www.lowellartscouncil.org

is

gallery of fine art and gifts at the Lowell Area Arts Council from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Rogue River Artisans Art and Craft Christmas sale will take place at Lowell High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call the chamber at 897-9161 or visit WWW. discoverlowell.org



# Ambulance site plan approved, setback variance required

By Emma Palova

Lowell Planning Commission approved a site plan Monday for an ambulance addition south of Look Memorial Fire Station.

on several contingent conditions: landscaping, changing of lighting, wording Rockford of Ambulance to Ambulance setback Building, and building variance. The

approval

The

requires a five-foot setback variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

2,170-square-The foot addition will provide space for two ambulances, sleeping quarters and office space. Rockford Ambulance,

serving the city of Lowell, is currently housed inside the fire station. "They have been an occupant since the very beginning," said city manager Dave Pasquale. "It became obvious they needed more space.'

the addition will free up space for the fire department. The original proposal was for an addition east of the fire station. Due to flood plain issues and the potential impact on Kent

According to Pasquale, County Youth Fair activities, the proposed addition was moved to the south.

> This, in turn, had an effect on the addition's

> > Ambulance site, cont'd., pg. 4

of air traffic on

week, Last held Technology (SMAT).

"There's a good amount

to Helmstetter, are 25 feet tall tree obstructions on runway from Lincoln Lake, from four





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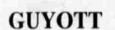
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## EBLING

67, of Ada, passed away 67, of Lowell, passed away Sunday, November 26, 2006. He was preceded , 2006. She was preceded in in death by his grandson death by her parents Wilbert Slater Louis Baldwin. He Guyott and Mary Byer, sister is survived by his wife of Rosemary McBurnett. Pat 41 years, Marcia; children is survived by her brothers Louis (Gretchen) Ebling of Wilbert (Pam) Guyott of the late Gurney Peckham Cincinnati, Aaron (Susan) Caledonia, Richard (Betty) Ebling of Ada, Alicia (Bare) Guyott of Howard City, unexpectedly at home on the Baldwin of Rockford; George (Pat) Guyott of morning of November 22, grandchildren Karl and Grand Rapids; special friend 2006. Born on May 3, 1930, Margaret Ebling, Aaron Jr., Anne Jefferson of Lowell; to Margaretta and Walter Ty and Makenna Ebling, her children David (Teresa) Sawyer and Saige Baldwin. He was a letter carrier for Persenaire; several nieces up with her sister Dorothy 10 years and sold cars for and nephews. A memorial Smith (of Ann Arbor) and 38 years. Funeral services service for Pat will be held her brothers Bob Vanden Johnson of United Methodist Church, Church, 2233 Michigan NE, officiating. Wednesday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.

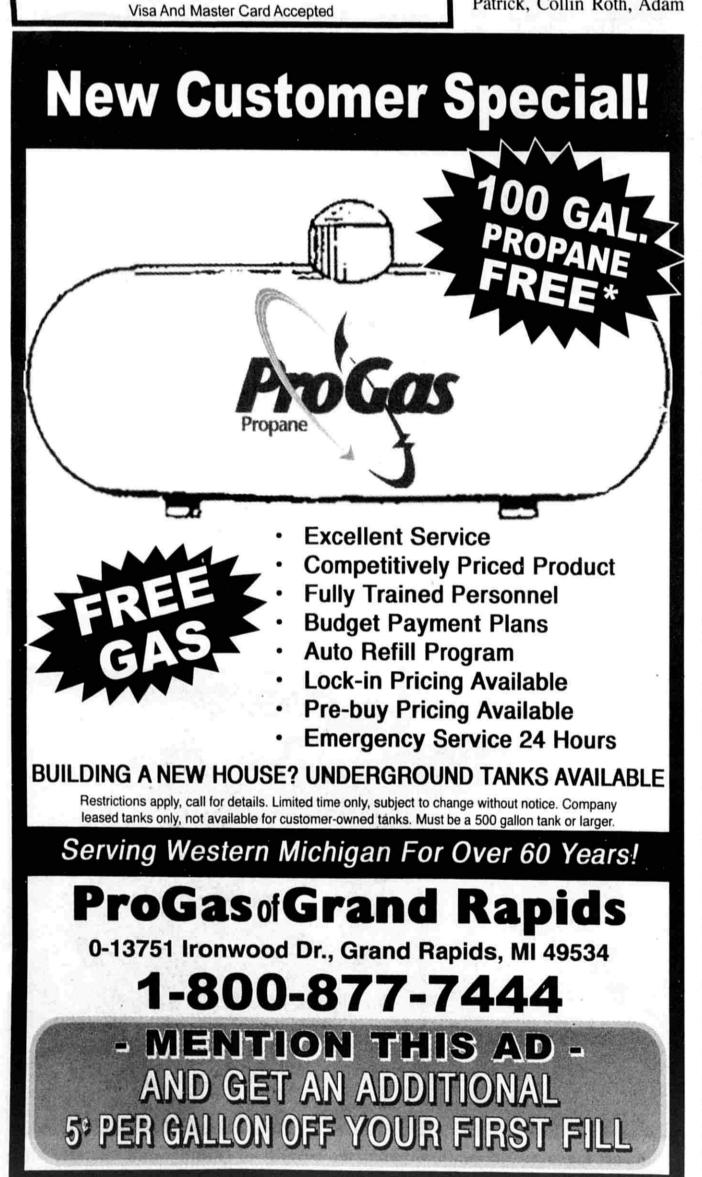
Louis Albert Ebling, aged Patricia Ann Guyott, aged unexpectedly November 20, Vergennes c/o Wealthy Park Baptist Visitation Grand Rapids, MI 49503.





# HAHN

Donna May Hahn, wife o Hahn. passed away Vanden Hout of McCords, Jefferson, Kristina (Philip) Michigan. Donna May grew will be Wednesday at 4 at the Wealthy Park Baptist Hout (of Yucca Valley, CA) p.m. at O'Brien-Eggebeen- Church at a later date. and James Vanden Hout Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Memorial contributions may (Sue, of Caledonia). Donna's Rd. SE, Rev. Nathaniel be made to: Missionary Work parents preceded her. Donna attended grade school in a one room school house in Whitneyville and graduated from Lowell High School in 1948. She met Gurney after his return from service in the U.S. Navy during World War II and they married in the Lowell Congregational Church on September 16, 1948. Donna is survived by her son Bob of Walnut Creek, CA, daughters Anita Roth (Dave) of Ada and Gretchen Jones (Paul) of Lowell; grandchildren Patrick, Collin Roth, Adam



was Auntie Donna to several Church officiating. nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind many special friends. Donna devoted mother. Donna was a long- Williams. Donna is survived standing member of First by her husband Charles Congregational Church of Morrill, MD; children Dr. Lowell, volunteered at Flat Jeffrey (Alice) Morrill of Donna May (Quillan) Potter. a team they made Hahn very much by her family and will be held. Memorial step-children; Oakwood Cemetery. 49331. Memorial contributions may be made to Flat of Lowell and First Congregational Church of Lowell

# **HUHN-BOWEN**

Shaughn Micheal Huhn-Bowen, precious infant son of Stephanie Huhn Joseph and Pat Aitchison of 49307. and Steven Bowen, passed Caledonia, Roy Aitchison away November 21, 2006. of Gun Lake, Fred and Lisa He is also survived by his Cox of Alto; children Ron grandparents Jeff and Linda Potapa of KY, Janet Stevens Deborah Kaye (Groh)

Jones and James Hahn. She George Fekete of St. Mary for 17 years and enjoyed his 10 years as a greeter at Wal Mart. The funeral service MORRILL was Friday at Metcalf Donna Elaine Morrill, aged and Jonkhoff Chapel. most of her life to raising 73, of Ada, passed away Memorial contributions to her children. They and her November 21, 2006. She the Parkinson's Association grandchildren were the was preceded in death by of West Michigan or focus of her life and a source her brother Major Robert Alzheimer's Association of joy to her. She was a great Lapham, sister Shirley would be appreciated.

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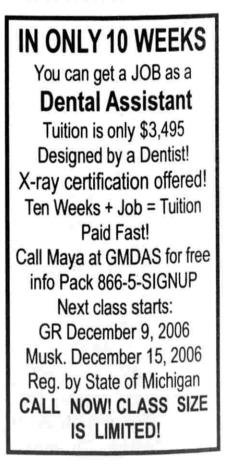
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## POTTER

River Outreach Ministries Quincy, IL, Susan Bonino, aged 70, formerly of Alto, and for many years had DVM of Oxford, MI, passed away on Sunday, been active with the Lowell Brian (Jill) Morrill of East November 19, 2006. She Library. Donna worked Grand Rapids; sisters Betty was preceded in death by alongside of Gurney in Rodgers, Barbara (Rueben) her husband James Potter Hahn Hardware and assisted Hayes, Joyce (Harry) and son Gary Quillan. She with the bookkeeping. As Day all of Marshall; eight is survived by her children grandchildren Brandon and Doug (Lynn) Quillan, Hardware one of the most Caitlin Morrill, Thomas, Duane (Julie) Quillan, Steve successful and longest Peter, Joseph and Nicole (Laurie) Quillan and their running businesses on Main Bonino, Megan and Tyler father Thomas Quillan; Street. Donna will be missed Morrill. Private services many grandchildren; five brothers friends. The funeral service contributions may be made Melvin Kitterman, Dennis was held Nov. 27 at First to: Cystinosis Research Carlson, Carl Carlson, Congregational Church of Network, c/o Roth-Gerst Greg Carlson; sister Dodie; Lowell, with Dr. Roger La Funeral Home, 305 N. many nieces and nephews. Warre officiating. Interment Hudson St. Lowell, MI The funeral service was on November 22 at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, Elder Ron Demute River Outreach Ministries Casimer F. "Casey" Potapa, of Alaska Community of aged 85, of Caledonia Christ Church, officiating. fomerly of Interment for immediate Cascade Township, passed family at Riverbend away on November 22, Cemetery. Memorial contri-2006. Surviving are his wife butions may be made to Dina; step-children Bill and Hospice of Michigan, 400 Donna Aitchison of MO, Perry St., Big Rapids, MI

WHEAT

Bowen, Christy Huhn and of CA, Brenda Gardener of Wheat, aged 47, passed away Terry Frederick, Loren Kentwood, Debbie Stewart on Wednesday, November and Tammy Huhn; great- of Byron Center; several 22, 2006. She was preceded grandparents; several aunts grandchildren; brother Felix in death by her father Walter and uncles. Graveside Potapa of Grand Rapids; Mullenix, Jr. and her son services held at St. Mary's several nieces and nephews. Michael Smith. Surviving Cemetery in Lowell, Rev. Casey worked for Steelcase are her husband Rex; daughters Jessica Smith and Dawn Smith both of Collingsville, IL; grandson Deven Sandargaard; mother Marilyn; brothers and sisters Lelan (Christine) Mullenix of Cedar Spings, Matthew (Michelle) Mullenix of Coopersville, Danielle (Greg) Demaso of Portage, Stephanie Shepard of Grand Rapids. Memorial service was Nov. 27, Rev. Robert Wollam, Brightside Non-Denominational Church officiating, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of West Michigan or Lacks Cancer Center. 



# **Lowell Middle School fundraiser**

Middle School participating Society's Patients community service project in which kids raise funds part in this program through

Pennies for teaches young people the need. program, a value of helping others.

provide patient aid, and the business community

Students at Lowell support life-saving research. will be appreciated. School importance of community are Pennies for Patients is one of administrators champion service and helping those in in The the society's national School the concept of young people need." Leukemia & Lymphoma and Youth programs that reaching out to those in

Tammy Students will be taking school coordinator, said School in this fundraiser. If "Student involvement with you would like to donate to to find cures for leukemia, Dec. 15. Any donations The Leukemia & Lymphoma this program call 1-800-456lymphoma and myeloma, from local merchants and Society reinforces the 5413 or 248-582-2900.

will be competing against Coleman, East Grand Rapids Middle

# **Bluegrass jam session Dec. 2**

The West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association will begin at 6:30 p.m., with band from White Cloud, and (WMBMA) is presenting the bluegrass bands taking the final performance is by and music. a Bluegrass Hot Bands the stage at 7:30 p.m. Fundraiser this Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Riverview Dog, a great progressive Ionia. Restaurant in Lowell. This bluegrass band from will be the last event for the Caledonia. Following them be available until 9 p.m. 2006 season.

is Lonesome Journey, a five-

An open jam session piece traditional bluegrass open to the public, is \$5 per the great Bert Jones and The PerformingfirstisLucky Born To Sing Band from an interview, call WMBMA

> A hot sandwich bar will at 457-5228 or visit www. The fundraising event,

person, and includes food

For more information or president Jim Strangways

wmbma.org.

# Lowell Area Recreation Authority prepares to eliminate term limits/Gee Drive receives funding

#### By Emma Palova

The Lowell Area Authority for Recreation December eliminating term chairperson Mari Stone.

members will assume new Pfaller. terms. The city of Lowell Pfaller and resident Perry Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. The Beachum. The LARA board board will in-troduce its is proposing an amendment fundraising campaign, donor to eliminate term limits, but levels, information about

keep the same length of two easements, and take public project from 2008 to 2007. years.

This would allow each Lowell City Council in of time served, said LARA project," said Stone.

"We will be asking Lowell has received an In January, LARA board for revision of terms," said \$84,000 grant from the to be done," said city

LARA will be holding complete the reconstruction is represented on the board a community update at of Gee Drive. The avail- completely done." by councilmember Jim Lowell High School on able funding will move the

comments.

"I hope you will enjoy has been completed by jurisdiction us for holiday refreshments Williams & Works. Cost of (LARA) will present a to determine their best and catch the excitement the total project is \$499,000 revised agreement to the representation regardless of the community for this funded through a mix of for \$5.

> In related city business, funding. Jobs Today state program to

# Vergennes clarification

ordinance will recognize Township board. two historic landmarks."

For clarification, the historic commission is in the process of forming. Two landmarks, Fallasburg Historic District and Fallasburg Covered Bridge may be recognized

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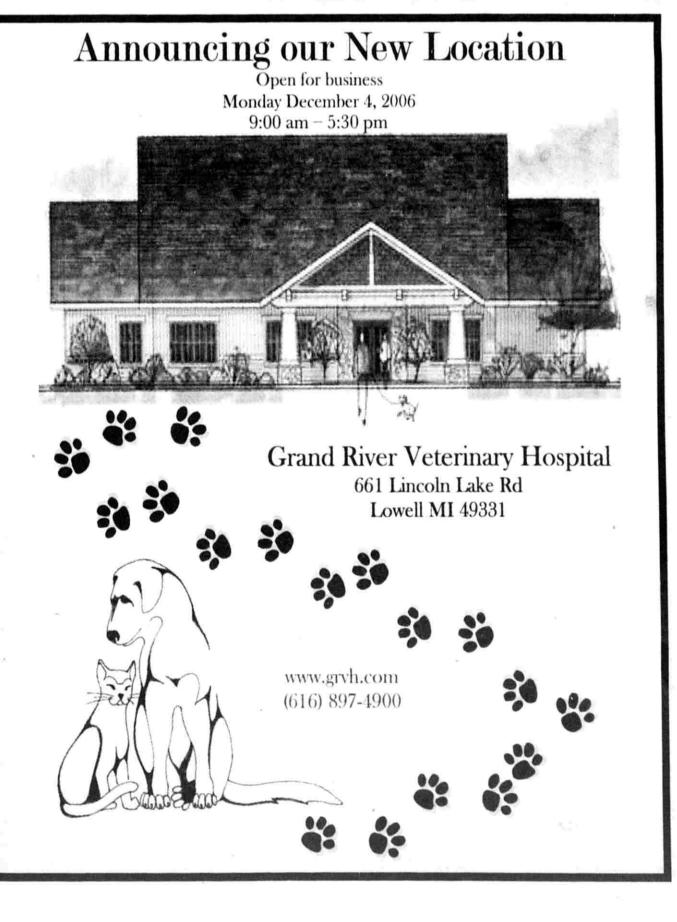
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In the Nov. 22 edition by the future Historic District of the Lowell Ledger, an Commission ordinance, if article was titled "Historic approved by the Vergennes





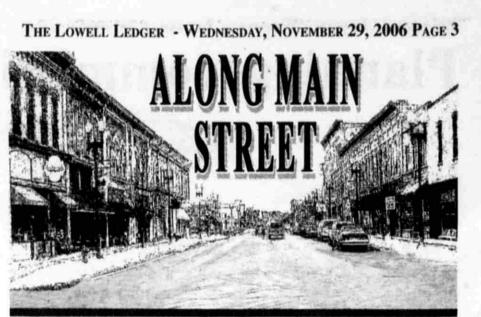


Lowell Middle School



Engineering for the project federal, state and local

"I am glad it's going manager Dave Pasquale. "We will have another road



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## NEW LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSION

Deadline for applications for Lowell Institute for Volunteer Leadership 2007 is Friday, Dec. 1. Call Liz at 897-9161 or visit www.lowellchamber.org.

### **ROGUE RIVER ARTISANS**

The 24th annual Rogue River Artisans fine art and craft holiday sale is this Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Lowell High School. More than 100 juried artists and craftsmen. \$1 admission. Benefits Lowell Red Arrow special activities. Holiday lunch available.

#### 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 in Lowell will have its final bluegrass hotbands fundraiser of the season this Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m. Three bands, jam session, food: all

#### **COLOR GUARD SILENT AUCTION**

LHS's competitive winter color guard will have a silent auction at the high school in the Freshman Center on Dec. 8. If you can donate goods/services for the event, call Sharon 616-292-4802.

#### **ROTARY GIFT PACKS**

Lowell Rotary Club is selling its 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 has artwork for sale at LAAC, 149 S. Hudson through Dec. 23. Visit www. lowellartscouncil.org for extended gallery hours.

# Planning commission to address fowl ordinance Dec. 11

joy and satisfaction. However, family tensions, overcrowded

schedules, endless lists of tasks, and unfulfilled expectations

part of this exciting time of year, yet there are a few things

you can consider doing that may lessen the most stressful

that may help keep you on an even emotional keel and foster

time for everyone. And not everyone feels in a partying

mood all the time. Yet just about everyone feels compelled

a stronger sense of control during these times.

The anticipation and planning for festive events is all a

## By Emma Palova

Commission will address the work session due to issues the city.

"We're review the ordinance." said commission member Maryalene LaPonsie. "We will be looking at making moratorium is up."

The Lowell City Clark Jahnke. Council placed a moratorium

Board of Appeals denied meantime, LaPonsie will of keeping small animals in bring recommendations to the December work session planning to that will address the number of animals allowed on 0.5 was written by professionals acres in the city.

> "We also want to make at the time." sure that keeping a parakeet be an issue," said chairman review the city ordinances.

on keeping small animals Tom Cary questioned the Jahnke, "or you can modify within the city limits in intent behind the fowl the ordinance or ignore it." The Lowell Planning October, after the Zoning ordinance, and whether the planning commission based planning commission will fowl ordinance at its Dec. 11 a variance request. In the the ordinance on research of also address the master plan other communities.

it more restrictive when the or a rabbit indoors would not citizens' responsibility to

"You can modify Grand Rapids resident what you want to do," said at putting an end time on

can leave you feeling stressed out.

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into January.

At the work session, the

update, mainly the timeline "The intent was to and budget. Other agenda reduce livestock in town," items include reviewing the said Jahnke. "The ordinance criteria list for variances, off-street parking lighting and based on certain beliefs ordinance, training for site plan reviews, non-Jahnke said it is the conforming lots and zoning enforcement.

> The planning commission may also look

problems. A joint signage trucks committee with Lowell combined sign ordinance January.

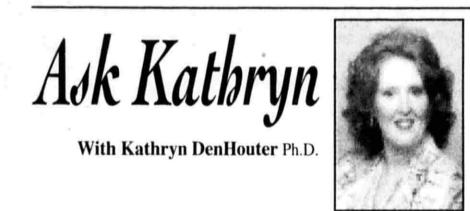
some uniformity," said Mark Batchelor, Lowell Township planning member.

In related business, Pasquale. Avery Street resident Tom Mesler addressed restricting bring the issue in front of the the parking of semi-trucks city council.

gift list seems overwhelming, and a tower of cards must be addressed. When you're faced with fitting these annual obligations into your already busy life, you may be tempted Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Christmas, St. Lucia Day, Boxing Day or New Year's, holidays are occasions for celebration, but they are also stressful. Holidays offer opportunities for gathering with family, connecting with friends, and participating in tradition - all potential sources of

Acknowledge your feelings. If you've recently had a loss in the family or are separated from loved ones, realize that's normal to feel sadness and grief. The holiday season does not automatically banish reasons for feeling sad or lonely. There is room for these feelings to be present, even aspects of the next few weeks. Here are some suggestions if you choose not to express them.

Seek support. Take advantage of social support. If you're feeling isolated or down, seek out community, religious Be realistic. Social expectations are a huge source of or social services that can provide you with support and stress for many people. The holiday season is not a happy companionship. You might also think about volunteering Ask Kathryn, cont'd., pg. 7



The question for November is "What can I do to handle holiday stress?"

The answer to that was well summarized by my colleague Robert J. Baird. Ph.D. ...

The holidays are upon us and images of peace, love and harmony are popping up everywhere. From mistletoe to menorahs, we are reminded that 'tis the season of great joy and good feelings. But is it?

Although the holidays are supposed to be a time of good cheer and optimistic hopes for a new year, millions of people experience seasonal stress, and you might be one of them. Your schedule brims with events you should attend and events you'd like to attend. Magazines challenge you to decorate with style and prepare gourmet meals. Your



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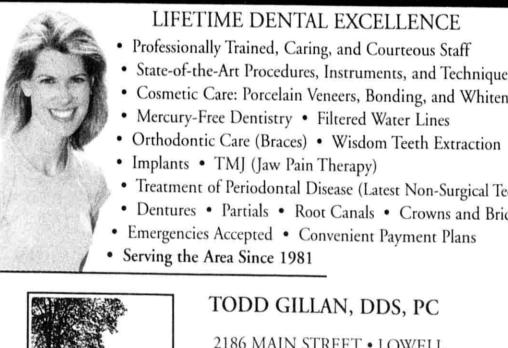
up the bays," said Smith. where the westernmost Steelcase Foundation. fire truck has to make a the plan is to get all the future needs of Rockford functions of the ambulance Ambulance," said Pasquale. the six criteria for granting bays clear. "We are limited been a longstanding fixture with the space we have," he in the community. Their said

Rockford Ambulance,

design so as to avoid coordinated the funding for Ambulance tries to keep its blocking fire station bays, the addition and put \$81,000 facilities close in order to according to architect toward the building. The have good response time. Tom Smith of Fishbeck, city of Lowell, Vergennes and Lowell townships "We had to slide the provided \$16,000 each building to the west to clear over five years, while the Lowell Area Community The southeast corner of Fund granted \$81,000. ambulance personnel will the ambulance building is Other monies came from the not increase. The name close to the radius asphalt Look Memorial Fund and 90-degree turn. Smith said would meet the present and city.

intent is to stay here." clerk Betty City

nonprofit organization, Morlock said Rockford A TRUSTED TRADITION OF AFFORDABLE, PERSONALIZED, AND COMFORTABLE CARE



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construction projects, civil on retail lots. "I am not infractions and signage interested in restricting on their own properties," said Mesler, Township will address a "but on retail parking lots." City manager Dave on the M-21 corridor in Pasquale said, however, that trucks have to park "We're trying to keep somewhere since they are restricted in the residential areas. "Where do they go commission if they're not allowed in questioned

residential?" Mesler was directed to

to look and feel merry during the holidays. This is a form of social pressure that can be very stressful, especially if you happen to be in an emotional down cycle at the time. to leapfrog the next few weeks of the year and move right In addition to social pressures, watch out for intrapsychic pressures, (no, I don't mean two psychics talking with each Whether you celebrate St. Nicholas Eve., Kwanza, other) deep within you. Often people believe something is wrong with them if they don't feel merry or if they aren't in a celebratory mood. Or they become angry and frustrated when their own expectations of how the holidays are "supposed to be celebrated" don't get realized. Watch out for these and other unrealistic expectations. They're a common cause of holiday stress for many, many people.

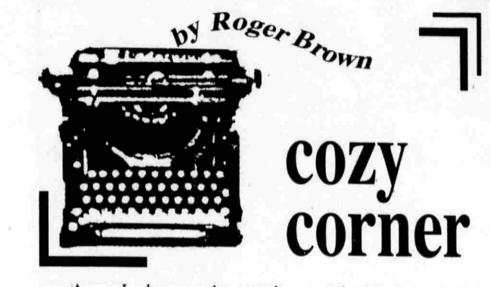
townships," said Pasquale. Parking will not be impacted because the Rockford will be removed to reflect the ambulance "This proposed building building is owned by the After going through

"It's centrally located

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while keeping the fire truck "Rockford Ambulance has a variance, the planning commission recommended approval to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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As a Ledger reader, you've no doubt noticed that the Lowell Airport and the issue with the tree growing, neighboring developer has reared its head yet again. As a typical Ledger reader you probably don't own a plane, don't fly out of the Lowell airport and aren't sure you would if you had the opportunity. On the other side of the issue, a typical McCoys, don't feel like the Lone Ranger. I'm not thinking Ledger reader couldn't find Forstrom Dr. without a county map and magnifying glass.

Consequently, as a typical Ledger reader, you probably couldn't care less about the issue. Can't say as I blame you.

As for me, I do keep an airplane at the Lowell airport. I served on the Airport Board for a number of years. And yes, I know exactly where Forstrom Dr. is. Unfortunately, I know Bugs Bunny and inject some fun into this thing. If everybody way more about this issue than I care to.

The dispute goes way back. Way, way back! I bought the some common ground found. Ledger in November of 1975. On the front page of the last issue prior to my purchase was a picture of the tree-growing developer holding up a couple of pine trees that had been cut down. Apparently, some moonlight vigilantes (never identified) took a chainsaw to some of the developer's trees.

cause, but their tactics only fueled a grudge that carries on to only real winners in a court fight will be the lawyers. this day. That was 1975, and the issue had apparently been simmering for some time prior to this particular incident. Still, I would like to offer one last thought Like I said, this tree issue goes way back.

over the dam. There have been attempts on the airport's behalf to extend an olive branch, offer a carrot or to find a compromise on the issue. Heck, the airport is now offering told. These efforts never seem to get anywhere, and the trees have here. Being dragged down and embroiled in a forty-year continue to grow.

Other issues have fanned the flames. Many years ago, a time. pilot of a small home-built based at Lowell crashed just off the airport and into the dreaded trees. I can't offer specifics without a lot of research, but the incident festered into the pilot and the developer going to court. No matter the outcome, situation. a court battle won't do much to promote goodwill.

To my knowledge, the developer has never done anything against the law or violated any zoning restrictions. Nevertheless, his tactics have been, for lack of a better term, "in-your-face." For instance, when his subdivision was established and Forstrom Dr. was being built, construction immediately began on two homes directly in line with the approach to runway 30. The next two homes were built directly in line with the approach to runway 24. I was on the airport board at the time, and I can tell you for a fact, those moves didn't promote any goodwill on our side of the fence.

As you can imagine, there have been other issues over the years. Most are undocumented and facts would now be clouded by time. As I said in the beginning, you are most likely a disinterested party, and don't need any more details. You get the drift already! There is bad blood between this developer and the Lowell Airport.

If all this feuding reminds you of the Hatfield's and about a history book description of a feud. I'm thinking more along the lines of the Warner Bros. "Bugs Bunny" cartoon version. You know the cartoon I'm talking about. Bugs plays one side of the feuding hillbillies against the other ... just for the fun of it.

**NOVEMBER 30, 1881** Maybe that's what we need here ... somebody to be Navigation opened on Bridge Street Saturday. would simply lighten up a little, it seems to me there could be "Apples are getting scarce but divorces are still plenty.

What I'm really afraid of is this whole thing ending up in School officers who have not received their copies of the courts in the form of a condemnation case. I'm guessing the new school law, please call for them at the township the airport would win the right to at least top the offending clerk's office. trees. That would be a victory, of sorts. A court battle wouldn't The prize party at Train's Hall went off well, but not resolve any of the animosity that has developed. There would enough tickets were sold to have a drawing for the Golddust The culprits were obviously sympathetic to the airport's still be a feud ... maybe more intense. And, as they say, the colt. 100 YEARS Has my commentary here solved anything? No it hasn't.

There wasn't a column last week because of a tragic A gale sweeps Lakes Michigan and Erie and the Detroit Over these thirty or forty years, a lot of water has gone death in our family. We received word just as I was starting River, drowning 18 persons and causing much damage. work on a piece that would have contained many of the same Michigan has 819 miles of electric interurban railway. thoughts as above. This tragedy drove home the reality that Until the end of the year, your subscription to both the life is short, sometimes very short. We only get one go at Ledger and the Farm Journal is \$1/year. outright payola for these trees. Sizeable chunks of cash, I'm it, and it's up to each of us to make the most of the time we Logan A. Eash has built a fine new hen coop this fall. feud over a few trees isn't my idea of making the most of my

> For some reason, many people make fun of the Rodney King comment, "Can't we all just get along?" Laugh if you want, but I think the idea is very appropriate to this

To The Editor

## To The Editor,

Why improve the airport. I would like to address the question of why we are asking for General Utility status with the state of

Michigan. In a nutshell, it is because the developers of the land to the east of the airport have for many years been attempting to either close the airport or severely restrict the use of the airport by planting trees and building houses on the ends of well established runways.

There are many tall red pine trees growing on the end of runway 12/30 that interfere with the full use of the runway and as the trees grow taller, we lose the use of more of the runway. We do not want trees planted by developers to dictate to us what the safe lengths of our runways can be.

They are attempting to argue that the State Basic Utility minimum standard for licensing is 1200 feet and that length is sufficient for all operations. It is important to understand that runway length by itself is no guarantee of safety and the state has never said or implied that to be true. They have made up that story to support their attempts to restrict the use of the runways.

To expand this idea further, would anyone consider 1200 feet safe for a jet? Of course not. 5000 feet might not be safe for a modern airliner. Could the pilot of a small jet make the decision to try and land on a 1200 ft. runway? As pilot in command it would be his prerogative. Would a sensible pilot try it? Never. Therefore the length of the runway makes no guarantee of safety unless you also

A new state law makes the Village of Lowell eligible to consider the type of plane that intends to land there and under what conditions. Pilots must consider temperature, become a city. DuPont develops synthetic rubber a few days after elevation above sea level, humidity, runway length, landing Thomas Edison, who tried to, dies. speed and wind direction in considering a safe landing.

The new Welfare Union receives money from charity To be licensed in the Basic Utility category by the balls given by the Moose and Legion, as well as from the state, all that is required regarding the runway, is it must Strand Theatre and football. be 1200 feet in length. Without 1200 feet, you cannot get a state license for a public use airport. There are hundreds **50 YEARS** of landing strips in Michigan that are not 1200 feet. They THE LOWELL LEDGER belong to people who want a private landing place and the **NOVEMBER 29, 1956** length suits the airplane they fly and the conditions they Cities Service plans a million-dollar expansion of their fly in. They are approved by the state but they cannot be Liquid petroleum gas storage field southeast of the village. licensed as a public use airport. The new seven-classroom Runciman Elementary

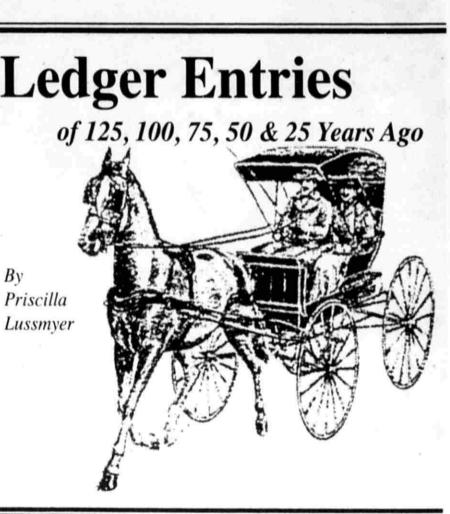
Temperature plays such an important part of air safety. building will be dedicated Sunday, with Drs. Eugene Elliott A pilot could leave Lowell on a cool summer morning with and Clair Taylor, plus Steven Nisbet, present. friend and use only 1200 feet for takeoff. Perhaps he The Board of Trade pays for 20 Mardi Gras and nursery went to Traverse City for the day. Upon return to Lowell figures for the Christmas parade, including Mickey and that afternoon, the temp is 80 degrees, it is likely that he Minnie Mouse. would be in an unsafe situation if he had to get down and Michigan potatoes sell for \$1.25 for a 50-pound bag at stopped in 1200 feet. The better choice would be to go Christiansen's ("Chris's") supermarket. to an alternate airport. However, as Lowell is longer than the 1200 ft. minimum for a state license (2350 feet is our 25 YEARS current length), he can land safely. THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

However, with the trees currently growing on the end **NOVEMBER 26, 1981** The new Curtis Laundry and Cleaners building, with of the runway, the pilot cannot land on the end but rather coin-operated laundry and game room, is being built at 1400 has to land 600 feet further down the runway where the landing point has been displaced because of the trees. West Main. Now he only has 1750 feet to land. The pilot will need Don Rocheleau, president of Attwood Corp., becomes treasurer of the National Marine Manufacturers more than the 1200 feet to land. The runway is less safe than it was this morning because of the temperature. Association

Four of eight eventual John Ball Zoo improvement It is inevitable that these trees will continue to grow projects are underway; eventual cost, over \$2 million. and the landing point will have to be moved again, further Lowell Area Schools Association is raising \$57,000 for shortening the runway usable length. And on a different To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 10 its student enrichment program.

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# 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

# THE LOWELL LEDGER **NOVEMBER 29, 1906**

## 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **NOVEMBER 26, 1931**

Supt. Gumser and Ray Avery are the coaches of Lowell's county football champs after beating Wayland with 6 touchdowns in a sea of mud.

# Silver anniversary



**Dave and Jackie Deters** 

Celebrating 25 years of marriage on December 4, 2006 are Dave and Jackie Deters of Greenville.

They have two children, Nicole and Kyle Holst and Michael Deters. They also have one grandson, Brayden Holst



Rev. Randy Mevers Calvary Christian Reformed Church

## **OVERWHELMED**

Thanksgiving is just barely past so instead of joining those rushing toward Christmas I would like to linger just song that warrants reflection anytime of year and especially at this time of year. The song seems to start, however, at an Tom escapes his overwhelming predicament. unlikely place. It starts with an overwhelmed King David.

Thanksgiving Day door buster sales or the oversized paper he had the house band warm up the temple courts, David

# Stevens family to perform Gospel music

The Stevens family will present a concert at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, this Sunday at 10 a.m. They have been presenting Gospel music concerts ince 1985, ministering the Gospel to people of all ages through a variety of musical styles. The public is welcome to attend.



NOV. 30: Jason Craig, Todd Ryder, Joe Morgan Boss, Chelsey Kiczenski, April McClure-Cowan.

**DEC. 1:** Travis Briggs, Deb Anchors, Denny Brenk II, Joyce Watrous, Nate Schoen.

feeling of hopelessness, of being at the edge, in the woods, get his praise on and under the water. These are the times that unless you are currently in them you try to forget them.

**DEC. 3**:

Chris Chambers, Chris

Darby, Amanda Sterzick,

Richard Kline.

his "Circle Trilogy" called "Black." Black is about the introduction of evil into a pristine world. Tom Hunter, the main character, has just discovered what happens when the first wave of evil was unleashed into his world. So thorough, all-encompassing, and invasive is the evil that the mere shadow of it causes the otherwise brilliantly colored forest a bit longer on the last holiday. Psalm 65 is a Thanksgiving to char in its wake. Tom is paralyzed with fear, with anger, and in a word, overwhelmed. I can't wait to find out how

David was similarly overwhelmed, not by the Now David was not overwhelmed with after introduction of evil but by his commission of it. Before of channels to watch on television after the "big-game" of past when his sins almost got the best of him. Praising God and be appropriately overwhelmed by your creator.

**DEC. 4:** Tennille Bryant, Autumn French, Casey French. Treglia, Kari Bergy, Karly

> **DEC. 5:** Christopher Vickers.

course. David was not overwhelmed with too much food can wait. Prayer comes first. It is out of David's profound to choose from in the old buffet line. Only humorously do sense of deep need which has been filled with an even richer these things overwhelm us. However, we do know well the sense of closeness to his savior that David is able to finally

Who God is, how God relates to David, and where God's blessings come from and go to are the things David gives I'm almost finished with Ted Dekker's first book in thanks for. And finally David commissions a masterpiece painting of how even creation is blessed by God. It is the undoing of a coal forest. It is the separation of the technicolors of the rainbow from the black ashen landscape that once surrounded his soul. It is creation at its zenith and it is more than enough to provide for David.

One of the reasons I think so many people get overwhelmed between Thanksgiving and Christmas is that we do not push pause on the rat race. Our radar is out and we fling full speed toward the next end-cap. I recommend extending your Thanksgiving season by getting outdoors. Sit in silence. Start your thinking with some sin that Jesus has delivered you from. Then open your eyes and take in the that precedes them. David was not overwhelmed with 100's pauses. He takes a moment to silently reflect on a point in his beauty of a blade of grass, or a snowflake, or a constellation

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**DEC. 6:** Katie Blough, Kristopher Phil Seese, Vezino, Christopher DeBold, Maria Blough, Marc Wernet.



# Lowell's State **Rep gets his buck**

At right, State Representative and life-long sportsman Dave Hildenbrand, of Lowell, with the 8point buck he shot on Friday, Nov. 17. The buck was shot on Hildenbrand's property.

# Saranac teen makes Eagle Scout



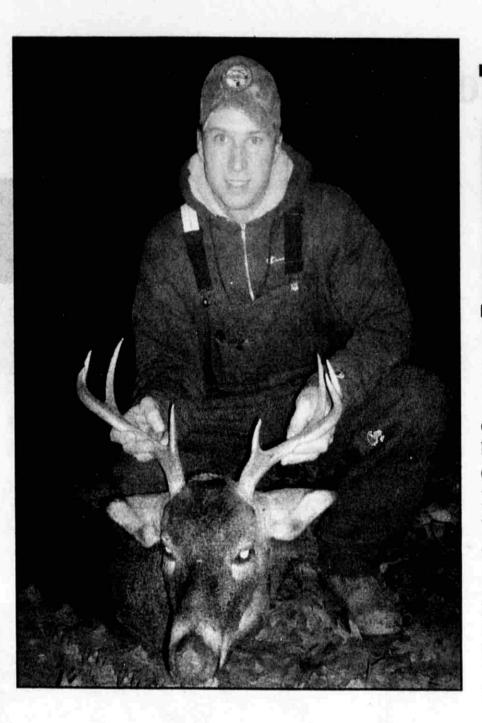
**Sean Feuerstein** family and guests gathered Oct. 15 to hold an Eagle Saranac. Court of Honor for Nicholas

The Eagle Award the highest award in Scouting, was presented by Scoutmaster David Weeks.

Additional awards and congratulatory letters of praise for the achievement came from the White House, the U.S. Senate, the Michigan State Legislature, Congressman Vern Ehlers and the Boy Scout National

His proud parents are Boy Scouts, leaders, Ted Feuerstein of Saranac and Chris Feuerstein, also of

Nick, a member of Sean Feuerstein of Saranac. Troop #328 of Belding since



merit badges.

1999, worked diligently Saranac High School, Nick through the many levels of will continue with the the scouting to earn this honor. troop as an adult leader, To do this, he completed the helping younger scouts enjoy qualifications of 25 different the scouting experience and by being a role model for all A 2006 graduate of the scouts.

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helping others can be a great way to lift your spirits and schedule time for exercise. Not only will exercise help fend make new acquaintances.

Let go of the past. Don't be disappointed if your holidays less fatigued. are not like they used to be. Life brings changes. Each holiday season is different and can be enjoyed in its own way. Don't set yourself up for sadness by thinking everything has to be just like the "good old days." Look toward the future.

Set differences aside. Try to accept family members as they are. Leave old grievances or discussions about differences until a more appropriate time.

Budget. Before you go shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend on gifts and other items, and then stick to your budget You might also consider giving gifts that can't be bought - your time, sharing of memories or an item you made yourself. Try to make the holiday season more of a family occasion and less materialistic.

Plan ahead. Develop a calendar of specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other events. Don't plan more than you can comfortably accomplish, and schedule time for some solitude and relaxation. If you're feeling stressed and over burdened, discuss sharing responsibilities with other family members or friends. You might also consider buying some food items instead of making them all yourself.

Don't abandon healthful habits. Don't feel pressured to eat or drink more than you're accustomed to just because it's the holiday season. Before attending social events, decide how much and what types of foods and beverages you

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at a community or religious function. Getting involved and should consume. Get plenty of sleep and, if you're healthy, off extra pounds, it will make you feel more refreshed and

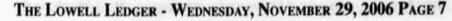
> Ask for help. You don't need to do it all or be it all. Look for people or services that can give you support. You can easily do twice as much with the help of others. But that means you need to ask for their help. Don't expect others to be able to read your mind. Know yourself well enough to recognize when you need help. It is the foolish - and stressed - person who tries to do it all alone.



TOWNSHIP A Public Hearing will be held regarding a request for a Special Exception Use Permit and site plan review at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on December 18, 2006, at 7:00 pm at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr.,

Lowell. Leonard and Ruth Kosnik, of 101 Parnell Ave. NE., Lowell, have requested a special exception use permit and site plan review to construct a pole barn to the side of their home and also within the front yard setback that is between their home and Parnell Ave. This request is addressed in the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance under section 201.402 (B) (5).

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, 616-897-5671, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Public comment will be taken at the meeting, or if received by the Clerk in writing or by e-mail at clerk@vergennestwp.org by 7:00 pm December 18, 2006.





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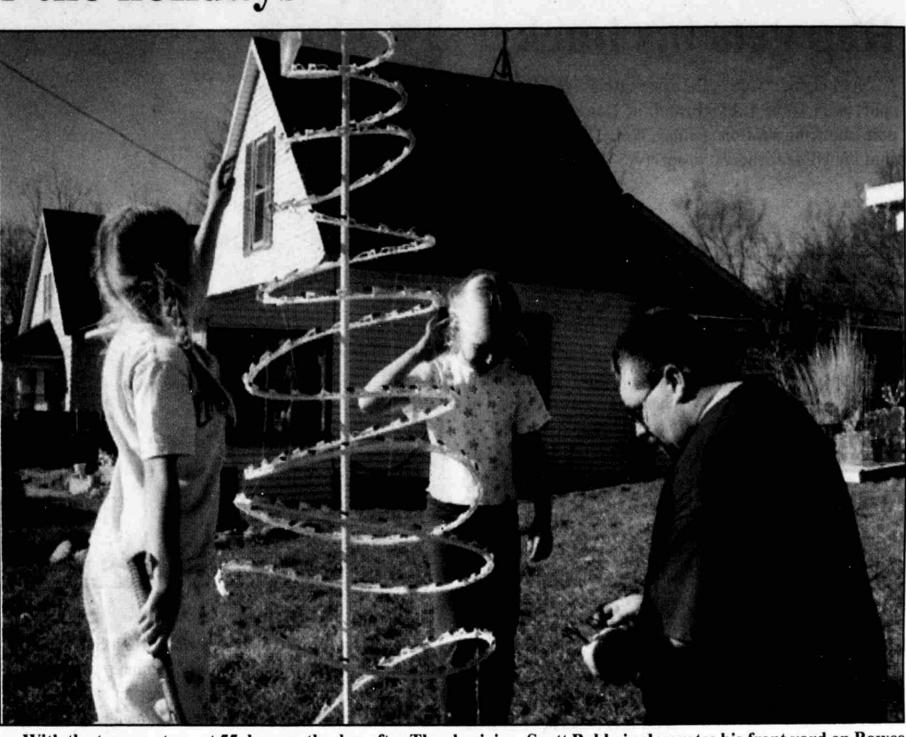
at Alto & Murray Lake)

carrot coins, assorted

fruit, milk.

# Getting decked out for the holidays



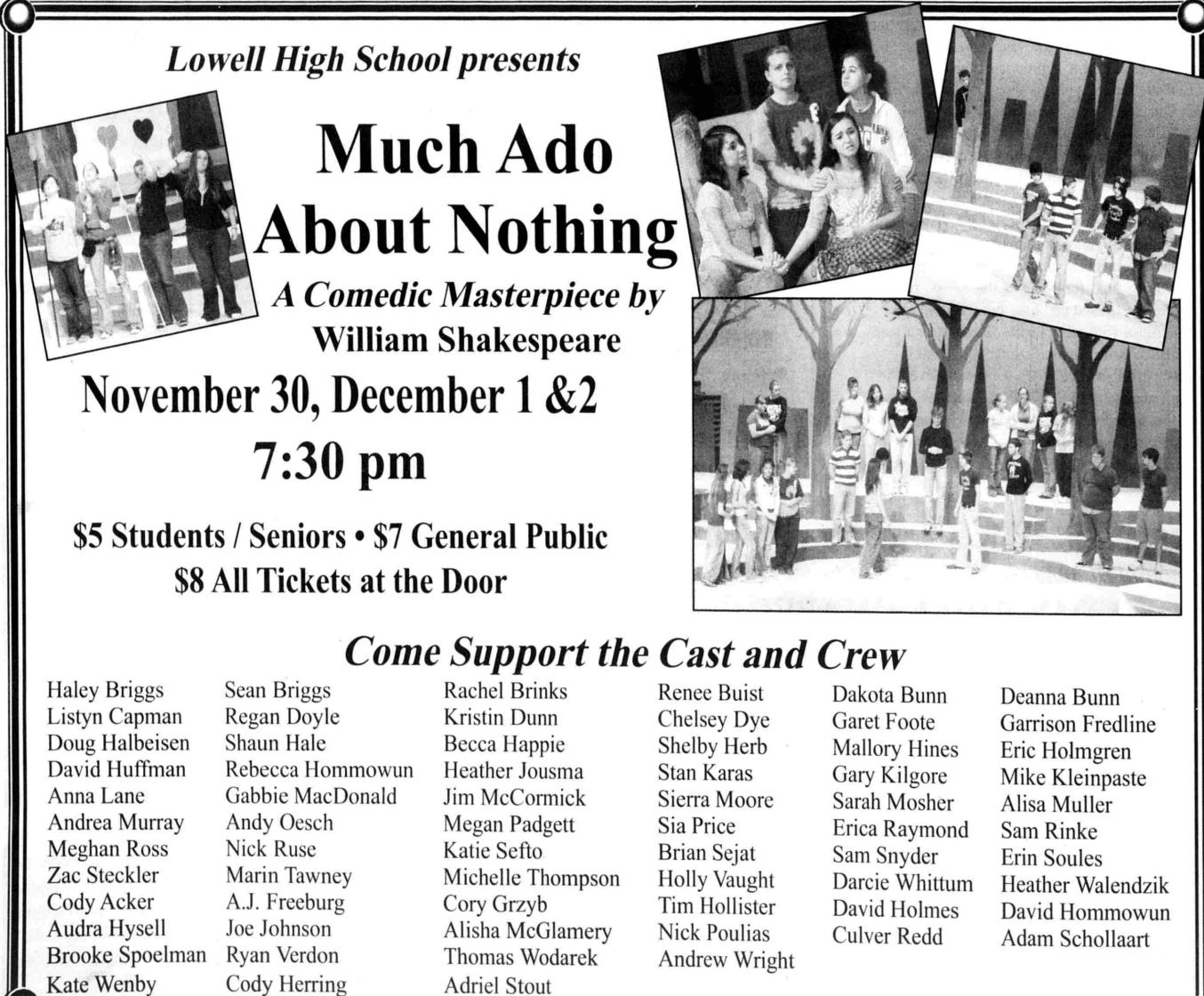


With the temperature at 55 degrees the day after Thanksgiving, Scott Baldwin decorates his front yard on Bowes Road for Christmas with daughters Kaitlyn, 7, and Rachel, 5.

The Mark Mundt family on Bowes Road dressed their bear, carved from a tree trunk, to suit the seasons. While last week the bear had an orange vest and rifle for hunting season, this week the bear donned a red Santa Claus outfit to celebrate the holiday season.

The difference between a moral man and a man of honor is that the latter regrets a discreditable act, even when it has worked and he has not been caught.

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H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956)

By Emma Palova

Grand Rapids photographer Odd Jeppeson scenes," said Jeppeson. "I concentrates on quiet images don't want to throw the story in his work to give the viewer at people, but trigger it in a haven from the surrounding people's heads." noise. Rather than telling the story, Jeppeson lets the just by walking or driving viewer make the story out of around with his digital his images.

An exhibit of his side work is now on display at Huntington Galleria until rather than tell the story," he Dec. 26.

Jeppeson, a native of Toronto, lost a lifetime has focused on old farms worth of negatives and prints and barns. One of his photos four years ago when he was is of a barn located in moving. After the loss, he Crockery Township. He also changed the subject matter mounts, matts and frames of his photography from his pictures. day-to-day life to the quiet.

Walker", "To the Light", he said. "There is a lot of "Afloat" or "Blue", the work variety."

breathes complete stillness, sometimes solitude.

**Featured** Artist

Odd Jeppeson

He draws inspiration Canon Rebel camera at his

"I want to create a mood said

Most recently, Jeppeson

"West Michigan is a Whether it's his "Sunday great place to take pictures,"

LHS Students of the Month

Lowell High School is chairs select two students excellence." each month. Those students character and work ethic.

Kate was nominated proud to announce that Kate by Cyndi Gibson, and she Bailey and Kyle Bardwell writes, "It has been my are the November Students pleasure to know Kate for of the Month. In order to the past three years. During be eligible for this honor, this time, she has repeatedly one must be nominated by a demonstrated her persistence teacher. All the nomination and dedication to achieve forms for the month are her goals. I look forward to reviewed and voted on at the her challenging questions sought extra help. I'm pleased monthly department chair and respect her because she to say that he has earned an A meeting. The department is continually striving for for the first marking period.

receive a \$20 gift card and by Kristin Schutte, and she to his mom at the start of a certificate. Students are writes, "He has struggled the year that my class is too selected based on academics, with English, but he has hard." always asked questions and

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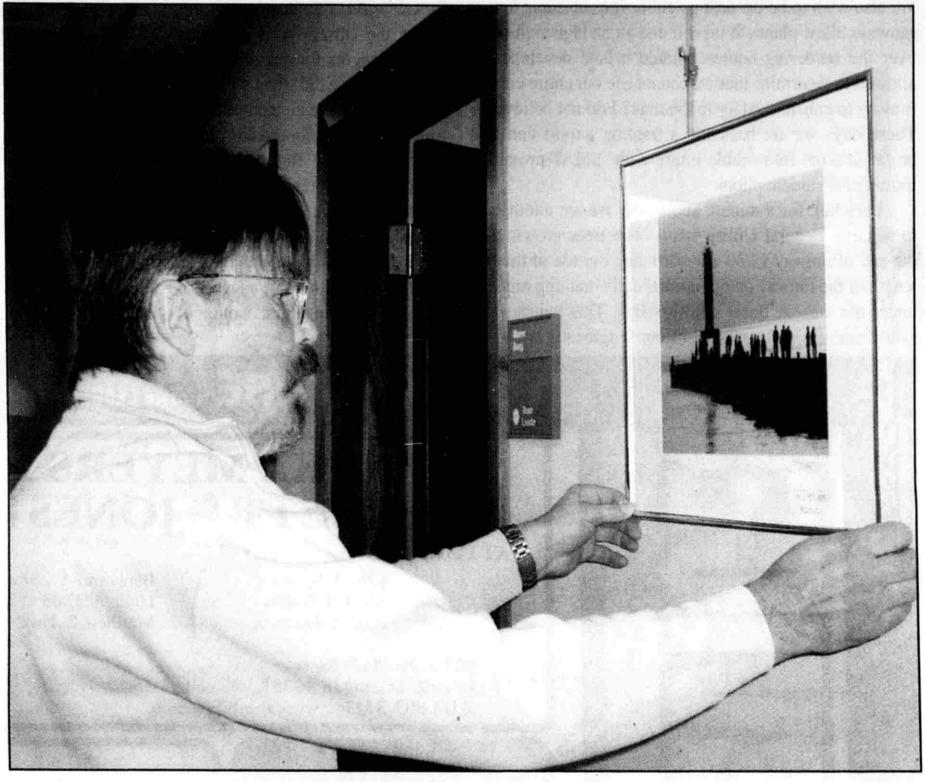
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Davis met Jeppeson at the the subject matter. I like the of anything that just feels Fulton Street Art Fair and he way he treats his subject." was impressed by his work at the Farmers' Market.

His first name Odd idea," he said. is a Norwegian name, "I focus on quiet Davis said. "I am fond of taking photos in Canada and and discarded junk.



Holland State Park.

I'm truly proud of his efforts Kyle was nominated even though he had grumbled

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Show organizer David the images he captures and Denmark. "I'll take pictures quiet, to capture that quiet find," he said.

"I admire the simplicity while Jeppeson is Danish. pictures of everything, work in the future. and clarity of his work," Jeppeson has also been including family, friends

"I take less pictures now because they're harder to

Jeppeson plans to open Jeppeson used to take up a store or gallery with his

Odd Jeppeson captures the quiet in his images. He is pictured hanging his "To the Light" photo taken at

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day if the temperature was 85 or 90 degrees, the pilot would now have an unsafe runway. Period !!! But the runway still meets the state requirements for 1200 feet to be Basic Utility. It should be obvious that 1200 feet does not imply safe or unsafe. It only says to be a public use airport, it must be that long.

As the owner of a public use airport, the City of Lowell wishes to have an airport that has runways that offer the greatest possible safety within the land we have available. We also wish to be the best neighbors possible and longer runways allow planes to takeoff and attain higher altitudes over the bordering homes. Should a land developer be runway lengths for our needs, it would be a no brainer. allowed to determine that we cannot use our entire current runway to enhance safety to the max? I do not believe so. These days we are basically a training airport and will be far into the foreseeable future with SMAT providing Utility upgrade ... But all we can get on runway 12/30 is training for student pilots.

to achieve General Utility status. The trees growing on offending trees. We will add to that runway sometime and perhaps even some liability for allowing those trees to the end of runway 12/30 are restricting our use of the full length of the runway on our normal daily training mission 350 feet isn't a lot but it adds some additional measure of under the current Basic Utility status. This reduces our safety margins. Those trees in our judgment have to be

removed for safety reasons. To buy the air easements and remove the trees costs money that we don't have. However, the State, because of its interest in maintaining a safe flying environment in Michigan, will supply us with safety standards to the General Utility status. That could be easily interpreted to mean that the state considers Basic Utility to be inherently less safe than General Utility with its expanded safety requirements. Therefore, we applied for General Utility status. If we could extend the runway within the current borders to maintain the current safe This is what we did when we extended runway 6/24 which many of you have noticed near the entrance to the airport. And we did this without asking for State money or a General safety and we are at first and foremost interested in safety

and additionally we are interested in the comfort of the airport neighbors. But we do not have the money until we achieve General Utility status.

It is also argued that the trees provide a safety buffer grant monies on a 90/10 split provided we upgrade the for the homes, which, incidentally, were all built 70 feet from the end of the runways. 70 feet!!! Why would a responsible builder build homes for families 70 feet from the end of an established runway? It is not a question of whether he has a right to. He does under Vergennes Township zoning. It is a question of whether, with hundreds of lots he already owns in the immediate area, it is morally right to build the very first homes in the plats adjacent to the airport directly under runway centerlines and sell them to families knowing full well the potential for tragedy he is creating by also planting trees on the edge of the airport. A plane that hits the tops of these trees while 350 feet more to the northwest. And even if we added the landing would carry forward and crash on the airport and Let's talk for a minute about why we are attempting 350 feet now, we would still need to remove or trim the therefore the trees offer no protection to the homeowner in the future, as we believe longer is safer for runways. jut into the airspace. However, if the plane hit the trees on



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takeoff, its momentum would continue to carry it forward and the crash scene might very well be into one of the homes just 70 feet beyond the runway. We have had this exact scenario at the airport in 1996. We do not want it to not intend to expand our borders, and our current runway the east of the airport was completely vacant. To the great ever happen again.

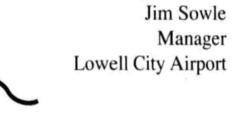
As for the argument that trees force pilots to fly higher, airports, do not encourage bigger airplanes. that is not the case. A pilot trying to land on a short runway tries to be as low as possible to have the greatest runway obtain funds to fight developers who threaten the safety length available. Keep in mind that the pilot must be higher of our runways, the safety of pilots who choose to land than 25 feet when they cross the fence line anyway and here, and the safety of families who live directly under the proportionally higher over the homes. Tall trees decrease center line of the runways. the safety of the pilots and the homeowners by increasing the likelihood of a tree strike accident.

The current situation at the airport is that developers of property to the east of the airport have decided to limit the safety of the airport to what they consider to be adequate. They have decided to do this by growing trees at the end of the runway, thereby effectively shortening the useable runway to what they say is safe.

These developers have also threatened to sue the four families who have already negotiated a financial settlement with the city of Lowell for the right to buy air easements over their property and have the offending trees trimmed or removed. These property owners wish to increase the I feel compelled to make public the cause of the current safety of their families and for that they are threatened with a lawsuit. The developers have no legitimate interest in the properties once they are sold, and this legal threat is merely an attempt to intimidate the homeowners. The mostly local users and enthusiasts began the expensive and developers even went so far as to put a covenant in the laborious process of improving conditions at the Lowell be given to those who cry 'chaotic airport expansion' plat restrictions preventing the homeowners from cutting airport. Determined to enhance the safety and usefulness their trees, thereby guaranteeing an increase in the danger of the field, brush was cut, telephone and electrical service circumstance that now exists there?" to the homeowners' safety and that of their families as the was added, a well was sunk, runways were improved, and trees grow. I have been told by current homeowners this the airport was licensed by 1964. It appeared the following covenant was not pointed out to them specifically.

Our goal is to be able to use the full length of our current runway to provide the greatest safety margins available within our current borders. Nothing more. We do lengths, being much shorter than most General Utility

In a nutshell, we need state General Utility status to



#### To the Editor.

We are a week behind with our Ledger here, so I apologize if my comments are not topical.

Having read the front page article published November 15th concerning "chaotic airport expansion", circumstances concerning licensing and safety at the Lowell airport.

As long ago as the early 1960's, a dedicated group of



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It is as simple as that. Jim Sowle path?" Manager

year on all aviation navigational charts as a viable and safe alternative landing point.

At that point in time, over 40 years ago, the field to surprise and dismay of those who had worked so diligently to improve the safety of the airport, shortly after licensing, red pine seedlings were deliberately and insidiously

planted in that fallow field directly adjacent to the runway ends. The question in everyone's mind at that time was, "Why would anyone purposely endanger the safety of those who used the airport by planting trees that would certainly eventually encroach upon the established flight

The answer to that question was revealed a short time later when several foundations were laid for small homes, not on the south edge of the pine field, not on the east edge of the pine field, not even in the middle of the pine field, but exactly on the extended center line and as close as legally possible, directly on the end of and directly in the flight path of the most active runways on the airport.

Now, all these years later, the divisive plan has come to fruition. The homes built purposely on those very runway ends are occupied and the trees planted there a generation ago have served their shameful purpose. Just as intended, flight operations at Lowell have become increasingly more dangerous, not just to those who fly in and out, but to the unwary residents living nearby as well.

Now a new question arises, "Why should consideration when they, and they alone, are solely responsible for the

Jim Speerstra

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, phone - 897-9261, fax -897-4809 or email - ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. All submissions are subject to available space.

# **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

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 Riverview in Lowell starting at 6:30 p.m. 3 bands, jam session. food: all for \$5.

SAT., DEC. 2: Rogue River Artisans fine art and craft holiday sale, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Lowell High School.

MONDAYS

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

1ST MON .: Regular communication of Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, 7:30 p.m. 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, 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. No December meeting.

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

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

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, 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, 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 Olga -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.gua-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

Holiday lunch available, \$1 admission benefits Lowell Red Arrow special activities.

MON., DEC. 4: Athletic Boosters regular business meet ing 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 7:30, chapter room of Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

WED., DEC. 13: Vergennes Twp. offices trailway meet ing, 6 p.m. All interested are invited.

## TUESDAYS

874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588. No cost.

TUES.: Back to Basics Closed AA meetings at 1st Congregational Church, 865 Lincoln Lake SE 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.

EVERY TUES .: Thornapple River Chapter BNI professional networking group, 7-8:30 a.m. Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd. Cheryl 868-7551.

# WEDNESDAYS

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.

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.

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, welcome. 897-5981.

LOOK AT ME NOW!!!

# The Laurels of Kent celebrates another successful rehab to home!

Donald Dunkelberg was mentally down at first when he was told by his surgeon that he would need to have subacute rehabilitation prior to returning home after his hip surgery. Don's family toured many sub-acute rehab facilities and chose to bring Don to The Laurels of Kent for his Orthopedic Therapy. Don was very impressed with the therapy gym and the sincerity of the staff to address every patient's needs and treat patients as if they really mean something, not just a number. Don could tell that the other patients looked forward to their therapy sessions; the interaction, relationships and the encouragement. With Don's hard work in the therapy

gym and the encouragement of his physical therapist Jay Maglasang pictured on right, Tracy Perrin his COTA on the left, and his family, he has returned home to his wife and family! **Congratulations Don!** 



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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.

p.m. Call 897-7842.

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

2700 E. Fulton.

7:30 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.

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

# THURSDAYS

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.

# THURSDAYS

Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30

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,

2ND THURS .: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at

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# REDARROW SPORTS SALES A.

# No rest for basketball champs, it's on to the next big game

*Coach credits discipline, unselfishness, cohesiveness for winning team* 

By Sean Garner **Contributing Writer** 

The young ladies on the Lowell Red Arrows girls' basketball team can now be called conference champions, district champions and regional champions. Soon, they may be able to add an even more prestigious title to their list of achievements.

regional final at West Ottawa High School, Lowell earned the right to play in the state quarterfinals at Lansing Eastern High School against East Lansing. Coach Dee Crowley felt her squad was very well-equipped to handle the Bengals.

"I was pretty confident with our match-ups," Crowley

"We play team ball," Lyman said. "We look to pass said. "We knew who could beat us, and we wanted to stop those players from beating us. We thought we did a very more than we look to score. And when we're on defense, all five players are playing together." good job of that. They are a very talented team."

The Red Arrows went on a run in the middle of the Crowley credits Lowell's success to the team's fourth quarter to break open a game which had been tightly unselfishness, cohesiveness, and the fact that many of the contested for the previous 25 minutes. girls have been playing together for several years.

"I think (what made the difference) was our players "This group has really been together since fifth, sixth grade," she said. "They've really developed together. They staying disciplined and not getting into a running game. We With their 52-34 victory over Ottawa Hills in the are just a hard-nosed group. There are no superstars in this made them work hard for every shot," Crowley said. "We group and they're fine with that. They just do what it takes took advantage of some opportunities on some fast breaks and things just started to roll for us." to win.'

Senior Brittany Lyman, who led all scorers with 13 points, echoed her coach's opinions.

# Lowell has strong showing at first Caledonia hockey tournament

By Sean Garner Contributing Writer

All traditions have to Caledonia program. start somewhere and for the combined hockey team other tournaments around of Lowell and Caledonia high schools, hosting a have put on," Blair said. Forest Hills. We always tend the confidence to go in to Thanksgiving weekend "There isn't much that goes to start real slow. We talked next week saying 'We can tournament is a good place on around Thanksgiving about this game being the take on anybody." to start.

Lansing, Hills, Manistee and Lowell/ Caledonia) gathered this past Friday and Saturday with how the event was run to compete in the first and the excitement of the three co-captains. Seniors "We want to build a few annual tournament held at game action. Patterson Ice Center. The "I think things have Sheely each scored two said. "Now that the program Lowell/Caledonia team won gone very well," Blair said. the tournament, defeating "It was good competition. Manistee, 6-3 in the finals We had a great game with a after downing Union/Ottawa double overtime. I am quite that Hills, 8-0 in the first round. pleased."

Jim Blair, the team manager for Lowell/ Mike Ballard felt it was very Friday's OK Conference teams in to play." Caledonia and one of the important for his team to principal organizers of the

the tournament was a great tournament. way to boost the Lowell/

the area that other teams weekend. That's the general turning point for a better Four teams (East rule of hockey. So, we future.' Union/Ottawa decided to have our own tournament."

event, felt that the timing of perform well at their own Tier III showdown with

"Winning the tournament was very big," "We've been to some he said. "We've had two the conference," Ballard games previous to this (the said. "It was really important finals); one was a loss to to get that win today to build

> were scored by the team's program's development. added one.

Hudsonville.

The hopes are for this tournament to become Leadership played a big a yearly event. Ballard role in Lowell/Caledonia's believes that hosting such Blair was very pleased victory. Five of the six goals an event can assist in the

Austin DeClercq and Joe more traditions," Ballard goals while Justin Storre has been around for a little while and we're bringing Ballard also hopes in more and more talented the tournament players, we're looking at victory can prove to be getting better quality teams On the ice, head coach a momentum builder for and getting better quality

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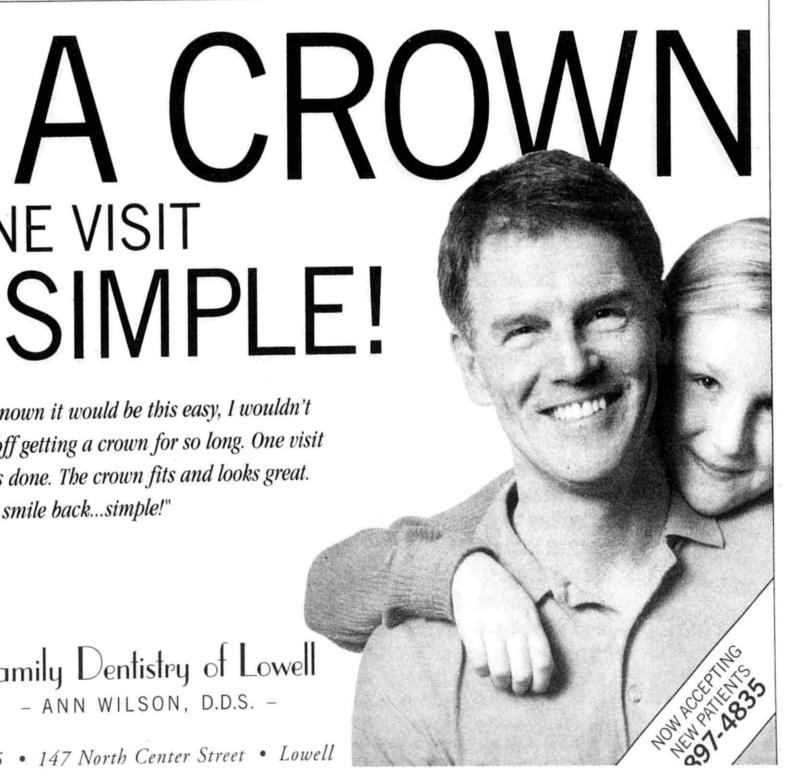
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"A lot of people are picking Hudsonville to win



In practice, the Red Arrows have been placing an emphasis on fundamentals and scouting their next opponent.

"We've done a lot of shooting," Lyman said. "We look at the teams and see how their players are. We look at how we're going to defend them. We are still playing our game, but we're looking for what to watch out for."

Though the game was played at West Ottawa, the Lowell-dominated crowd provided the Red Arrows with an atmosphere akin to a home-field advantage.

"We haven't been getting that much fan support. So, for our fans to show up and come support us tonight really gave the girls a lift and they were excited to play."

The Red Arrows' next opponent, East Lansing, stunned the basketball community by defeating previously unbeaten Lansing Waverly, 38-37. The Trojans are no slouches themselves with a 21-3 record and a Capitol Area Athletic Conference division 1 championship.

While the Red Arrows greatly appreciate their regional crown, there is no time to rest for a team on a mission for a state title "We'll celebrate one night and then get right back to work," Lyman said.



#### Lead Teacher

The YMCA's Child Care Centers: Murray Lake/ Cherry Creek, Generations, and Runciman are looking for five Lead Teachers. The Lead Teacher is responsible for the planning, developing, and implementing of classroom activities. This position requires face-to-face leadership in this program and may involve early morning responsibilities.

Know how are as follows: an Associate's Degree or equivalent from a two-year college; six months to one year childcare related experience; or equivalent combination of education, training, and experience are required. The ability and desire to work with infant, toddler and preschool children; interact with people from all ethnic backgrounds, ages, and lifestyles is a must.Working knowledge of computers and experience with a variety of software applications is beneficial.

#### **Teacher's Assistant**

The YMCA's Child Care Centers: Caledonia, Murray Lake/ Cherry Creek and Runciman in Lowell are looking for 3 Teacher's Assistants. The Assistant Teacher will assist in the planning, developing, and implementing of classroom activities for after school programs. This position requires face-to-face leadership in this program and may involve early morning responsibilities.

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# **Murray Lake Elementary's** staff member of the month

named Murray Lake this compassion each and opportunity to work with Elementary's staff member every day. The rapport he kids. I value making a of the month for October. has with his students leads to difference in a kid's life. Staff nominated the fifth grade highest potential. I run into somewhere I established a teacher commented on his many of his former students positive relationship with a involvement with students that have now graduated, student means a lot to me. beyond the classroom, as and almost all of them say A true reward of teaching is well as all of the extra work that Mike was their best or when former students stop he does as Lowell School one of their best teachers by, email, or call to say hi, District's elementary science they ever had." coordinator.

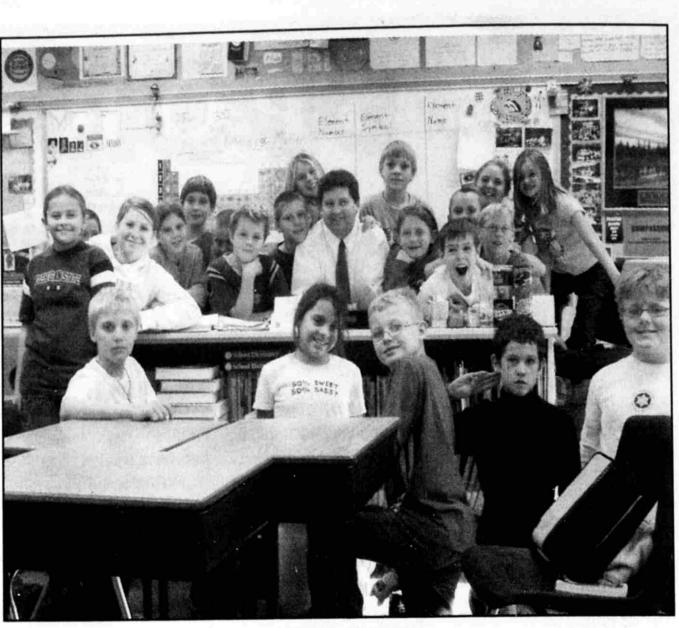
"He's great with all of his Jennifer, son Jeff (student at Murray Lake. The kids are students. I hear so many great Grand Rapids Community fantastic and the staff truly things from his parents, past College), and daughter cares about every student. and present, about how truly Rachel (junior at Northview Brent Noskey makes this a lucky we are to have him out High School). He got his fun place to be for staff and here at Murray Lake."

Brent Noskey adds, "Mike is currently in his 23rd year of creates the Murray Lake one of a kind. I have worked teaching in Lowell, having "family." with him for 13 years. I have spent 10 years at Alto, 10 not ever seen his enthusiasm at Cherry Creek, and now for teaching decrease. in his third year at Murray He truly loves all of his Lake.

Mike Fillman was students, and shows them members who all of them achieving at their Knowing that somehow,

Angela Baerwalde said, Northview with his wife life. I am blessed to be at BA and MA from Western students which carries over Murray Lake principal Michigan University. He is to the classroom and that

"I truly enjoy the ask for advice, or share that Fillman resides in I made a difference in their



Mike Fillman surrounded by his fifth-grade students.

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**Dave Stegehui** 

Outdoors

A continuous stream of aircraft deposited a flood of visitors and locals on the Big Island of Hawaii Cruise ships with lights blazing sparkled in the bay at Kailua-Kona. The laid back tropical island lifestyle of twenty-five years ago had, like almost everywhere else, turned into a crowded tourist destination, replete with bumper-to-bumper gridlock, big box stores and chain restaurants.

Finding something to do here is easy. The near shore waters provide firstclass snorkeling and diving. Some of the best big game fishing in the world is found along the Kona coast. Rental cars, tour buses, ATVs, helicopters, and horses transport tourists to destinations far and wide, such as an active volcano which, as we speak, is

dribbling lava down the mountainside.

rows of shops where one areas could spend days browsing fellow travelers. There is an world alternative.





camping, hunting, fishing, bird watching or any other legal outdoor pursuit.

At a state park on the north end of the island, we found well-marked trails leading through an old growth forest. Considering that everything growing A variety of ecosystems in the area came from includes barren lava fields somewhere else, there was on the west side of the a remarkable variety of island to lush rain forests plant species. The bird-life on the opposite side of was just as abundant, and the mountains. Cowboys singing birds provided the on horseback still round only sound in the otherwise up cattle on the rangeland silent woods. The solitude around Wiamia to the north. here stood in sharp contrast And, of course, there are the to the high traffic tourist

Almost anywhere for just the right gift for one travels today there someone less fortunate will be lots of people and back home in the snow. But, unrestrained development. like most popular tourist But, fortunately, no matter destinations, the majority where you go it is usually of visitors will enjoy this possible to find locations tropical paradise in the which will reflect the true company of thousands of nature of that part of the

The next time when The Big Island covers out wandering around new 4,000 square miles, which places, join the crowd and includes a vast uninhabited enjoy the usual activities, expanse of backcountry, but also try to seek out By doing some homework, unique experiences in I was able to find state and natural settings which have federal land which was open been overlooked by the rest

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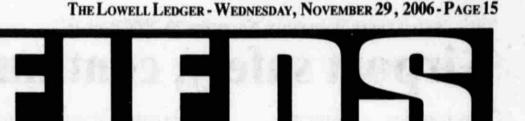
org for details.

LOST - prescription sunglasses, NE side of town between Showboat & Methodist Church. Lost Tues., Nov. 21. If found call 897-7808. Reward.

LOST - Large 14 lb. male black cat. Seen in Parnell/ Bailev area. Answers to Cap. Reward. 897-7035

# FOUND

to identify. 874-7808.







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Transportation, Airports Division.

The city already received \$160,000 in grant money for tree trimming from the state in 2005 and 2006. The local share was \$16,000.

The licensing upgrade of the airport from basic utility to general utility will determine the amount of trees to be cut, according to Kraus.

"The licensing doesn't dictate whether the airport needs to expand," said Kraus. "This project is not about expansion, but about clearing the approaches."

clearing By the approaches, the airport will gain approximately 200 feet of usable runway and a wider approach. "They're losing more runway every year as the trees are creeping

closer to the middle of the runway," said Kraus. "They are trying to recapture their runway. A longer runway is always safer."

According to Kraus, the airport has everything in place to become licensed as a general utility except for the clear approaches.

"We feel if you want money for tree trimming you should move toward general

utility because it is safer," said Kraus.

Helmstetter said the state would not put money into a basic utility. If the airport obtains a general utility license, the city will be able to trim more trees.

"If you're taking state money, then you must upgrade to general utility," he said.

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evolved around the covenant restrictions that limit tree cutting on the Scenic View Plat III property.

According to Kraus, these deed restrictions are not being broken by the acquisition of the air easements.

"But the act of cutting the trees would violate the deed restrictions," he said.

It would be up to the legal opinion of city Dick Wendt attorney whether the remaining 10 property owners on Scenic View Plat III could sue their neighbors for violating the deed restrictions by cutting the trees.

Wendt may draw up a legal document for the 10 property owners to sign stating they would not sue.

Even the existing restrictions, however, could not prohibit the city from condemning the air easement rights for a public utility.

When plat developers, the Schreur family, insisted the plat was there before the airport, Kraus said it didn't matter who was first.

"It's the same thing as if you live next to a road right of way," he explained. "There are state laws that allow governmental entities to condemn for public use." Sowle assured the residents the airport has

no intentions of expanding beyond the airport property. The property boundaries only allow a 350-foot extension of runway.

"We want to create and maintain clear approaches," he said. "Our goal is to cooperate with neighbors. We're never going to get bigger. All we want is clear airspace for safe landing."

And the airport will not get shut down because of the 20-year grant, according to Kraus.

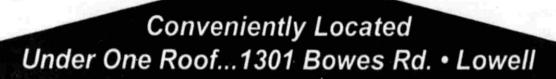
"The project is to clear the approaches to general utility standards," he said.

Mayor Chuck Myers said the airport has been self-sufficient. The hangars brought in revenues for the airport.

"I don't see this airport becoming anything more than it is now," Myers said. "The city supports safety standards and we have no intention of expanding the airport."

Forstrom Drive resident Bob Coffey requested something in writing saying that the airport will not expand.

The city council may pass a resolution stating the intention of the airport is to remain the same size, said city manager Dave Pasquale.





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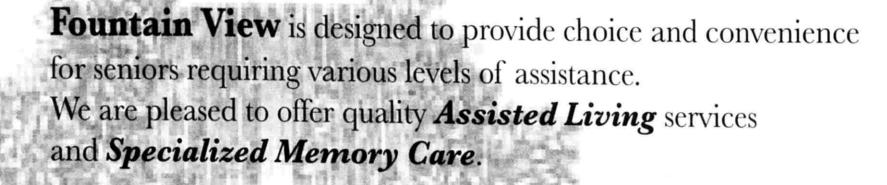
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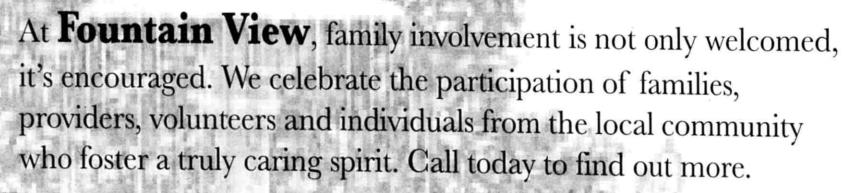
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