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## Christmas season brings flurry of activities to Lowell

by Emma Palova

Old-fashioned Christmas in historic Lowell and Fallasburg Pioneer Village evokes childhood memories of fragile decorations, trees lit with real candles, grandma's lard chocolate cookies, vanilla crescents, freezing carolers in big boots and toys.

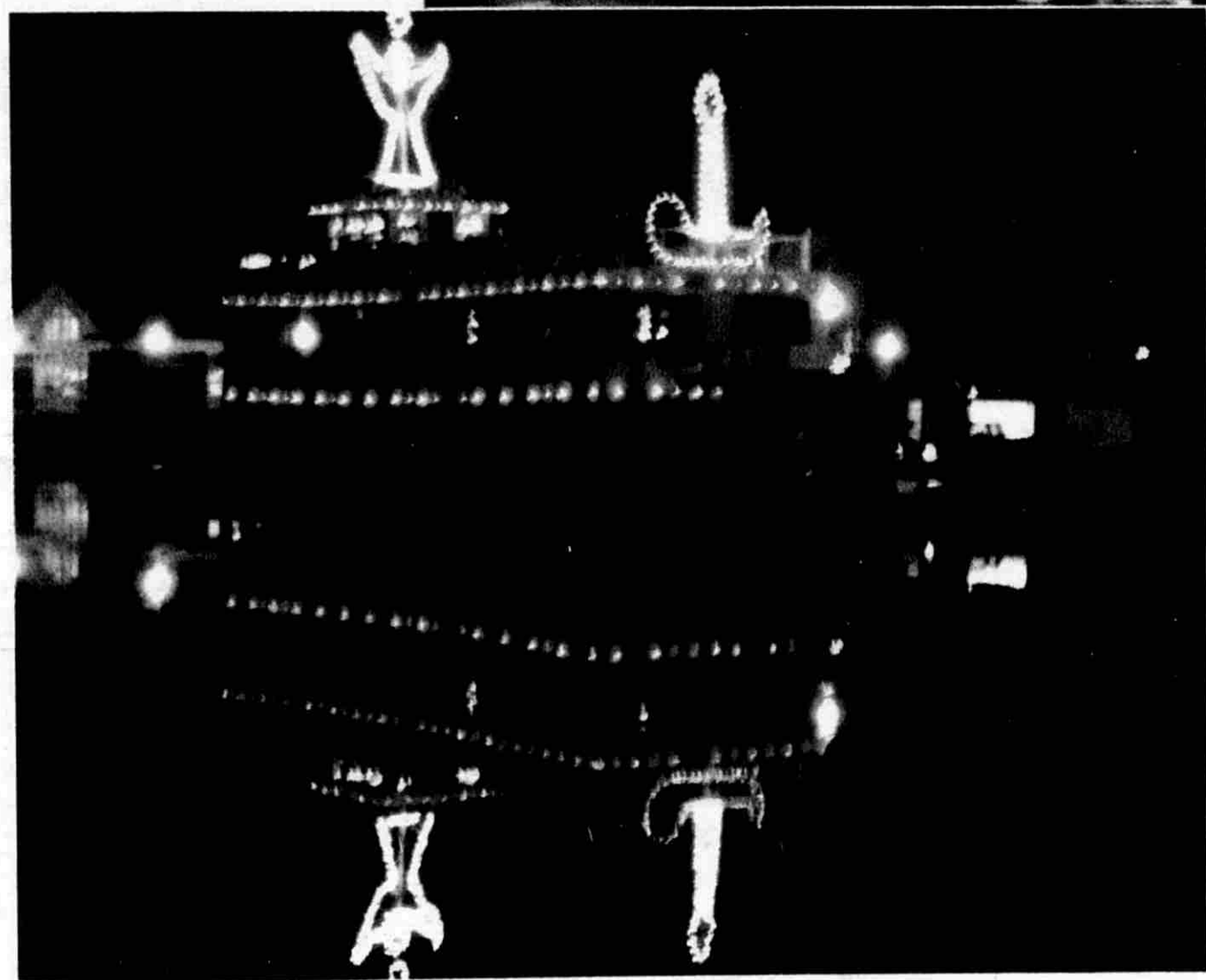
And although long-forgotten toys have changed into pragmatic gifts, candles into electric lights and lard cookies into low fat pastries, the atmosphere of anticipation remains the same as Christmas magic transcends over cultures, continents, towns and time.

On its long way home around the globe, Christmas magic will arrive in Lowell officially on Dec. 1 at night with all the pomp of a parade "Light the Night" starting at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Chamber director Liz Baker said the first ever



Downtown Lowell is now decorated for Christmas and ready to host the first night parade on Dec. 1. At left, the Robert E. Lee Showboat shines into a wintery night.



night-time parade is a major change to Christmas tradition in Lowell.

"The residents and business owners are breaking tradition and stepping outside the box," said Baker. "New and different will be everything in a way."

The night parade, with 65 entries, will feature among others a replica float of the Showboat made by hundreds of volunteers led

by Ivan Blough. Also new is "A Cup of Christmas Tea" inside the lovely decorated museum parlor presented by Jeanne Hawkins.

On Dec. 1, parking will be removed from Main Street at 4 p.m. to accommodate the parade.

"We are shooting for quality," said Baker.

Other events throughout the season will include Santa visits to the Showboat on Wednesdays

and Saturdays, Rogue River Artisans Holiday Marketplace on Dec. 1 at the Lowell High School, Christmas in Fallasburg on Dec. 15 in the school house and Guys' Day Out on Dec. 22.

Following is a schedule of Dec. 1 activities:

Parade day will host many activities before and after the parade.

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## Planning commission sets full agenda

by Emma Palova

Master plan implementation, temporary signs, joint signage with Lowell Township, infraction and lighting ordinances will dominate the planning commission's agenda on Dec. 10.

Unsatisfied with the status quo of progress on lingering issues, the panel set an ambitious work plan for the upcoming session. A

draft ordinance regulating temporary signs was turned down Monday as confusing, in spite of the fact it has been in the works for months.

"I don't feel this has the spirit of what we've been looking for," said vice-chair Clark Jahnke. "This is not ready."

The draft ordinance dropped the \$200 bond posting from its language making it hard to enforce, which has been a major problem in the past.

"The bond came to me as a surprise," said Rodger Gardner. "The enforcement should have its citation somewhere along the line."

On the same theme of enforcement, the civil infractions ordinance allowing the city to issue citations rather than the police department, no work has emerged yet. The lighting ordinance too is not completed.

"The city attorney has

yet to provide a draft for the civil infractions ordinance," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

Jahnke also proposed revitalizing joint meetings with the city council.

The big new item on the agenda is the implementation of the recently approved master plan, already controversial.

"We'll be here till like 10 in the evening," said Jahnke.

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# Obituaries

## HEILER (Mc GLAMERY)

Roberta Heiler aged 76 of Lowell passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald McGlamery of 32 years, husband, Lawrence Heiler of five years, son, Harold, daughter, Donna Jane, and daughter-in-law, Connie McGlamery. She is survived by her children, Mickey (Frank) White, Lucy (Vince) Hoover, Jean Finkler, Libby (Rusty) Payne, Chuck McGlamery, Judy (Doug) Carlson, Scott (Carol) McGlamery, Don (Sue) McGlamery; sister, Blanch Turner; four sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; 21 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Roberta was a

longtime member of First Baptist Church of Lowell. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Day Bible Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries of Lowell.



## SHADE

Gladys M. Shade, age 80, of Chandler, Arizona formerly of Lowell and Alto was welcomed into the arms of

her Lord on Thanksgiving morning. She was preceded in death by her son James Shade and parents Ernest and Matilda Johnson. She was the ninth of 10 children - all of whom preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Dale Shade of Chandler, AZ. Also surviving are her daughters, Jackie (LC) Scramlin of Holly, MI; Joni Fairbrother of Chandler, AZ and Bonnie (Glenn) Anderson of Alto, MI. Twelve grandchildren, Kelly Alderink, Mark Alderink, Karin Alderink, Jimmi Jo Oorbeck, Steven Shade, Matthew Scramlin, Stacy Scramlin, Lisa Scramlin, Jason Fairbrother, Betsy Jo Fairbrother, Heidi Osborn, and Stephanie Anderson. She is also survived by 15 great-grandchildren 2 great, great-grandchildren, 3 sisters-in-laws, Marilyn Johnson of Caledonia, RuthAnne Metternick of Alto and Yvonne Gould of Comstock Park and

many nieces and nephews. Gladys was active in Kent County Farm Bureau, Kent County 4-H, Lutheran Women's Missionary League as well as the family farm. Services were held in Chandler, AZ on November 27, and will be held Saturday, December 1 at 11 a.m. at Lowell United Methodist Church sermon given by her son-in-law LC Scramlin. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 800 W. Ray Rd., Chandler, AZ 85225.

## STAUFFER

David E. Stauffer aged 57 of Lowell passed away Thursday, November 23, 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ken and Betty Stauffer and brother, Bill Stauffer. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sandy; children, Ken (Michele) Stauffer, Amy (Brent Walk) Stauffer, Tammy (Casey) Brown; brother, Dennis (Jan)

Stauffer, Ron (Wilma) Stauffer, Steve (Luci) Stauffer; sister, Jean (John) Baynton; father and mother-in-law, Bob and Halcyone Brown; brothers-in-law, Randy (Nancy) Brown, Carl (Diane) Brown, Jon (Debra) Brown; sisters-in-law, Jan (Larry) Clous, Nancy (Art) Petke, Char (Ron) Hill, Pam (Randy) Clark); grandchildren,

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- Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)

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William R. Byl,  
Kent County Drain Commissioner

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Wednesday, the 12th day of December, 2007, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, William R. Byl, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "HOWARD COUNTY DRAIN", and the apportionment thereof will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3688.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionments within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionments. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

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41-24-02-100-001; 500-001;

41-24-03-100-002, -008, -010, -011, -015, -018, -022, -024 thru -028; 200-001, -002, -003; 300-001; 400-008, -015, -017, -022, -023; 501-001;

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## Lowell Rotary - providing service above self

The Rotary Club's motto "service above self" is enacted in several ways through the Lowell chapter. One of the club's main projects in the past has been the family bio-sand filters for clean water. The club donated \$65,000 for 2,000 filters in the Dominican Republic. These filters provide clean drinking water

(99.9 percent bacteria-free) for thousands of people who couldn't access it before, and will help prevent many diseases, including polio.

The Rotary Club also provides money for college scholarships for Lowell graduates, raises funds for a "new books project" for Lowell school libraries, and other area organizations.

Recently, the Lowell chapter received several prestigious awards from the Rotary Foundation. The club was given the highest per capita giving in the district, was one of only 370 Rotary clubs worldwide to attain status as 100 percent Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club, and was one of only 552 Rotary Clubs

worldwide to become an "Every Rotarian, Every Year" Club.

There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide, with more than 31,000 chapters in 167 countries.

The Lowell Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the city council meeting room.

## "Coats for Kids" program set for Dec. 17-21 at Lowell Chiropractic

Dr. Aaron Buys and Dr. John Wellman will be organizing their first ever "Coats for Kids" drive this December as part of the Lowell Chiropractic Community Outreach Program. During the week of Dec. 17-21, in exchange for a new or gently used coat, all new patients will receive a complimentary new patient consultation and exam. These coats will then be donated to a local community organization for distribution to children in need.

Dr. Aaron Buys said, "As the snowy weather closes in, we sometimes forget that there are many who go without adequate winter clothing. We consider it our responsibility as healthcare providers to help those less fortunate by volunteering our time in exchange for this basic winter need."

Lowell Chiropractic encourages people to clean out their closets and take advantage of this opportunity to help their fellow residents and get involved with Chiropractic care at the same time. Both doctors invite everyone to call (616) 897-8284 to make an appointment and become part of this worthy cause.



## Lodge donates to Senior Neighbors

Lowell Senior Neighbors' former governor, Bruce Munroe, handing over one of four turkeys donated to the group. Marcia Roth and Verna Rogers are shown with Munroe. The turkeys were donated by The Lowell Moose Lodge.

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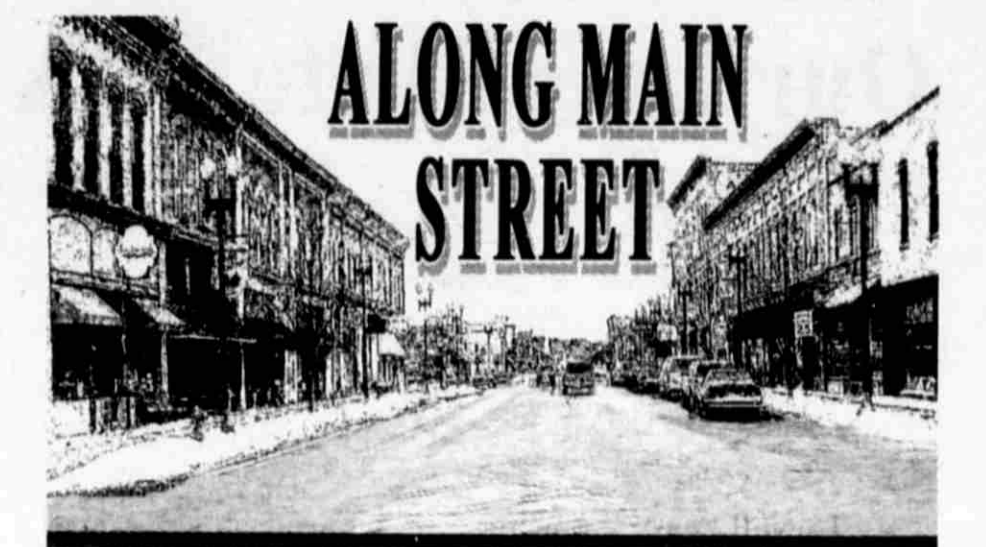
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## RELAY FOR LIFE AT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Relay for Life of Lowell will have a float in the Dec. 1 Christmas Parade through downtown Lowell. If you are a member of any of our relay teams from 2007, a cancer survivor, a committee member or would just like to join us and ride the float or walk alongside it in support of our American Cancer Society's annual Lowell event, please contact Carol Briggs at 897-5501.

## LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum will be hosting "A Cup of Christmas Tea" in our decorated for Christmas, on Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. Hostess Jeanne Hawkins will share customs and traditions, while you partake of tea and elegant, light refreshment; cost per person is \$20 and seating is limited. Please call the museum for more information 897-7688.

## LAS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

The Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the High School Staff lounge on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

## LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum would like to start your Christmas holidays with an elegant dinner. We have one night left with available seats, Dec. 5. The evening starts with hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30 p.m. This is our Christmas fundraiser and it will be catered by Flat River Grill. The cost for this unique evening is \$50 per person. For more information and the fabulous menu please call the museum at 897-7688.

## LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL

Create a stained glass snowflake with glass artist Susan Molnar of Glass House Designs. Use beveled glass and precut stained glass accents. Dec. 11, 6:30 - 9 p.m. For ages 18+. Call the Lowell Area Arts Council for more information and to register, 897-8545.

## ART SHOWING

Fire & Water Art Studio and Showroom will be featuring art work by Jan Johnson through the month of December. A custom framer will be in on Fridays and Saturdays. Hours are 1 to 6 p.m. Wed. - Sun., Fri. 1 to 7 p.m. 219 W. Main, Downtown Lowell. Call 890-1879 for more information.

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# Our Love Skate Park committee made up of teenagers & adults

by Ellen Mork  
special to  
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"People have a negative image of skaters," said Mattie Kropf, the treasurer of Our Love Skate Park committee. "That's one thing we are trying to change with this project."

Since January, several teens have met weekly to

discuss and plan a community skate park that would be open to skateboarders, BMX bikers, and in-line skaters. The Lowell Parks and Recreation Board has designated a 100 by 70 foot area for the skate park at Stoney Lakeside Park. Currently, the committee, made up of local middle and high school students and three adults, is in the

primary fundraising stage. Their proposed park costs nearly \$85,000, plus the cost of the concrete base. They have received a \$20,000 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund contingent on raising \$60,000. "Right now, we are focusing our efforts on garnering community support. We hope local businesses and

organizations will donate the needed \$60,000 by this summer so we can begin building," said Cody Dalton, president of the committee.

The committee is aware of the fact that skaters are considered a nuisance and that a select few have caused damage to local properties. They recognize this as a need for a skate park.

"If the Lowell area

could have a skate park, it would be really terrific," said Dave Pasquale, the Lowell City Manager. The skate park would help to keep skaters off the sidewalks, away from traffic and out of harm's way.

There will be an informational meeting on Friday, Nov. 30 at 8 a.m. It will be held at the First

Congregational Church at 865 Lincoln Lake Ave SE. A light breakfast will be served starting at 7:30 a.m. Anyone interested in supporting or learning more about the skate park is welcome. Anyone with further questions or comments can e-mail the committee at ourloveskatepark@yahoo.com.



## Sharing The Vision

With Gregory Pratt  
LHS Superintendent

High School Reform is nearly two years old in the State of Michigan. During 2005 and 2006 there was great discussion centered on high school reform and new course and standard requirements held strongly by the State of Michigan. Prior to this reform, school districts were allowed to establish their own high school requirements for graduation, and the only common requirement was that graduating seniors must take a government class. Now after great debate and action by the State of Michigan, seniors are now required to graduate with four years of math, four years of language arts, credits in science including chemistry and physics, credits in social studies and specific standards established for each course of study.

Last year Lowell Area Schools adopted the State graduation requirements for the incoming freshmen class

and changed the high school schedule from the block schedule to a new trimester schedule. This schedule change was based on determining the best way to ensure continual graduation and success of our students after they leave the district. An enormous amount of time and effort from staff has occurred in order to align the curriculum with the State standards, creating new coursework and establishing new pacing guides for the trimester schedule. Our first trimester has just ended, and we continue to monitor and evaluate the needs of our students and teachers within this new schedule.

One goal for the trimester schedule was to continue offering students a large number of electives to more easily meet the new curriculum mandated by the State. Our students are also able to experience and enhance their education through coursework in the arts, humanities, and physical education that they would have otherwise not been able to experience without modifying coursework. Lowell High School is nationally recognized for their wide variety of AP courses and trimesters allow our students to continue receiving these valuable learning opportunities. Another bonus of the trimester is that it provides students with greater opportunities to differentiate their instruction and have opportunity for remediation during the school year. Students then have a greater chance to graduate on time, truly making graduation and learning a "journey and not a race."

The school that grandparents and parents attended some years ago has changed dramatically starting at the first onset of kindergarten and now culminating with the high school experience. Students who are currently in the educational system are preparing for jobs and careers that are not even established at this point in time. Our students also learn to be flexible in the use of their skills as many students will change their position and job status seven times during their working career.

Truly education is changing and needs to change in order to keep pace with our ever-changing world. Change is never easy in any facet of our life but the alternative of letting our students fall behind in this global market is not an option for any of us.

## Keiser's area not rezoned to commercial for the time being

by Emma Palova

The planning commission voted not to rezone the residential area surrounding Keiser's or the restaurant property to commercial due to opposition from residents, for now. The action came on the heels of Scott McDowell's withdrawal of the rezoning request for his proposed siding business.

However, the issue of rezoning in various parts of town will again be revisited at the commission's work session set for Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. because of implementation of the master plan.

The proposed rezoning would impact historical homes sitting on the eastern outskirts of town at 600th block of East Main Street. Resident Steve Morrison, who owns a 150-year-old house, stated the rezoning would impact the biggest people's investment in bad economic times.

"It's a moot point," he said, since the request for rezoning has been withdrawn anyway. Along with resident Nicole Nash, both were concerned about traffic coming from a commercial operation.

"If you rezone I will lose my property value," said Nash. "There's plenty of vacant properties available. I don't want it zoned commercial."

Also older women living in the houses would be impacted by the rezoning, according to Nash.

In contrast to residents' dissent, the commission may pursue rezonings in various parts of town in light of implementation of the newly approved master plan.

"This block lends itself nicely to commercial or mixed use," said vice-chair Clark Jahnke. "The ideas and concepts of mixed use put forward by the master plan fit this block perfect."

Jahnke maintained the residential area and Keiser's need further attention as far as rezoning to mixed uses in an area the master plan designates as downtown edge.

"You can create a new district, put it in the ordinance and decide where it will be," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

The issue will also be on the city council agenda Dec. 3.

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- King Edward VIII (1894 - 1972)

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# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

In the Lowell community there are several individuals who, over time, achieve iconic status. I was saddened to see one of Lowell's finest citizens had passed away last week, none other than Keith Heydenburg.

I had seen Keith just several weeks ago. He presented his usual charismatic and affable character traits, engaging all who would listen. He was always keenly interested in his fellow Lowell residents, wanting nothing but the best for all of them. His actions followed his heart, as evidenced by the many years of volunteer service to the community and to Lowell individuals. I know I will surely miss his wit, his smile, his honesty, and his easygoing demeanor. Lowell has lost another great citizen. My thoughts go to his family.

This comes on the heels of the sad news of George Blocher's recent passing. Although I didn't personally know George, he was one of the most recognizable people for many years in Lowell with his little red wagon, his instant boxing stance, or his latest attempt to orbit me in a frenzied gait in the Family Fare parking lot in his demonstration of his running skills in preparation for the upcoming Cherry Creek Classic 5K race. And all of that at the age of 81! He was truly an inspiration to all octogenarians.

When I arrived in Lowell in 1981 I quickly became acquainted with the longtime leaders of the community. These individuals had already made Lowell a great place to live and raise a family, mostly through their volunteer involvement or philanthropic endeavors in the 60s and 70s. People such as Charlie Doyle, Gordon Gould, Dode and George Dey, Elmer Layer, Dr. Gil Wise, Dr. Clark Vredenburg, Ivan and Carolyn Blough, Dr. Bob Reagan, Jim and Evie Marron, Harold Englehart, and King Doyle have given so much of themselves to this community. I'm sure there are many others I do not know. Many, like Ivan and Carolyn Blough, refuse to permit their volunteer efforts to diminish. Lowell has been, still is, and will be "The Next Place To Be" because of their decades-long efforts. They all should be thanked at every opportunity.

I'm sure Keith would smile and approve.  
David G. Durkee, O.D., FAAO

### Importance of public notices in your local newspaper

Since the beginning of the Internet era, experts have warned newspapers that they've seen their best years. However, a 2006 report published by the Word Association of Newspapers (WAN) involving 232 countries showed newspapers recorded a 2.3 percent increase in readers last year alone. Combining paid and free circulation newspapers, the rates increase to 4.6 percent and an overall 14.7 percent increase in the past five years. The report showed newspapers have held their own against online competitors and television, mostly due to newspapers' dedication to maintaining local news connections.

While the public may look to television or the Internet for breaking news, most local news is found in detailed reports in newspaper. When looking to find news about local schools, clubs, churches and community activities, the first place most people look would be the newspaper. The newspapers have a commitment to the community to get the story and all the details every week.

A recent concern for Michigan newspapers is a possible loss of public notices. Rumor in Lansing has it that legislators are putting together a bill to post public notices on the Internet. In a recent Epic-MRA poll, 69 percent of likely voters in Michigan look to newspapers for legal notices. Sixty-seven percent said they prefer legal notices to be placed in newspapers. Plus, many people in Barry County—and the rest of the state—do not have acceptable access to the Internet.

I think a bigger issue concerning locals will be the idea of "out of sight, out of mind." Some government officials are promoting moving locals from local newspapers to a state-wide legal Website, claiming this would save money. But really it's easier to do business without the public becoming aware of just what's going on.

I remember a response from a former public official a

few years ago who said, "I wish you wouldn't print what's going on, it makes it hard to govern." His quote says it all: An uninformed public is much easier to govern; when the public participates, government officials have to deal with citizen demands.

Each week, this publication prints public notices giving you the reader information that could impact you. It's important for you to stay informed by reading the notices and keeping up with what your local government is doing. A recent survey of active voters in Michigan reported that 69 percent believe legal notices should continue to be published in local newspapers. It went on to say that 70 percent receive one or more newspapers or purchase one or more at a newsstand which they read, and 60 percent trust legal notices as permanent records, placed in local newspapers, independent of government. Of those surveyed, 69 percent said they are more likely to notice and read the notices in their local newspaper, vs. 20 percent who said they would look for them on government Internet site. Another very important issue not discussed on the report or at the legislative level is the revenue generated to newspapers. In many markets, publishers rely on legal notices for badly needed income. Not only do newspapers receive funding for the space purchased, the revenue has an impact on the cost of local coverage. It's one way to make government accountable to the people. State law requires citizens be informed of certain governmental activity through paid public notices like those you see in this newspaper each week. Hardly a week passes without some notice being printed here. These legal advertisements affect you, your family and the community. At this newspaper, we take reading the notices and understanding their implications very seriously. We need to keep these documents in front of the public where you can read and hopefully discuss how the changes will affect you and your neighbors. Contact your state legislators and let them know you do not support legislation changing the requirement to publish all legal notices in the local newspaper.

Fred Jacobs  
Vice President, J-Ad Graphics

To The Editor,

I cannot sit back and say nothing after reading the article "Vergennes opposes city's taking of air easements." Our city is in the headline again. You would think that this time of year you would be reading "Community shines with good will toward all men. Not Lowell. Lowell has had a sad year with the demise of Lowell Cable TV, an ongoing scrap with the city council over preservation of the property on North Washington St. and the loss of many of the city's healthy trees. Then what's better yet to top the season off than going to circuit court over gaining something that does not belong to the city of Lowell—land never should be. This is just a poor reflection of our community and our city council can end this. Will the city council do the right thing and cancel their demands? Then we can put a star on top of our tree this year.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard

Dear Editor,

I'm sending you this letter I sent to the Ada/Lowell 5. I wanted our community to be aware—some teenagers do care about family values.

I'm a Lowell area teenager who was looking through the paper two weeks ago to see what movies you were showing. I was discouraged to see that all the movies you were showing at the time were all rated R, except for one movie. I thought if the theatre doesn't care enough for families to give them more than one movie to choose from, what draws me to give them my business? Nothing—[the theatre isn't] drawing my business by playing mostly R-rated movies. I'm not writing this letter to upset anyone. I just want to give them something to think about. I want to tell you that some people care about seeing good family films, although other theatres might be playing mostly R-rated films. Does our little town of Lowell theatre have to?

I hope this note changes [the theatre] playing the movies they do.

Have a good day!  
Karis Dilly



125 YEARS AGO  
THE LOWELL JOURNAL  
NOVEMBER 29, 1882

No entries.

100 YEARS AGO  
THE LOWELL LEDGER  
NOVEMBER 28, 1907

W.T. Burch, one of our reliable, long-time subscribers, has changed his address from Burch, South Dakota to College Place, Washington.

The new sparrow bounty law goes into effect Dec. 1 and provides for payments of two cents a head for sparrows, no order to be given for less than 10 "complete" birds in "good repair." The township and city clerks issue the orders on the county treasurer. Now look out for the boy and the gun.

75 YEARS AGO  
THE LOWELL LEDGER  
AND ALTO SOLO  
NOVEMBER 24, 1932

We are informed that through the cooperation of the Village Council and the Lowell Board of Trade, an outdoor skating rink will be in operation at Recreation Park as soon as weather conditions permit.

Headline: "Insect Plague Was Caused by Boxelder" - Some time during the early fall, great swarms of long, red insects were seen in various places around town. Their presence created more or less wonder and sometimes excitement as pedestrians found themselves surrounded with clouds of the flying pests.

50 YEARS AGO  
THE LOWELL LEDGER  
NOVEMBER 28, 1957

Among State Highway projects to be let in on bidding in December will be a stretch of the new super U.S. 16. This 8.5 mile section will be from M-66 the Ionia road to Nash Highway, the Clarksville road.

Headline: "Frank Newell, Lowell Manufacturer, Dies Sunday Following a Heart Attack" - Frank M. Newell, president of the Newell Manufacturing Company and active in many civic affairs, died Sunday afternoon following a short illness.

25 YEARS AGO  
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER  
NOVEMBER 24, 1982

Headline: "New Restaurant to Open Here Soon"...The temptation for area residents will be Rivertown Mall's new restaurant - A Bit of Europe, Too, which, according to co-owner Muriel Dilley, is scheduled to open the first week of December.

November 29 is the turn-on date for Lowell Cable TV Service, according to Lowell Light & Power Superintendent Herb Haines.

# Lowell graduate working at CERN in Switzerland

by Molly Benningfield  
Editor

for a temporary replacement  
for Katie Yurkewicz, who

was tentatively offered the  
position.

With funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, she was on her way to fill in as Editor/Temp at Fermilab, working in Yurkewicz's position.

In only six months since graduating from Michigan State University in May, Katie McAlpine has seen two sides of the Atlantic Ocean and worked for companies that most college grads can only dream of.

McAlpine, 22 and a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School, first moved just north of Washington, DC, for a science writing internship with the American Physical Society. Afterward, she hopped a plane and began work at the CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research), the world's largest particle physics center, in Switzerland.

McAlpine credits much of her luck to "being in the right place at the right time." While she was working at the APS, one of her bosses was part of a task force looking

was the U.S. press contact at CERN. McAlpine sent in her resume, and met with the head of communications

of next year, which means that I made it just in time to go into the tunnels and caverns, to see the particle

detectors and accelerator ring up close before they close to visitors," McAlpine said in an e-mail interview. "The detectors are coming together, the various systems are being completed, and the excitement is building."

McAlpine has for protons and particles isn't anything new. She said she's been interested in science for as long as she can remember, experimenting with circuit-building in elementary school and participating in long discussions with her dad in the car about evolution, extra dimensions and the Big Bang Theory.

McAlpine went to MSU for writing and physics to further her interest, and said the job at CERN is "a decent mirror" of what she'd like to do in her career, although she would like to write more.

Many of the particles being created in the collisions at CERN aren't seen everyday, and some haven't been around since the few seconds after the Big Bang, McAlpine said.

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"Organizing tours and interviews for journalists requires a lot of time," McAlpine said. "Still, I get to write a few articles about physics and scientists that will show up in places like www.livescience.com and Symmetry, a magazine on particle physics."

She said scientific research is "notoriously difficult to explain well" and that part of what she wants to do is to create a bridge that will make physics more accessible and easier to understand. "The [research] papers are written in the language and level of detail that other researchers in their field understand, but for an outsider, it can be almost impossible to comprehend." Working at CERN, as well as the APS, has given her the chance to diminish that barrier.



Katie McAlpine

## Reflections of faith

by Rev. Randy Meyers

Calvary Christian Reformed Church

During our evening worship times, we are praying through lines of the Lord's Prayer. 'Give us this day our daily bread' is a fitting prayer for Thanksgiving. It may also be a fitting prayer for the day after Thanksgiving. This prayer is stuffed with challenge and has the potential to sustain us beyond what we can imagine. It certainly could keep us in shape throughout the upcoming month of holiday parties.

What is in 'our daily bread' prayer? It contains a request that God take care of us physically. God does this well. It also challenges us not to get lazy with God or others for our bread. God gives different bread to different folk. To some, God may give grain. God may give others a frozen tube of dough. God may give some an un-sliced loaf. Each partnership with God is unique. We are called to different work with God for our daily bread.

However we often fall into the fallacy that we have provided our own bread. We worked. We saved. We shopped. We toasted. We spread the butter and strawberry jam. It must be our bread. Yet it is our bread only because God gave it to us. We need our daily reminder in prayer. We need the reminder from an old theologian I read, "that neither our work or worry can do us any good without God's blessing."

The problem is that I can hardly remember the last time I was hungry for just bread. There are exceptions like when I am sick. Other than that, my hunger is usually by choice. One time in college, some buddies and I hiked on the Appalachian Trail. We were constantly hungry. We could never eat enough to replace our spent calories. Food and water were our passion. We were fixated on finding water and dreamt about food. I remember people and places from that summer by what we ate with them and where we were when we ate. We trusted God and complete strangers for food, water, shelter, and even rides.

But now I don't pray for bread much. I eat when I want. I eat more than I want. I love bread. I have garlic bread with my spaghetti, a buttered roll with my potatoes, cheesy bread with my pizza, toast with canned jam in the

winter, toast with tomato in the summer, or toast with cinnamon and sugar just for a snack. Still I seem hungrier now. Maybe my newspaper which used to be a barometer yet now is engorged with advertisements has become a thermometer turning up my discontent? Maybe I am not hungry enough?

Jesus often went into the wilderness. Once he fasted for forty days. Satan tempted him to turn some stones into dinner rolls to prove he was God. Jesus proved it by eating only the bread of God found in the Bible. Later Jesus was called the Bread of Life. In my office I have a picture that hung in my Grandmother's kitchen. It is of an old man praying over a loaf of bread and bowl of soup. It reminds me of Jesus. When I see him he looks very hungry and very satisfied at the same time.

I would certainly insist on a doctor consultation before trying any type of spiritually disciplined fast. We are not Jesus. But maybe we need a dose of nothing but daily bread for awhile. Just daily bread would scrape at our excess. Yet strangely enough, God blesses us with so much more than just daily bread. We are graciously sustained with God's daily bread and that is a blessing.

# HEALTH



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



## COPD

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a condition that causes chronic shortness of breath. It usually occurs in adults over the age of 40, especially in those with a history of smoking. In COPD, air becomes trapped in the lungs due to mucus plugging or damage to the small air sacs within the lung.

COPD is usually due to smoking, but you are also at risk if you are chronically exposed to dust, fumes or smoke. Rarely, a genetic enzyme deficiency may lead to COPD.

COPD usually starts slowly and progresses over several years until symptoms finally become noticeable. The most common symptoms are wheezing, persistent coughing, and shortness of breath. COPD is sometimes broken down into separate categories as either emphysema or chronic bronchitis.

To diagnose COPD your doctor will listen to your lungs, review a chest x-ray, and perform a pulmonary function test in the office. The diagnosis is usually straightforward but sometimes a high resolution CT scan will be ordered to aid in making the correct diagnosis.

There is no cure for COPD. The damage that has been done to your lungs cannot be reversed. Quitting smoking is extremely important to prevent further decline of lung function and worsening of the disease. Medications such as bronchodilators, steroids and occasionally antibiotics are prescribed to alleviate symptoms. In more severe cases, oxygen is prescribed and is usually given 24 hours a day.

If you have COPD you must quit smoking. Talk to your doctor about Chantix or other prescription drugs that may assist your efforts. Try to exercise daily and if you are overweight, losing weight will usually help your symptoms. Be sure to get a pneumonia shot and an annual flu shot.



## Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold  
Edward Jones  
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### CONSIDERING BONDS? BE AWARE OF "CALL RISK"

When you buy a bond, it's yours until you sell it or it matures, right? Not always. Sometimes, the bond issuer can buy it back early. If that happens, your investment plans can change — so you'll want to be prepared to take action.

Why would a bond issuer buy back, or "call," a bond? The answer is pretty straightforward: to save money. When

market interest rates drop, the issuer, such as a corporation, or state or local government (virtually all U.S. Treasury bonds are not callable) may decide to call its bonds, pay off bondholders like you, then reissue new bonds at the lower rates, thereby saving money on interest payments — and depriving you of a high-yielding asset.

At first glance, this scenario may not look particularly favorable, but you're not quite as vulnerable as you might think. First, "callable" bonds, because they contain the risk of being cashed in early, may offer a higher interest rate than comparable, but non-callable, bonds. Also, some issuers may pay you a "call premium" — such as one year's worth of interest — when they call your bond.

How can you know if a bond can be called? Before you buy a bond, check its specific terms, which are contained in its indenture — the written agreement between the bond issuer and the bondholders. These terms include the bond's

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## First-year hunter gets her deer

Amanda Jakubiak, 14, a student at Lowell Middle School, bagged an 8-point buck on Nov. 19 in her first year of hunting. She shot the buck near Roger City, north of Alpena with her dad.



## Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER 28:  
Shelly Hildenbrand  
Richmond, Lee Miller.

DECEMBER 2:  
Chelsey Treglia, Kari Bergy,  
Karly Batt.

DECEMBER 4:  
Tennille Bryant, Autumn  
French, Casey French.

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

DECEMBER 3:  
Chris Chambers, Christine  
Gillies, Amanda Sterzick,  
Richard Kline.

NOVEMBER 30:  
Jason Craig, Todd Ryder, Joe  
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## Christmas events, continued ... From page 1

Before the parade, activities will include the all new Lowell Area Historical Museum's "A Cup of Christmas Tea". Hostess Jeanne Hawkins will share customs and traditions of Victorian Christmas times in the lovely decorated museum parlor, while you partake in tea and elegant light refreshments; cost per person is \$20 and seating is limited.

Check out the Flat River Freeze Ice Challenge on the Riverwalk Plaza where you can enjoy Grand Rapids Community College students carving ice sculptures. The carving will commence at 12:30 p.m. sharp and end at 4:30 p.m. The carvers will receive a subject to carve and be given a four-hour window to carve and create their own ice spectaculars. The Chamber will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards. Spectators are encouraged to be a part of the excitement in this skilled and artful challenge by voting on the "people's choice" award.

Rudolph's Craft Workshop is brought to you by Lowell Area Schools' Tots on Track and will be held at the Chamber. Children ages 2 - 6 can make a Christmas craft from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Kent County Youth Fair is sponsoring a hearty pancake supper of sausage, eggs, pancakes, coffee and hot chocolate. Supper will be served from 4 to 8

p.m. at the King Memorial Youth Center located at the fairgrounds. Children can eat and chat with Santa from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. as Santa prepares to bring Christmas to the City of Lowell. Donations at the door.

The big news of course is the first ever night-time parade! Just prior to the parade at 5:45 p.m., Lowell Light and Power will be lighting the Town Christmas Tree, just outside the Riverwalk Plaza. Keeping in with "Green" the communities, the tree will be lit with 1000 led lights, using 1/10 the energy as standard Christmas Lights and lasting our community longer. eja Salon will be selling glow necklaces along the parade route to help "light the night"; proceeds will go to the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

The parade will step off at 6 p.m. sharp from the Lowell fairgrounds and travel east along historic Main Street to the First United Methodist Church.

The parade has many exciting entries this holiday season; first will be the Queen of the parade, Rachel Johnson who won that right from the October Girls' Night Out event. Rachel and her guests will ride in the Dadds limo right behind the VFW color guard. The Lowell Area Fire Department will bring in the rest of the parade with lights and sirens.

The Lowell High School and Middle School marching bands, along with the Creston High School marching band will perform Christmas' tunes adding to the festivities.

Many of our businesses and non-profits have created beautiful floats.

One float that will have parade spectators cheering is the entry from the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's entry, is an exact replica, one-sixth scale of the Lowell Showboat. The miniature showboat was built by Chamber Members under the direction of Ivan K. Blough, Mr. Showboat himself. The project took volunteers over 1500 hours to complete!

Last but not least is the star of the parade, the one and only Jolly Old St. Nick and his faithful partner Mrs. Claus riding in surrey owned and driven by Brian Doyle.

After the parade visitors can enjoy Santa Visits and pictures on the Magical Lowell Showboat (with the pictures provided free of charge by River Valley Credit Union), viewing the finished ice sculptures, Christmas carolers and late night shopping along our beautifully decorated Main Street. Many of the retailers will host an array of fun in their stores to lure in the shoppers. Why go anywhere else to do your

Christmas shopping when you can do it all in a stress-free atmosphere, find free parking and plenty of fresh air?

Put Lowell on your holiday shopping list, Saturday, Dec. 1, beginning at 12:30 p.m. and lasting into the night. For more information and times, call the Chamber at 897-9161 or check out the web site at [www.discoverlowell.org](http://www.discoverlowell.org).

Lowell, Saturday, Dec. 1, at 12:30 p.m. into "Light the Night" Flat River Freeze Ice Sculpture Challenge. See the ice sculptures 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. created by college students as they compete for your vote in the Peoples Choice Award.

"A cup of Christmas

Tea" Lowell Area Historical Museum's Victorian Christmas Tea, 325 W. Main St., 3 - 5 p.m.

Rudolph's Craft Workshop in the Chamber 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. (children 2 - 6).

Rogue River Artisans Arts & Craft Christmas Sale at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes Street, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sleigh Bells & Holly, a gallery of fine art and gifts at the Lowell Arts Council, 149 S Hudson, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Lighting of the town Christmas tree 5:45 p.m. by Lowell Light & Power.

The first time night-time annual Santa parade 6 p.m. Beginning at the fairgrounds

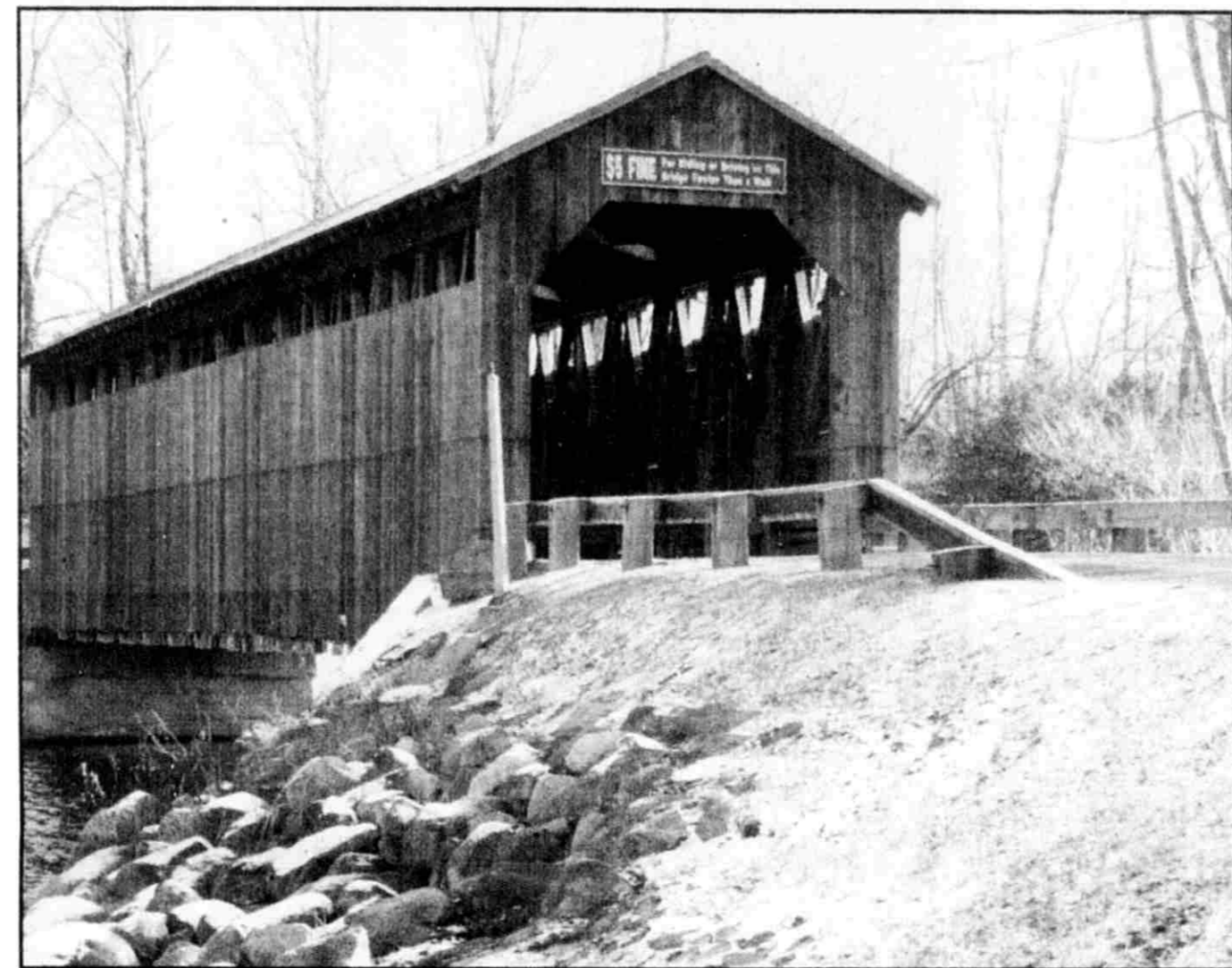
and traveling along Historic Main Street.

Kent County Youth Fair's Pancake supper serving from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Pancake supper with Santa 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. at the Youth Memorial Center at the fairgrounds.

Santa visits & pictures on Robert E Lee 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the Showboat Riverwalk Plaza, pictures provided free by River Valley Credit Union.

Late Night Shopping & Eateries along Historic Main Street all day and most stores open until 9 p.m. for your shopping convenience, enjoy discounts, sales and special.



The touch of snow that fell on Tuesday helped give the area a holiday feeling.

## Sleigh Bells & Holly exhibit bigger and better this year

by Emma Palova

With more new artists this year, the Sleigh Bells & Holly exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council is as diverse as the stars in winter sky.

New this year is the P.M. Leger Collection by Marta Carvajal. The collection features handmade stoneware tiles, ornaments, figurines and fine art work.

All the pieces in the show are for sale, as they make fine gifts for Christmas. One of many gift items are all natural healing soaps by Roxanne Knott of Rockford.

Knott started making soaps when her mother Lynn Hiser of Lowell was suffering from chronic fatigue. She did research, and found out 100 percent pure olive oil soap would help cleanse the body from toxins.

From then on, the

business snowballed with other friends, who had eczema, asking for help.

"It just kept growing," said Knott holding a sesame orange soap good for healing eczema.

Knott uses vegetable oils for her soap base, essential oils for scent and cherry juice from H&W Farms for swirls.

From soaps, Knott expanded into lotions, lip balms and aromatherapy with partner Laura Getzen.

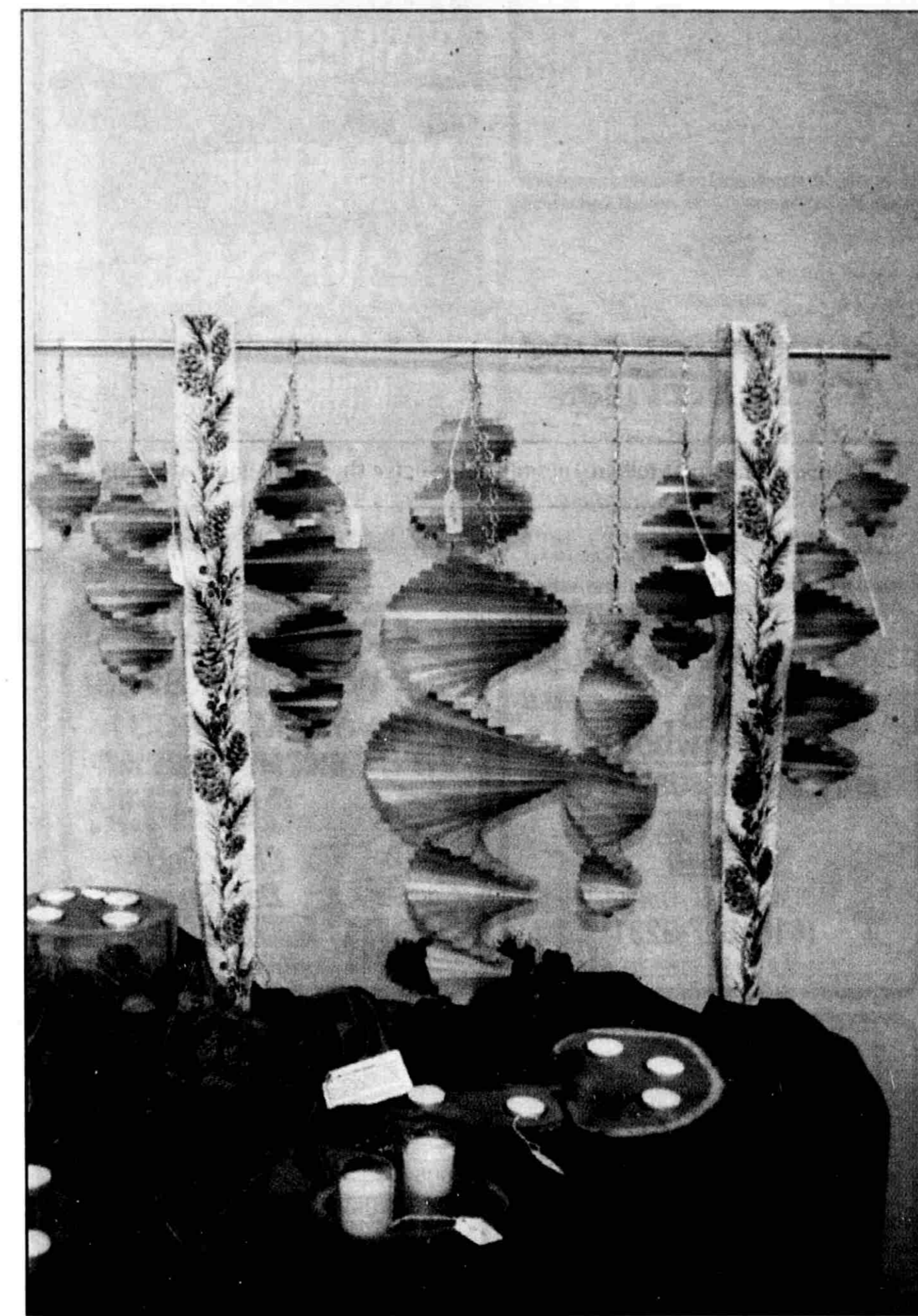
Among the mainstays of the show are area artists Julie DeVoe, Gary Dietzel, Zurina Ariffin and the Flat River woodcarvers, along with many others.

"We have a bigger and better show this year," said marketing director Steve Samson.

The show runs through Dec. 22 with gallery hours Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

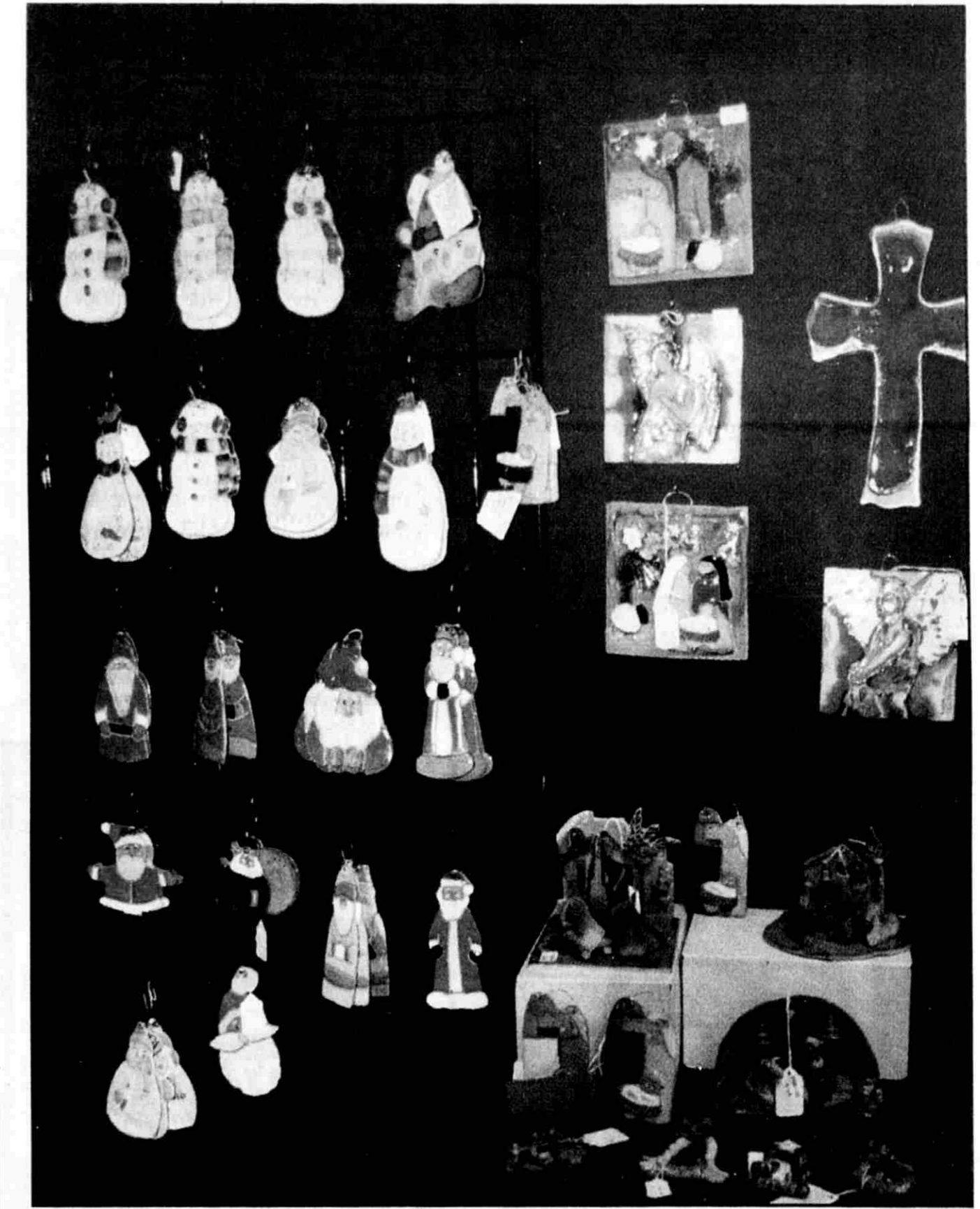


Roxanne Knott is one of many exhibitors of the Sleigh Bells & Holly show at the Lowell Area Arts Council.



Leon Saladin's intricate ornaments are unique.

Above right, the P.M. Doll Leger Collection by Marta Carvajal features handmade ornaments and tiles.



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## "Got Milk?" Lowell elementary students enjoy school breakfast

"Got Milk?" was the theme of the recent school breakfast promotion at Lowell Elementary Schools. Students enjoyed a visit from "Erma" the cow, mascot of the United Dairy Industry of Michigan. Students eating school breakfast the week of Nov. 12-16, were eligible for prizes, such as "Got Milk" tote bags, soccer balls, and school supplies.

Cherry Creek students participated in the "Got Milk?" mustache campaign and had their pictures taken with the "milk mustache." Each student purchasing breakfast

received their picture in a "Got Milk?" photo frame.

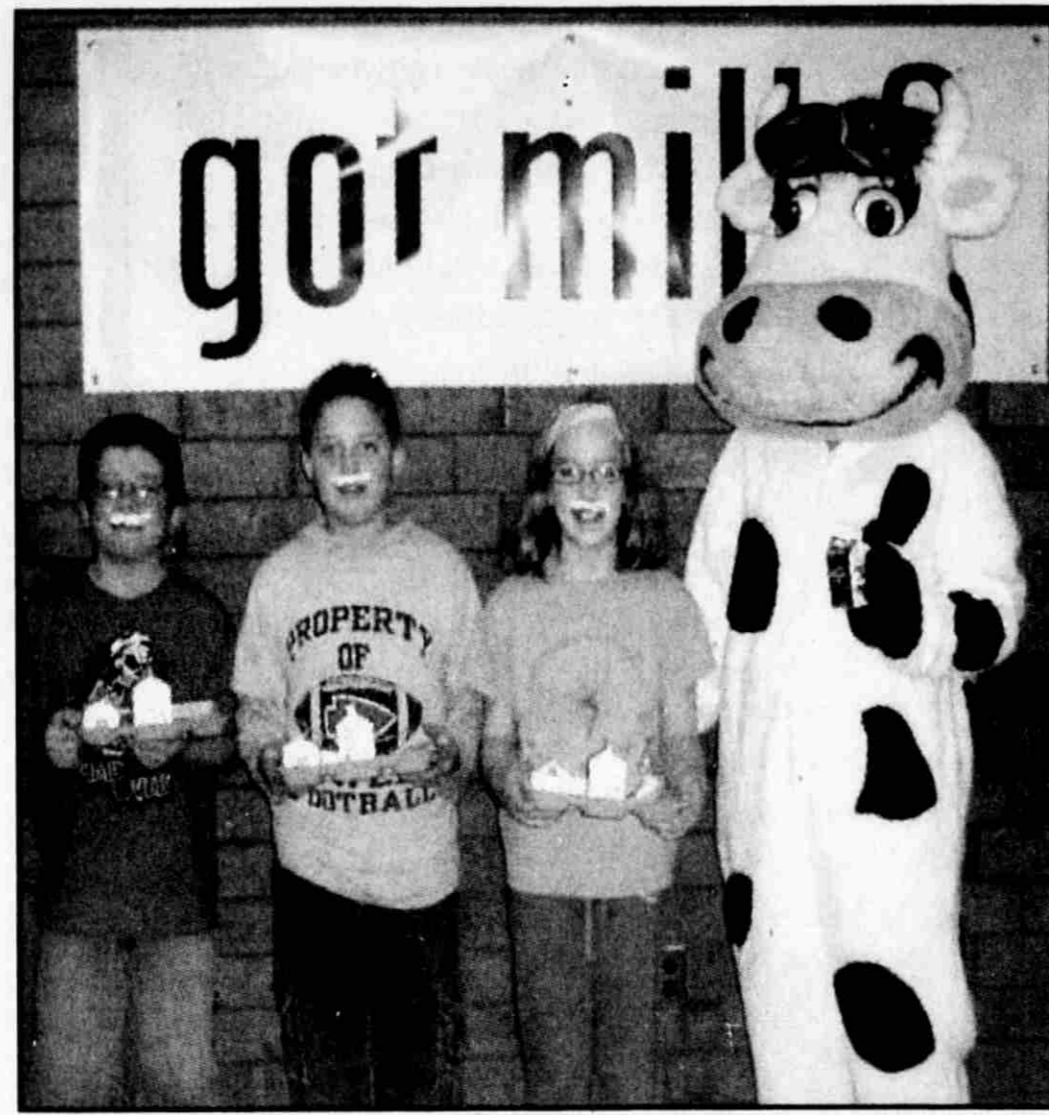
Each building's media center was presented with two books related to food, nutrition, and the dairy industry.

Every Lowell Area School building offers breakfast daily. Breakfast is available for \$1 at elementary level, \$1.20 at Middle and High School, \$0.30 for families qualified for reduced price meals, and free for qualified families.

School breakfast provides the necessary fuel to start a day of learning and achievement. Research has shown that children who eat school breakfast at school:

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## Alto girl prepares for U.S. National team in stickfighting

Mariah Moore, of Alto, traveled to Milwaukee, Wis., in November to compete in the W.E.K.A.F. (World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation) Midwest Regional Championships to represent Michigan.

Moore competed in Traditional Multiple Weapons (forms), single stick fighting and in double stick fighting, and finished with three gold medals to sweep the event.

Moore is now preparing for a spot on the U.S. National team, who will compete against countries from around the world at 10th World Championships

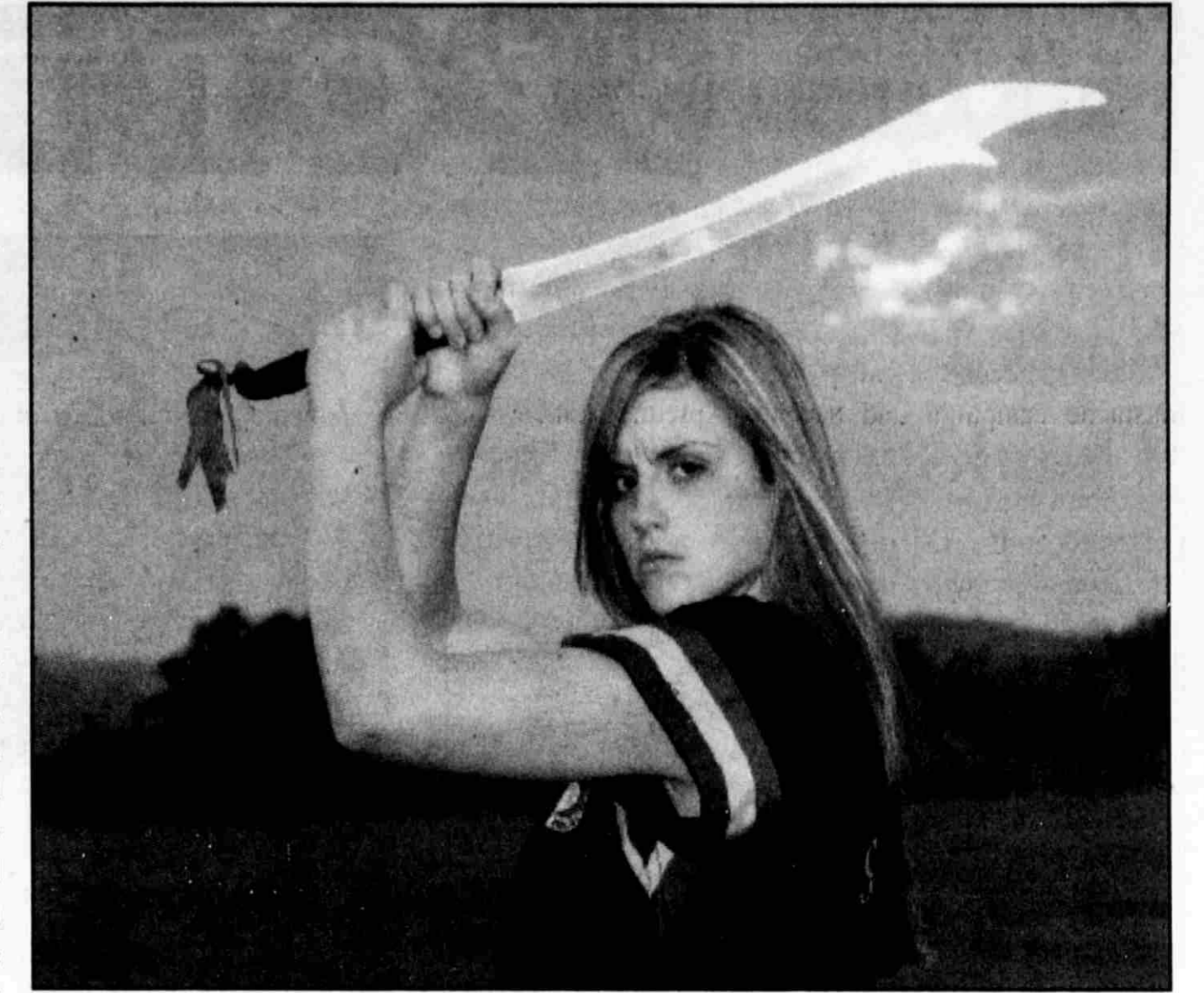
in the Philippines in July 2008. Only competitors placing 1st or 2nd at the Regional meet earned the right to compete.

She has trained under several different teachers, who are all world-class masters of the art. Her Grand Master is Karate Hall of Fame's Ric Bong Jornales, a former world champion.

Mariah is known to be a major contender for the world stickfighting championships. Mushtaq Ali, head of Pencak Silat Zulfikari, sees Mariah as an anomaly to the martial arts status quo. "She's a martial arts prodigy, and

her age and gender make her exceptionally rare," Zulfikari said. "Mariah's gifts actually border on physical genius, we're only seeing the beginning here, not the end result. You almost can't imagine what she'll be like in 10 or 15 years."

By the age of 12, Alto's karate kid had earned a spot on the U.S. National Team in Philippine Martial Arts and had secured two World Championship titles and two gold medals for the United States - one in Traditional Multiple Weapons and One in Full Contact Double Stick Fighting.



Mariah Moore will represent the Midwest at the U.S. National team tryouts in stickfighting. Photo by Lawrence Heibel

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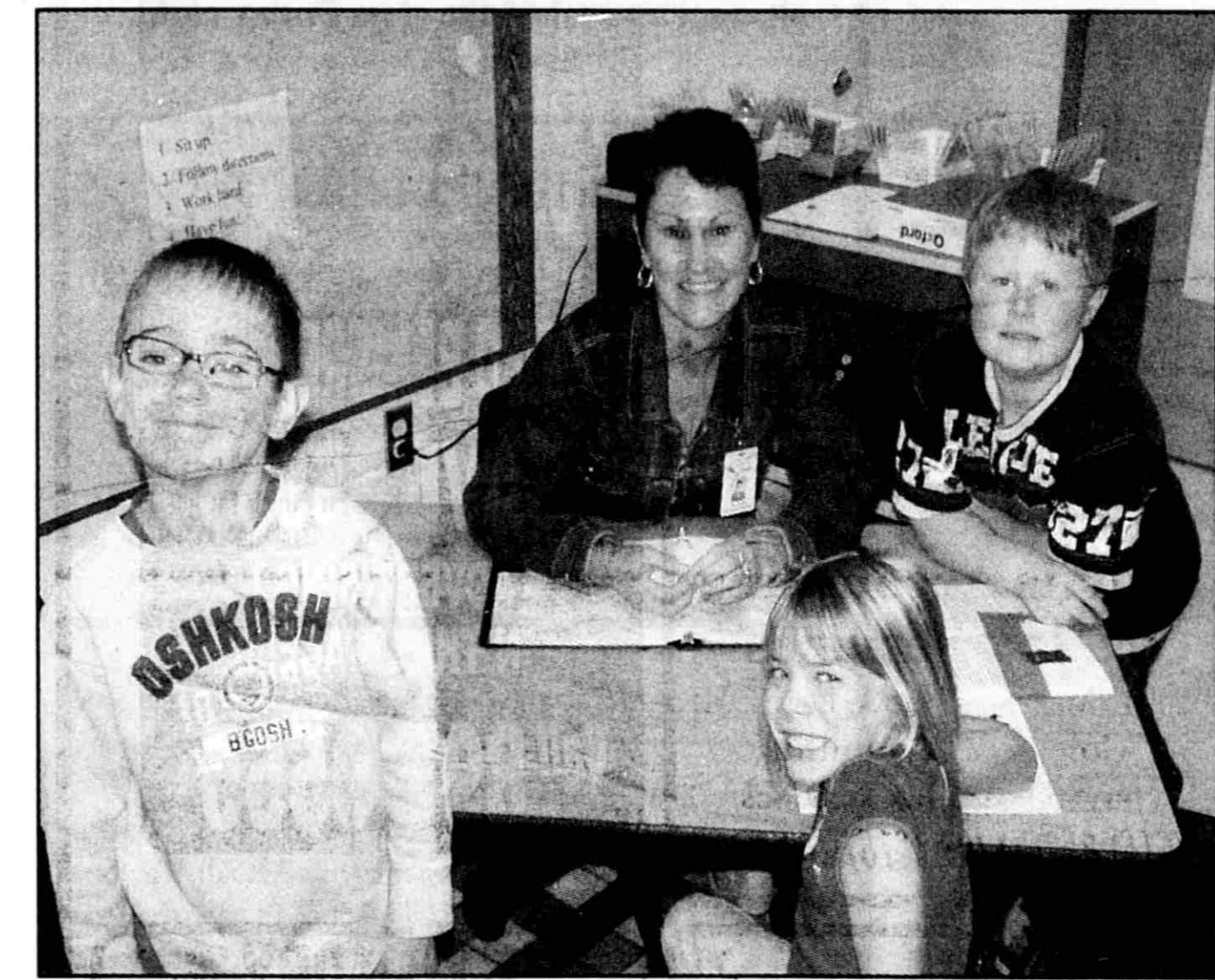
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## Murray Lake names staff member of the month



Sue Gordon was named Murray Lake staff member of the month for October. Many staff members nominated Gordon, commenting on her willingness to do whatever it takes to help struggling readers.

Gordon has worked at Murray Lake since it opened in the fall of 2004. Before that, she worked in both the

Sparta and Northview school districts. Gordon has taught junior high, first grade, and second grade.

Gordon ran a reading program this summer at Murray Lake to make sure struggling readers continued their reading practice over the summer months. Gordon comments, "It was great to start with Lowell the year

Murray Lake opened. The staff was very welcoming. I like teaching at Murray Lake because we have excellent leadership and a 'team' atmosphere."

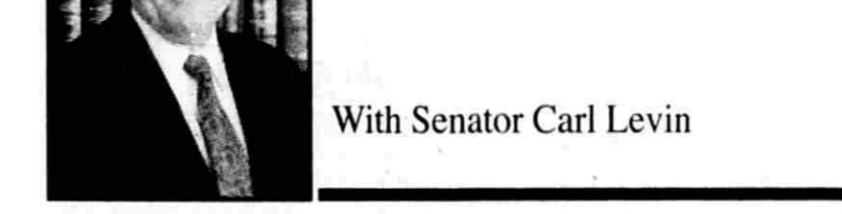
Gordon resides in Rockford with her husband Dave. They have four children.

Pictured with Gordon are students, Jonathan Kehoe, Kenzington Kramer, and Jason Moore.

**On the whole human beings want to be good, but not too good, and not quite all the time.**

- George Orwell (1903 - 1950)

## Protecting history in the Great Lakes



With Senator Carl Levin

Since the time glaciers receded leaving our pleasant peninsulas, the Great Lakes have shaped Michigan. And physical boundaries are only the beginning. From the Native Americans who lived around and explored the lakes and adjacent land, to the European settlers who developed trading routes for furs, then lumber, and eventually automobiles that Michigan shipped around the world, the Great Lakes hold the story of Michigan's history. One part of that story is being preserved at the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and earlier this month I introduced legislation to expand that sanctuary.

Thunder Bay has been a regular byway for ships traveling on Lake Huron, and it earned the name "Shipwreck Alley" because the geography and weather patterns in the bay led to over 300 shipwrecks. Thanks to a partnership established in 2000 between the State of Michigan and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary protects the wreckage of 116 ships. It includes 448 square miles of water and 115 miles of shoreline.

The cold temperature and fresh water of Lake Huron have preserved many of the shipwreck sites, creating an underwater museum of maritime history. The shipwrecks span the 19th and 20th centuries and cover a wide variety of ship types and cargo, providing a wealth of information to researchers and students. The sanctuary is an unparalleled treasure for divers and snorkelers.

In 2005, NOAA opened the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena, an educational station and visitors' center that traces maritime history in the Great Lakes. Families, school groups and history buffs can even explore the shipwrecks by live video feeds from divers in the sanctuary, extending the reach of the vast educational opportunities in the sanctuary not only to large numbers of visitors each year, but to people around the country who visit the other 13 NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries.

These shipwrecks are a piece of history that must be carefully protected. NOAA initially proposed that the sanctuary cover an area twice as big as was established in 2000, but the proposal had to be scaled back to address concerns raised by some in the local community. Now, community leaders and residents agree that it is time to expand the sanctuary.

Under my proposal, the new sanctuary boundaries would include the historic site of one of the most intact shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, the Cornelia B. Windiate. This three-mast schooner sank in 1875 while delivering wheat from Milwaukee to Buffalo. The expanded sanctuary would also include the H.P. Bridge, a three-mast wooden ship that sank with a payload of pottery, clothing, ship tackle and hardware, all preserved since it sank in 1869. In total, the expansion would include 3,722 square miles of water, 226 miles of shoreline and an estimated 178 additional shipwrecks, although many shipwreck sites remain unexplored.

As we work to preserve this piece of history in the Great Lakes, we have also recently made major progress to protect the Great Lakes as a whole and to ensure that commercial navigation channels are maintained. Overriding a presidential veto, Congress passed the Water Resources Development Act earlier this month. The law will help our

fight to stop invasive species like Asian carp from entering the Great lakes, to address the dredging backlog that impacts shipping channels and harbors, to prevent sewage systems from overflowing into Michigan lakes and rivers, and to move forward on studies and programs to protect the Great Lakes environment and ecosystem.

By protecting "Shipwreck Alley" and expanding the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, we can preserve a special chapter in the history of the Great Lakes. And by continuing to fight to make the Great Lakes safe and clean for the use and enjoyment of future generations, I hope that we can write another successful, prosperous chapter for Michigan's people and for our Great Lakes.

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# RED ARROW SPORTS



## Hockey team hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Thanksgiving tourney

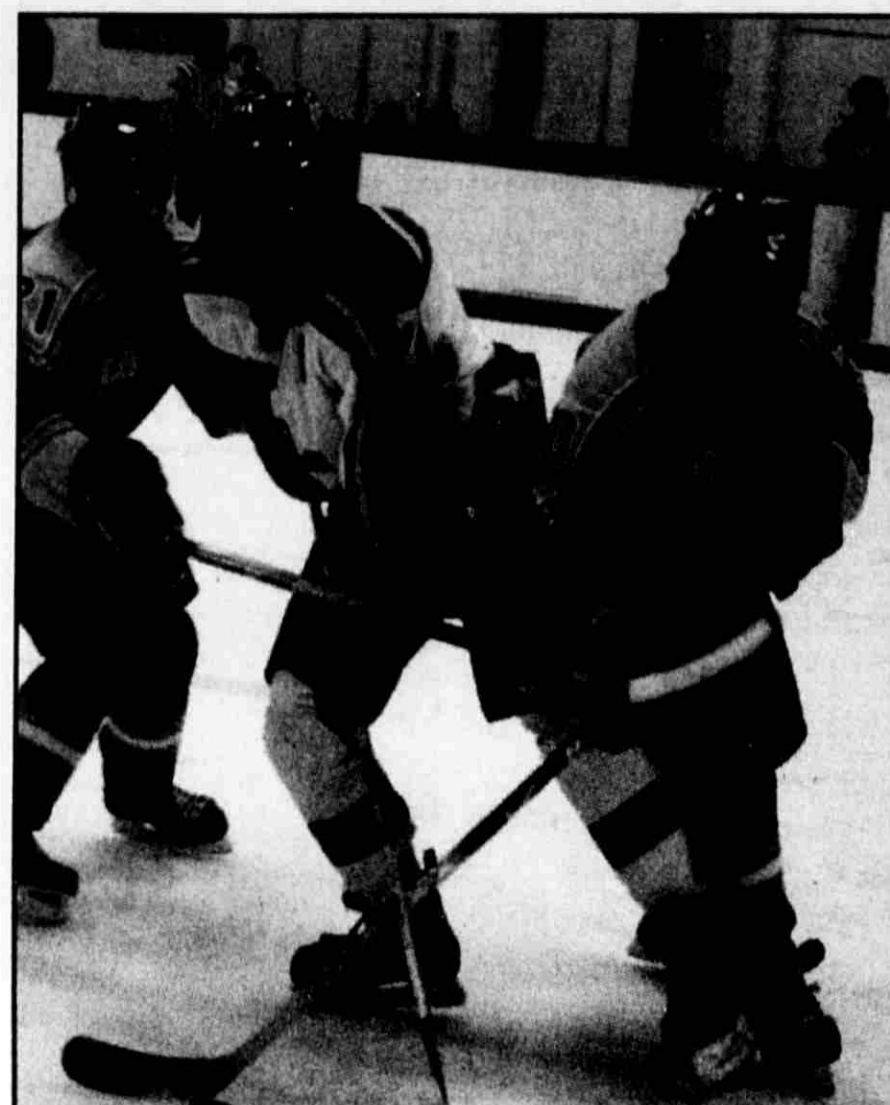
by Molly Benningfield  
Editor

Rochester United seemed a bit too united for the Lowell/Caledonia varsity hockey team Friday night, as they beat the Arrows 6-0 at Patterson Arena in the first round of the annual Thanksgiving tournament.

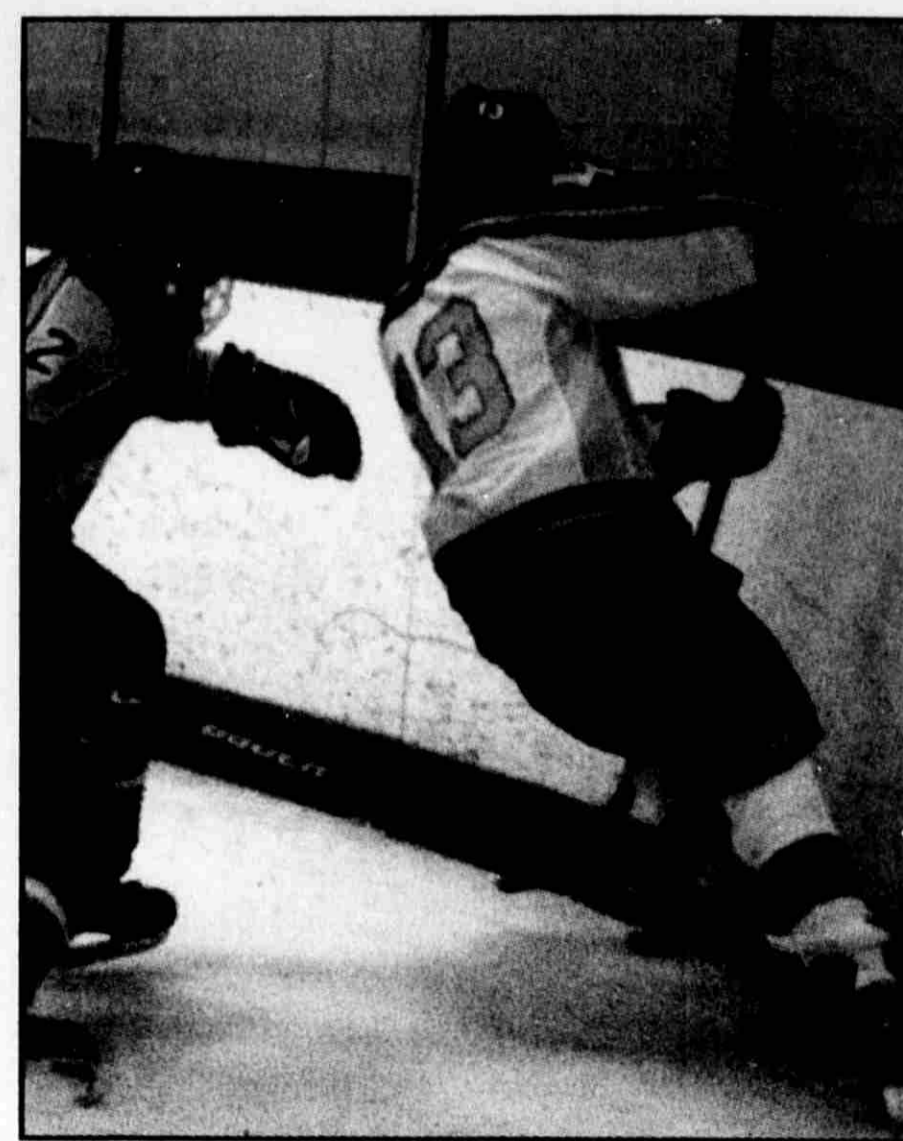
The Arrows couldn't get the puck near Rochester's

end much during the three periods, and ended scoreless on Friday.

Saturday's consolation game against the Bay City Thunder was a much different story, with the Arrows winning 5-1. Warren-Sterling United won the championship match later Saturday against Rochester, 4-3.



Jordan Steger (7), a senior forward from Caledonia, fights off opponents.



Kyle Baker (13), a senior forward from Lowell, goes up against the glass Friday night.

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## The Benning-Fielder

by Molly Benningfield  
Sports editor



### Girl power on the court

As a girl who grew up playing and watching sports, seeing Sylvia Fowles of LSU's women's basketball team dunk last week was pretty awe-inspiring.

Sure, it's been done before. By five other women. In the history of women's college basketball. The last woman to do it was Candice Parker of Tennessee in the NCAA tournament in 2006. It's been too long between these two dunk shots. I'm a big fan of slamming down the ball. It excites the team, the arena and the fans at home. It causes a change in mentality. It can serve as the bridge between a slow-moving offense to one on fire. And while it's almost certain that a dunk will happen at least once - if not more - in most men's games, that tradition hasn't traveled over to the female side.

Fowles said she wanted to dunk in the game because her coach wouldn't let her during the practice beforehand. Talk about gumption. Fowles stole the basketball from a Louisiana-Lafayette opponent and ran with it, approaching the net by herself and slamming it in.

The sixth-ranked team won the game 72-37, but it was the dunk heard 'round the world (although it didn't get nearly as much attention as I thought it would...)

Fowles joins an elite group of women who have dunked, and will hopefully spark a revolution of stuff shots.

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# RED ARROW SPORTS



## Boss and Sprague named to GR Press All-Area Dream Team

Two Red Arrow football players were named to the Grand Rapids Press All-Area Dream Team for the fall 2007 season.

Taylor Sprague, a senior, and Torsten Boss, a junior, were both named to the Offensive first team.

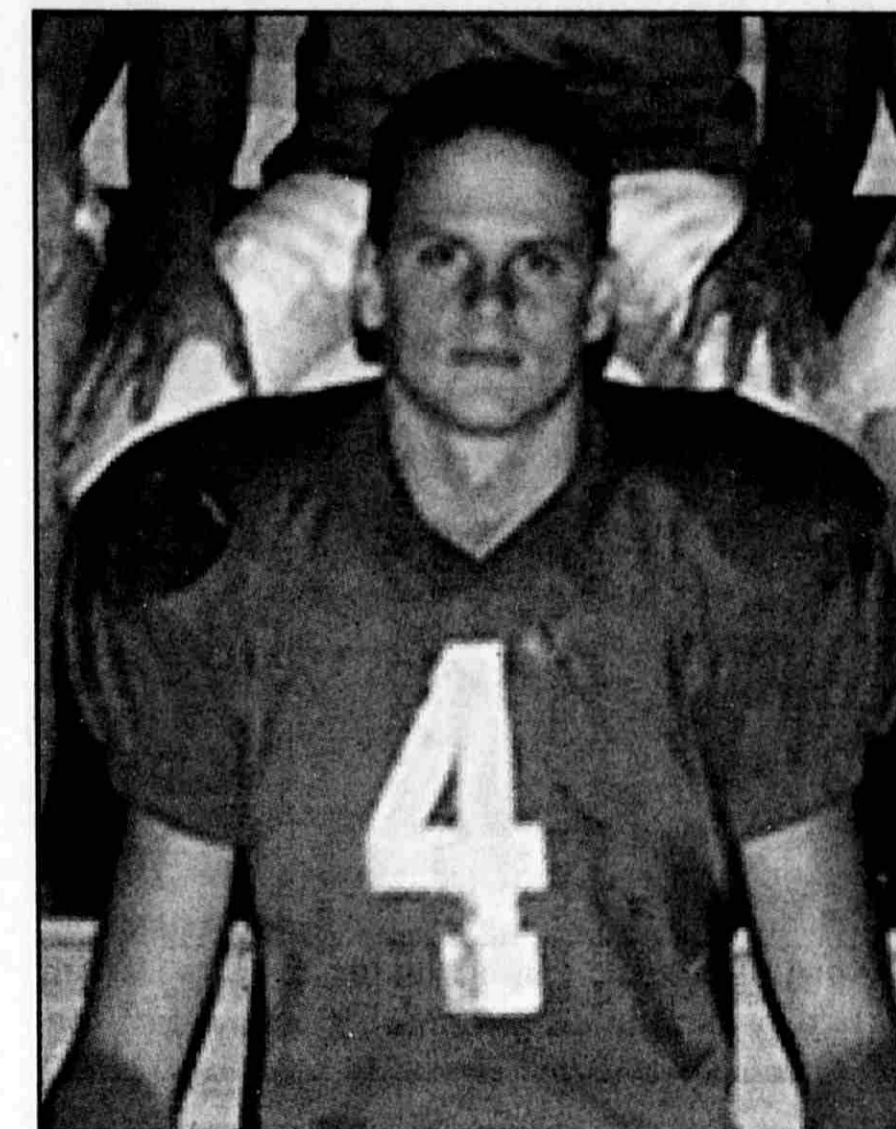
Sprague was the only Arrow to be named to the Division 1-2 all-state team, and was one of six players to make the All-Conference team for the OK-White. Sprague was a two-year starter for the Arrows and helped the team to a 10-3 record that included three huge playoff wins. Sprague ends his tenure for Lowell football with a stellar track record.

Boss was also named to the All-Conference team

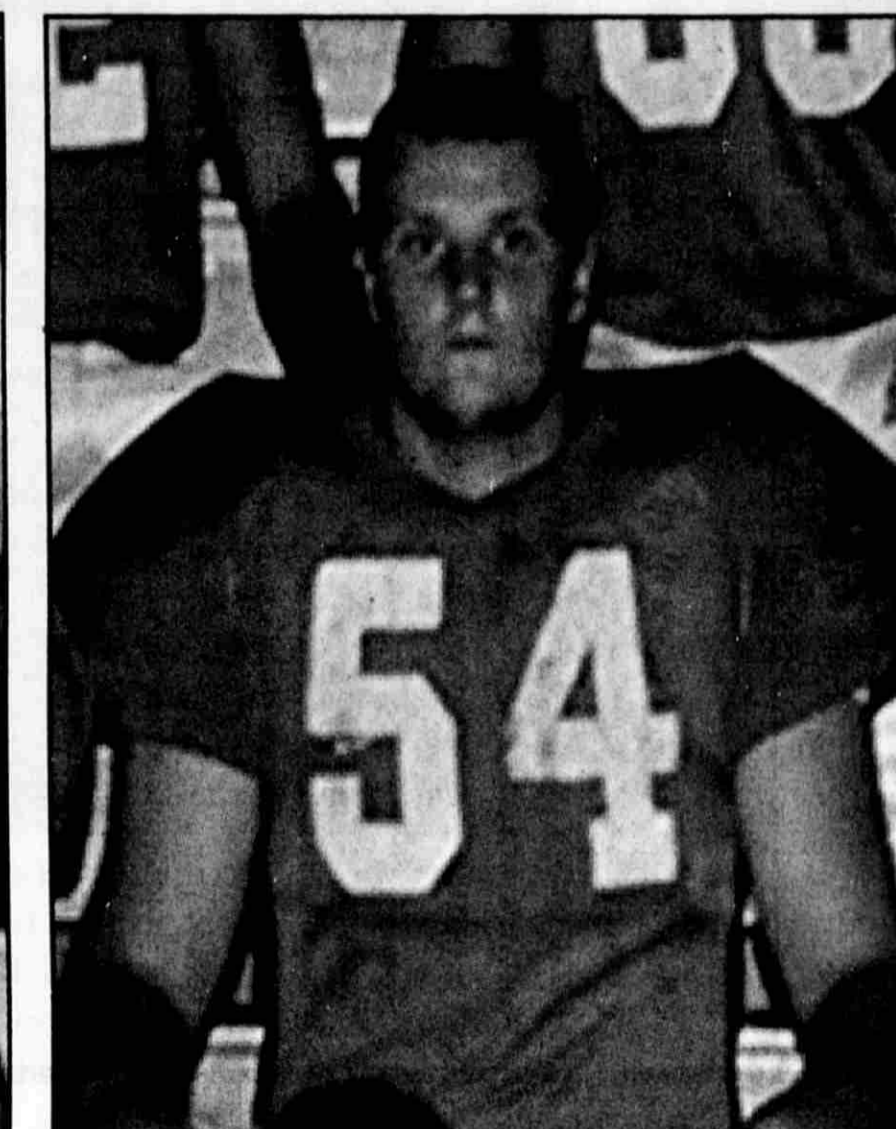
for the OK-White. Boss was the Renaissance Man for the Arrows, leading in offense and defense, posting big numbers in passes, rushes, receptions and tackles. Boss will return to the Arrows next year as a senior.

Kyle Nichol, a junior, was named to second team as utility player to go along with his All-Conference selection. Nichol had a huge year for the Arrows, stepping up as quarterback, and leading the Arrows to the semifinals in Division 2.

Randy Hogan, a sophomore, was named honorable mention by the Press, and was also an All-Conference pick. Hogan was key on defense, and will have two more years to play in Lowell.



Torsten Boss



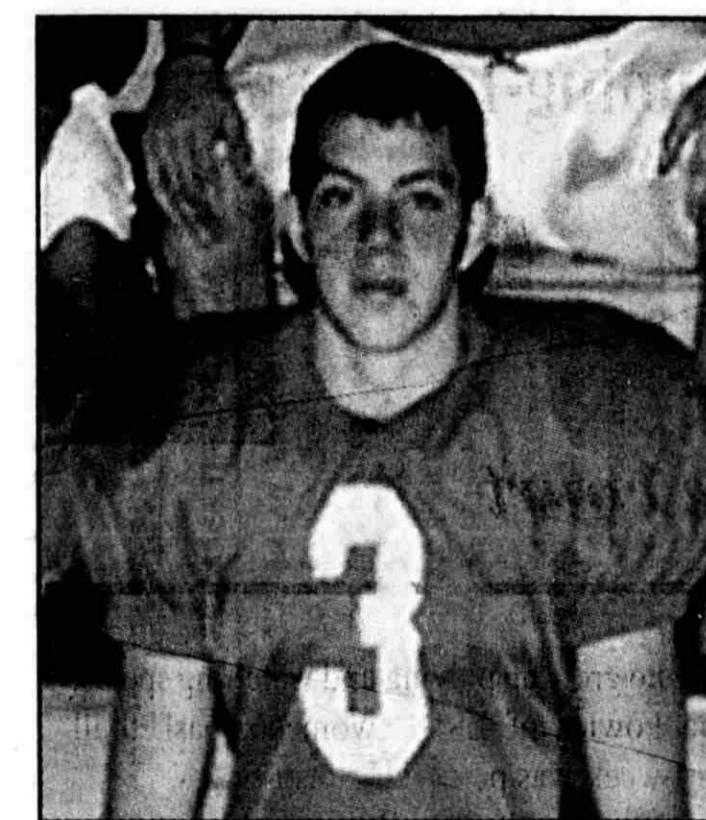
Taylor Sprague

## Sprague named All-State

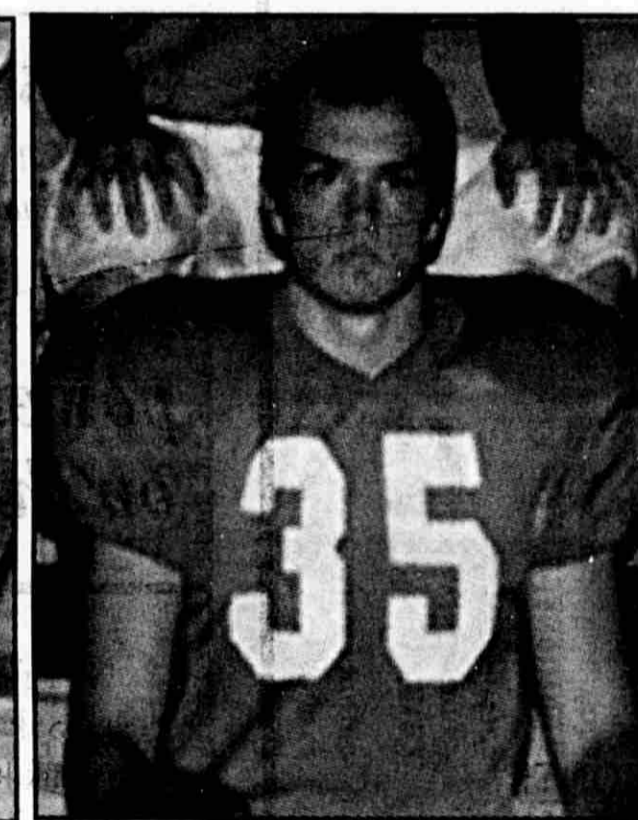
Taylor Sprague, a senior at Lowell High School, was named All-State in Division 2 football for the fall season.

Sprague was the only senior offensive lineman for the Red Arrows, and the young team was guided by his leadership throughout the season. He helped lead the Arrows to a 10-3 record, winning a District and Regional championship, before falling to Midland in the semifinals. The 6-6 senior was also named All-Conference for the OK-White and was selected by the Grand Rapids Press to the All-Area Dream Team, first team.

Sprague has also participated in baseball and basketball at LHS.



Kyle Nichol



Randy Hogan

## Girls' basketball loses to S. Christian

The Lowell girls' basketball team lost their opening match against South Christian, 43-30 Monday night at South Christian.

The Arrows had the early lead in the first half, going to the locker room with a 19-14 lead. But the Sailors took off in the second, scoring more than half of their points after halftime.

Chelsea Harrison had two three-pointers and led the Arrows with 12 points. Kara Rasch added 6 points, and Sara Messing had 5.

The team's first home game is Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. vs. Caledonia.

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### HELP PROMOTE LITERACY

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Tuesday, Dec. 4, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows those interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the Council and its literacy programs. At the

end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Kent County Literacy Council is a non-profit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least

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# Local youth participate in leadership conference



Local residents represented Michigan at the 2007 National Junior Angus Association Raising the Bar Officer Training, November 2-4 in Wooster, Ohio. Pictured from left includes Julie Ruggles, Kendra Merriman of Lowell, Justin Ruggles, Chelsea Ruggles, Patti Vaassen, Dee Anne Merriman of Lowell, Tabitha Grochowalski of Ada, and Katie Reid. Raising the Bar is designed to provide state junior Angus association officers and advisors leadership training in order to build stronger associations. Planned regionally, these conferences also allow leaders to exchange ideas with youth from other states.

## Financial focus, continued ... From page 7

interest rate, maturity rate and other terms — such as call provisions. Some bonds are “freely callable,” which means they can be redeemed anytime.

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Nonetheless, you may not always be able to find the bonds you want with call protection. And if you own a bond

that is currently callable and pays more than newer bonds of identical quality, you may well get a call in the near future. You should be prepared for bond calls well before they occur. To help protect your portfolio from call risk, you may want to create a “bond ladder.” To build a bond ladder, you buy bonds with varying maturity and call dates. Then, if some of your bonds are called, you’ll still have other bonds with many years left until maturity; some of these bonds may still enjoy call protection. So, while some of your bonds may still be at risk of being called, your bond ladder can help provide you with some overall portfolio stability.

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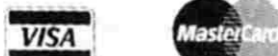
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*I am sure we will enjoy the ice, but perhaps you should read up on the state of our Earth.*

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*- Some student section dwellers*

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*What a great team we have in our Lowell football players. They played a great game, and gave Midland a good fight. Stand proud!*

*We still and always will love our Red Arrow!*

*Dean and all of your coaching staff you’re the best.*

*Thanks to God for the town of Lowell- and thanks to you that make it such a wonderful place to live!*

*Thanks for the showboat with its wonderful lights, thanks for the caring shopkeepers, thanks for the many events that keep our town lively and family friendly. We love living in Lowell.*

*Why does our local paper not put articles in regarding our own two-time world champion Mariah Moore - who took first place at regionals a couple weeks ago and is now going to California for nationals?*

*Congratulations to coach Dean, his entire staff and the 2007 Red Arrow football team. You had an awesome season and we’re all very proud.*

*- Your faithful fans*

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LITEHOUSE DRESSING GIFT PACKS - are available at the following locations: Fifth Third, Bernards Ace Hardware, Cousins Hallmark, Springgrove, Huntington Bank, Firstbank, Voyages, & Lowell Area Arts Council, or from any Rotarian. \$12.50 per pack.

FIREPLACE WOOD - Walnut, load up your pickup, \$15 or trailer, \$25. Call 676-3313.

MATTRESSES - All new. All sizes starting at \$49. Large selection. Low overhead = lower prices. Shop & compare before you buy! R.C.D. Wholesale, G.R. 682-4767 or 293-6160.

LOOKING FOR UNIQUE & USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS? - Birdhouses & feeders make great gifts. Bluebird, Wren & bat houses, bird & squirrel feeders. Good selection, top quality & best prices anywhere. Bob’s Birdhouses, 12279 60th St., Alto, 868-6633.

SOFA AND LOVESEAT - New set, microfiber, still in original packaging, \$479. 949-2683, delivery possible.

2008 LOWELL HISTORIC CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE - for \$8. Calendars sold at Mandolin Design, Hallmark, Springgrove, the Museum & City Hall.

1998 KIA SPORTAGE - 4x4, leather, stock, \$3,000. Call 897-7770.

MEMORY FOAM MATTRESS - Relieves back pain! Temperpedic queen, \$1,899; Theratouch queen “same thing”, \$899. Is the name worth that much? Brand new. Also twin, full & kings. Try them at RCD Wholesale, G.R. 682-4767 or 293-6160.

HD TV’S - factory refurbished, big screens & DLPs, from 43” to 61”, \$450 & up. Plasmas, 42” to 50”, \$800 & up. 616-622-2418.

1996 OLDS CUTLASS SUPREME SL - V6, 3.1, 4 dr, auto, clean car, runs & drives great, \$2,195; 1998 Ford Windstar Limited minivan, loaded, 3.8 V6, leather, quad seating, new tires. Asking \$5,500/Blue Book over \$7,000; 2002 Chevy Venture van, Warner Brothers Edition, CD/DVD, 8 passenger, V6 3.4, priced under loan value for only \$6,895. Call Dave 616-889-6057.

BED - A new King pillowtop mattress set, in plastic, warranty. Can deliver. \$180. Also full size, only \$95. 616-949-2683.

## FOR SALE

1991 JEEP WRANGLER - 4x4, soft top & bikini top, 4 cyl. 2.5, 5 speed manual, new brakes, great winter vehicle, \$3,495; 1994 Toyota Camry LE, 4 cyl. 2.2, moon roof, new tires, new battery, new front struts, looks, runs & drives great, high miles, priced right at \$2,150; 1996 Mercury Cougar XR7, 4.6 V8, RWD with Traction Control, ready for winter, \$1,995. Call Dave 616-889-6057.

BEDROOM SET - 7pc Cherry bedroom set, includes Sleigh bed! Brand new. Must sell, \$550. Can deliver. 616-949-6525.

ROLL TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LOWELL LITHO - Single & double rolls, variety of colors. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, Ph. 897-9261

’97 CHEVY TAHOE LT -4WD, V8, automatic transmission, well maintained, 142,000 miles, ready for winter, \$4,800 obo. 897-9444.

KEY CARDS AVAILABLE AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Help support the LHS Academic Boosters & save a bunch of money too! Key Cards are good at various places in Lowell & GRI \$15, cash only. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

AIR BEDS - Selecta comfort firmness for each of you. Dual chambers. Digital remote, never used. Perfect for couples with different firmness needs. Queen, \$795 & King \$995. Air Bed Store, G.R., 682-4767 or 293-6160.

GRADUATES - We offer open house cards w/color photos. Stop by to see one of our samples. Quick turn-around. Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway.

NEW LISTING! - 3 bedroom, 3 bath home sitting on just over an acre with finished walkout basement! Just \$159,900! Call Melinda Robison at 616-648-0151 or visit www.GoMelinda.com Five Star Real Estate 791-1500.

WOOD FOR SALE - \$170 full cord, apple wood also available. Any amount, 1/2 pickup load to full cord. Call 828-3113.

HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT - Invacare hospital bed, Invacare wheelchair, Roho seat cushion, portable commode, shower transfer bench, walker & others. Call 897-7745.

ALL-SPORTLAKEFRONT - home, Caledonia, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, \$349,000 remodeled or reduced “as is”. 616-891-1840.

## SALES

CONSTRUCTION ITEMS & EQUIPMENT SALES & AUCTION - December 5, 319 E. Main St., Lowell. Starts at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ONE DAY SALE.

## FOR RENT

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

DON’T BE LEFT OUT IN THE COLD!! - WE’LL KEEP YOU WARM WITH FREE HEAT!! EMERSON MANOR APARTMENTS, in Lake Odessa HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR 1 & 2 BEDROOM APARTMENTS. This is an elderly community for persons 62 years of age or older, or disabled of any age, with or without children. To see if you qualify please contact BECKY 616-374-7380 for more details. Barrier Free, Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.

FOR RENT - Newly remodeled and insulated 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch. 3 miles from Murray Lake and elementary school. Laundry and garage. Call 897-9798.

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT - 2 bedroom, \$400, no pets. Campau Lake, 5 miles W. of Alto. 868-6950.

HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.

CALEDONIA - 2 bedroom apartment by lake and park, \$550 includes heat. Cats okay. 616-891-1840.

1 BEDROOM DUPLEX FOR RENT - Country setting, 1 mile outside Lowell, \$500/month. Call 616-450-5300.

SENIORS!! - Rent could be as low as \$70 per month! 1 bedroom HUD subsidized apartments for rent! Rent based on income for those who qualify! BEAUTIFUL 6 acre country setting! Pets welcome! Conveniently located 20 minutes East of Grand Rapids. Call today to join our small waiting list. Equal Housing Opportunity. 616-693-2271, hearing impaired dial 711.

NEED HOLIDAY CASH? Buying estates, antiques, jewelry, and many other “Americana” items for cash! Call today! 616-550-0521.

WANTED - two tickets for the Hannah Montana/Jones Brothers concert Dec. 6 at VanAndel arena. Call 676-1632.

WANTED - Gold jewelry: rings, earrings, necklaces, etc. Broken or not. Call 676-0704.

WANTED - Shift team leaders & baristas, 3 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Good pay, free beverages, discounts. Apply at VOYAGES, 307-B East Main, Lowell.

MAINTENANCE TECH. - 1st shift. Hydraulics, pump repair, machine repair & electrical experience preferred. \$15 - \$19. Apply at PURFORMS, Inc., 615 Chatham St., Lowell, 616-897-3000.

ROGUE RIVER ARTISANS FINE ART & CRAFT HOLIDAY SALE - Sat., Dec. 1, 9-4 p.m. Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes. 100+ juried artists.

MOPS 3RD ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW/HOME BUSINESS EXPO - Fri., Nov. 30, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. & Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Pancake breakfast, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 1.

## HELP WANTED

CUSTOMER SERVICE/GENERAL HELP - \$10.00 - \$15.00 average. IMMEDIATE POSITIONS. Factory outlet of local International company is looking to staff area branch, customer service, delivery coordinators, team leaders, department managers, as well as general help needed. No experience needed, company will train for positions. These are permanent positions. Call now, get paid before Christmas rush! Details discussed at personal one-on-one interview only. Call Mon-Fri, 9:30 to 4:30, 616-522-9783.

DELIVERY DRIVER - CDL-A drivers needed. Looking for dependable customer service oriented person w/chauffeurs CDL-B, CDL-A license. Good working environment. Also hiring nights/weekends. 616-732-9954.

EVENING BABYSITTER - for 3 small children. Must drive. \$8 - \$10 per hour. Call 987-9341.

EARN UP TO \$500 - a day in one of today’s fastest growing service industries. Free revealing report: Dry Tech, Suite CL6045, 22212 Carway Ct, Calabasas, CA 91302.

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CLEANING - home or office. Thorough and dependable, references. Please call 616-365-2745 or 616-551-7654.

PAYROLL & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.

ZOOLAND DAYCARE - Openings on 3rd shift. 897-8386 or 308-0195.

R & R YARD CLEANUP - Outdoor clean up; also firewood for sale, \$125 cord. Snowplowing, Tree service. 897-9176, 322-7560.

CLASSIFIEDS WORK! TRY ONE TODAY! 20 Words for \$2, each additional word is 10c

PLUMBER - Licensed, 17 years Experienced. Residential, Service or New Construction. Reasonable Rates. No emergency or after hours fee. Call Platinum Plumbing, 897-2575.

JIM’S FLOOR COVERING - 23 years experience. Sales & installation. Jim Davis, owner, 897-0737. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., leave message.

WINDOW WASHING - gutter cleaning and air duct cleaning. Reasonable rates. Call Randy @ R&R Enterprises, 616-581-8561.

## SERVICES

JOHN DEBIAK - certified farrier. Horseshoeing & hoof trimming with twenty years of professional, full-time experience. Call 897-4290.

GUITAR LESSONS - Matt Cosgrove MM, FSU in guitar performance, accepting students of all ages. www.cgstudio.us. 350-6000.

JOHN SCHLOOP BUILDER - New homes, additions & remodeling. Call 897-1335.

IS YOUR HOME READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS? - VanderKlok Builders and Landscaping. Remodeling, painting, hardwood flooring, and clean up. “We nail your ideas together” 897-7145.

GALLERY & CUSTOM FRAMING - Fire and water Art! 219 W. Main in Lowell. Open Wed. - Sun. 1-6 p.m. Have your GRADUATION & WEDDING photos framed by the “Framing Artist.” ART, artist created GIFTS, art CLASSES & MORE. www.fire-and-water-art.com or 890-1879.

ADULT FOSTER CARE home has openings - country setting w/24 hour care, home cooked meals, laundry & transportation to doctors. Call 616-862-6712.

RISNER ROOFING - serving you since 1961. Ice and snow removal. Licensed & insured. Free estimates. Call Steve, 868-6015 or Terry, 897-7968.

CARPET INSTALLATION - Residential & commercial, patches, restretch. Free estimates. Call Kevin at 616-813-4299.

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Sonja Ryan & family

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HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - Bob Ford formerly of Hahn Hardware is now doing all kinds of service work at your home or business. Free estimates. Call 299-3198.

NEED A DUMPSTER - Want great service? 10, 15, 20 & 30 yards. Same day delivery. Best prices. Call Greg 616-915-0506.

LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! - It is that time of year to get your snow removal service set for this winter. With our snow removal service, we customize our services to fill your needs & fit your budget. So call now while we still have openings available. Routes fill up quickly. Hull’s Construction & Design LLC at 800-731-7148, 616-293-9920 or 897-7792.

DRIVER’S LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED? - Don’t get sucked into \$100-\$300 evaluation fees...I NEVER charge for your record evaluation & consultation! Driver’s license RESTORATION: \$2500 incl. all filing fees AND FREE consultation & evaluation of your case. Have a question? Call Attorney Martin Mead (616) 235-0330.

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# "Light the Night" in Historic Lowell

## The First Annual Night-time Santa Parade

### Saturday, December 1st

6 PM Sharp!

Beginning at the fairgrounds and traveling along Historic Main Street to the First United Methodist Church  
Glow Necklaces \$2 at parade; benefits FROM



Let the Celebration begin Saturday December 1st

### Flat River Freeze Ice Sculpture Challenge

See the Spectacular Ice Sculptures 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM on the Riverwalk Plaza created by college students as they compete for your vote in the Peoples Choice Award

### "A cup of Christmas Tea"

Lowell Area Historical Museum's Victorian Christmas Tea, 325 W. Main St., 3 PM - 5 PM

### Rudolph's Craft Workshop

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM (Children 2 - 6)

### Kent County Youth Fair's Pancake Supper

Serving from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM

### Pancake Supper with Santa

4:30 PM to 5:45 PM at the Youth Memorial Center at the fairgrounds

### The Lighting of the Town Christmas Tree

5:45 PM by Lowell Light & Power

### Santa Visits & Pictures on Robert E Lee

7:30 PM to 9:30 PM on the Showboat Riverwalk Plaza, pictures provided free by River Valley Credit Union

## Christmas Shopping & Eateries

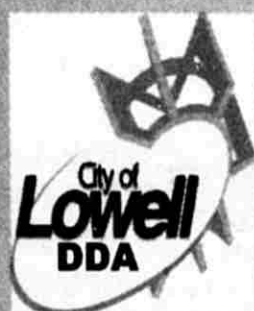
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### Shopping

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| Chimera Design Fine Jewelry     | Store-wide savings   |
| Cousins Hallmark & River Hollow | Coupon for 20% off any item  |
| Daisy Floral                    | \$5 off \$25 purchase  |
| Fashionista Flair               | 10% off a purchase of \$50 or more   |
| Fireplaces Plus                 | 10% off all purchases  |
| Flat River Cottage              | Eat and enjoy our goodies while you browse   |
| Hearthstone                     | 25% off floor samples  |
| L4 Boutique                     | 20% off most in-store purchases, plus close-out sales                                      |
| Lowell Area Arts Council        | Warm up with free spiced cider from Frozen Creek Floral                                    |
| Pep Talk                        | 25% off any item in store  |
| Rookies Sportscards Plus        | 20% off single cards, graphic novels, board games and Webkinz & Shining Stars plus animals |
| Simple Pleasures                | 20% off excluding jewelry  |
| Showboat Automotive             | Popular Parts Master oil filters \$1.99  |
| Springrove Variety              | Free Hot Buttered Popcorn  |
| The Lily Pad                    | Store-wide Christmas savings   |
| The Hanger                      | In-store specials and refreshments   |
| Wildflowers                     | Hot cider to remove the chill  |

### Food & Beverage

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| Backwater Café                 | French toast special - subject to change                         |
| East End Pastries              | Small hot chocolate \$1.25                                       |
| Flat River Grill               | Free hot cider before and during parade. Nightly dinner specials |
| Keiser's Kitchen               | BBQ pork with fries special                                      |
| Larkin's Fine Food & Cocktails | Winter warm-up drink specials                                    |
| Lowell Beer Store              | Wine and beer specials   |
| Three Brothers Pizza           | Two 16" pizzas, 3 items each \$23; (no half items)               |
| Sneakers                       | Come in out of the cold for a great bowl of SantaLash!           |
| Voyages Deli & Coffee Shop &   | Double punches for specialty drinks                              |



## Other Activities in Historic Lowell

Sleigh Bells & Holly a gallery of fine art and gifts at the Lowell Arts Council, 149 S Hudson, 10 AM - 6 PM  
Rogue River Artisans Arts & Craft Christmas Sale at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes Street, 9 AM - 4 PM