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Community leaders look ahead to 2008

by Emma Palova

From growth to change, the community leaders are looking ahead to 2008 with great expectations.

Over the past year, as they managed their businesses, organizations and congregations through the rocky waters of a tough economy, they emerged invigorated and strong.

Many of them are new to the Lowell scene or new to their line of business, bringing in a fresh perspective. Others have steadily stayed on course for many years carrying a vision into the future.

Representing the new guard are novice city politician Sharon Ellison, Lowell Ledger & Buyer's Guide publisher Jon Jacobs and museum director Pat Allchin.

Sharon Ellison, elect council woman, stepped out last year determined to change the status quo in city politics. Determined to do something about the issue of North Washington property, Ellison actively campaigned.

"The fact that I got involved and decided to run, take the lead in the city politics and do some good was very important to me," she said.

Ellison's persistence and the community's encouragement paid off in an overwhelming victory in the November general election.

"I learned a lot how elections worked," she said.

Not that she didn't have any doubts, but from the very beginning Ellison expected to win. She is looking ahead to 2008 with the same confidence.

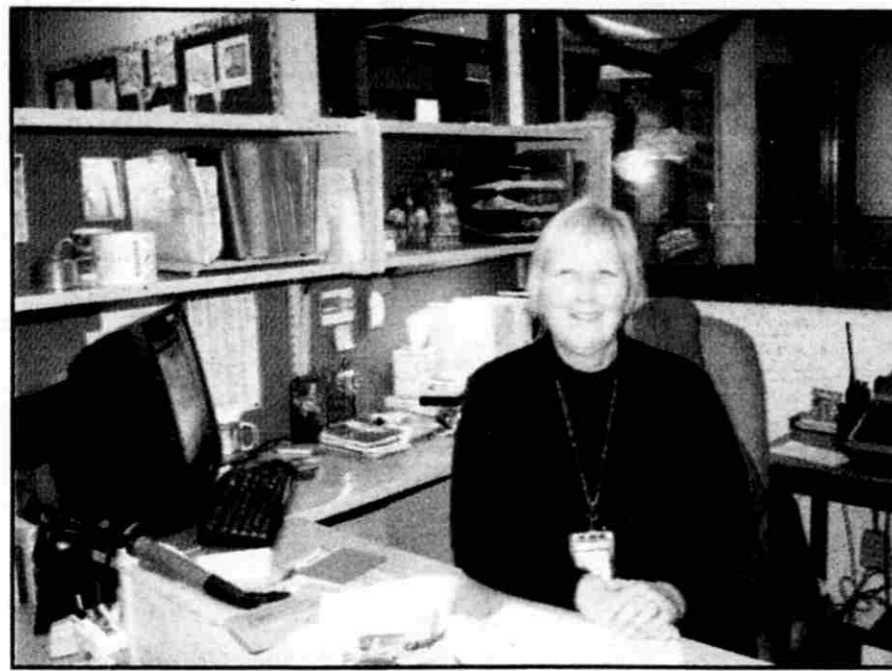
"We need to move forward and settle the North

Washington property," she said. "We need to better communicate and make people comfortable when they approach the council."

Communication and lack of informed

important to think and shop local as much as possible."

Looking ahead in 2008, Jacobs plans on being an important part of the non-profit sector, chamber and other organizations.



Sharon Ellison

decision-making have been outstanding issues in the past. Ellison also would like to have a signed contract with the Boy Scouts and a lease with the homeowners on North Washington property.

In the future, she wants the city to provide more service to the seniors.

For publisher Jon Jacobs, the most important event of last year, was the family purchase of the Lowell Ledger and the Buyer's Guide.

"Taking it from a community newspaper standpoint, we were thrilled to get the phone call from Roger," said Jacobs. "Our two families always had a good relationship."

Roger Brown passed the torch to the Jacobs family in August of last year.

Jacobs has found a welcoming community in Lowell with potential for future growth and a lot of active organizations.

"We've always admired Lowell," he said. "Too often we focus on Grand Rapids and larger markets, but it's

"We want to highlight success and drive focus on needs in the future," he said. "We have to identify problems and work together."



Pat Allchin

Both papers will have special sections in 2008, as well as other new projects.

One of the biggest challenges for the newspaper industry is the loss of the independent voice due to large corporations handling the news, according to Jacobs.

"Independence is dwindling," he said. "It's difficult for independent publishers to grow because so many newspapers have been bought out by corporate newspapers."

Jacob's vision remains working together toward common good in a growing town.

"It's the people always looking ahead instead of behind," he said, "that's what makes a difference."

Pat Allchin took over at the helm of the thriving Lowell Area Historical Museum last year. Although still learning the ropes, Allchin enjoyed putting together the successful "Gizmos and Gadgets" exhibit.

"I found it absolutely invigorating," she said. "It was a huge challenge, but delightful to work with from the walls to the last detail."

Looking ahead to the

Even though the museum too has experienced growth over the past year. Approximately 20,000 people toured the museum, the exhibits and attended the museum programming.

And of course with the

Church, Jim Doyle, senior vice-president of King Milling and president of the museum and postmaster Gil Brown.

LaWarre calls his favorite Lowell event, "F.R.O.M. the Heart



Jon Jacobs

new director comes new blood. A traveling exhibit "Ghost Towns of the Lowell Area" is scheduled to open at the city hall on Jan. 21.

Allchin sees funding as the main challenge for the museum.

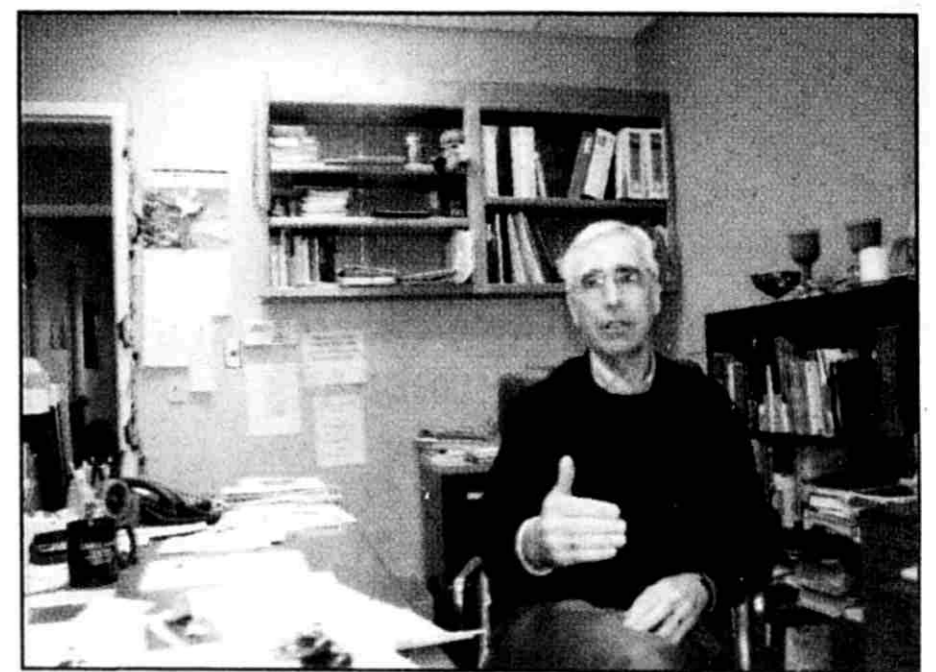
Staying on course of success with a vision into the future were longtime leaders in the community Dr. Roger LaWarre, pastor of the First Congregational

Parade." It may be the only parade by far where people bring food to benefit the local pantry.

"That's why I love this town," he said, "people care about each other."

And F.R.O.M. is close to LaWarre's heart. Although readying to retire, LaWarre plans to stay involved with

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Roger LaWarre

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Farmer's widow fulfills late husband's dream



"It can be used only for farm purposes and you have to keep it looking nice."

However, Mary said she would do it all over again.

"It would look here like another town," she said. "It's hard to tell the future."

For grandson Brendan Heffron, who does not plan to go into farming, farmland

preservation seems to be an odd thing. Although he admits, the family will get some money out of it, if they sell it to another farmer.

"You know you find that one farm stuck in the middle of a subdivision," he said.

That is why the

Kent County Farmland Preservation program seeks contiguous parcels of land such as the Parnell Corridor.

Brendan is one of six children, and none of them will farm.

"I guess it is a good thing," he said, "I loved growing up on a farm."

Looking outside her window across the busy road at her other land, Mary confirmed she wouldn't want to see houses out there.

"Then you need more services, schools," she said. "With preservation you are also giving up some rights."



Mary Heffron is one of many area farmers who put their land into preservation.

including paying \$2,000 for the land survey, putting money into escrow and land inspection.

"You have a lot of rules," she said.

Every year the land has to be inspected if nothing has been developed on it. If the land gets sold, it again can be farmed only.

"There were problems along the way," Mary said, "the land had to be cleaned up, everything had to go out. You can't develop it."

But, the open land preserved in May 2007, will retain the rural character of the township, a wish expressed by both people of Vergennes and Grattan Townships.

"You never know if you did the right thing," she said.

Going ice fishing? Always play it safe

It was early winter, and Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Technician Brad Johnson of Baraga was taking part in an aerial survey over Keweenaw Bay looking for wolf tracks, when he noticed a large dark area in the middle of the frozen bay. But Johnson's focus was on his wolf research, so

he didn't give the ice much thought.

About two weeks later, he and his buddy, Dean, tested the ice near shore and, finding it to be a solid 4-5 inches thick, decided it was safe to go fishing. They hopped on Dean's snowmobile and balancing a pair of portable ice tents between them, off they went

with Johnson holding a five-gallon bucket containing jiggling rods and tackle in each hand.

"There was deep snow so it was impossible to tell how thick the ice was," Johnson said.

But they kept going out toward the 250-foot water depth where the fishing had been good the previous winter.

And, unknowingly, they rode right smack onto that dark spot in the ice that Johnson had seen from the plane.

"We were watching our landmarks and, about one-and-a-half miles out, we came to our fishing location," Johnson said, "but as Dean slowed the snowmobile, the back end, where I was sitting, suddenly dropped through the ice, throwing me back into the frigid water."

"Surprised, Johnson let go of one of the buckets as he fell, but as he went into the water the other filled quickly and the weight began taking him under.

The bucket and eventually clawed my way out. Once out of the water, I rolled slowly away from the hole."

Johnson was soaked to the skin, Dean was wet to his knees and the snowmobile was precariously balanced on thin ice. The wind was pushing a 20-below-zero wind chill.

"We grabbed what was left of our gear, but it was

"I knew I shouldn't panic, but the extreme cold took my breath away," Johnson recalled. "I let go of

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Viewpoint

To The Editor

To The Editor,

Fellow Michiganders, I would like to ask a question. Do we need to start a recall on 14 of our U.S. House Representatives who voted yes on HR Bill 1955? If you're not familiar with this bill, I implore you to look it up! The vague language and "lifetime appointments" to its commission, desecrated 250 years of sacrifices made by our ancestors. This bill takes our freedom of speech and rights of assembly away.

Imagine the context of a message being determined

not by the author, but by the receiver. Say, someone - the author - says, "it looks like rain today." The receiver of the message determines the context of the message to mean, "you're threatening my parade?"

If that sounds unacceptable to you, then you need to look up HR Bill 1955. The language of the bill is so vague that the government has a right to arrest you if they feel that you are planning or thinking about planning to use "force" or violence. If you picket against a war, that can be considered a "forceful act". On-strike and picketing - that can be considered a "forceful act". "Planned use" or "threatened use" of "force" or violence all puts you into the category of a "Homegrown Terrorist" under HR Bill 1955 passed by the US House of Representatives. You don't have to act on it, they just have to have "reason" to "think" that you "might" be thinking about performing a "forceful" or violent act.

We need to act and we need to act now! We need to recall the 14 Michigan U.S. House of Representatives who already voted yes on HR Bill 1955! This bill is currently in Senate Committee under SB 1959. We need to let our US senators know that if they vote yes on this bill, they too will be subject to recall! Michiganders, it's our time and duty for all those who gave their lives, to those who gave their sons and daughters for our blessed freedom to recall the US House of Representatives who voted yes on HR Bill 1955. Remember, freedom is not free and we all need to step up and start recalling our U.S. House of Representatives!

Matt Van Horssen
Grand Haven, Mich.



125 YEARS AGO
THE LOWELL JOURNAL
DECEMBER 27, 1882

A fruitful Christmas tree at the Walker House made merry the hearts of the help in that hotel.

Notice is hereby given that those boys must stop catching on sleighs in the streets of this village. By order of the Marshal.

100 YEARS AGO
THE LOWELL LEDGER
DECEMBER 26, 1907

No entries.

75 YEARS AGO
THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND ALTO SOLO
DECEMBER 22, 1932

The municipal skating rink is now furnishing heaps of joy to the young folks of the community; the Village Council and the Board of Trade having flooded the tennis court in Recreation Park and Mother Nature furnished the freezing weather.

Lowell, according to official weather reports from various sections of Michigan, was undoubtedly the coldest spot in the state last Thursday night, Dec. 15. Lou Morse, keeper of official weather records here, reports 14 degrees below zero.

50 YEARS AGO
THE LOWELL LEDGER
DECEMBER 26, 1957

Diphtheria, a longtime enemy of health in our community, showed flashes of its old power during the weekend. Dr. W.B. Prothro, City-County Health Officer, reported today that two cases of diphtheria have been reported in Grand Rapids.

Peter Speerstra, who came from retirement two years ago to take over the post as village president, announced this week that he will not be a candidate for the office in the February primary election.

25 YEARS AGO
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
DECEMBER 22, 1982

Approximately 120 homes are receiving the cable signal since the Lowell Cable TV Service began transmitting cable signal on Dec. 7, according to Lowell Light & Power Superintendent Herb Haines.

Lowell Citizens for Recycling are reporting great success at the recycling center east of Lowell Lanes. Many volunteers check and police the center, so it looks neat and clean.

Financial Focus

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WHICH MUTUAL FUNDS ARE RIGHT FOR YOU?

About 96 million people own mutual funds, according to the Investment Company Institute, a trade organization for the mutual fund industry. So the chances are pretty good that you may already own some funds - but with more than 10,000 of them on the market, how can you know you're picking the right ones?

Of course, just by owning mutual funds, you get at least two key advantages. First, you'll get professional

management, which means that a highly trained investment expert will be choosing the securities that go into your mutual funds. And second, mutual funds offer a degree of diversification because each fund owns a variety of stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments. Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss.

However, even though all mutual funds offer you these two benefits, you can't just buy a bunch of funds, willynilly, and assume you're making the right moves. Many people think that if one growth-oriented mutual fund gives them a chance to have their money grow, then several growth funds will enable them to make really big profits. But many growth stocks look alike. So, if you bought several of these funds, you might wind up with a lot of similar stocks in slightly different packages. And if one of your funds is adversely affected by market circumstances, the others could be similarly hit, so you might end up losing the benefit of diversification.

Writing to the editor ...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.

- The requirements are:
- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence.
 - Letters that contain statements that are libelous will not be published.
 - All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
 - Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of for-profit businesses will not be accepted.
 - Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest, which will be determined by the editor.
 - Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
 - "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
 - In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per week.
 - We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced. For e-mailed letters, please copy letter as part of the e-mail body and send to ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com.

Bushnell Elementary students demonstrate "Character in Action"



by Dean Bailey, Pastor
Alto and Bowne Center United Methodist Churches

Jesus was born. God's gift to all of us, the most inclusive gift the world has ever known, the most inclusive gift the world continues to need.

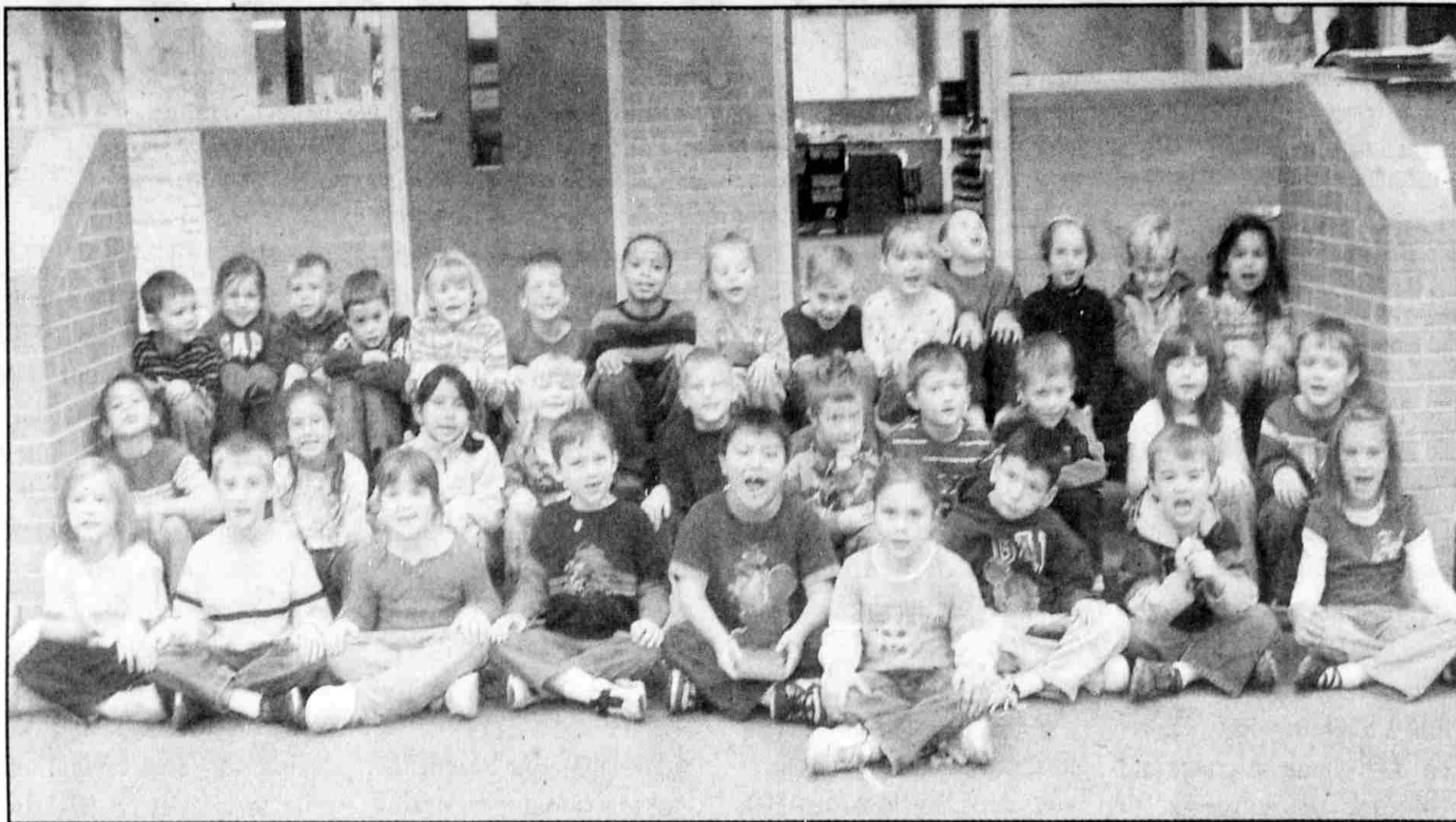
It's crystal clear from the very beginning. Mary and Joseph, small town people of limited means, who hadn't enough influence or not enough money to stay in an inn. Shepherds, farm workers drawing the night shift. Magi, itinerant astrologers of different nationality and different faith persuasion. The Holy Family (Mary, Joseph and Jesus), part of the refugees in Egypt.

God's gifted us with the Son and made sure we knew Jesus was not just for the rich and famous, the high and mighty, but for all of us - the common, the ordinary, the struggling, the suffering, the needy and the lowly.

As Mary sang: "He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things..." (Luke 1:51b-53a).

As with all giving and receiving of gifts, the response is critical. Is our response a polite "thank you" and go on with our lives as usual! Or are we so impacted by God's great love in the gift of the Son that we respond as Christina Rossetti who wrote:

"What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what can I give him; give my heart."



Bushnell Elementary Students are singing songs about the Lowell Area Schools Character Traits. The first graders pictured above shared the "Respect Song" using the tune "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".

(Third row L-R): Blake DeHaan, Olyvia Johnson, Parker Georgacakes, Hunter Browning, Linnae DeBoer, DJ Simpson, Noah Korhorn, Danielle Kermeen, Justin DeGrote, Mackenzie Uhen, Nicolas Niemann, Cynthia Smoes, Brean Conlan, and Marissa Griebel.

"I have respect for you and me; it can be easy you will see. Have respect for the things you see; Others, self and property."

Pictured: (first row L-R): Callie Ingram, Connor McLane, Gabrielle Schram, Zane Goldsmith, Alex Juarez, Harlile Gerth-McMullen, Zach Anibal, Steve Moore, and Ali Holdridge.

(Middle row L-R): Michael Lee, Kendra VanOverloop, Analilia Ramos, Irene Trieweiler, Tyler Cross, Dakota Hansen, Matthew Harrison, and Kohl Goldsmith.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 2007

Motions Approved:

- Minutes of the November board meeting. List of all invoices.
- Renewal of contract with Professional Code Inspections of MI.

Copies of entire minutes available on the website bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

Happy Birthday

<p>DECEMBER 26: Margaret Gasper, Shay Hacker, Stephanie Peel, Butch Landman, Kaitlyn Callihan.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 30: Stacy Thomas, Ben Hodges, Kyle Triplett, Joe Hunt, Stacey Craig, Joshua Gee, Maliree Trierweiler, Matthew Trierweiler.</p>
<p>DECEMBER 27: Helen Triplett, Mark Nyp, Linda Aksamitowski, Jay Clark.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 31: Marcie Page, Bill Dettan, Charles Boerema.</p>
<p>DECEMBER 28: Lisa Stormzand, C.J. Sokolowski, Matt Francisco, Randy L. Smith.</p>	<p>JANUARY 1: Tory Abel, John Wenger, Alice Hesche, Carolyn Yonker, Amanita Fahrni, Bea Hoekstra.</p>
<p>DECEMBER 29: Amanda Martin, Donna Baker, Lauren Malone.</p>	

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not safe to get the machine back to solid ice, so our only option was to walk back to shore," Johnson said.

By the time they gained solid ground, Johnson's clothes were so frozen they had to light a fire in his sauna and thaw them before he could take them off.

"After we changed clothes, we got some survival gear from the fire department and went back for the snowmobile," he said.

But it was too late. The snowmobile had gone to the bottom of Keweenaw Bay.

"I didn't tell my family about the incident, but they found out," Johnson said. "They gave me a set of ice picks, which I now carry around my neck every time I go out on the ice."

What else did he learn?

"Early ice is highly unpredictable, especially in areas where there is a lot of current. Now, when we go out those first few times, someone always walks in front of the snowmobile and checks the ice depth frequently," he said.

Johnson's experience is mirrored across the state each winter. He was fortunate.

Ice fishing has its own set of safety rules that if not followed, can cause a day of fishing to end in tragedy.

The strength of ice is determined by its look and texture. Clear ice is the strongest. Ice formed by melted and refrozen snow appears milky and is very porous and weak.

Ice covered by snow should always be presumed unsafe, because snow acts like an insulating blanket and slows the freezing process. Ice under the snow can be thinner and weaker.

A snowfall also can melt existing ice, or push the ice surface down, causing water from beneath to well up over the top, creating a troublesome layer of slush. If there is slush on the ice, stay off.

The DNR also does not recommend the standard "inch-thickness" guide used by many anglers and snowmobilers to determine safe ice, because ice seldom forms at a uniform rate. Three or four inches of ice

up-to-date information on ice conditions.

- Always fish with a buddy whenever possible and always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Do not go out on any ice unless you test the thickness and quality with a spud first.
- Avoid areas where there are inlets or outlets due to moving water under the ice.
- Avoid areas where there are natural springs.
- Avoid the ice around structures, docks and pilings.
- Pay attention to wind direction especially when fishing on large bodies of waters. If the wind direction is just right, it can blow the ice out and away from shore leaving anglers stranded.
- Wear a personal floatation device. Also, carry a couple of large nails and a length of nylon rope. If you should go through the ice, the nails could help provide a grip on the slippery surface and aid in getting you out.
- If you do break through the ice, try not to panic. Remember to turn toward the direction you came from -- toward the ice that supported you. Use the nails or your hands to gain a hold on the unbroken surface as an aid in getting out.
- Once you are out of the water and are lying on the ice, don't stand. Roll away from the point where you broke through until you are on solid ice.
- If you see someone fall through the ice, do not run toward the person. Carefully extend a rope, ladder, pole or line to the victim.
- Always get the victim to a hospital emergency room as soon as possible for treatment.

"We showed a lack of good judgment the day we went through," Johnson said. "We were lucky. Now my kids carry spuds and check the ice often, because that is what I do and they can see that I am now practicing what I preach."

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TUE 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 WED/TH 11:05, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

WALK HARD: THE DEWEY COX STORY (R) MON 12:45, 3:00, 5:15
TUE 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 WED/TH 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) MON 12:00, 2:20, 4:40
TUE 4:40, 7:00, 9:20 WED/TH 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

I AM LEGEND (PG-13) MON 11:10, 1:40, 4:15
TUE 4:15, 6:50, 9:25 WED/TH 11:10, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) MON 11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:25
TUE 3:20, 5:25, 7:35, 9:40 WED/TH 11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:25, 7:35, 9:40

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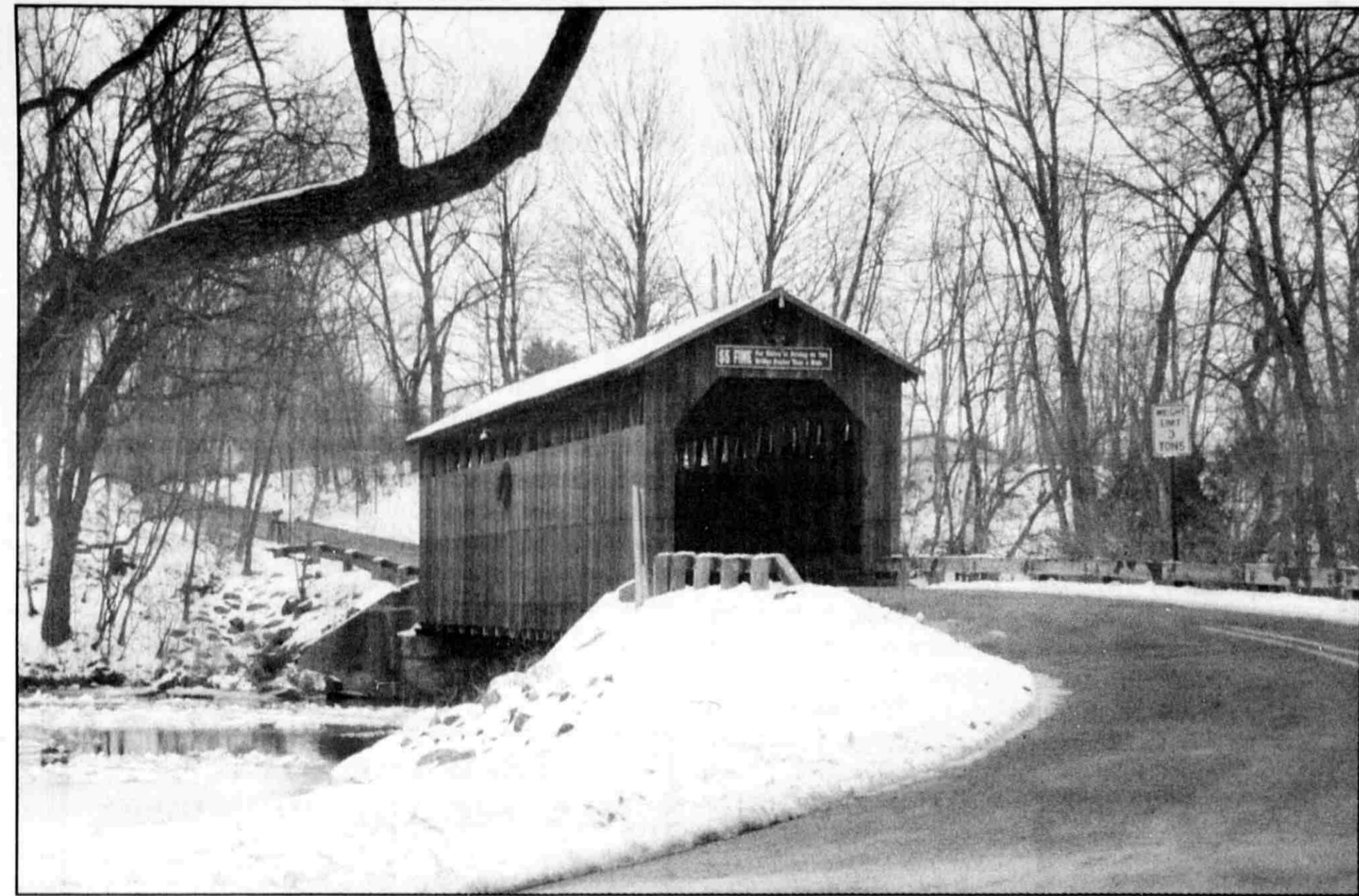
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9TH GRADE

Aiken, Kelsey
Alberts, Corinne
Ardis, Aubrey
Axdorff, Taylor
Ball, Gerrid
Bartholomew, Katherine
Bassin, Jonathan
Becker, Robert
Bergy, Blake
Bieri, Joel
Bilski, Corey
Bitterman, Tyler
Blodger, Audrey
Boskey, Sarah
Brenk, Griffin
Bristol, Treasuer
Brown, Michael
Bueche, Chase
Bunn, Whitney
Burt, Noah
Callihan, Jill
Canfield, Bradley
Carlson, Benjamin
Carlson, MacKenzie
Carvajal, Mia
Chopp, Derek
Clark, Cameron
Claypool, Ericka
Clouser, Kohlton
Comdure, Chelsea
Cowden, Alexandria
Creighton, Timothy
Crock, Nicholas
Crumback, Dayna
Curtis, Brooke
Cyrocki, Sarah
Destine, Jone
Dollar, Marie
Doyle, Elliott
Druid, Kaitlin
Drust, Andrew
Duvernay, Emma
Endres, Taryn
Essich, Brittany
Ferris, Heather
Fetzer, Aaron
Fitzpatrick, Ellen
Flanagan, Taylor
Fleet, Daniel
Foley, Braydon
Forton, Maxwell
Franklin, Lee
Fron, Marcus
Geelhoed, Hannah
Getz, Nicholas
Grasman, Melissa
Hall, Justin
Hartley, Jennifer
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Kramer, Sarah
Lancaster, Maggie
Lehman, Justin
Lewis, Jessica
Lillie, Jasmine
Loughlin, Bryleigh
Majestic, Matthew
Maillepaard, Asher
Mankel, Taylor
Manszewski, Briana
Maughan, Brady
Maycroft, Katherine
McCarrey, Conor
McKay, Audrey
McKay, Nicholas
McKenna, Mitchell
McRae, Monica
McVey, Paige
Metternick, Ashley

10TH GRADE

Acker, Cody
Alexander, Jillian
Alvern, Rebekka
Almidon, Andrew
Anderson, Kacy
Babler, Jordan
Bagin, Nicole
Baker, Caitlin
Baker, Nathan
Barr, Alexander
Barr, Connor
Barrkus, Erin
Bennett, Jacob
Bewell, Christopher
Billock, Samantha
Blough, Noah
Blough, Paula
Booskey, Kaitlyn
Bodus II, Mark
Bogardus, John
Boogaard, Seth
Both, Dakota
Bouwuis, Kristin
Briggs, Sean
Brock, Samantha
Brower, Madelyn
Bunn, Deanna
Calvi, Alexander

11TH GRADE

Abel, Rachael
Adams, Jerry
Adams, Randy
Bailey, Nicole
Balzeski, Victoria
Barr, Kayla
Baughman, Sarah
Beddows, Thomas
Bieri, Philip
Bliski, Christopher
Blanchard, Courtney
Blanton, Laura
Blodger, Ian
Brechtel, Erin
Brim, Andrew
Brown, Cheyenne
Brown, Janelle
Brubaker, Elena
Buis, Theresa
Bunn, Dakota
Burger, Heather
Burrows, Sydney
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Christensen, Aaron
Christie, Ryan
Churches, Linnea
Clum, Alexandria
Cooley, Alexandra
Copeyon, Rachel
Coris, Racynda
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Dec, Matthew
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Drake, Joshua
Dunn, Dylan
Dues, Melissa
Dunn, Kristin
Dye, Chelsey
Dyer, Chelsey
Eickhoff, Natasha
Elliott, Gabriel
Fargo, Lance
Fetterhoff, Katherine
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Flanagan, James
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12TH GRADE

Abdoon, Nicholas
Adams, Bo
Baker, Nicole
Baker, Tanya
Balfour, Joshua
Ball, Fritz
Barkas, Tyler
Bassin, John
Bateman II, John
Baum, Zachary
Lazar, Michael
Lee, Brandon
Lessens, Melissa
Light, Sarah
Loetz, Craig
Long, Samuel
Lyonnais, Megan
Malling, Mitchell
Mankel, Jessica
Manshum, Ian
Marchido, Morgan
Mata, Richard
McBryde, Brianna
McCormick, James
McGlarmey, Alisha
McIntire, Abram
McVey, Jacob
McVey, Nicholas
Meyers, Jessica
Misner, Patrick
Mohr, Kayla
Moore, Sierra
Mygaard, Nicholas
Nauta, Trisha
Nederhoed, Jodi
Nelson, Kirsten
Nelson, Morgan
Neubecker, Keith
Nichol, Kyle
Nichols, Robert
Nordman, James
Novak, Hailey
Nowak, Joshua
Oberlin, Hannah
O'Connor, David
Olthof, Kandice
Pabon, Rocky
Perrin, Samantha
Persha, Ryan
Petersen, Eric
Phillips, Brandy
Rasch, Kara
Rash, Felicia
Reed, Renae
Rehl, Jessica
Reyes-Altano, Yadiria
Richardson, Mary
Roerig, Kirk
Rose, Katie
Ross, Hannah
Roth, Kacie
Roth, Matthew
Schloop, Matthew
Schoenborn, Heather
Schomaker, Cameron
Schumacher, Taylor
Sefton, Katie
Six, Kiley
Slater, Melissa
Smith, Paige
Snyder, Samantha
Sorenson, Katelyn
Spickler, Matthew
Spelman, Brooke
Stephens, Zachary
Stickney, Kelsey
Tarchala, Sara
Tasma, Jacob
Tawney, Marin
Theisen, Jacob
Thomas, Brandon
Thompson, Allison
Thompson, Michael
Thompson, Sarah
Timpson, Elizabeth
Toomey, Cody
VandenBerg, Peter
VandenBosch, Jesse

13TH GRADE

Howard, Catherine
Humphries, Jennifer
Ihrig, Amber
Jahnke, Brandon
Jernigan, Rex
Johnson, Benjamin
Johnson, Bryant
Johnson, Tracey
Jousma, Heather
Kaiman, Timothy
Kapteyn, Ashley
Kehoe, Stephanie
Kempker, Rebecca
Kerr, Troy
Kinsley, Michael
Kline, Kimberley
Kuhn, Andrew
Kulhawik, Andrea
Kurtz, Matthew
Kyllonen, Drew
Lachniet, Nickolas
Lawrence, Patricia
Litchfield, Brittany
MacDonald, Gabrielle
Majestic, Megan
Manszewski, Kaitlin
Marculus, Nathan
Mathews, Meghan
Maycroft, Frances
McElroy, Kaitlin
McMahon, Brett
McNaughton, Jane
Meyer, Jessica
Meyers, Eric
Meyers, Jeremy
Moerdyke, Jaclyn
Mork, Ellen
Morrison, Nathaniel
Mosher, Sarah
Mundt, Samantha
Murray, Andrea
Nagy, Kristin
Nawrocki, Ashley
Nawrocki, Jacob
Nichols, Noelani
Nugent, Jason
Paffhausen, Cassandra
Pastor, Katherine
Pedley, Casie
Polaski, Katie
Porter, Richard
Rexford, Mary
Riddle, Katie
Riley, Kyle
Ritenbure, Jaime
Rockwell, Delos
Rose, Brittany
Ross, Meghan
Ruble, Nicole
Rueggsegger, Maranda
Ruse, Nicholas
Schlosser, Elizabeth
Schollaart, Adam
Schollaart, Katrina
Schurmm, Michael
Scudder, Benjamin
Scudder, Peter
Seese, Molly
Sejat, Brian
Sellner, Spencer
Senneker, Kimberly
Selters, Paige
Skinner, Jordan
Smeenge, Tyler
Smith, Joshua
Soyka, Micah
Story, Justin
Strah, Jordan
Straub, Alecia
Strouse, Alexis
Tapia, Roman
Thompson, John
Thuston, Tricia
Tol, Travis
Tome, Gabrielle
Trapp, Travis
Tremblay, Gabrielle
VanAcker, Justin
VanderHeide, Ashley
VanEen, Amy
Waldron, Amber
Walendzik, Heather
Walsh, Laura
Wehby, Katherine
Wernet, Timothy
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Kelvin Anderson	Charlotte Hayden	Tyler Smoes	Abigail Ellis
Sidney Anderson	Brittney Heikkila	Rachel Sovo	Delainey Ferguson
Michael Anible	Nicholas Hess	Kourtney Spaulding	Licia Feuerstein
Shelby Antel	Madison Holmes	Cassandra Speck	Collin Finkhouse
Kiersten Ashenbrenner	Grace Inda	Abigail Flentje	Leah Schlosser
Zachary Bauman	Bailey Jack	Christina Folkersma	John Schramm
Kortney Beachler	Alex Kaminski	Michelle Foote	Emily Schreur
Joshua Bearup	Zachary Kaywood	Jonathan Fox	Justin Scott
Dominic Beers	Jordan Kazen	Joseph Gauck	Trentin Sheppard
Connor Bergin	Liam Kelley	Gabrielle Gibbs	Kyle Shurlow
Patrick Bertone-Haywood	Derek Krajewski	Zachary Graves	Nichole Slupe
Austin Bieri	Austin Krebill	Madison Hacker	Julie Smith
Benjamin Bigham	Joshua Larson	Bailey Haefner	Brianna Steiner
Kyler Bishop	Tristan Larson	Taylor Harrison	Reed Stormzand
Ashley Bitely	Ryan Lubbers	Emily Hessler	Raechel Stougaras
Kaeziah Bladey	Jordan Lytle	David Hibbitts Jr.	Kyle Stubbins
Michael Blake	Catherine Majnska	Zachary Huver	Ethan Sutton
Lauren Blanchard	Terri Marr	Brianna Higgins	Brittany Tasma
Emmalee Blough	Robert Marsman	Marissa Hills	Brandon Tichelaar
Kyle Blough	Brianna McBride	Brett Hindley	Ryan Timmers
Alexia Bocskey	Alyssa McCormick	Alexandra Hinton	Alexander Tobin
Alix Bohn	KennedyMcCready	Nicholas Hoff	Emma Tompkins
Benjamin Boogaard	Alec McGeehan	Joshua Holford	Thao Tran
Kailey Botma	Paige McKenna	Ashley Huber	Taylor Vanderhorst
Brittany Branagan	Catherin McNaughton	Garret White	Nicholas Walker
Tristen Bray	Andrew Metternick	Tyler Wildfong	Taylor Whaley
Isaac Brenner	Dakota Miller	Madelynn Willemstein	Kyle Wierzbicki
Randal Brinks	Adrian Mitchell	Shelby Young	Jenna Wilder
Dylan Brower	Carl Mitchell		Brice Wingerter
Travis Brubaker	William Moody		Maggie Wissman
Richard Cadwallader	Mandy Moore		Ashley Worthington
Katherine Canfield	Kaelyn Moseler		Joshua Zalis
Taylor Carey	Sarah Murray		Haley Kyburz
Blythe Carvajal	Hannah Nelson		
Brianna Casarez	Micah Niemeier		
Makela Chapman	Jacob North		
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Levi Churches	Christopher Platz II		
Bailey Conner	Brooke Page		
Abigail Cummings	Mallory Paiz		
Kayleigh Davies	Paige Perry		
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Luke DeBoer	Benjamin Peterson		
Samantha Deiss	Chase Peterson		
Nicholas DeVito	Steven Petrovich		
Alexander Dlouhy	Rachel Phelps		
Spencer Drudy	Tonya Phillips		
Allysen Dubisky	Brooke Pitt		
Erin Duma	Meghan Plutschow		
Isaac Duma	Jacob Poll		
Hunter Engels	Keaton Pomper		
Naomi Evans	Nicholas Proefke		
Max Everhart	Justin Rinks		
Caleb Flentje	Bailey Roberts		
Cassandra Flier	Paige Rozell		
Sydney Fox	Jenna Saunders		
Makenzie Frederickson	Khayli Scott		
Morgan Fuller	Cody Selli		
Tyler Garter	Brett Senneker		
Jessica Graves	Jackson Simmons		
Michelle Griffioen	Austin Sirowatka		
Morgan Groendyke	Christian Sirowatka		
Parker Groom	McKenzie Slupe		
Kathryn Haan	Julia Smelt		
Paige Hale	Karah Smith		
Dustin Harden	Michelle Smith		

7TH GRADE			
Aaron Anderson	Aaron Anderson	Skylar Anderson	Jesse Anes
Timothy Antel II	Micah Babcock	Shelby Baird	Alanna Bancroft
McKenzie Barnes	Perry Bencker	Jorie Bennett-Walsweir	Cody Bieri
Corryn Bieri	Derek Bitterman	Kevin Blanchard	Kyle Bowers
Nicholas Brzezniak	Haley Buck	Mikayla Burke	Hannah Burt
Kendra Campbell	Hannah Burt	Brigitte Casalina	Paige Coble
Scott Collins	Nicole Cummings	Daniel Cowden	Zachary Crawford
Sarah Crosby	Jacey Culross	Zachary Dawson	Kanon Dean
Molly Denison	Jordan Dennie	Emilyn Dec	Heather Dimmick
Kennedy Dodde	Louis Raymond		

8TH GRADE			
Chloe Aalsburg	Brandi Aikens	Lindsay Anderson	Nicholas Aranowski
William Athmann	Danielle Bagin	Jeffrey Baker	Kirsten Baker
Kyle Bassin	Kendra Belile	Zoe Beloncis	Analyse Bencker
Luke Bigham	Sydney Bishop	Gregory Blanton	Michaela Blough
Leigha Boogaard	Dillon Buck	Justin Castro	Micah Chapin
Caitlin Clover	Robert Coffey	James Collins	Heather Colon
Peter Copeyon	Drew Corson	Lindsey Crawford	Victoria Darnell
Gabriel Dean	Quincee Denault	Kaylyn DeWaard	

9TH GRADE			
Alexis Rife	Nicholas Robinson	Abigail Rogalke	Rebecka Roth
Joelen Rude	Leah Schlosser	John Schramm	Emily Schreur
Justin Scott	Trentin Sheppard	Kyle Shurlow	Nichole Slupe
Julie Smith	Brianna Steiner	Reed Stormzand	Raechel Stougaras
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Ryan Timmers	Alexander Tobin	Emma Tompkins	Thao Tran
Taylor Vanderhorst	Nicholas Walker	Taylor Whaley	Kyle Wierzbicki
Jenna Wilder	Brice Wingerter	Maggie Wissman	Ashley Worthington
Joshua Zalis	Haley Kyburz		

10TH GRADE			
Elizabeth Downing	Jordan M Drake	Alicia Noffke	Lauryn Noon
Laura Droog	Ryan Durkee	Kristina Noonon	Allyson Nora
Lenora Edwards	Collin Foehr	John North	Aaron Nowak
Alexis Foster	Mackenzie Fox	Jeffrey Onan	Renn Osborne
Christopher Frisbie	Amber Geldersma	Hope Oudbier	Carissa Paiz
Melody Gerig	Andrea Gilbert	Karlie Paulin	Jelena Petricevic
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Kylie Jean	Adam Jones	Michaela Kehoe	Michael Keith
Stephanie Kline	Hanna Kole	Samantha Kooiman	Lauren Kurtz
Matthew Kyllonen	Meredith Lane	Andrew Light	Alexander Ligman
Jacob Litchfield	Hanna Liu	Blake Lyman	Sage Maliepaard
Kelsey Mankel	Kyra Marks	Christin Marsalese	Taylor Martin
Dominique Martinez	Alannah McBryde	Hannah McLane	Ashley McQueen
Daniel McQueen	Jacob Merklinger	Jacob Merklinger	Kendra Merriman
Torie Milks	Deanna Milton	Derek Mixon	Bravot Morris
Andrew Morse	Gabriel Morse	Mackenzie Marr	Samantha Moody
Melissa Mosher	Ryan Nanzer	Jordan Nurmikko	Arielle Nausieda
Ian Newhouse	Jonathan Niemann		

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JANUARY 3

After a week of public tributes from coast to coast, former President Gerald R. Ford, 93, will be buried today on a hillside site overlooking the Ford presidential library and museum in Grand Rapids.

More than 1,000 Eagle Scouts from the Gerald R.

Ford Boy Scout Council plan to line the casket's route on Fulton Street to the museum.

Rich Riley, scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop #102, pulled his own two sons from school to participate in the funeral. Approximately a dozen other local boy scouts participated as well.

"It was an opportunity of a lifetime," he said. "It showed the boys that anything is possible. They get their Eagle, and they could be president."

It is sexton Don DeLong's dream to create a historical guide mapping out the final resting places of area personalities.

Names such as Englehardt, Avery, Hooker and Peckham will trigger memories and come alive in the guide.

DeLong thought of the idea while updating the cemetery records' database for the city over the last two years.

JANUARY 10

They got their symbolic piece of the pie Friday as Litehouse, Inc. announced transfer of ownership to its 539 employees.

The largest private sector employer in Lowell will transfer 30 percent of the company's family-owned stock through the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP).



Litehouse co-owner Wendell Christoff announces the transfer of 30 percent of the company's stock to its employees. 1/10/07



Lowell's Boy Scout Troop 102 as the motorcade to pass by Veterans Park on Fulton St. in downtown Grand Rapids. 1/3/07

The Wittenbach/Wege Center was vandalized during Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. The community garden shed burned to the ground the first of January and the nature center was broken into during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Lowell City Council extended the deadline to Feb.

to vacate chickens from Brian McLane's property on Kent St.

JANUARY 17

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education approved administrative and non-union contracts.

The administrative team

along with other non-union personnel will receive a 1.75 percent increase for the remainder of the school year. Non-union contracts include bus mechanics, technology staff, central office support staff, and independent personnel.

Lowell could become a hub for trails in the near future. At least that is the vision of the Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) and the North Country Trail Association (NCTA).

Due to a projected shortfall in state revenues, Lowell Area Schools (LAS) district faces potential prorata cuts in student aid.

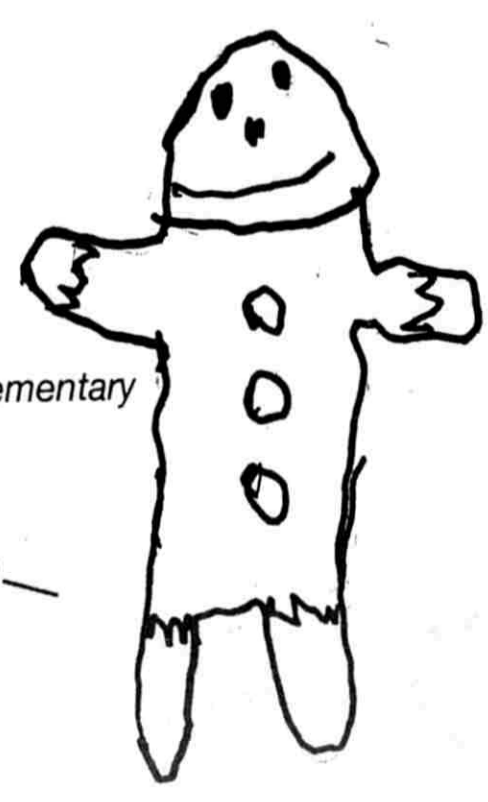
The Lowell Parks and Recreation Commission recently approved a move of the Lowell Area Dog Park after studying demographics and existing parking.



Lowell Rotary president Jim White presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Lowell Area Trailway chairperson Mari Stone to go toward the construction of the trailway. 1/10/07

Caitlin Doyle
Cherry Creek Elementary
Mrs. Young

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JANUARY 24

Lowell City Council deemed Lowell Light and Power (LL&P) company's proposal to trim trees radical and aggressive.

The LL&P requested \$3,120 from the city to trim trees on Lincoln Lake, N. Hudson, Howard, Riverside and Spring streets in the city's right-of-way to protect from power outages.

Connie Gillette, 55, assistant superintendent of finance and personnel at Lowell Area Schools, has notified the school board that she will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson, 75, recently resigned from his post due to progressive Parkinson's disease. The township board is expected to fill the vacancy within the next few weeks.

After a building search that has lasted close to four years, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. has purchased the former Cumberland Manor and renovations have started. The move will take place this Saturday, Jan. 2.

JANUARY 31

Paula Blumm, 56, was appointed Lowell Township supervisor last week in a special meeting of the township board. Blumm will serve as an appointee until the presidential election in 2008 at which time she will run for the supervisor seat.

The Lowell Light & Power Company (LL&P) will start trimming trees according to the utility's policy in conjunction with the Department of Public Works (DPW) in two weeks.

FEBRUARY 7

Marj Harding has been named the person of the year for her multi-faceted community involvement by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Selection Committee.

FEBRUARY 14

Lowell Area Schools students scored above state and county averages in MEAP tests last month. Only two grades tested at the county level in writing, but within one percent point average.

Al and the Black Cats fans are invited to come out and say goodbye before the group leaves for Europe. The local rock and roll band is giving a farewell concert on Feb. 17 at Larkin's Other Place.

FEBRUARY 21

In a heated discussion Saturday, the parks and recreation commission struggled to impose pay to play fees on Lowell city park users.



Marj Harding 2/7/07

Karen Hale, owner of Cousins' Hallmark, was named recipient of the Business Appreciation Award by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

FEBRUARY 28

The Lowell City Council Feb. 20 agreed to

put a proposal on the Nov. 6 general election ballot that would update an obsolete charter.

The city council also proposed another ordinance that would downsize the number of planning commissioners from seven to five.

Lowell Light and Power is expected to pay the city \$17,000 to replace trees on Bowes Road.

The city council Feb. 20 approved the funding to replace 68 trees cut down last year by the utility.

The Lowell parks and recreation commission plans to establish a \$5 fee for resident and non-resident athletic users of city parks.

March 7

The Wege Foundation proposed to donate 100 acres of land on the corner of Alden Nash and Vergennes roads for recreation if the community can come up with a feasibility study.

March 14

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education reviewed a new policy on possessing and transporting dangerous weapons on school property Monday.



Priscilla Lussmeyer retires after 25 years of writing the Ledger Entries. 2/28/07

In response to a recent incident of a 14-year-old boy checking out a historical pornography book at the Englehardt library, Kent District Library officials said they followed policy.



Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Shop is open for business at the new location at 11535 Fulton St. E. after an extensive remodel. Pictured from left to right are: Marge Rehl, Sue VanderMolen, Sherri Jahnke, Ann Dimmick, Marilyn and Donna Gerard. 2/7/07

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World War II veterans Dave Clark, Brian Doyle on behalf of King Doyle, and Sam Yeiter accept certificates of recognition from Lowell American Legion post commander Faye Johnson for 60 years of membership in the legion at the Rotary lunch Feb. 28.

The policy, a part of the federal mandate "No Child Left Behind," stipulates that no person may transport weapons on the property or in a vehicle, except for on-duty law enforcement officers.

Local entrepreneur Kent McKay hopes to break ground in the fall for the construction of a hall on Lincoln Lake Avenue. Target completion date is April 2008 preceded by a public open house in March.

March 21

The Lowell City Council Monday took heat for its lack of action on the North Washington property. The 27-acre city-owned parcel has been a controversial subject for more than a year since Lowell Light and Power vacated the property.

The Rockford Ambulance addition to the Look Memorial Fire Station got the go-ahead from

the Lowell City Council Monday.

The 2,000-square-foot addition will free up space for the fire station, while accommodating the growing ambulance service.

The city council Monday gave a one-time permit to Lowell Little League to use sponsor signs at Creekside Park for this season only.

In the meantime, the planning commission will work on an ordinance regulating the usage of signs in city parks for 2008.

March 28

Lowell melted away more pounds per person than Greenville in the recent 10-week Community Wellness weight loss challenge.

The parks commission recently approved the use of signs by Lowell Little League for this season only with the largest sign being 32 square feet. However, the signs must come down after the season ends in July.

The city planners Monday allotted more time to discuss fowl, and put time limits on construction projects.



Bob Tarte publishes second book "Fowl Weather." 3/14/07

Residential construction projects now must be completed within 12 months, and commercial projects within 18 months.

April 4

Shaking their heads in disbelief over busted cash



Lowell Light and Power officials were penalized by the city council's order to pay \$17,000 to the city for cutting trees last year. 3/28/07

register and a trashed front counter. Pauly's owners Paul and Stacey Faba could not believe their fine wine and beer store was broken into late Sunday night.

A draft of the budget, expected to be adopted in June, was unveiled at the city council meeting Monday.

The general fund, one of the city's 10 funds, has been impacted mainly by declining state revenue sharing and the closing of part of Attwood which resulted in a loss of \$100,000 in personal property taxes.

April 11

After months of investigation and incarceration, Paul Tuthill, Phyllis Calkins and Judith Cormier of Doctors Chiropractic faced arraignment and hearing on

charges of conspiracy to evade taxes today in U.S. District Court.

The hearing was rescheduled Friday when the defendants appeared separately in handcuffs without attorneys. Tuthill, Calkins and Cormier argued they had no paperwork or time to get attorneys.

Organized locally, the Lowell CROP HUNGER WALK set a goal of 150 to 200 walkers to raise at least \$32,000 to help stop hunger here in our community, and around the world through self-help development initiatives. A portion of the funds raised here in Lowell went to the Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Pantry and Lowell Senior Neighbors.

Vergennes Township planners said preservation of large parcels of agricultural land and consideration for a future township wastewater system were the driving forces behind the master plan update.

April 18

The Lowell City Council Monday night approved the sale of Lowell Cable to Comcast for \$3.5 million, a decision that has been in the works for two years.

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Updated master plan incorporated traditional downtown block design to promote walkability. 4/4/07

Many Lowell residents responding to a community-wide survey would probably approve a proposal that would use an unspent \$10.9 million from the 2000 bond issue along with a new \$14 million bond to finance facility improvements.

Museum have lost approximately \$20,000 in frozen grants. In a rally last week in Lansing, local arts and history representatives opposed the cutbacks that will significantly impact the programming of both organizations.

keeping fowl in the city. The action came after several months of controversy.

Under the proposed amendment, fowl and rabbits are permitted by right on one acre lots in any residential district.

May 2

The Lowell planning commission set limits for



Greg Brook gave a Bald Eagle presentation during Earth Day at the Wittenbach/Wege Nature Center. The center also celebrated its sixth anniversary. 4/25/07

April 25

Superior Furniture has partnered with Indiana-based Jasper Cabinet Co. to stay competitive in a deflationary market. Jasper is a niche supplier of accent furniture.

The Lowell Area Arts Council (LAAC) and the Lowell Area Historical

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Roger LaWarre. The money came from a portion of entrance fees charged to teams that participated in the weight loss challenge event sponsored by Lowell Community Wellness.

Two incumbent candidates ran for two open seats on the Lowell Area School Board of Education in the May 8 election.

The candidates were current board president Nancy Hopkins and vice-president Mark Lessens, who are both seeking their third four-year terms on the board.

May 9

Lowell has moved one step closer to becoming Tree City USA as Arbor Day approaches.

A proposed tree ordinance addresses tree protection, removal, replacement, trimming, penalties and appeal process for city trees

Lowell Township will have a new equestrian park on the northeast corner of Cascade and Alden Nash.

A longtime Lowell Township resident has decided to sell the land to be used as a public park

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Local photographers exhibit "4 Points of View" becomes a great hit. The exhibit featured "Swan in the Mist" by Dennis Grantz. 4/11/07

rather than developed. The county has been acquiring land in Lowell Township for the purpose of creating Lowell Regional Park since 1998.

The property will be used only for motor freight warehousing to include the trucking operation and continued agricultural storage. The balance of the property would not be used for anything else except for continuation of the already approved mining operation.

The issue has still not been resolved and is will be taken up again in January 2008.

Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw announced his retirement effective June 30 after 31 years in the Lowell school district.

Timpson Transport has requested the rezoning of 12.7 acres on Segwun Avenue to L-1 with two major conditions.

Vashaw, principal for 12 years, also worked as a math teacher and high school assistant principal.

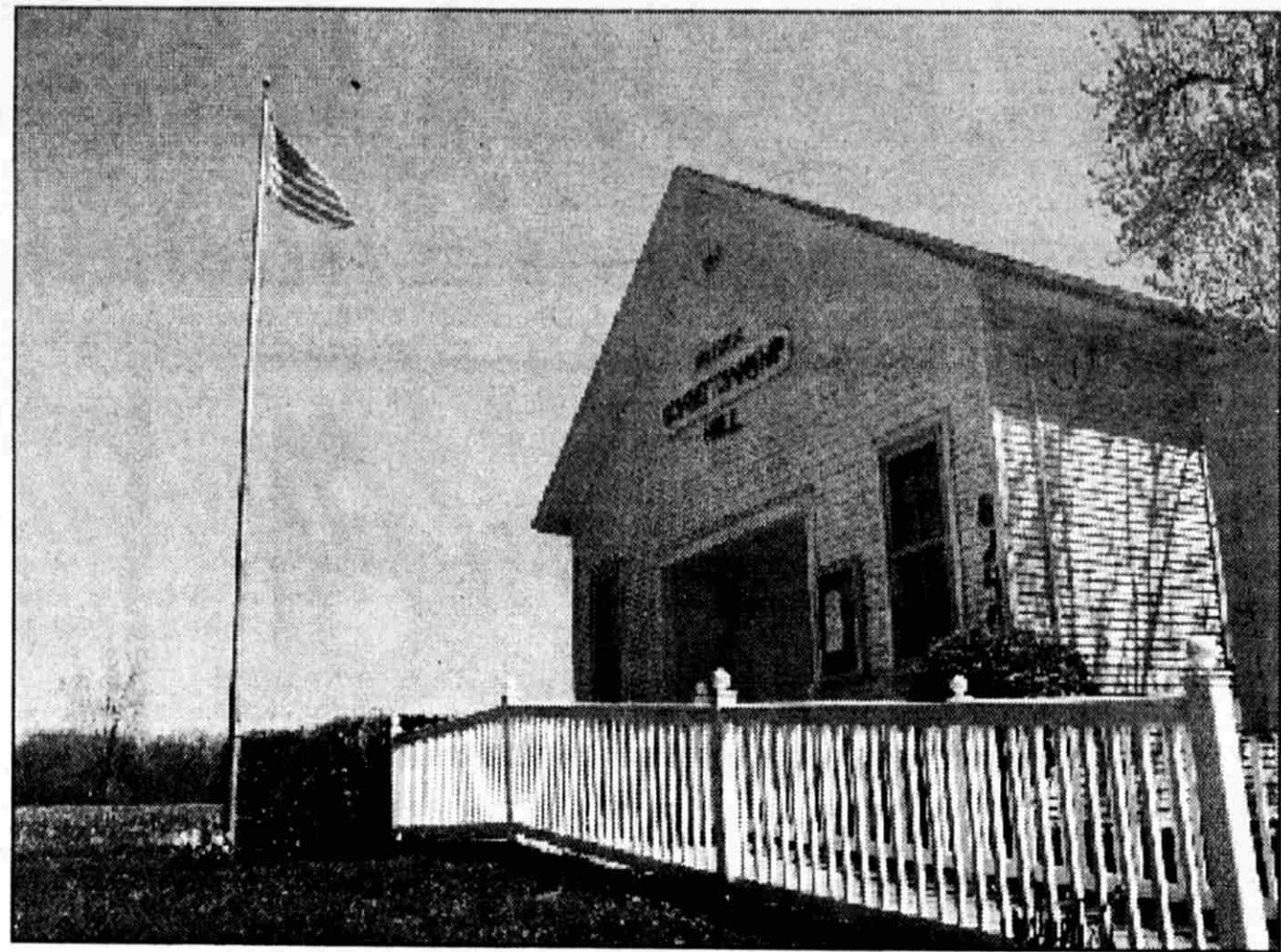
The Lowell City Arbor Committee planted a velvet pillar tree on Bowes Road last week to honor Arbor Day.

toward the sale of the Cable TV by repealing the cable ordinance Monday.

May 30
A structural fire at Alden Nash and 52nd Street in Alto caused an approximate damage of \$25,000. The fire broke out at 5:15 a.m. last

family friend. The incident is reported to have occurred some time in 2002 prior to Robinson's employment with the Lowell Police Department.

June 6
The Lowell City Council approved the 2007-



Part of the historical spring tour was the Bowne Township Hall along with Saranac Depot. 5/2/07

May 23
Sharon Ellison of the Lowell Area Conservation Association presented a petition to the city council Monday requesting the preservation of North Washington property.

To the dismay of most residents, the Lowell City Council took another step

Thursday. Three buildings located on the Graham Centennial farm caught on fire.

Lowell Police officer Brandon Robinson was charged in Allegan County with two counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, involving a 13-year-old

2008 operating budget, while promising to hold a work session on what to do with \$3 million in proceeds from the pending sale of Lowell Cable to Comcast.

Trees became the topic of discussion again as Lowell Light & Power presented a power line clearance policy to the city council Monday.

According to the proposed policy, power lines must have a 10-foot clearance from all sides.

June 13
Lowell Area Schools showed a budgetary shortfall of \$0.5 million for the next school year.

John Zielinski, new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Lowell Area Schools, views the financial challenges of the district as an opportunity to be creative and to find solutions.

The Lowell Township Planning Commission gathered ideas for a township master plan at a workshop Monday night.

June 20
The Lowell City Council Monday lifted a moratorium on tree cutting as Lowell Light & Power officials identified 12 trees for removal under the power line clearance policy.

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Lowell hosted mayor exchange day with Portland for a day filled with activities. 5/16/07

The state of city address showed confidence that Lowell will thrive as a community in spite of economic difficulties and a strained tax base.

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Ivan Blough and a boat load of volunteers logged in



New CFO John Zielinski 5/30/07

over 250 hours during the month of May and June to bring the Lowell Showboat back to pristine condition for the start of summer and the many events that will be held on the Riverwalk Plaza. Many volunteers, the City of Lowell Department of Public Works and Kent County Youth Fair staff showed up to help finish the boat.

June 27
Lowell honored the National Take Your Dog to Work Day in style. Joel Forrest, of Circle JF Saddlery, brought his doberman Rusty to the shop last Friday. Rusty enjoyed the photo shoot. Forrest has been very busy with his saddle business with orders from as far away as Detroit and Traverse City. The saddle shop also makes dog collars and leashes.

Citizens representing communities along the Flat River railroad bed, with the exception of Greenville, put up \$17,500 toward an appraisal of the railroad that would eventually lead to its conversion to a trail.

The Lowell City Planning Commission discussed the regulation of storage units based on an ordinance developed by East Grand Rapids.

July 4

Gorgeous weather, family fun activities, and many dedicated walkers contributed to the success of the 2nd annual relay. The 24-hour walk was held this past weekend. "We are trying to achieve a carnival-like atmosphere for the community and those teams participating" said Carol Briggs event co-chair.

A small group of Elm Street residents opposed the construction of a second

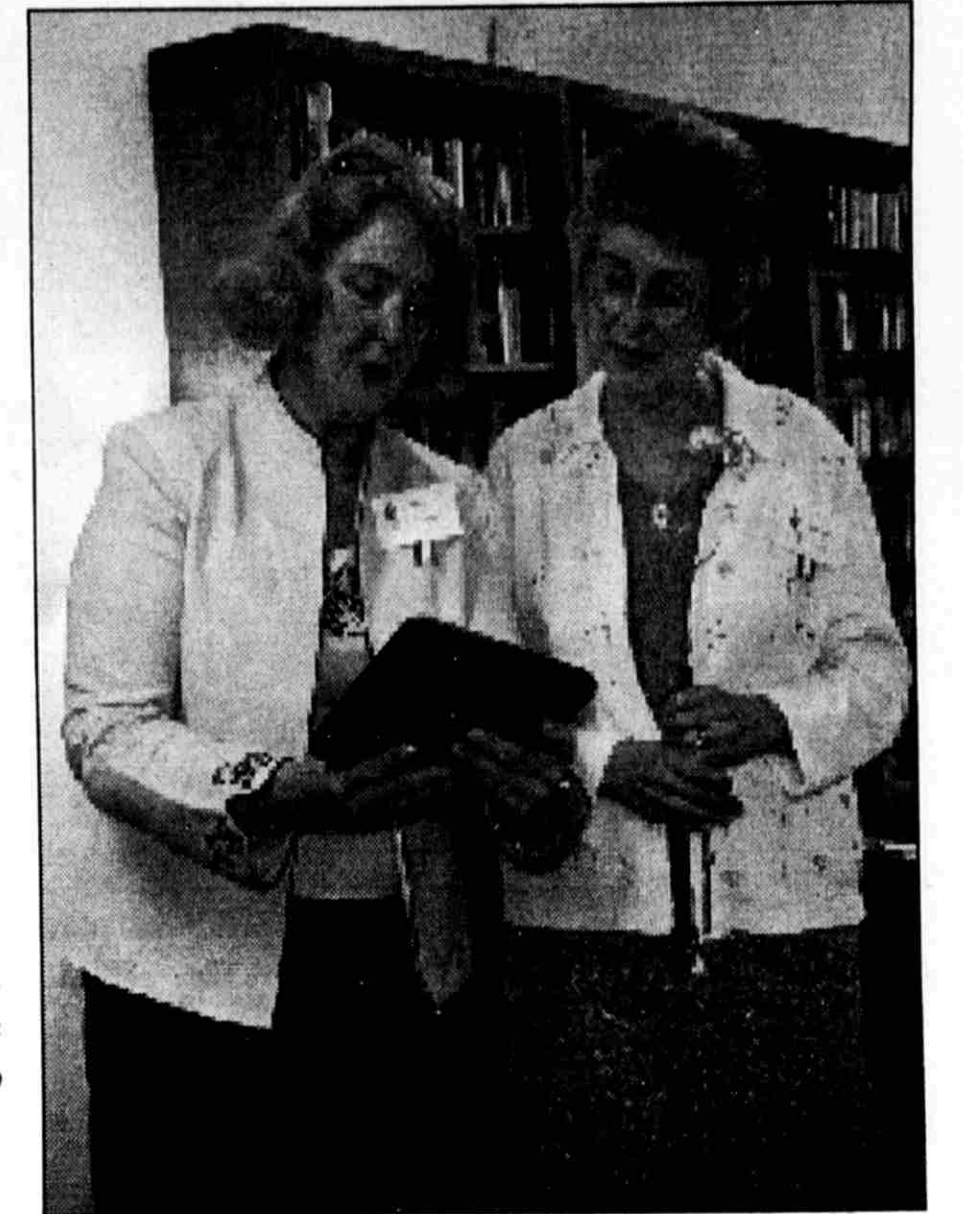
duplex on the corner of Amity and Elm streets.

It was the contention of the group that having more rental properties in the old part of town would decrease the historical value of the existing homes.

July 11

Patricia Murphy-Alderman was named Lowell High School's new principal following Scott Vashaw's retirement.

Lowell's signature event, with its famous duck, is expected to attract record crowds this year as people are looking for things to do close to home.



Joanne Parker was named Woman of the Year. 5/23/07

July 18

The Lowell City Council approved a three-year police officer agreement.

The contract recognizes the Police Officers Association of Michigan

(POAM) as the bargaining agent rather than the Lowell Police Officers Association. Ionia County National Bank (ICNB) has been merged into FirstBank Corp.

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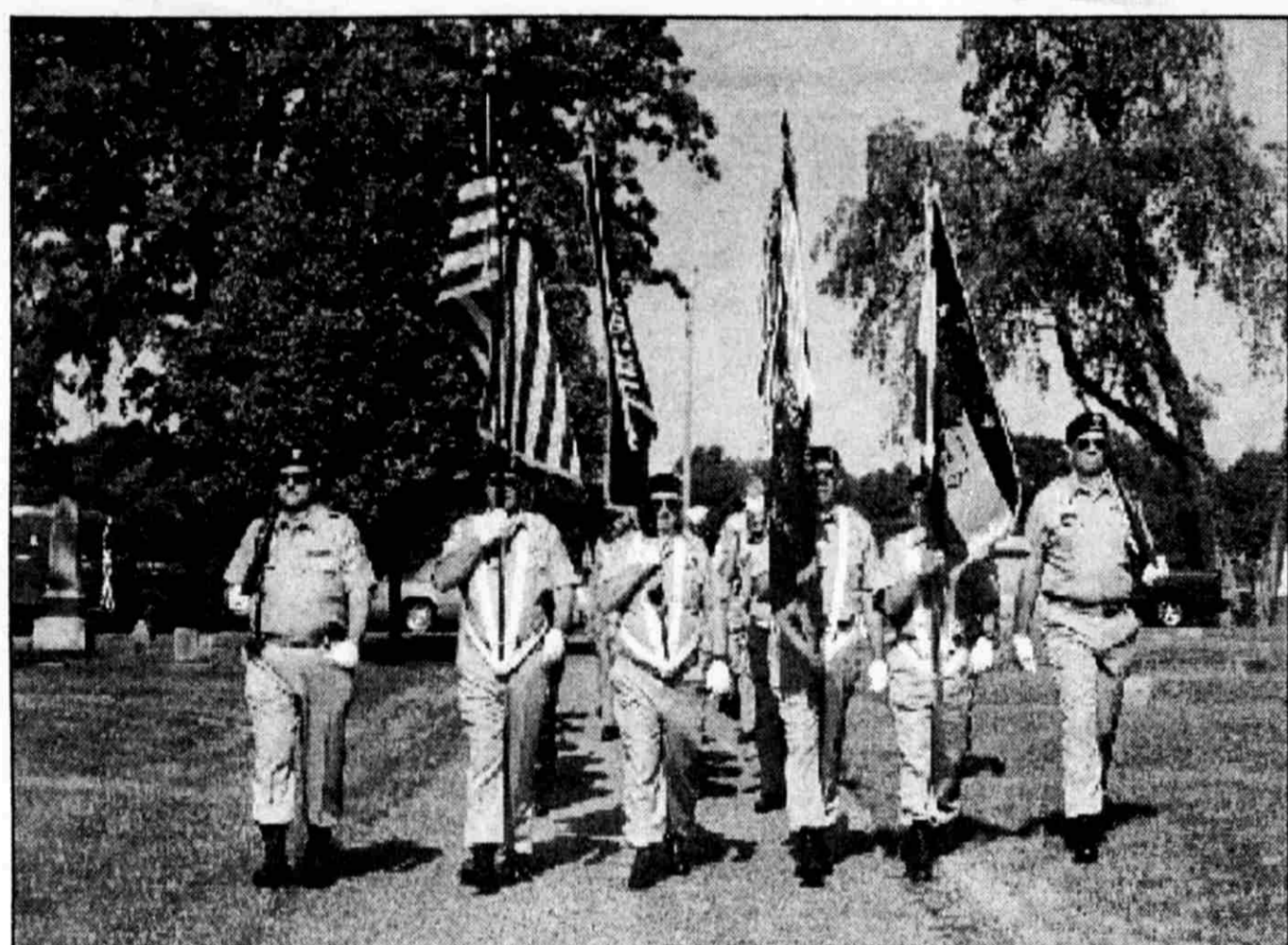
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Memorial Day ceremonies included a traditional parade to the Oakwood Cemetery. 5/30/07

of Alma, a holding company that operates seven different banks in Michigan.

The merger, effective July 1, is different than other mergers, according to president and CEO Jim Fast.

were Tom Jansen, Fred Sebulke, Allison Harte, Terri DeBoer, Joanne Bailey, Mary Rademacher and Lowell mayor Chuck Myers.

July 25

Judging the Showboat talent show on the Riverwalk

The Lowell city planning commission granted unanimous approval

to the First Baptist Church of Lowell to build a 22,400 square foot addition. The addition will almost double the size of the existing building at 2275 W. Main St.

Organized by the Open Space Committee, the Biggest Tree contest sought

any type of trees from oaks, maples, willows, ash to pines. The circumference of the trees will be measured at a height of 4.37 feet or 52 inches from the ground. Winners will be determined by certified arborist Brian McKenzie and professional landscaper Tom Rooks.

August 1

Over a thousand spectators and 26 girls' softball teams gathered for the Lowell Xtreme tournament dedicated to a victim of a softball accident. Maggie Hilbrands,



Museum director Judy Straub retired after 18 years. 7/25/07

August 8
The Lowell City Council extended a contract with the School of Missionary Aviation Technology (SMAT) by one year due to

possible move of the school to the Ionia County Airport.

Collector's Korner owner Rodger Ackerson offered a \$500 reward for



Model T tour rolled through downtown en route to the three area covered bridges. 7/25/07



Billed as the largest fire in two decades with columns of smoke that could be seen from Grand Rapids, flames destroyed the Michigan Wire Processing stage one plant on Alden Nash and M21 Saturday, 9/19/07

12. of Grand Rapids, who played for the Xtreme team, died last week due to fatal injuries sustained after getting hit in the head with a softball during a routine practice for the tournament.

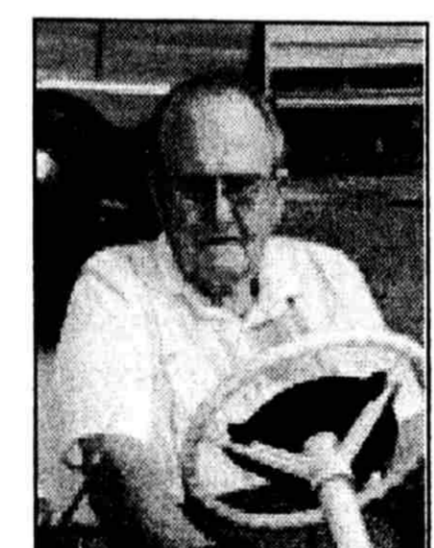
International photographer, author and lecturer Steve Uzzell will be the spotlight speaker for the Franciscan Life Process Center's LIFE fest 2007.



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E.L. Phelps died during fair. 8/8/07

information leading to the return of a stolen coin collection.

The estimated value of the collection, according to detective Steven Bukala, is more than \$20,000.

August 15

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education Monday approved a \$10.9 million bond sale to fund districtwide improvements.

These improvements will cover renovation,

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Ledger publisher Roger Brown sold the paper to J-Ad Graphics of Hastings after more than a half century of putting ink on paper starting in his father's print shop. New owners, the Jacobs family, emphasized the importance of community newspapers. 8/15/07

These improvements will cover renovation, technology and security needs as identified by a demographics committee and district consultants Owen, Ames and Kimball.

The Lowell Area Arts Council may soon have a new home on the Riverwalk.

At the Lowell City Council meeting, Rick Seese presented a revised proposal for joint occupancy of the Riverwalk Building, which is now home to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.



Lowell equestrian team wins Division C state title. The 2007 Division C State Champions are (from left) Kendall Hewitt, April Wolf, Amber Waldron, Amy VanEns and Jessie Meyers. 10/24/07

August 22

The city council extended the rental of the house located at 990 N. Washington until June of next year following a plea by the renters.

The city-owned house, as well as the 27-acre North Washington property, have been the subject of a year-long controversy.

The fifth annual Art Attack, a major fundraiser for the Lowell Area Arts Council, generated record revenues this year.

This year's event took place Aug. 18. Arts Council director Lorain Smalligan estimated the proceeds around \$18,500, up by \$8,000 from last year.

Charlie Pierce, Jack Kempker, Gary Rivers and Dr. Donald Gerard will be added to the Lowell Athletic Honor Wall. The wall was established last year to recognize individuals with a minimum of 10 years dedication to the Lowell athletic program. Pierce and Rivers are deceased.

August 29

The Lowell Planning Commission sets out to regulate temporary signs putting more responsibility on business owners, while relaxing time limits on signs.

The much-awaited Showboat Nostalgia, a revived minstrel attraction of the 30s, came alive after a 10-year long hiatus. The show came complete with slapstick comedy.



Dr. Donald Gerard, Jack Kempker and Gary Rivers were inducted into the athletic hall of fame, joining Charlie Pierce from two weeks earlier at Friday's home football game. 9/12/07

September 5

A fire early Monday morning destroyed Jimmy's Grill on Grand River Avenue in Lowell.

drive in July during the Riverwalk, the bare shelves never got replenished.

Foundation. Once invested, the funds will be diversified at a performance rate of return over eight percent.

September 12

The Flat River Outreach Ministries pantry is in dire need of food after serving 140 families in July. Even though, there was a food

The city council Monday agreed to invest \$2.4 million in cable sale proceeds into the Grand Rapids Community

The Lowell Area Schools started new year with no budget info from Lansing.

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September 19

The Grand Lux Ballrooms facility is now on target for March grand opening following the Vergennes township's Monday approval of liquor/dance entertainment permit.

The community of Alto celebrated the season

with the annual Harvest Festival last weekend in the downtown area drawing in record crowds of 3,000.

Swisslane Farms, a family-driven farm in Alto, has become environmentally-verified by the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program

(MAEAP), after a four-year process of updating the area.

Lisa Noskey, Christine Beachler, Rhonda Stump and Bethanie Pollack from the River Bluff team were the winning team in the 100 miles community walking challenge.



City council meeting packed with citizens for discussion on North Washington property. 10/10/07

The planning commission Monday discussed a potential waiver of a \$200 bond for non-profit

the football team ended the week with an exciting win against Forest Hills Central, the seniors won in

proper setting for the annual arts event.

October 10

Two new businesses open on Main Street. East End Pastries have paired up with Voyages Coffee. On the west side of town Mynt Fusion Bistro introduced Asian inspired cuisine.

The Lowell Area Schools launched a new website as well as Infinite Campus. Infinite Campus allows parents to look at children's grades online, as well as dialog with the teacher.



Christmas season brings a flurry of activities to Lowell and the area. Just in time for the debut of the night parade snow covered the ground. Pictured is the Covered Bridge in Fallasburg Park. 11/28/07

organizations. Keeping track of temporary signs has been a nightmare in the past due to high saturation of events mainly at the car dealerships.

October 3 It was a Homecoming week of perfect proportions

the class competitions and the Powderpuff game, and most importantly, the high school raised the anticipated \$6,000 for the "Make-a-Wish" foundation.

A steady stream of cars poured into the Fallasburg Park bathed in greens, browns, yellows and reds, a

October 17

Lowell will soon have a dog park following Monday night city council approval of its official name. In a brief controversy, the council agreed to name the park after the major sponsor, Animal Hospital of Lowell Dog Park.

October 24

A portion of a \$20,000 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund will be used to complete a feasibility study for the Lowell Area Trailway.

Thursday night was a bit sunny and warm, then a little rainy and cloudy. But for almost 1,000 women, it was Girls' Night Out, a semi-annual event put on by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

Walkability, mixed uses and a state trunk line running through downtown Lowell were among the highlights of the updated master plan adopted by the planning commission Monday.

October 31

Six candidates were vying for three open seats



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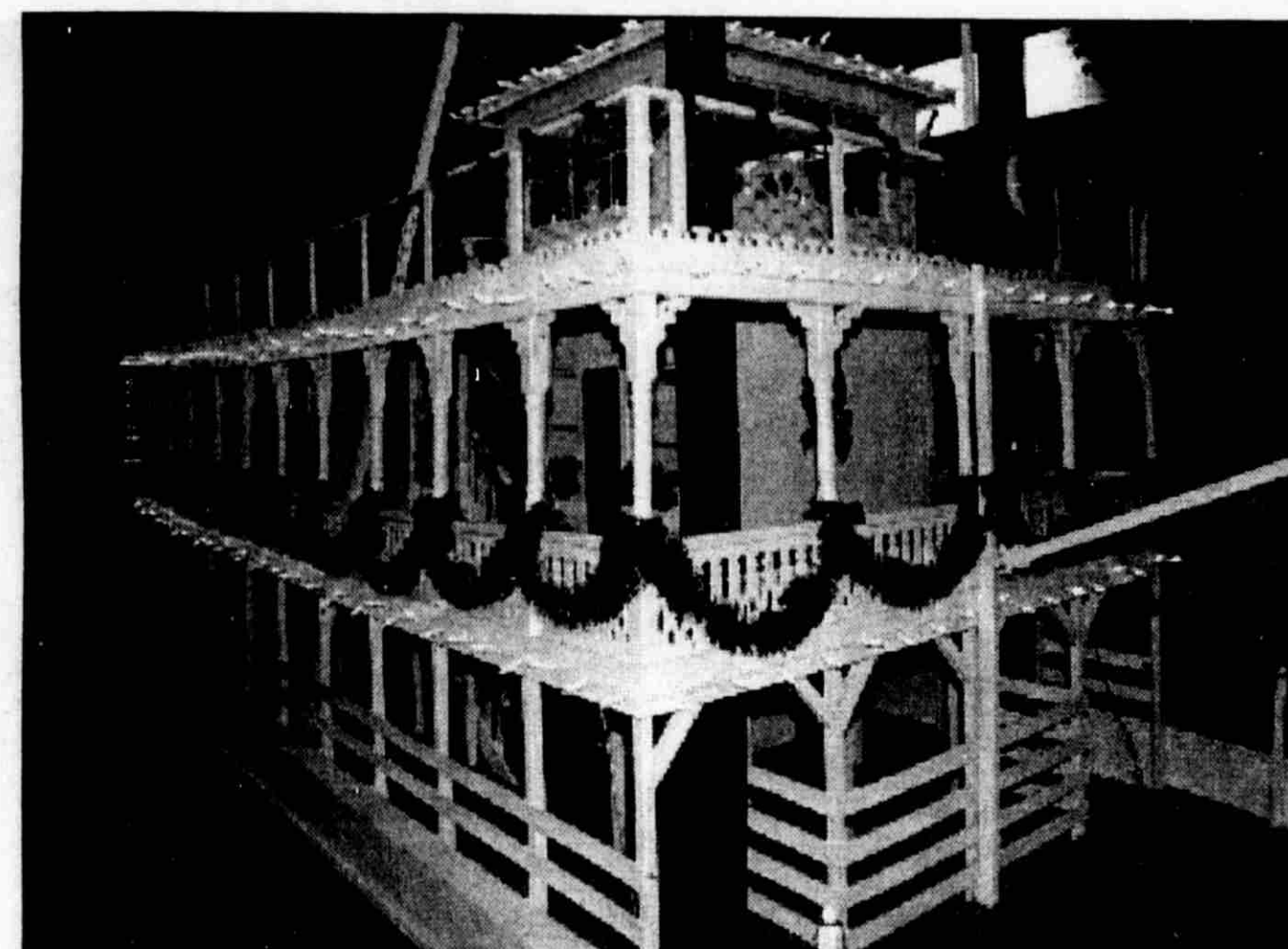
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A precise miniature replica of the real Showboat made of scrap shelving wood complete with laser-cut trimmings will serve as another marketing tool for Lowell. 12/5/07

on the city council in the November general election. Tree trimming, the sale of Lowell Cable and North Washington property are among the major issues concerning the candidates.

The incumbent candidates were: mayor Chuck Myers, mayor pro-tem Al Mathews and council member Jim Hodges. The newcomers were Sharon Ellison, Maryalene LaPonsie and Jeff Altoft.

November 7

A large turnout mainly due to a crowded ballot with a slate of newcomer candidates brought out city residents to the polls



Christmas was a little brighter this year as the city's most prominent evergreen tree is now glowing with high-tech low-energy Christmas lights. 12/5/07



Al Mathews with wife Jane, and mayor Chuck Myers with wife Noreen at the last meeting for the two council members.

Tuesday. There were already 105 people voting mid-morning. The city has 2,663 registered voters between two precincts.

Having outgrown the facilities at the Lowell city airport, the School of Missionary Aviation Technology (SMAT) will be moving to the Ionia County Airport next August.

The opening night of the Gizmos and Gadgets special exhibit at the Lowell Area Historical Museum last Thursday was a huge success, attended by 80 people.

November 14

Residents voted for a change as they elected new faces on the council in the

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2007 - A Year In Review

November general election. They were Sharon Ellison, Jeff Altoft and Jim Hodges.

In an ongoing master plan update process, the Lowell township planning commission discussed land splits in rural agricultural zone Monday in light of another potential exit off I-96.

The board approved a donation of property from Betty Yeiter. Yeiter is

donating 25 acres of land located on Cascade Road near the intersection of Cascade and Alden Nash. Superintendent Pratt stated future use of this land could include a small school or athletic facility.

A Lowell man was killed Saturday night after crashing his truck on Alden Nash Ave. SE, just north of 36th St. in Lowell Township.

Scott Ketchum, 44, was driving north on Alden Nash

when he attempted to pass a vehicle in a no-passing zone.

November 21

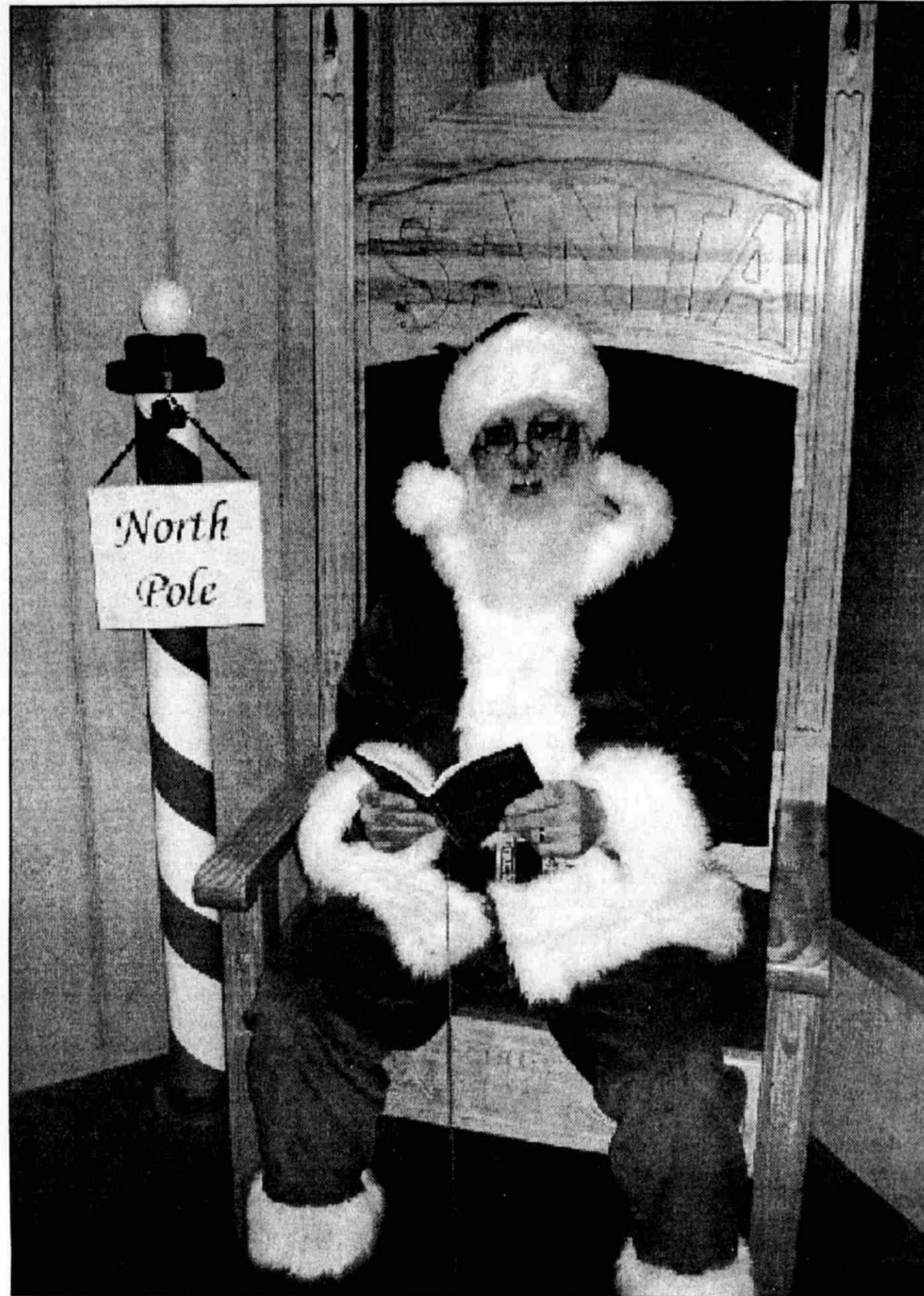
Due to lack of communication from the city, the Vergennes Township Board unanimously passed a resolution opposing the taking of air easements and a potential airport upgrade Monday.

Call it a "gift from Lowell to Grand Rapids".

Alto kids collect for F.R.O.M.



Students at Alto filled two vehicles with canned food, boxed food, toys, personal care items, and various other items they collected for Flat River Outreach Ministries. This drive, sponsored by Alto Student Council, is an annual event that Alto families overwhelmingly respond to and always give generously. Lowell Area Schools December Character Trait is caring and Alto students and families know how to demonstrate what a caring group they are. Pictured are members of Alto's Student Council standing beside two loads of goods for FROM. 12-19-07



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A large evergreen was cut down because it was getting dangerously close to power lines at a home on Hunt Street. Alan Teclander decided to turn the event into something good, and offered the tree to the Grand Rapids Art Museum to place near Rosa Parks Circle in downtown Grand Rapids for the holidays.

The Lowell Planning Commission wants to establish a joint corridor with Lowell Township along the main M21 artery for consistency and enforcement.

Due to lack of sign-age enforcement by the township, the commissioners discussed the corridor Monday as a standalone zoning district with its own requirements.

On Sunday, several individuals braved the cold to install a donors recognition board at the Animal Hospital of Lowell dog park at Stoney Lakeside Park. The board was built as a project in working towards the level of Eagle Scout for local Boy Scout Jacob Theisen.

December 19

For those who visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Showboat, hot chocolate and cookies are available. Santa keeps a book next to him of all the wishes given by the good boys and girls.

charged atmosphere as two longtime council members bid farewell to the public.

Mayor Chuck Myers and mayor pro-tem Al Mathews conducted their last city council meeting.

located at 909 Bowes Rd., home of Rami Idbal Saba, in connection with a missing Saranac man Donald Dietz. Later Saba was booked into Kent County Jail on fraud charges.

The Michigan State Police searched a house

November 28

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.

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.

Mariah Moore of Alto 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.

December 5

Lowell may in the future be connected with sidewalks as well as transit. A \$42,829 allocation from the Community Development Block Grant would provide funding for sidewalks on North Center from West Main Street to Heffron. Further improvement could be extended to North West Street.

With the theme "Light the Night", Saturday's night parade drew record crowds in spite of freezing temperatures to downtown Lowell.

December 12

Christine Beachler updated the board on a program used in the high school called Turnitin.com.

This is a web site that LHS subscribes to, which allows students and teachers to scan writing assignments. The website scans the document and reports the percentage of plagiarism within the document.

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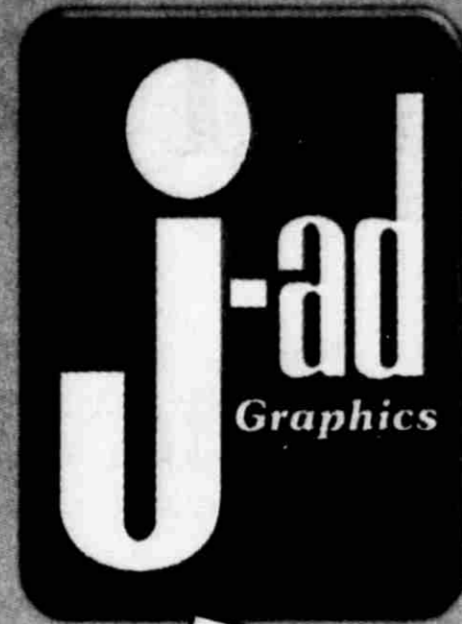
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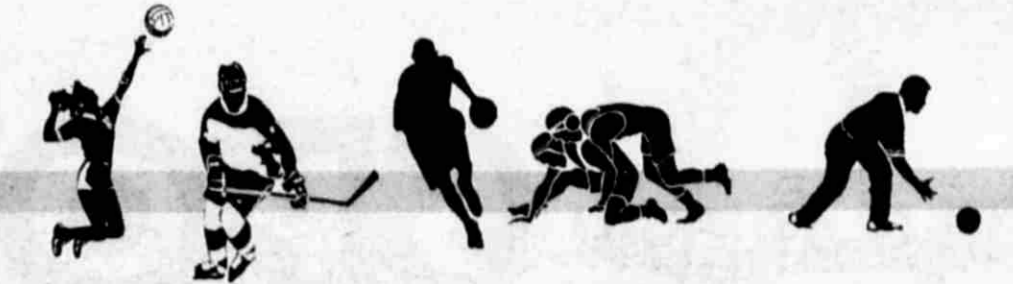
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RED ARROW SPORTS



Boys' basketball pulls off win against Lakewood

by Molly Bemmingfield
Editor

The teams were relatively evenly-matched - Lowell had just come off of a big win against Greenville and were showing signs of the good that should come this season, while Lakewood has been known to compete fiercely in basketball, complete with multiple

winning seasons and some big wins in their past.

And for much of the game, the lead bounced back and forth, with Lowell taking the slight edge with a one-point lead going into the half. But Lakewood would prove persistent, and force Lowell to count on some of its heavy hitters near the end of the game.

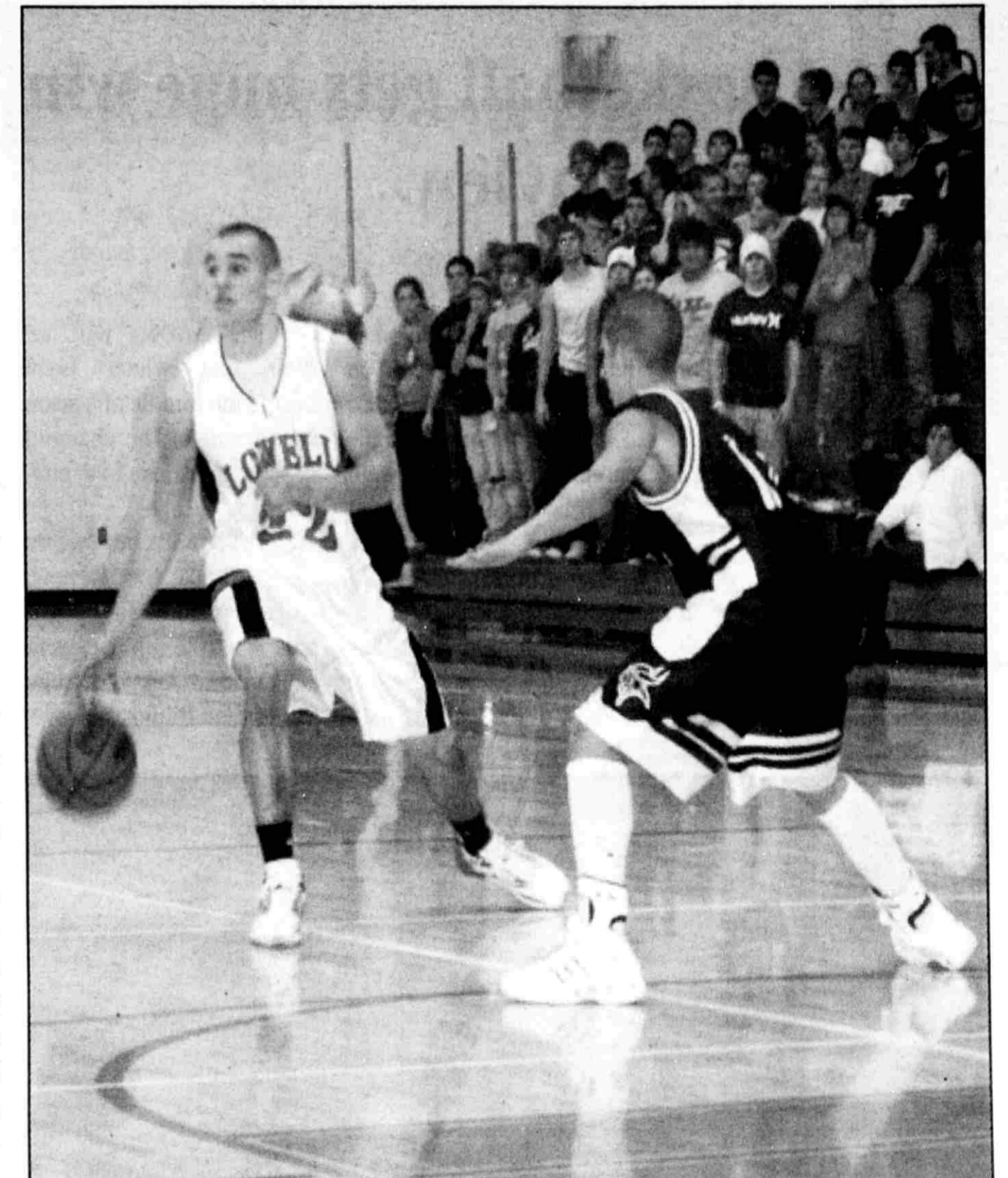
Matt Kurtz, a senior on the team, was unstoppable in

the fourth quarter, draining five of six free throws to push the Arrows out of a tie.

But it was a pass he made in the fourth quarter that coach Jeff McDonald said was key to the Lowell victory. "He got a pass to Tim [Hettinga] to score, and that put us in the lead," he said. Lakewood wouldn't see the lead again after that, only tying at 45 late in the fourth.

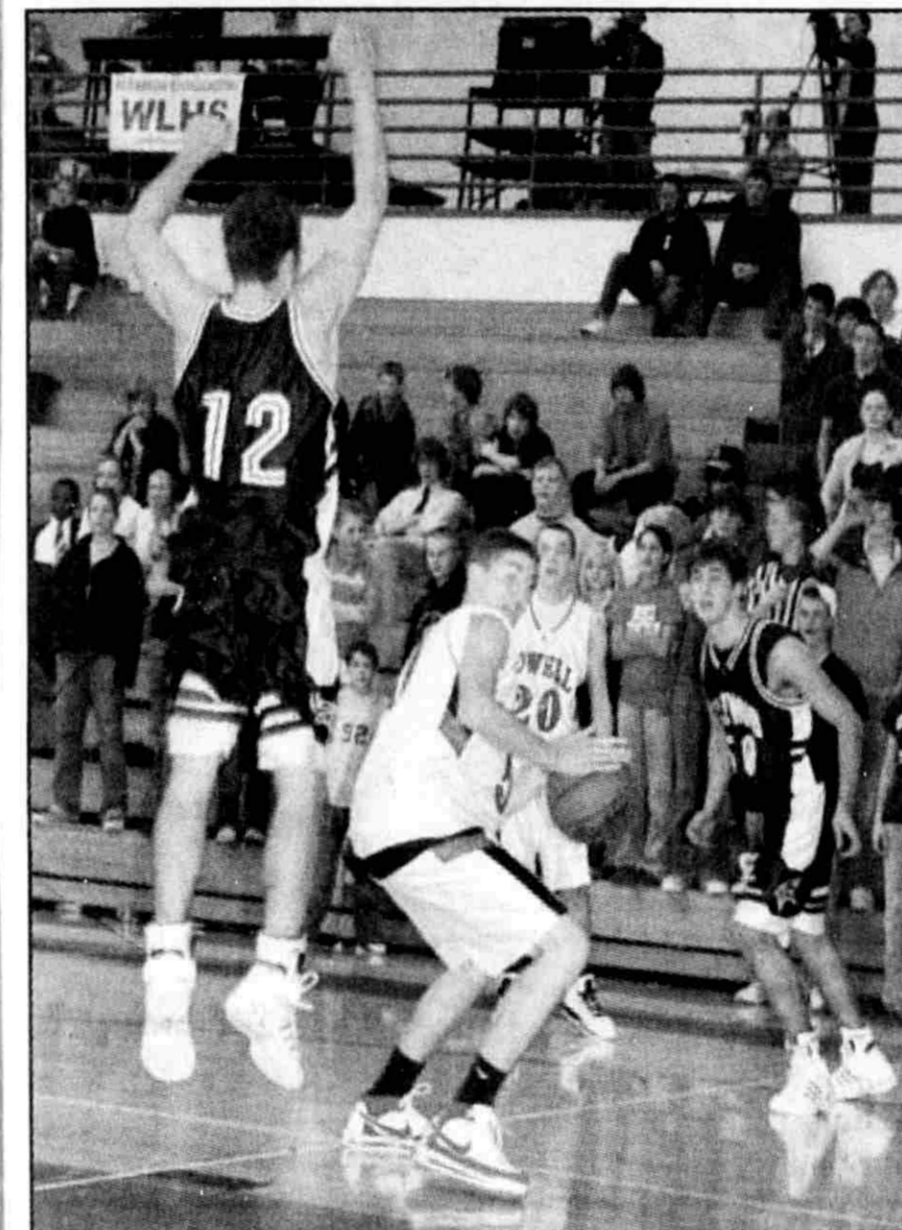
It was in a series of free throws, started by Bob Wernet, and ending with Kurtz's streak that won the game for the Arrows, and McDonald said it was nice to see the free throw edge prove positive for his team, unlike their first game against Cedar Springs, when the Arrows went 6-13 and lost by only four. This time around, Lowell was 15-of-18 from the line.

Hettinga was hot from behind the arc, making four 3-pointers, and had 22 points. Kurtz added 12 points, while Brett McMahon added eight.

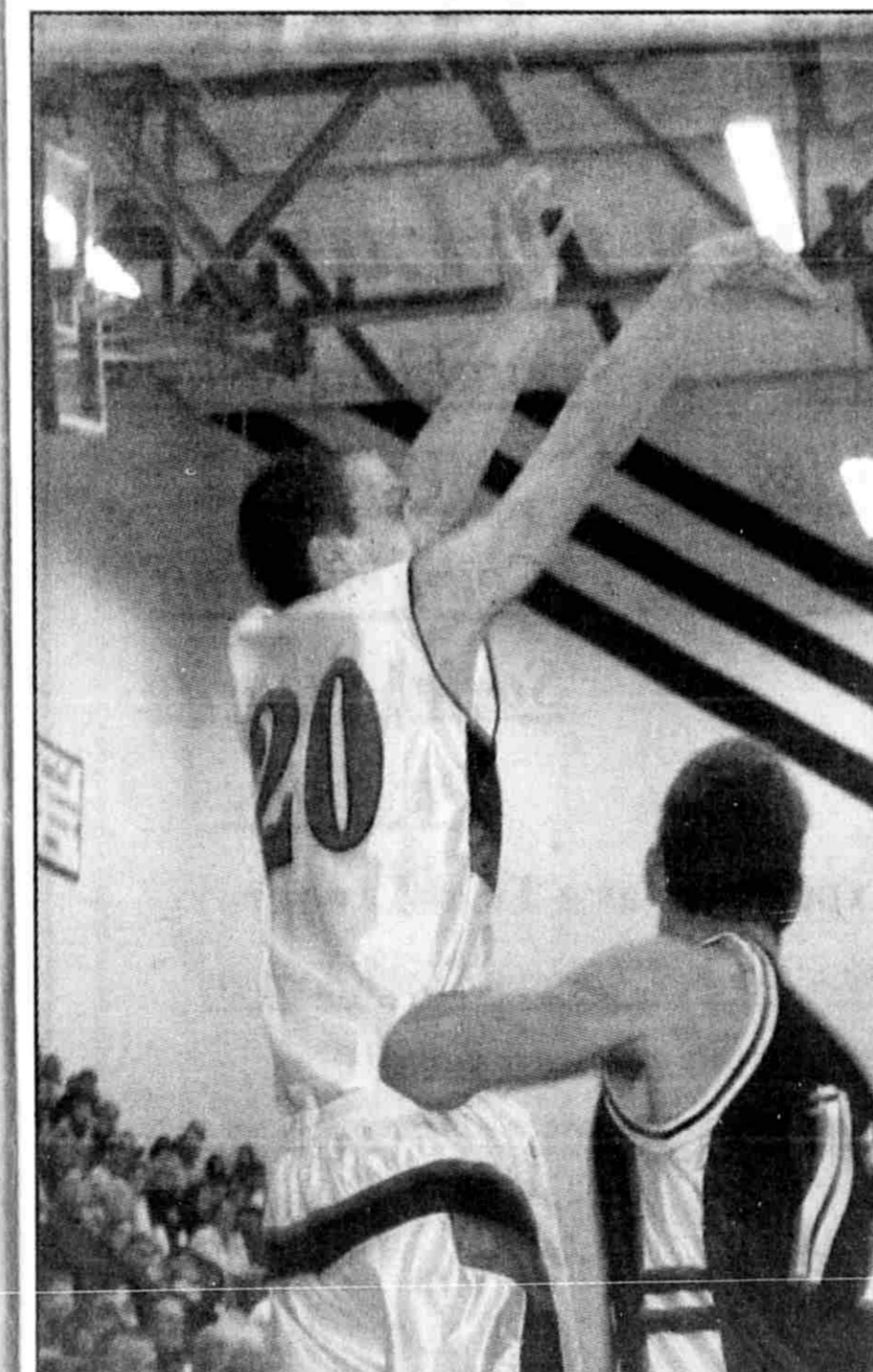


Matt Kurtz (22) looks for an open on Tuesday night.

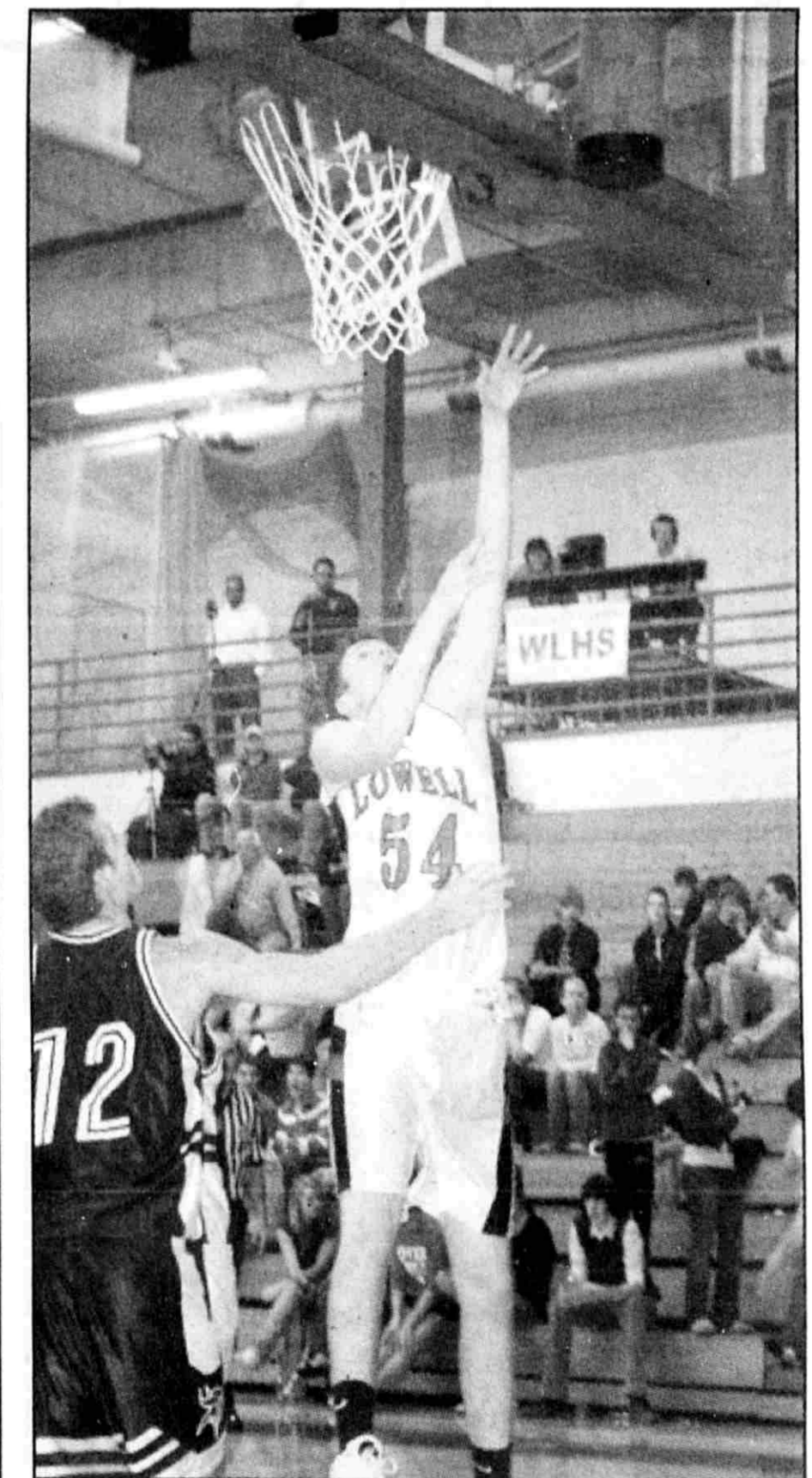
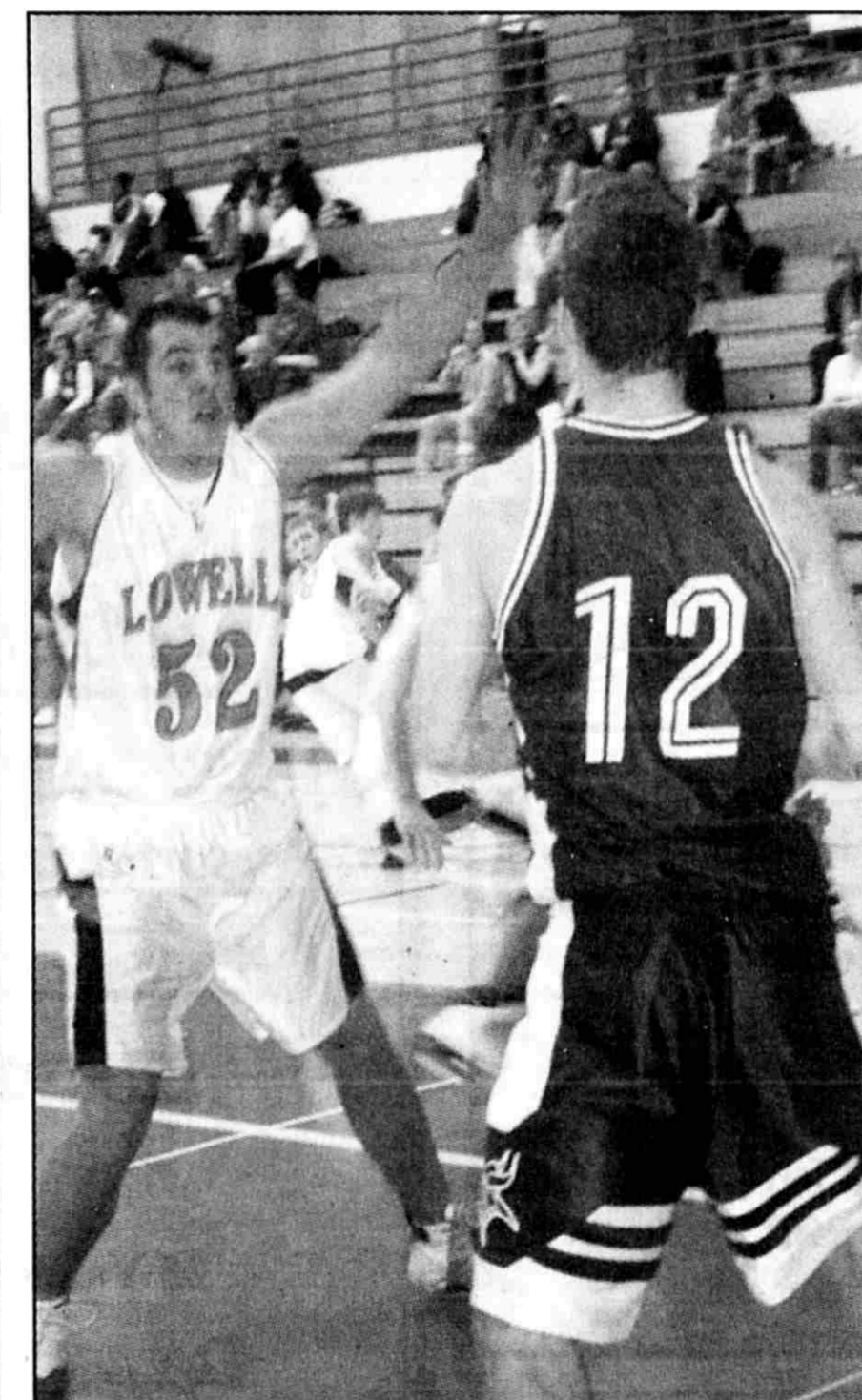
The Arrows will take on Thornapple-Kellogg on Friday, Dec. 28 at home, at 7:30 p.m.



Spencer Sellner (50) guards the ball from Lakewood's Justin Keller (12).



Tim Hettinga (20) displays his perfect gooseneck form. Hettinga had four 3-pointers for the Arrows.

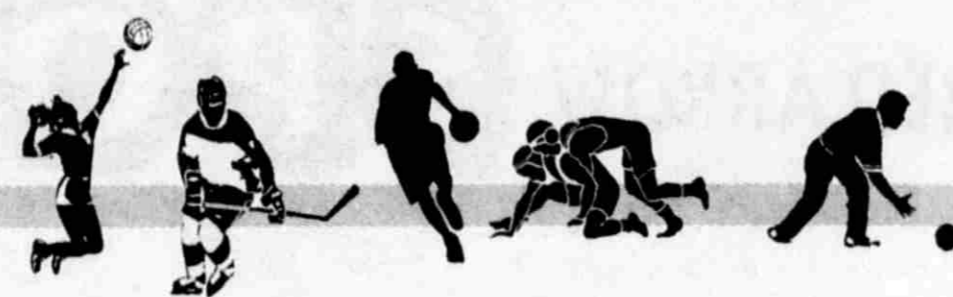


(Left): Josh Faulkner (52) blocks Lakewood's Keller.
(Right): Bob Wernet (54) goes for a layup on Tuesday night.

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RED ARROW SPORTS



Girls' basketball gets huge win against Northview

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The Lady Arrows scored more than half of their points in the second half of Wednesday night's game and almost doubled the score of their opponents - the Northview Wildcats - to win 45-24.

Lowell saw good performances from a variety of players - Chelsea Harrison and Kara Rasch both stood

out with 13 points a piece and made tough plays on defense. Logan DeClercq scored five, hitting a 3 in the second quarter that would propel her team to a 7-point lead and began their on-fire scoring drills, which would continue on past the half.

Hannah Oberlin was also a force on offense, adding 9 to the team's total.

The Arrows will see their first winter break during the middle of season, as a result of the changing of the seasons for girls' basketball.

They will be on the road to take on Kenowa Hills on Friday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. Their next home game is Thursday, Jan. 10 against East Grand Rapids.



Chelsea Harrison (14) drives the ball down the court against a defender from Northview.



(Top): Kara Rasch (34) passes in front of a Northview defender.

(Left): Logan DeClercq (20) races past a Northview opponent.

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Red Arrow wrestling team defeats Caledonia 51-19

The wrestling team continued its winning streak against Caledonia last week, defeating the Fighting Scots 51-19.

103 - Zach Jeffries

defeated Caledonia's Spencer Coury by pin in 2:37.

112 - Tyler Jack pinned Evan Zych in 3:09.

119 - Matt Griffieen was defeated by Caledonia's Micah Steiner.

125 - Ryan Dean defeated Justin Bigger 13-4.

130 - Zach Baum pinned Tanner Zych in 2:38.

135 - Dan Fleet pinned Jon Schaibly of Caledonia in 3:22.

140 - Jackson Morse won by default.

145 - Tim Gingerich defeated Chase Singleton 25-13.

152 - Rocky Pabon defeated Brett McCarty 10-4.

160 - Dylan Olin was defeated 5-9 by Caledonia's Dakota Vandentoorn.

171 - Ryan Olep pinned Karl Layton in 3:38.

189 - Nate Vaught defeated Trevor Polmanteer 19-4.

215 - Thomas Fleet was pinned by Charlie Polmanteer of Caledonia.

285 - Connor Kruse was pinned by Michael Schaibly in 1:23.

The Arrows will host the Lowell Super Duals on Friday, Dec. 28, starting at 9 a.m.

New scoreboard unveiled at LHS gym



Prior to the boys' basketball game against Greenville, a new scoreboard was unveiled in memory of Rex Collins. The new scoreboard includes a scrolling marquee and includes individual players' points, much like college scoreboards do. Pictured is Collins' family accepting a plaque from LHS athletic director Barry Hobrila.

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the organization as long as possible.

"At least as long as they want me," he said. "I can finally use myself as a volunteer."

However, for now LaWarre is still the pastor of a very accepting church. He would like to see a summit in the future that would bring together social service agencies with funding sources to serve those who need it the most.

That summit could serve as a prototype for other communities, according to LaWarre.

"We need to plan as

LaWarre refers to the marginalized people as people who have been excluded from the communities for any number of reasons.

"No matter where you are in life's journey, you are welcome here," he said. "We adopted that as our principle."

Due to the staggering numbers of the needy, LaWarre envisions a community-wide planning process to find a way to address the need together.

"Anytime we can work together, we are all stronger," he said. "It takes

standing in the window behind the counter of the post office.

His biggest event of the past year was the day the post office got the 5 Star Customer Service Award.

And although the post office has always provided excellent service, it has the stars now to back it up.

"We were really honored to receive this rating," he said.

Brown too has seen much growth in the mailing business over the last year, and that will continue due to Internet.

A lot of the growth can be attributed to e-bay, as well as high prices of gas, according to Brown.

"E-bay will continue to grow," he said.

As in the past, the post office plans on holding passport fairs due to a new requirement that everyone traveling in and out of the country will have to have a passport.

The biggest challenge for the post office remains managing the growth of new deliveries. Brown said there will be no postage increase in January, to his knowledge.

Jim Doyle, senior vice-president of King Milling and president of the Lowell Area Historical Museum,

has seen growth in the stable food industry.

"We feel fortunate we continue to do well and thrive," Doyle said.

He attributes the growth to large Fortune 500 companies moving some lines into Michigan.

"Our customers are large food companies," he said, "we do well at meeting their needs."

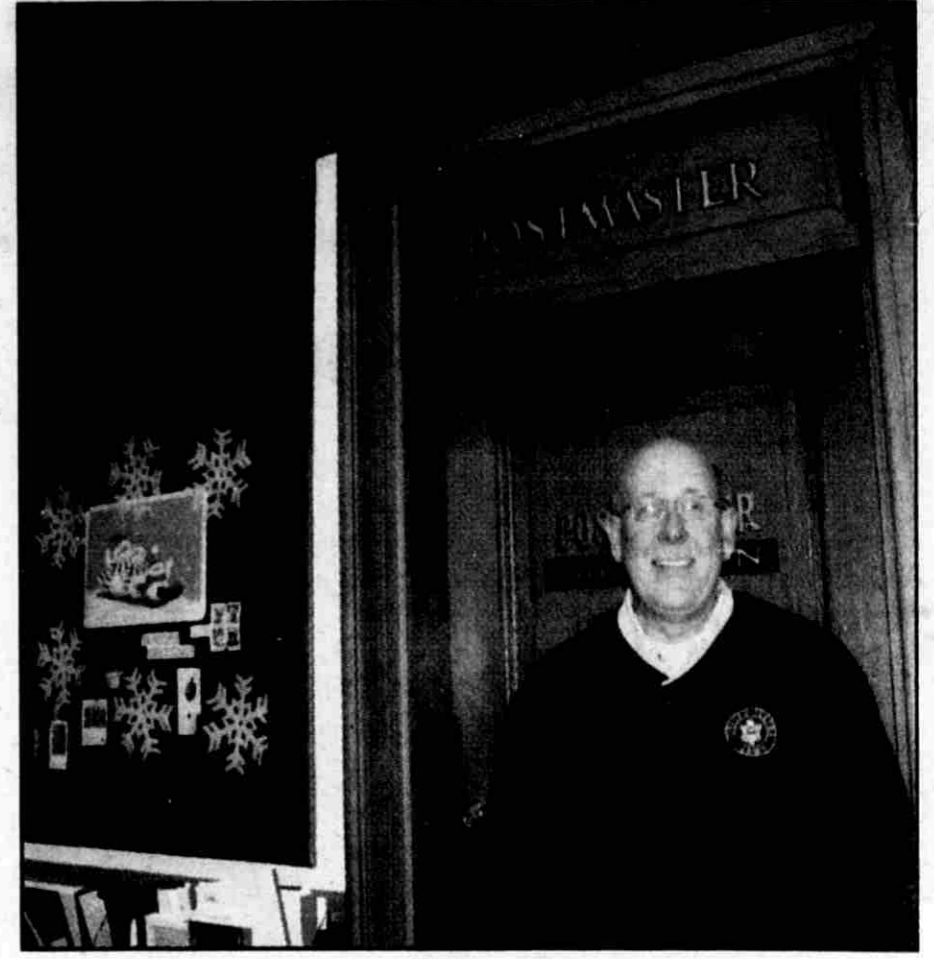
He expects this growth to continue in 2008 that will spur additional investment into equipment. If the King Milling Co. continues to grow, more personnel may be added.

"We make reinvestments into the community," said Doyle. "We support the arts council, fire department. We will continue to be a good citizen."

Along with the company growth, the King Milling trucking has increased as well.

"We do a lot of local business," said Doyle, "we're helping the community grow."

One of the challenges laying ahead in the industry is financing due to higher prices of wheat, as well as quality of the commodity, higher energy and oil prices.



Gil Brown

"We have to figure out how to pass the costs through," he said.

As the president of the museum, Doyle too has found significant growth in attendance. His favorite event of the past year was the special exhibit "Gizmos and Gadgets."

"Our main goal is keeping the museum fresh and available to the community," he said, "we will continue that in 2008."

Last year, the museum started to make the Victorian Rooms and Gardens available for private parties for a fee. The museum group will continue to promote the facilities.

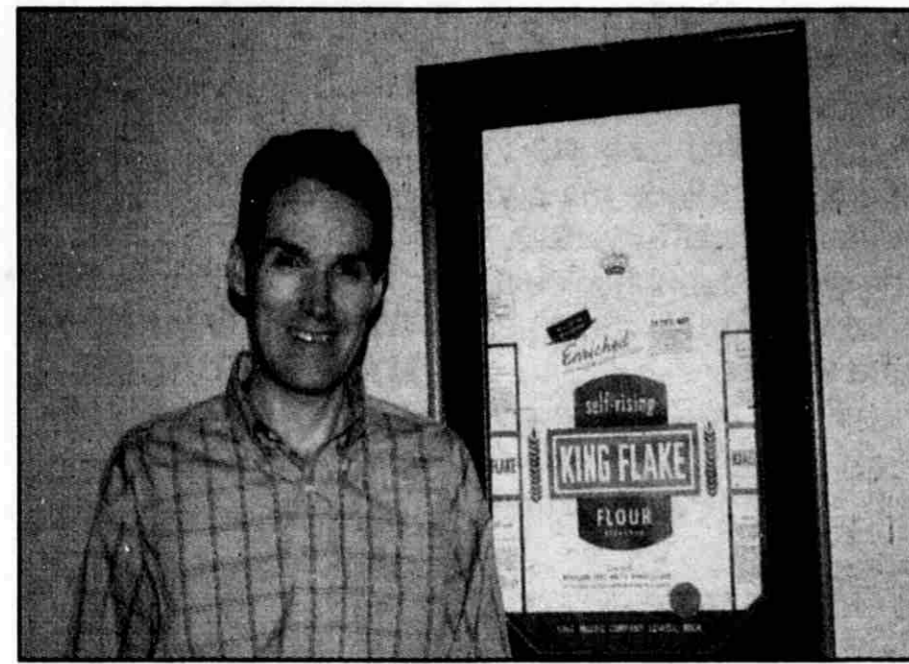
Another successful project launched recently have been oral histories that will be available on DVDs.

The museum also has received a grant increase from the Michigan Council for Arts, as only one of four agencies in Kent County

"It's a tribute to the museum," he said, "it's a first rate operation."

Still, funding remains one of the major challenges. Doyle was happy with new director Allchin.

"We look forward to having her on board," he said.



Jim Doyle

a community to include the marginal rather than to exclude them," he said. "Planning provides ways and means."

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