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Christmas festivities in downtown Lowell evoke holiday spirit

by Emma Palova

With Christmas Lane up on the Riverwalk and the downtown decked out with decorations, planned festivities for this Saturday promise variety and fun. Right now, Santa is readying his sleigh and his room on the Showboat for pictures. Other rooms on the Showboat will be decorated as well.

The busy Saturday this week will start off with Rogue Artisans displaying their crafts at the holiday market place in Lowell High School.

In the afternoon, the Lowell Showboat will be open to visits with Santa. You can visit his reindeer and take a free horse and carriage ride.

To warm up the day, the chamber will be offering hot chocolate, coffee and popcorn. Children ages two to six will have an opportunity to create gifts at the Rudolph's Craft Workshop at the chamber.

On the Riverwalk, the annual Flat River Freeze Ice Challenge invites visitors to watch the Grand Rapids Community College students carve ice sculptures.

"They will create their own spectaculars," said Liz Baker, chamber director.

Last year, the students created an entire menagerie in ice sculpted animals from reindeer to dolphins.

The chamber will award the first place, while spectators can participate by voting on the 'People's Choice' award.

The Lowell Historical Museum will offer 'A Cup of Christmas Tea' in Victorian style at the museum's parlor and dining room from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

At the fairgrounds, you can have a pancake supper with Santa at the King Memorial Center. Why not have some sausage, eggs and pancakes on a wintery night?

Prior to the parade, the Lowell Light and Power will be lighting the town Christmas tree in tune with a 'Green Communities' theme at 5:45 p.m. The tree will be decorated with 1,000 led lights, that use only one-tenth of the energy of standard lights.

The second annual night time parade will start off at 6



Resident Jim Howard takes a morning stroll on the decked out Christmas Lane by the Showboat. The Christmas Lane will be the center of most activities.

p.m. from the fairgrounds, and it will travel east on Main Street. The star of the parade, other than Santa of course, is this year's winner of the Girls Night Out drawing.

Jennifer Depew and her guests will ride in the parade behind the VFW Color Guard. The Lowell Area Fire Department will lead into the parade to the sound of sirens, while the Lowell High School and Middle School bands will perform Christmas tunes.

Most of the local businesses have entered the parade with creative floats, according to Baker.

The chamber's parade entry is an exact replica of the

Lowell Showboat, scaled down to one-sixth of its actual size.

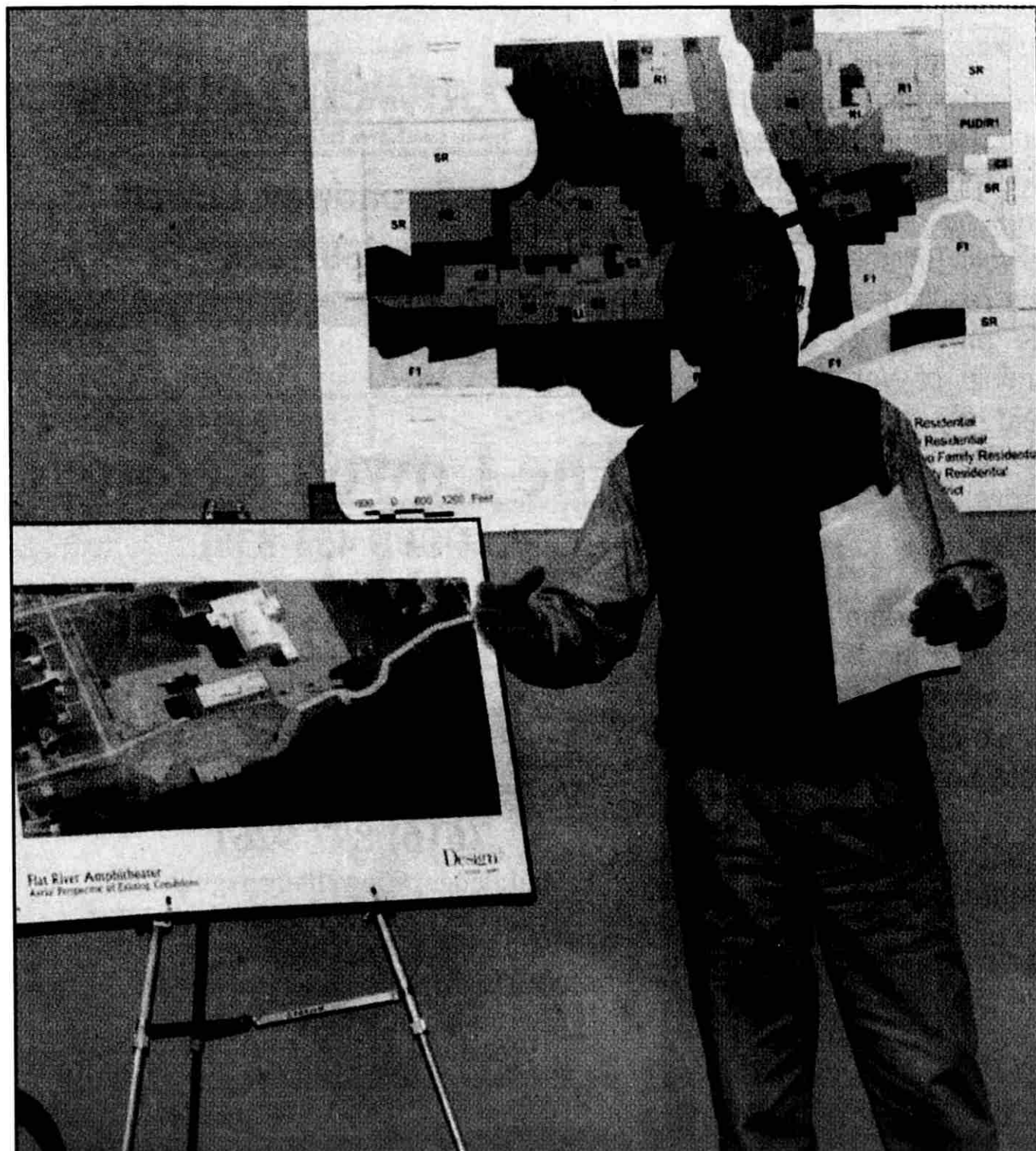
The Lowell Showboat Calliope, owned by the Lowell Area Historical Museum, has a new look for the Santa Parade. The Back Water Café, last year's winner with the Red Neck theme, is back this year with a Green theme.

Jolly Old St. Nick with his partner Mrs. Claus will close the parade.

"Let Lowell work its magic on you," said Baker.

For full schedule check www.discoverlowell.org.

Amphitheatre may be renovated with DDA funds



by Emma Palova

The dilapidated amphitheatre at the end of the Riverwalk may get a face lift for a new clean look.

The city Monday heard proposals for renovations from firm Design Plus. Two options were presented by Pete Lazdins and Mike Houseman.

Phase one would provide for demolition and clean up for a base cost of \$250,439. Depending on further landscaping, phase one could cost up to \$668,274. The concrete stage for boats would remain intact.

"The goal is to provide connection to the neighborhood," said Lazdins. "You will have

more green space, a paved area for performances."

A plaza could be situated at the end of King and Lafayette streets, while seating would be oriented to the southwest. The landscaping may include trellises and columns.

"The notion here is to make everything barrier free," said Lazdins.

The second phase explores the possibility of a skating rink in the amphitheatre, a warming shelter and a central path. The seating would be for 250 to 300 people.

The project is not meant to replace Thursday night summer concert venue on the Riverwalk, according to mayor pro-tem Jim Hodges.

"It will be good for

weddings and bands," said Hodges.

The second phase would allow for year round usage while connecting into the neighborhoods.

"It would be like a last emerald in a crown," said Houseman.

If only phase one is implemented including excavation, regrading and sidewalks, the area will get a clean new appearance.

"It could be step one to something that can be built on," said Pasquale. "We would have something very attractive."

Houseman said there are definitely safety concerns with kids playing on the concrete walls.

If approved, funding will be provided from the Downtown Development Authority and the Lowell Community Fund.

Proposals for renovating the amphitheatre were presented Monday night.

Obituaries



BATEY NORTON

Doris Batey Norton, age 69, a life time resident of Lowell, passed away Sunday, November 30, 2008. She is survived by her

husband, Charlie; children, Linda (Mel) Miller of Kentwood, Jack (Rae) Batey of Fremont, Norma (Steve) Sawdy of Belding; step-children, Gordon (Cindy) Batey of Greenville, Beth (Chris) Fowler of Burleson, TX, Chuck Norton of Arlington, TX, Rex Norton of Sturgis, MI, Larry Norton of Arlington, TX; brother, David (Mary) Kiste of Kalamazoo; sister, Jean (Don) Irwin of Lowell; 10 grandchildren; several great grandchildren, half brothers and sisters, nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law.

She worked for Amway for 27 years. Funeral service will be at Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel 305 N. Hudson, Thursday, December 4 at 11 a.m., Rev. Eugene Okoli of St. Mary Catholic Church of Lowell officiating. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Batey-Norton family.

SAUBER

William Robert Sauber, age 70, of Lowell, passed away November 26, 2008 in Lowell. He was born December 7, 1937 in Wixom, the son of R. Stuart and Dorothy (Kahn) Sauber. William married Janice Kimbell June 14, 1958. He worked at Kelvinox for years and owned and operated Blue Crocodile. He also worked for Wittenbach Sales and Service. William

was a member of Lakewood Choral Society of Hastings and was active with Junior Achievement through Kelvinox. William is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Janice Sauber of Lowell; son, William and Angela Sauber Jr. of Lowell; daughter, Kathryn Lynn Sauber of Seattle, Wash.; brother, R. Stuart and Marilyn Sauber of Lowell; and sister, Elizabeth and Kenneth Birdsall of Farmington Hills. Funeral services were held Saturday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions in William's name to Gideons or Wedgewood Christian Services. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com.

The Quitter's Club to meet in Lowell

The success of smoking cessation classes in Lowell has led to the formation of a support group for those who have quit smoking or are trying to quit. The Quitter's Club meets at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 West Main Street from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9. "Most of the people who attend have taken a class in Lowell, but the group is open to anyone interested," said Jodie Seese, a nationally certified tobacco addiction specialist who facilitates the classes and coordinates the support group.

Tobacco Free Partners, a nonprofit serving West Michigan started offering free smoking cessation classes in Lowell, Jan. of 2007. There have been seven classes offered so far and over 74 people have been helped to date. "Lowell remains one of the more successful programs in Kent County in terms of outcomes with strong registration numbers and a high percentage of class completion," according to Seese. Other communities

such as Rockford, Jenison, Caledonia and Comstock Park will have one or two people register, but Lowell has filled every class offered. "We've identified a real need for smoking cessation education here. That's why the classes have been so well received and why we now offer the Quitter's Club." A support group is important, particularly this time of year. The holidays can be a very stressful time for many. According to the Mayo Clinic, having a support network such as this type of meeting is a key factor in preventing a relapse after someone has quit. Seese just returned from a certification training held at the Mayo Clinic, which is nationally recognized for its Nicotine Dependence Center.

There are support groups that meet in Grand Rapids, but it's not convenient for those who live or work in Lowell. Anyone with questions about the Quitter's Club or free smoking cessation classes that begin in January can call 616-446-7058 for more information.

LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND ACCEPTS GRANT PROPOSALS

All Proposals Must Be Submitted Online No Later Than December 19, 2008 to be considered. Visit www.grfoundation.org/lowell to submit your application.

The Lowell Area Community Fund, a fund of Grand Rapids Community Foundation, awards grants to tax-exempt, nonprofit charitable organizations that have an impact in the Lowell area. The LACF funds innovative projects or programs that encourage community cooperation.

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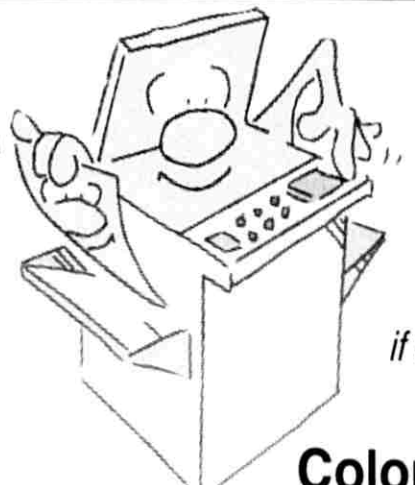
The Vergennes Township Board will hold a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a proposed Joint Fire and Rescue Services Agreement. The proposed agreement would govern joint fire and rescue services for Vergennes Township, Lowell Township, and the City of Lowell, and the resulting Authority would serve as the sole provider of these services within the Township of Vergennes. The hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell.

Copies of the proposed agreement are available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm, and also on the township website at www.vergennestwp.org.

Written comments will be accepted if received by 7 pm on March 8th by the Township Clerk. They can be sent to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331, or by e-mail to clerk@vergennestwp.org.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

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Bands will be rocking around Christmas Tree for kids at The Other Place

Songs for the season. Good will for the soul, and fun for the heart.

All three will be available for patrons of the second annual Toy Drive Concert Friday night at The Other Place.

The concert will benefit the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

Admission will cost fun-seekers a new unwrapped child's toy or a cash offering at the door.

The toys collected on this evening will be

distributed to families of area children on Dec. 20.

The event will run from 7:30 p.m. until midnight. It will feature the music of Josiah Gentry (original music); Jonesy (Variety); LHS All School Play Preview (The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged); Impact Band (Christian Rock); Great Lakes Band (Blues and Classic Rock); Blue Star Pilot (Alternative Rock) and Gary Kilgore (comedian).

"My wife Pam thought of the idea a few years ago and last year we decided to give it a try," Dave Jones explained. "We got a really good response in our first year and we're hoping to get an even better one this year. We've added some bands and are offering a variety of music."

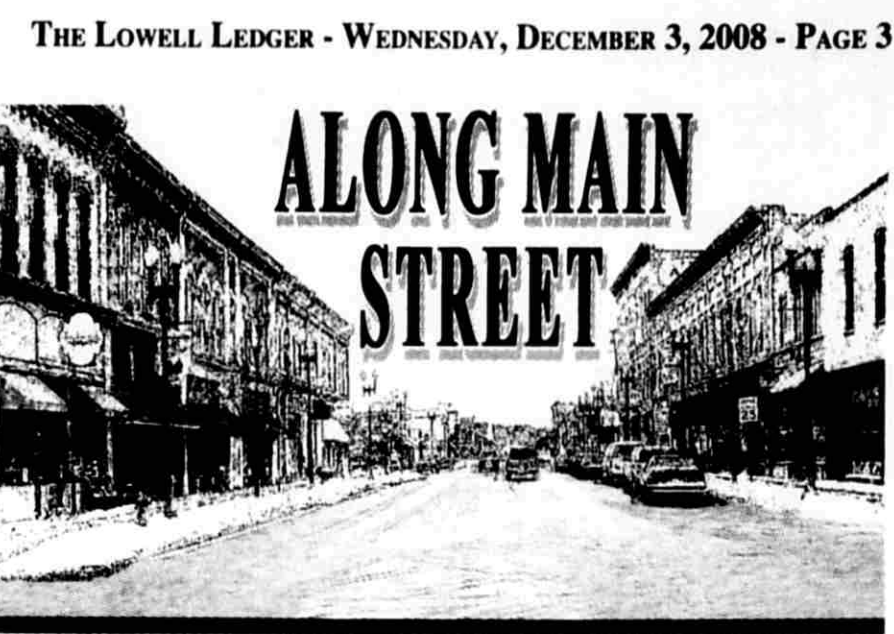
The evening's event will be sponsored by Jonesy Productions and Healing

Winds Holistic Therapy, plus Larkin's Restaurant.

The sound is being provided by Greg Neimeyer.

"The event is open to all ages," Jones said.

Those who are unable to make the event, but would like to donate a toy, they can drop an unwrapped toy off at the Flat River Outreach Ministries or the Lowell Methodist Church.



FREE COMMODITIES
Free commodities food order for low income families at the Moose Recreation Building, 1320 E. Fulton on Thurs., Dec. 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bring proof of income and Social Security numbers for each member of household. Needed bags and volunteers to help. Questions call David, 616-745-8520 or Virginia, 897-8754.

ORDER DAYS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Angel Food Ministries order days at First Baptist Church, 2275 Main St. are Fri., Dec. 5, 4-6 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Delivery Dec. 20, 8-10 a.m. For info call llaJean 897-6609 or visit www.angelfoodministries.org.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES
Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Regular box is \$30. Senior boxes also now available. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Esther at 897-7395.

ROUGE RIVER ARTISANS
26th annual fine art and craft sale, Sat., Dec. 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 11700 Vergennes Rd.

LUMINARY HIKE
Come out to the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education on Saturday Dec. 13 from 6-8 p.m. Hike the trails in candlelight from and meander through the forest until you reach the secret destination. Activities include candle dipping and kids crafts. This is a free activity. Refreshments will be served.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
2009 Entertainment books are a great Christmas gift idea. They are being offered by Lowell Women's Club to raise funds for Senior High School girls scholarships and local projects. The books are \$20 and can be used through Oct. 2009. They are available at: Brenda's Hair Design, Huntington Bank, Lowell Area Arts Council, Salon 206 and any club member or call Marj, 897-8107.

If there were in the world today any large number of people who desired their own happiness more than they desired the unhappiness of others, we could have paradise in a few years.

- Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

Knights helping local families keep warm



Pictured, front row, left to right: Cass Kilyanek, Joe Sejat, Jim Ziwicki, Paul Judd, Sean Coble; back row: Dave Emmette, Phil Lindstrom, Tim Fitzpatrick, Bob Schultz, Dave Carstens, Mark Brown, Tom Scheidel and Jim Francis.

Local Knights of Columbus Council 7719 spent a Saturday harvesting wood for families in need. In response to the colder months ahead and the fact many families now are relying on wood to heat their homes, the council wanted to help. The group spent the day cutting, splitting and stacking wood from fallen trees at Dave Carstens'. Carstens, a member of the council, offered up the wood on his property. FROM (Flat River Outreach Ministries) along with pastors from local churches are providing the names of the families who need the wood.

City to explore changes in police department

by Emma Palova

In the aftermath of police chief Jim Valentine's announced retirement, and his future replacement, council member Jim Pfaller, Monday, suggested that city may explore the option of contracting for police services with the sheriff's department.

"I'd like to see it done

because of the budget," he said.

Currently, the police department budget composes 40 percent of the city budget, approximately \$835,000.

He cited a case from Mount Clemens where the police department has been disbanded, while the

officers were all retained by transferring to the sheriff's department. This saved \$1 million in costs for the first year of a five year contract.

"I am a proponent of looking at everything we do," said Pfaller.

However, Valentine was not in favor of the proposal due to loss of local control.

"I don't know what sheriff's department would quote, but it would not be a tremendous cost saving," he said.

Valentine said the sheriff's department may or may not have cars available.

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City approves authority to share costs of fire department with townships

by Emma Palova
The city Monday approved a fire and emergency services agreement that will create an authority governed by a board with two representatives from the

city, Lowell and Vergennes townships on a three to one vote. Voting against was council member Jeff Altoft.

Vergennes Township is expected to approve the authority shortly at the Dec. 15 meeting, while Lowell Township has already approved it.

The authority is a separate legal entity that will provide for funding, operation and maintenance of the fire department, according to the agreement.

"It spells out more sharing of the costs," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

All the costs of the maintenance will be shared among the municipal units, according to Pasquale.

The board will be responsible for the annual budget by February 1. The funding of the authority is based on contributions from each jurisdiction. This will be calculated from State Equalized Value (40 percent), population (20 percent) and numbers of runs (40 percent.)

The city's share is calculated at \$61,570 under the new agreement. Currently, the city budgets

\$100,000. Lowell Township will be contributing \$67,212. Vergennes will be paying \$66,516 for a total of \$175,800.

The fire department building will continue to be owned by the city.

Lowell Township will now be contributing more based on greater SEV and population than the city. Any expenditures will have to be approved by all three jurisdictions.

"We are trying to get an equitable solution to share all costs," said Pasquale.

However, Altoft opposed the agreement while stating there is no need to rush into it.

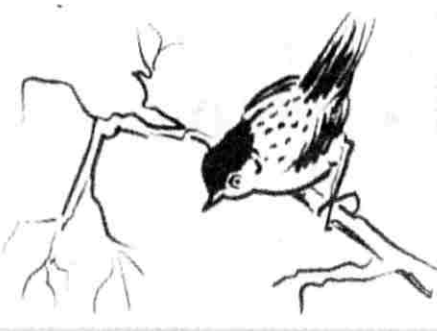
Although all maintenance costs will be divided, any capital expenditures such as an addition would be the city's responsibility, according to Pasquale. Maintenance costs will be billed to the authority.

There will be an initial 10-year agreement.

"It's been long overdue," said council member Jim Pfaller.

Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



CROSS OVER

One way to turn winter into opportunity instead of a problem is to actively participate in seasonal outdoor activities. Snow came early to shoreline counties in the Upper and Lower Peninsula with the promise of more to come over the next several months. This wintry outlook is good news for cross-country skiers.

Getting the proper amount of exercise during the winter is a challenge, but cross-country skiing is an enjoyable way to get outside and moving. Young and old alike can participate in the sport because one can choose to ski at a level of intensity that is comfortable and safe. The classic kick and glide skiing technique is not difficult to learn, but a couple of lessons would speed up the process.

Trails are found within a short drive anywhere in the state, or you can make your own locally in suitable areas. There are established trails at ski resorts, federal forests, state forests, county parks, and city parks. A modest fee is charged at private resorts, but some parks, forest trails, and pathways often do not require a fee. Trails systems often have multiple loops which are rated from easy to very difficult so one can ski on those which match individual skill level and one's appetite for risk. Some trails are groomed with a machine which cuts two tracks in the snow or packs a wide trail for skate skiing. Skiers can cut trails as they go in more remote areas. We picked up a book of Michigan trails with directions, trail maps, and descriptions.

Boots, skis, and poles can be purchased at a reasonable cost. A knowledgeable sporting goods retailer can assist in choosing the proper equipment for your needs. Of course,

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"Where do you get your biggest bang for your buck?" he said. "You have no control."

Although not in favor of the proposal, mayor pro-tem Jim Hodges said it may be worth looking into.

"The service and the response time have high value," he said. "But it is something we might want to look into."

Pasquale was directed to get a ball park figure based on the department's full time equivalency of 8.5 employees and 24 hour coverage with one car, and double coverage at peak times.

In other business, per Pfaller's initiation, the city

will look at the code of ordinances, Chapter 13, mainly the section regulating the use of BB guns, rifles, sling shots and bows and arrows.

Currently, according to a 1960 ordinance, the discharge in the city limits is not allowed.

"I would consider repealing that has to do with bow and arrow that would allow hunting on private property because of white tail deer," said Pfaller. "It's a right."

Pfaller suggested striking out the bow and arrow section, that would allow the discharge of it on private property.

However, this would require an ordinance amendment, according to city manager Dave Pasquale.

Valentine said the section was put in for safety purposes, rather than against hunting.

"We need to move slowly," he said. "Rather than repeal bow and arrow. The spirit of the ordinance was safety."

Pfaller also suggested that the use of off road vehicles, including motorcycles, should not be restricted on private properties. This is also regulated by the ordinance.

Council member Sharon Ellison opposed the proposal as a safety issue.

"You have a neighbor not that far from you," she

said. "You can go out in the country."

In other business, the council made much awaited appointments to the Lowell Cable Television Board, in addition to Sharon Ellison, who is the city representative, the following members were appointed: Barb Barber, Dan Brubaker and Dennis Kent.

College News

Rebekah Woods was among the winners of athletic letters for Hope College fall sports teams that have been announced by men's athletic director Ray Smith and women's athletic director Eva Folkert.

With every fall sports team finishing at least third in the conference standings, Hope has taken the lead in the

MIAA Commissioner's Cup standings. The volleyball team won a conference championship while second place finishes were recorded in men's and women's cross country, men's golf, and men's soccer. The football, women's golf, and women's soccer teams ended third.

Woods received her letter for cross country.

Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Racing motors and pounding wheels are responsible for the demise of thousands of animals, reptiles and colorful insects on our Michigan roads. I did a survey and body count of the above, along a half mile stretch of highway M-21 from June 1, 2007 to June 1, 2008. The results are pretty amazing and an eye opener.

I document everything I can identify during my daily walks. Evidence disappears fast with the passing of thousands of cars and trucks each day. I am very careful to not double up on counts. The following is a record of that count along this short stretch of highway:

Rabbits - 2, deer - 11, birds - 17, ground hogs - 3, turtles - 8, frogs - 5, snakes - 5, squirrels - 2, opossum - 2, skunk - 1, muskrat - 1, raccoon - 11, toads - 3, chipmunk - 1, butterflies - 5, dragonfly - 1, cicada - 1, cat - 1, giant moth - 1, mole - 1.

Some examples of birds killed are: indigo bunting, robin, scarlet tanager, gold finch, morning dove, fly catcher, black bird and cat bird.

We need to be more aware of the outdoor life when we are driving. At the same time, I believe we need to not be so critical of hunters who help to keep the numbers of animals in control. This resource can be more suitably used as table fare instead of decomposing along the roadside or causing serious vehicle damage.

Steven L. Hartley



By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL DECEMBER 5, 1883

The JOURNAL for 1884 will be newer and better than ever. It has the largest circulation of any village weekly in West Michigan.

Thanks to the bridge builders the lower bridge has been repaired and made passable.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER DECEMBER 3, 1908

The residence of D. D. Krum situated one mile south and 1/2 mile west of the Bailey church, Vergennes, was totally destroyed by fire about noon Sunday. The fire started in the kitchen. Mrs. Krum was alone in the house at the time and it had made such headway before she discovered it or could get help that nothing was saved except a few potatoes, cream separator and other little things in the cellar.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO DECEMBER 7, 1933

Headline: An Airport for Lowell
Steps have been taken this week by village officials and the Lowell Board of Trade for the construction of an Airplane landing field here. Officials of the Kent County Airport have long desired such a field here and the State Board of Aeronautics also looks with favor upon the proposal.

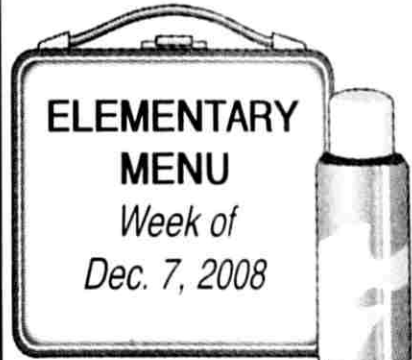
The establishment of airports and landing fields are sponsored by the Federal Government as a part of its national defense program. Lowell is fortunate in having the opportunity to take a part in this big program.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER DECEMBER 4, 1958

Friends of Wayne Schroder are glad to hear that he is finally able to return to work, after having been seriously injured in a 1956 car accident.

Cindy Jane, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blough, who has been very ill with flu this past week, is recovering at her home.

LUNCH MENU



MON: Hot dog on bun (bagel w/yogurt & peanut butter also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mini carrots/dip, orange, milk.

TUES: Pepperoni pizza (egg salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), steamed broccoli, warm apple slices, milk.

WED: Belgian waffles w/ syrup or cereal w/graham crackers & scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, applesauce, milk.

THURS: Cheeseburger on bun (burrito w/cheese sauce also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), oven French fries, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

FRI: Grilled cheese sandwich (turkey & cheese wrap also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tomato soup/crackers, pears, milk.

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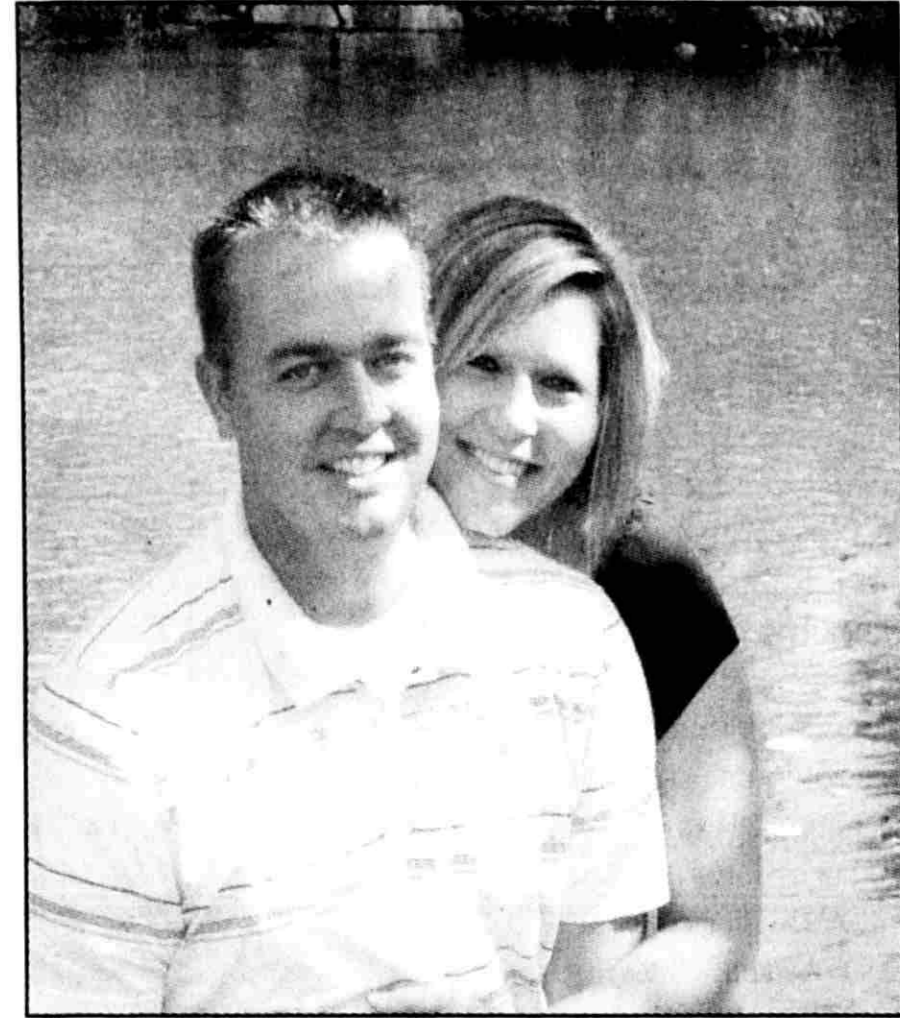
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Engagements

Bird/Minier



Angela Renee Bird and Joseph Patrick Minier

Angela Renee Bird and Joseph Patrick Minier, together with their parents, Robert R. and Terri L. Bird of Freeport and Richard D. and Barbara J. Minier of Lowell, are pleased to announce their engagement. They are planning a June 13, 2009 wedding in Belding at the First Congregational Church.

Angela is a 1995 graduate of Thornapple Kelllogg High School and is a Staffing Specialist at

New Arrivals

Bailey

Kyrsten and Zachary would like to introduce their new baby brother, Graham Aaron Bailey. He was born Oct. 25, 2008 at 11:30 p.m., weighing 6 lbs 2 oz and measuring 19 inches. Proud parents are Aaron and Jamie

Bailey of Lowell. Also welcoming him home are grandparents Jim and Barb Austin also of Lowell, Paul Denton (Roberta) of Wyoming, Re-weighing 6 lbs 2 oz and measuring 19 inches. Proud parents are Aaron and Jamie Bailey of Mississippi.



Graham Aaron Bailey

College News

A local student recently began his college career on a positive note, receiving one of Central Michigan University's most prestigious scholarships and joining the university's Honors Program.



Kenny Hayes

Kenny Hayes of Lowell is attending CMU on a Centralis Scholar Award, which covers four years of tuition, room and board, and books. Hayes, a graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Amy and Kurt Hayes of Lowell.

During their first semester at CMU, Hayes and his fellow scholarship recipients have become

engaged in the community, conducting a silent auction that raised \$2,700 for the

American Red Cross Mobile Food Pantry of Isabella County.

High school seniors who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher and have demonstrated strong extracurricular involvement are eligible to apply for the merit-based scholarships. As part of the application process, students also visit the CMU campus for a half-day to participate in information sessions and an essay competition.

Each year, 20 students receive Centralis Scholar Awards, while another 20

students receive Centralis Gold Awards, which cover four years of tuition.

Recipients of the scholarships follow a protocol in which they enroll in Honors courses and seminars, acquire foreign language skills, perform community service, complete an Honors Senior Research Project in their major field of study, receive personal faculty mentoring, and receive Honors academic advising. Centralis freshmen live in Larzelere Hall, CMU's Honors residence.

HEALTH

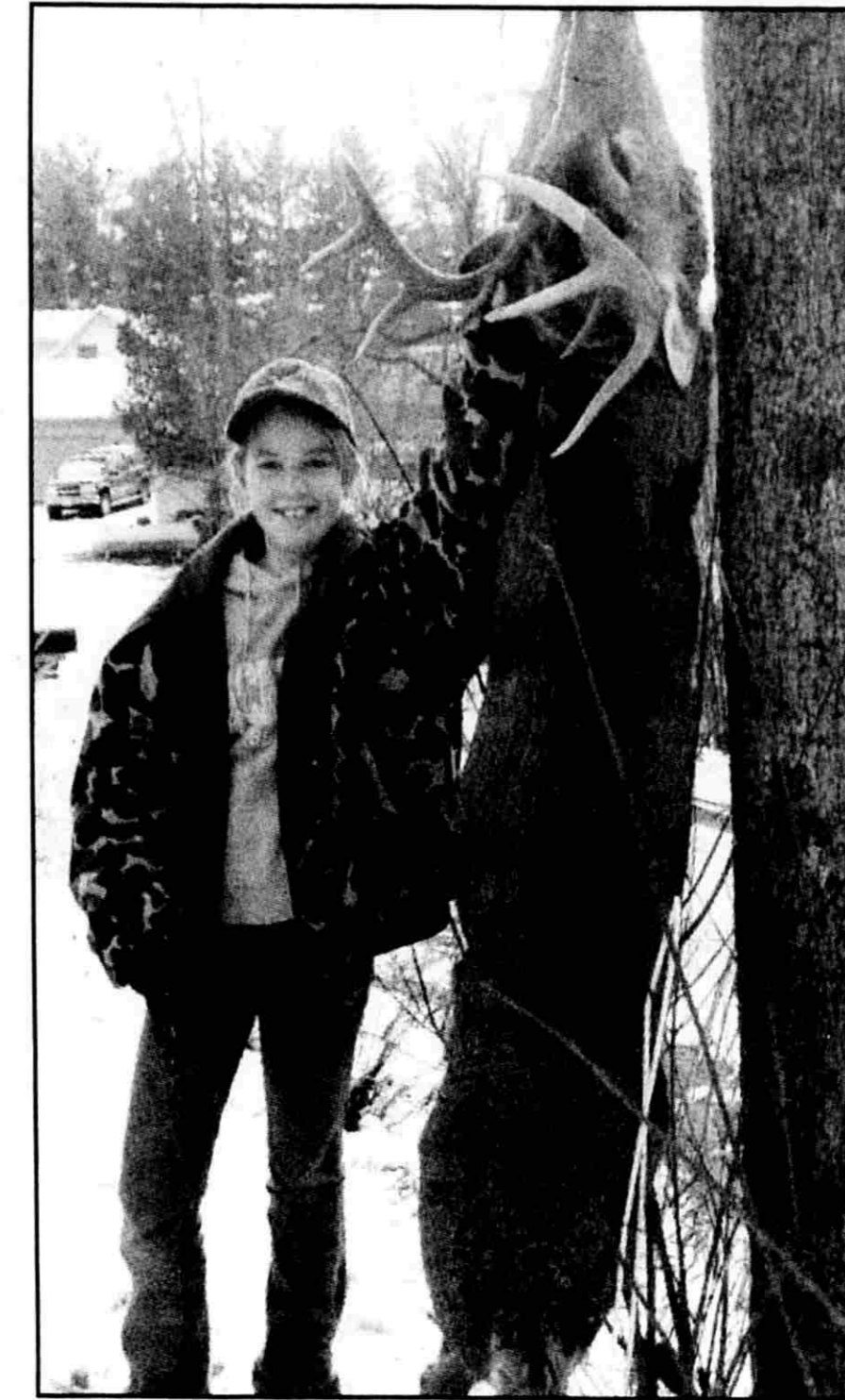
With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

RADON AND LUNG CANCER

Lung cancer is one of the most common types of cancers. Most people are aware that smoking is the biggest risk-factor for developing this cancer. Smoking causes 90 percent of all lung cancers. Few people realize, however, that radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers.

Radon is a naturally occurring colorless, odorless gas that is formed from decaying uranium found in soil, rock and water. It occurs naturally in all 50 states, including Michigan. Radon gas levels can be detected almost everywhere. Levels below 4 pCi/L are generally considered safe. Radon levels can sometimes rise above this safe level and build up inside of houses. Homes with basements and sump-pumps are at higher-risk for radon accumulation. Homes that are found to have a higher concentration of radon can have a mitigation system installed to vent this outside.

The U.S. Surgeon General and the Environmental Protection Agency both recommend that all homes be tested for radon. A simple test kit can be purchased on-line or at your local hardware store. To learn more about this topic, visit the National Safety Council's website at www.nsc.org and search radon.



Student bags her first buck

Karah Smith, a seventh grader at Lowell Middle School, shot a buck on Nov. 26 in Lake County. She was hunting with her grandfather, Jim N. Smith. She was unable to do the early youth hunt due to a LASSO Soccer tournament on the same weekend, but had a second opportunity to hunt with her grandfather during the Thanksgiving school break. The deer shot at about 80 yards, was an eight-point buck with an unusually large spread of 17 inches on the inside.

She is the daughter of Jack Smith of Lowell and Sharmayne Busha of Lowell.

Ten tips to help avoid overeating at social events

Studies show that people who enjoy too much holiday food can gain from five to seven pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. There are ways to enjoy holiday eating without tipping the scale.

"People convince themselves that it is okay to overindulge now because they will start dieting after January 1," said Jill Myers, cardiovascular dietitian, Spectrum Health Healthier Communities. "The truth is that people who gain weight during the holidays tend to take at least one or two pounds into the new year. It doesn't sound like much, but in 10 years that could be a gain of 20 pounds."

This year, consider these 10 tips for enjoying the holidays without risking your waistline:

1. Remember what's important. Make the decision to focus on spending time with loved ones and enjoying

Holiday foods, cont'd., pg. 11

Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Joyce Thuston received Realtor of the Month in November.

This award recognizes Thuston for her outstanding success and achievements.



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Reflections of faith

by Rev. Randy Meyers
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

I went to a great chapel recently where the speaker started by standing near the cross. She started talking about some of the hard times that some of the people who were there were going through. As she spoke she walked away from the cross. I did not catch it at first but she stopped and asked if we noticed that she was farther away from the

cross? She explained that hard times for some people draw them away from Jesus.

But she continued to talk about some of the good things she had, a turkey and ham in the fridge, a new sweater, and a nice mini-van. And as she spoke she continued away from the cross. Sometimes good things also draw us away from following Jesus. Yet, if we remember from whom we receive all our blessings, we can draw nearer to Jesus even when we are blessed. Also, if we remember the one who can work all things for good, we can draw closer to Jesus during hard times, too.

It is not the good stuff we have or the hard times that we are going through that change anything about our relationship with Jesus. He wants you to love him in hard times and also with your good stuff. Jesus wants you to draw near to him

all the time. Especially at Thanksgiving, or especially the shopping day after Thanksgiving, Jesus wants you to follow him like he asks us to.

Psalm 106 verse one says, "Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." There are many other verses that say similar things in the Bible. This Thanksgiving think back through your year. Did you face any hard things? Did you move closer to Jesus and his Church or did you move farther away? Similarly, did you have some really good stuff happen this year? What direction did you move? Remember, God sent Jesus in our direction so that we could have life and peace. Let us remember that we should always be moving in the direction of Jesus! And let us be challenged to walk with family and friends helping them toward Jesus, too!

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Outdoors, continued ... From Page 4

like any sport, it is possible to spend a bundle on the latest fashions and high-end equipment, but it is not necessary. It might be wise to rent equipment before making a final commitment. Resorts and a few parks rent equipment. If cross-country skiing doesn't seem like your thing, then consider snowshoeing as an alternative for getting out and enjoying nature's special time of the year.

I have rarely found the trails crowded. Even at popular ski resorts, trail loops a moderate distance from parking lots and lodges are less traveled. Especially in state and federal forests, skiing takes one through serene winter landscapes with a feeling of solitude. Encounters with wildlife are common when quietly gliding through the snow covered fields and forests. Partially frozen streams winding through

snow-laden woods create a Christmas card-like scene for the visitor on skis.

There are many activities to choose from which take advantage of weather conditions during a Michigan winter. If you have never done it, cross over and give cross-country skiing a try. Winter won't be here long, so find a way to enjoy it.

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2:30 PM to 7:00 PMHot Chocolate, Coffee and Buttered Popcorn - Chamber
3:30 PM to 5:30 PMRudolph's Craft Workshop - Chamber (children 2 to 6)
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM "A Cup of Christmas Tea" - Lowell Area Historical Museum
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.....Pancake Supper/King Memorial Center - Fairgrounds
4:30 PM to 5:45 PMPancake Supper with Santa /King Memorial Center - Fairgrounds
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5:45 PMLighting of the Town Christmas Tree - Historic Main Street
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Santa visits on the Lowell Showboat, the Robert E. Lee

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Winter arrives

Meteorological winter arrived Monday blanketing the area with six to eight inches of snow. Lowell and several surrounding schools were closed on Monday and delayed two hours on Tuesday.

Cold weather with more snow will continue, according to the forecasts. The roads in the morning, especially in the country, were not plowed, making it difficult to maneuver a vehicle at intersections. Fallasburg Park offered beautiful scenes, mainly the Covered Bridge and the one room school house. Main Street breathed its romantic spirit with decorated lamp posts and the Riverwalk for the upcoming Christmas festivities this Saturday.



Former Lowell resident enjoys getting Ledger in Hawaii

by Emma Palova

As we dig out from the first snow storm of the season, Richard Nowak, barefoot, wearing a Hawaiian colorful

shirt sits on a beach and digs into his Lowell Ledger.

The pictures on the front page reflect the season, the town is digging out

from another snow storm. Merchants are shoveling snow in front of their stores.

"It's a beautiful day here, 82 degrees, not a cloud in the sky," Nowak laughed in a telephone interview.

Nowak, a former Lowell resident, has been living in Hawaii for the last 30 years. He has a shop with artificial flowers and plants. Many hotels prefer fake greens, according to Nowak.

He recently started subscribing to the Lowell Ledger to stay in touch with the small town happenings. His nephew got him a subscription.

"It's kind of a nostalgia," he said. "I love the small town stuff."

Although he likes living in Honolulu, sometimes he feels trapped by all the big city living.

"There is an aloha spirit here," he said. "It's a melting pot, an amalgamation of different people from China, Korea, Japan, and Philippines."

Nowak calls it a Pacific Fusion.

"Even a fallen tree pole could fit in," he said. "It sounds trite, but it's true." He was on his way to Australia, when he got off the plane to smell the flowers, and Nowak fell in love with Hawaii.

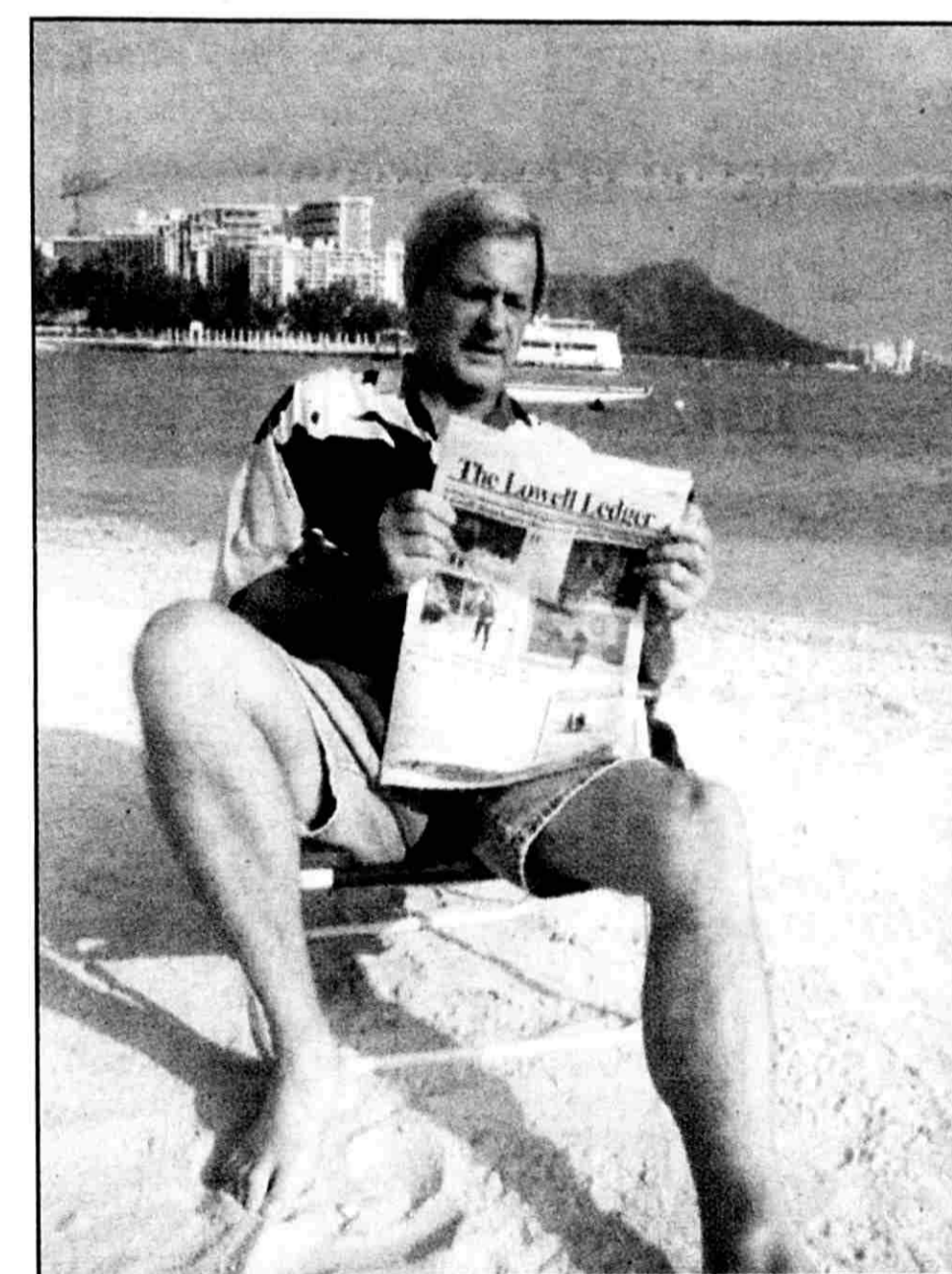
"It's very addictive," he said.

Although, Nowak has a Hawaiian family, he sometimes misses his Lowell family. What does he like about the Ledger?

"I like the Sound Off."

he said. "You get a pulse for the people, what irritates them."

Note: We will be bringing you stories from our subscribers from around the world.



Richard Nowak enjoys his Lowell Ledger on a beach in Honolulu

CITY OF LOWELL

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, "UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE," OF CHAPTER 21, "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 08-05 amending Article II, "Uniform Traffic Code," of Chapter 21, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on December 1, 2008. Ordinance No. 08-05 amends in its entirety Article II and provides (i) that the city adopts and incorporates by reference the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages and all future amendments and revisions and (ii) that the city adopts and incorporates by reference the Michigan Vehicle Code and all future amendments and revisions. A copy of Ordinance No. 08-05 is available from the City Clerk at the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street in the City.

Ordinance No. 08-05 is effective ten days after this publication.



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Operation Christmas Child delivers shoeboxes filled with toys

by Emma Palova

Shoeboxes filled with toys and gifts traveling to impoverished children in Third World countries is what Operation Christmas Child is all about.

Approximately 1,013 boxes have been collected at the new relay center. First Baptist Church of Lowell.

"Each box contains gifts that can bring love, joy and hope to the little ones receiving the gifts," said Judy Folsom of Lowell. "Operation Christmas Child is ultimately about sharing the life-changing message of God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ."

Ionia La-Valley United Methodist Church and

Walker-Children's Bible Hour, are the other two new relay centers. A total of seven relay centers collects boxes that are then transported to Wyoming, a collection center for the entire area.

According to Folsom, many helped in donating toys, school supplies, small stuffed animals, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soaps, candy and a variety of items.

"The strength and willingness of many young men in helping lift the cartons was appreciated, as well as the use of facilities to store them prior to shipping," said Folsom.

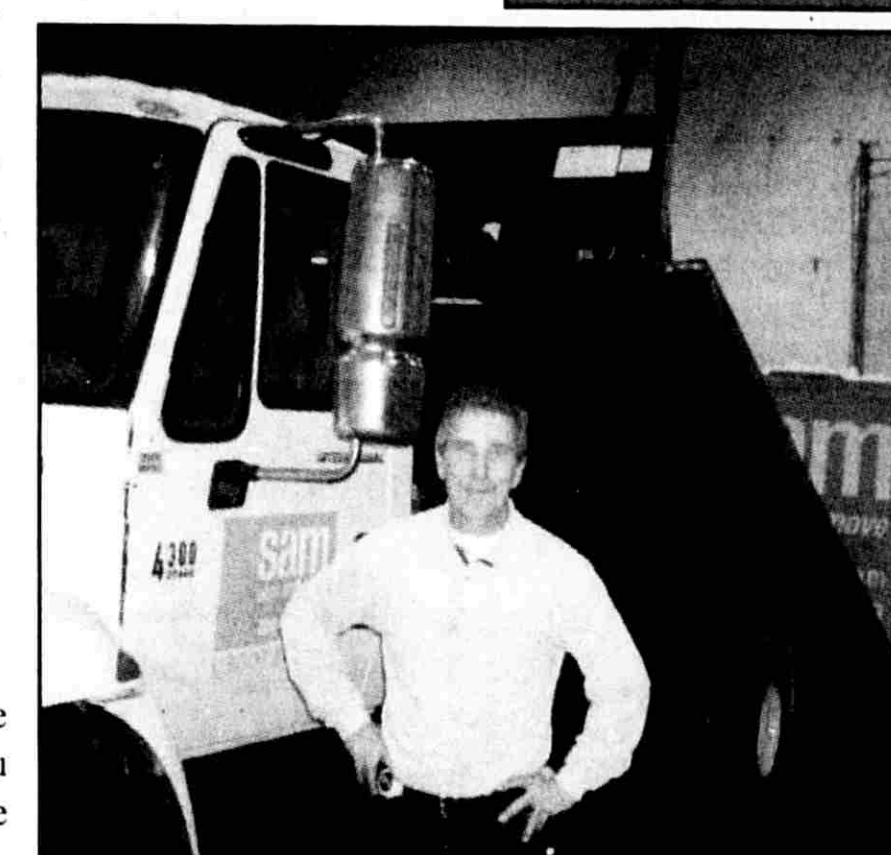
SAM (Store and Move of Grand Rapids) donated a

storage unit to First Baptist Church, so the boxes could be transported to the collection center in Wyoming.

Last year, the boxes went to children in over 110 countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sudan, and Venezuela. If your church would like to begin a collection of items and participate in this evangelical ministry, call Doug Folsom, area coordinator at 616-648-7075.



Shoeboxes in front of the sanctuary at First Baptist Church prior to the dedication.



Truck delivering boxes to collection center in Wyoming.

Holiday foods, continued ... From Page 7

the spirit of the season and not just the food.

2. Focus on weight maintenance. Now is not the time to try to lose weight; just trying to maintain your weight is a big enough challenge. Set a goal not to gain any weight and stick to it.

3. Position yourself away from the food. Believe it or not, where you stand in the room makes a big difference on how much you eat. Standing near a food table increases the risk of overeating, so get the food you want to eat and find a place to sit and enjoy every bite.

4. Bring a healthy dish. By bringing a healthy dish, you know there will be at least one thing you can eat at the party that isn't high in fat and calories. Other guests will be able to eat healthy, too.

5. Eat before you go. It is not a good idea to show up at a party hungry. It only increases the chance that you will overeat. Try eating a snack before leaving.

6. Pay attention to portion size. Try small

portions of your favorite foods. That is one way you can sample the bounty while limiting the calories.

7. Be physically active every day. With our busy holiday schedules, there seems to be less time to exercise. However, physical activity such as a brisk walk can lower stress, help control appetite, and burn off the extra holiday calories.

8. Make a plan. Take a lap around the food table and decide what foods you would like before eating. Try to avoid foods that you can eat all year around and focus on enjoying the foods that are made specifically for the holidays.

9. Choose beverages wisely. Alcohol, eggnog, soda and fruit punch are all high in calories and can add pounds quickly. Choose not to drink your calories and select water or diet soda.

10. Maintain perspective. Overeating one day won't make or break your eating plan. If you overeat at a holiday meal, put it behind you. Return to your usual eating plan the next day without guilt or despair.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, December 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments for the public on the following:

An Ordinance to amend Article III, "Grass and Noxious Weeds," to Chapter 23, "Vegetation," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the ordinance are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or on the City of Lowell web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us.

Interested persons may submit comments to the Lowell City Hall prior to the meeting or appear in person.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008

Motion to excuse the absence of Mayor Shores was presented and approved.

Motion to approved agenda as amended.

Minutes of the November 17, 2008 meeting and accounts payables were approved as presented.

Motion to closed Spring Street from N. Hudson to Lincoln Lake on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the Christmas Festival at Richards Park.

Motion to approve the Ordinance incorporating the update Uniform Traffic Code and Michigan Vehicle Code as presented.

Motion to establish a public hearing for Monday, December 15, 2008 to consider the Tall Grass and Noxious Weeds Ordinance.

Motion to approve the Joint Fire and Emergency Services Agreement as presented.

Yea: 3. (Ellison, Pfaller, Hodges)
Nay: 1. (Altoft) Absent: 1. (Shores)

Motion to purchase a back blade with fixed wings for the DPW pickup truck from Ebling and Sons for \$3,755.

By consensus the Council appointed the following:

Downtown Historic Commission -
Chris Fleszar 01/01/2010
Light and Power Board -
Andy Johnston 06/30/2010
LCTV Endowment Fund Board -
Barb Barber 12/31/2009
Daniel Brubaker 12/31/2010
Dennis Kent 12/31/2011
Kent County Dispatch Authority -
James Hinton

Motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, December 15, 2008.

Complete minute will be available after approval of December 15, 2008 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or City Hall.

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BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- * Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym. Games begin at 7:30 p.m. unless indicated
- 12/12 Cedar Springs* 1/29 EGR*
- 12/16 at Lakewood 2/3 at 7:45 FHC*
- 12/18 at Northview 2/6 Northview*
- 1/6 at Mona Shores 2/9 at Thornapple Kellogg
- 1/9 Greenville* 2/12 at Greenville
- 1/12 Holland* 2/17 at Kenowa Hills
- 1/15 Creston* 2/20 at Creston
- 1/20 at Union 2/26 G.R. Christian*
- 1/23 at G.R. Christian 3/3 Reeths Puffer*
- 1/26 FHE* 3/5 at EGR

VARSITY HOCKEY

- * Indicates a home game at Kentwood Ice Arena
- 12/3 - 7 p.m. at Kenowa Hills 1/17 - 3 p.m. at FHE
- 12/10 - 6 p.m. at Portage Northern 1/24 - 2 p.m. Hudsonville*
- 12/19 - 7 p.m. at Grandville 1/30 - 8 p.m. EGR*
- 12/20 - 2 p.m. Jenison* 1/31 - 2 p.m. Grandville*
- 12/26 - 6 p.m. Lowell Christmas Tourn.* 2/6 - time TBA K-zoo Blades Inv.
- 12/27 - time TBA Lowell Inv.* 2/7 - time TBA K-zoo Blades Inv.
- 1/3 - 2 p.m. West Catholic* 2/19 - 8 p.m. West Catholic
- 1/9 - 7 p.m. Hudsonville 2/21 - 2 p.m. Reeths Puffer*
- 1/10 - 8 p.m. Spring Lake 2/27 - 7 p.m. Jenison
- 1/16 - 7:30 p.m. Reeths Puffer 2/28 - 2 p.m. Kenowa Hills*

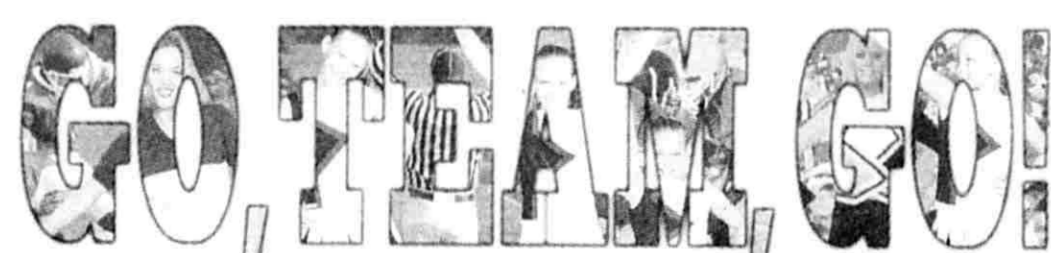
GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

- * Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym. Games begin at 7:30 p.m. unless indicated
- 12/2 at East Kentwood 1/16 at G.R. Christian
- 12/4 6 p.m. Ottawa Hills at FHC 1/22 at EGR
- 12/5 time TBA FHC Tournament 1/30 Northview*
- 12/8 Byron Center* 2/3 at 6 FHC*
- 12/11 at Northview 2/5 at Greenville
- 12/16 at Mona Shores 2/10 at Kenowa Hills
- 12/19 Greenville* 2/13 at Creston
- 1/5 Holland* 2/16 Reeths Puffer*
- 1/8 Creston* 2/19 G.R. Christian*
- 1/13 at Union 2/27 EGR*



VARSITY BOWLING

- * Indicates a home game at Lowell Lanes. Games begin at 3:30 p.m. unless indicated
- 12/15 at Union (boys) 1/28 Kenowa Hills*
- 1/5 at Mona Shores 1/31 noon Reeths Puffer Inv.
- 1/7 Reeths Puffer* 2/2 at FHC
- 1/10 Time TBA Pre-conference at Northview 2/4 at EGR
- 1/12 at Union (girls) 2/9 Creston*
- 1/14 EGR* 2/11 G.R. Christian*
- 1/16 at Creston 2/18 at Northview
- 1/19 at G.R. Christian 2/21 time/place TBA Conference
- 1/26 Northview*



VARSITY GYMNASTICS

- * Indicates a home meet at LHS Auxiliary Gym. Meets begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated
- 1/10 8 a.m. Rockford Inv. 1/31 time TBA Kenowa Hills Inv.
- 1/14 at FHN 2/4 at Mona Shores
- 1/19 6:30 p.m. Portage Northern* 2/7 10 a.m. St. Johns Inv.
- 1/21 Rockford* 2/11 at Kenowa Hills
- 1/24 - 10 a.m. Mona Shores Inv. 2/20 - 6 p.m. Conference*
- 1/28 - 6 p.m. at East Kentwood 2/28 - 2 p.m. Portage Northern Inv.

Prep wrestlers to be highlighted at assembly

Two schools with great wrestling traditions will meet this week. That's not newsworthy, it happens all the time in wrestling-rich West Michigan. What is unique, is Lowell and Detroit Catholic Central will clash on Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. as part of a school pep assembly.

Has this ever been done before? At least one time before. Last year, Lowell traveled to Detroit Catholic Central.

It's a fun event. Last year's match was one of the wildest I've been a part of," said Lowell wrestling coach Dave Dean. "We won it on the last match."

The event, along with bringing together two tradition-rich wrestling programs, introduces the sport to many high school students who might not otherwise take in a wrestling match.

Wrestlers Will Travel: In a couple of weeks (Dec. 19), Lowell will travel down to Mishawaka, Indiana to wrestle against the Cavemen. Mishawaka is ranked in the top 25 in the country among high school wrestling teams.

Lowell opens its season on Wednesday, Dec. 3 as it hosts Forest Hills Central and Mona Shores.



OKAY - Someone Has To Say It ...

by Thad Kraus

I thought about belaboring the ineptitude of the Bowl Championship Series. Instead I'll just give it a quick passing.

Its latest gaff is ranking Oklahoma above Texas. The Longhorns defeated the Sooners (45-35) a little over a month ago by 10 points on a neutral field.

I've got an idea, let's just go back to the bowl games. Play the Rose, Orange, Fiesta, Sugar and Cotton Bowls all on New Years Day and then sit back and let the bowls decide. It was just as effective.

No, No Bowl

I have a nutty idea. Any team not above .500 cannot play in a bowl game.

I have a rooting interest here. My beloved and oooooo soooo bad Notre Dame (6-6) football team is going to be allowed to play in a bowl game. Worse than that, they'll probably lose and be embarrassed by an Acorn State.

Sadly, the Fighting Irish are long past embarrassment. The upside, the University will be able to use the revenue from the appearance to buy out Charlie Weis' contract.

Buress Under Duress - Not a Good Thing

A self-inflicted hit to the thigh with a handgun will

sideline Pellexio Buress in all likelihood for the rest of the season.

It's likely to also unravel his multi-million dollar contract with the New York Giants. What was he thinking? I think it's obvious the former Spartan wasn't thinking. He carries a handgun into a nightclub, a loaded handgun, with no permit and evidence indicates he didn't know how to operate. Why have the handgun to begin with? Maybe it was to protect the \$250,000 worth of jewelry he had around his neck.

A little advice for the Buresses of the world. If you don't want to attract attention to yourself, leave the bling at home. Your chances of being left alone are greatly enhanced and you don't need a handgun which you aren't capable of operating. Instead, Buress has a nice gash in his thigh, a pending fine from the commissioner, a criminal possession of a handgun charge and a football team that wants nothing to do with him.

West is Best

Football teams from the west side of the state were eight-for-eight in the division championship games over the weekend at Ford Field.

Claiming MHSAA championships were Muskegon Catholic Central (Division 8); Traverse City St. Francis (Division 7); Montague (Division 6); Muskegon Oakridge (Division 5); Holland Christian (Division 4); East Grand Rapids (Division 3); Muskegon (Division 2); and Rockford (Division 1).

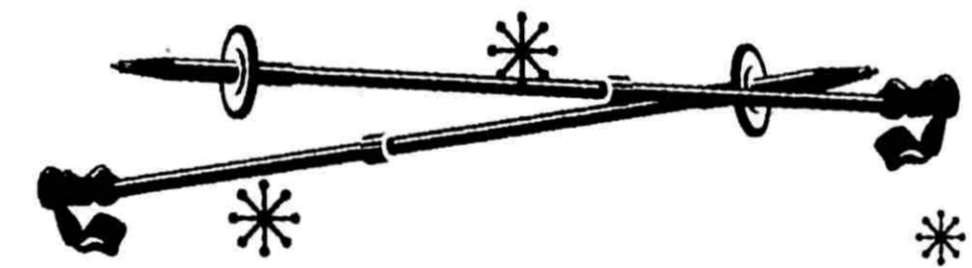
Congrats to all!



VARSITY WRESTLING

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- 12/3 - 6 p.m. at FHC/Mona Shores 1/7 at Northview
- 12/5 - 1:30 p.m. Detroit Catholic Central* 1/10 - 10 a.m. New Lothrop Inv.
- 12/6 - 9 a.m. Warren Woods Tower Inv. 1/14 Greenville*
- 12/10 Holland/Kenowa Hills* 1/17 - 9 a.m. Gary Rivers Mem. Tourn.*
- 12/17 at Reeths Puffer/Union 1/21 Creston*
- 1/19 Mishawaka (middle school gym)* 1/24 - noon Lake Shore Tourn.
- 12/20 - 10 a.m. FHC 1/28 G.R. Christian
- 12/30 - 9 a.m. Lowell Super Duals* 2/4 EGR*
- 1/3 - 9 a.m. Maine Twp. South 2/14 - 9 a.m. Conference*



VARSITY SKIING

Indicates a home meet at Cannonsburg Meets begin at 4:30 p.m. unless indicated

- 1/8 4:30 GS* 1/27 League Meet*
- 1/13 League Meet* 1/30 League Meet at Caberfae
- 1/16 at 2:30 Salom Championship* 2/3 League Meet*
- 1/20 League Meet*

VARSITY CHEERLEADING

Indicates a home meet at LHS Main Gym. Meets begin at 6:30 p.m. unless indicated

- 1/10 time TBA Cedar Springs Inv. 2/7 time TBA Lowell Inv.*
- 1/21 OK Jamboree at Mona Shores 2/11 OK Jamboree at Northview
- 1/28 OK Jamboree* 2/14 at 10 a.m. Conference at GR Christian
- 2/4 OK Jamboree at Kenowa Hills 3/7 time & place TBA Start of Regionals



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BIG TEN TALK

by Mac McPherson

No Big Ten games were played this weekend. After this coming weekend's games around the country, bowl destinations for six or seven Big Ten teams should be determined.

This week's Big Ten Talk will be a recap of "quotes for the week" for the first 14 weeks of this column. Some interesting thoughts. Enjoy.

Week 1: "Student athletes should be students first and athletes second." - a former Lowell Red Arrow star.

Week 2: "This is really fun. It's pretty nice that State is on the Field way out here in California. And I like looking at all the different people that come to today's game." - Molly Olin (Molly is 10. She and her dad, Doug Olin of Lowell, attended the MSU at California Berkeley game.)

Week 3 - 2 quotes: "In order to advance through adversity, you got to admit that you have adversity in life." - Pastor Otis Wiley (father of #21 Spartan Strong Safety Co-Captain Otis Wiley Jr.). Pastor Wiley also leads the parents of players' families in prayer about 90 minutes before kickoff every game day.

"One of the primary purposes of Big Ten marching bands is to inspire and orchestrate cheering from the student section in all the great stadiums of the Big Ten." - Bob Rice (Retired Lowell High Band director and former MSU Marching Band Alumni President.)

Week 4: On Sept. 11 when asked what makes Big Ten football special, Coach said, "The Big Ten universities are located in a large population of hard working people. For

example Jim Johnson of Lowell played for me. He was a dairy farm boy. Dairy farmers get up early every morning, as early as 4 a.m., and they can't miss a day. They get up early every day and work hard everyday. I loved recruiting dairy farmers. They make every day tough football players." - George Perles former head coach, Michigan State University and Rose Bowl Champion.

Week 5 - 3 quotes: Quote of the week in 1608: "...you base foot-ball player." - The Earl of Kent to King Lear in the 1608 Shakespeare play, King Lear.

Quote of the week in 2008: "I like to watch State football. I like to watch Javon Ringer pound it out. Run the ball and throw when we need to." - Canon Dean, Lowell Area Schools student.

Quote of week 2408: Maybe something like this: "Modern day football is much different than it was at the turn of the Millennium. However, football is still a great training ground for life." - Commissioner of Intergalactic College Football.

Week 6: Peter McPherson former President of MSU was back home for the Lowell class of 1958 50th class reunion this weekend. I asked him what one of the biggest positive effects Big Ten football has on higher education. President McPherson said, "MSU would not have become the great university it did as early as it did but for Hannah, Munn and Daugherty. John Hannah saw it and did it in the 50's and 60's (by getting MSU voted into the Big Ten in 1948ish)." (Hannah was president, and Munn and Daugherty were national champion coaches for Spartan football.)

Week 7: "....." - Sparty. Sparty is the Spartans speechless mascot and the Bronze statue on Campus. Sometimes being speechless marks the most profound statement of all.

Week 8: "I come from a Big Ten family. My dad went to University of Michigan, my mom, my wife, and I to Michi-

gan State University, and my sister to Indiana University. Three great schools and one great conference. To me, there isn't much better than a fall Saturday on a Big Ten campus. If you haven't been to a Big Ten football game, I highly recommend you go. It'll be an experience you won't soon forget." - Mike Frey, 1998 Lowell High graduate, MSU alum and now businessman and resident with his family in Kent County.

Week 9: "The only place that 'success' comes before 'work' is in the dictionary." - Vince Lombardi in the 1960's.

Week 10: "Keep your eye on the target, not the prize." - Noel Dean.

Week 11 - 2 quotes: "It is easy for kids to participate on a team when they are the star. It is difficult to participate on a team when they are not the star. This lesson is excellent for the football player when he leaves football and goes to work where he starts out on the bottom again before he becomes a star later in his professional career." - Sheryl Bacon, Mother of Mike Bacon #60 Spartan offensive lineman.

"Football Mothers look for each other. They have a sisterhood connection that only a football mom understands. We have the same goals for our boys. We don't have to say anything. We understand each other." - Darlene Ringer, mother of #23 Javon Ringer Spartan tailback.

Week 12: "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." - Hebrews 13:7. (NIV)

Week 13: When asked what game Big Ten Commissioner James Delaney will be attending this weekend, Scott Chipman Big Ten Communications Lead said, "He will be attending Michigan State vs. Penn State."

Week 14: "My Momma said there would be days like this." - Noel Dean (November 15, 2008) and The Shirelles (the 1960's).

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The Marketing Committee met behind closed doors in a secret location on a dark fall night to determine the winning entries in the Backward Billboard Contest. "We had a lot of fun picking the winners," explained Liz Baker, the Executive Director for the Lowell Chamber. "There were a lot of really great entries and there was a good deal of deliberation around the table as we went through them."

Contestants were invited to offer their best explanation for the Backward Billboard promoting Lowell as the Next Place to Be that was up on I-96 earlier this year. They were competing for a total of \$1,000 Shop Lowell dollars. The certificates are good at any participating Lowell merchant. The merchants can then trade them back to the Chamber for the equivalent amount of money. The one thousand dollars in prize money is being underwritten by the Marketing Committee.

First Prize - \$500 in Shop Lowell dollars was awarded to Gil Brown,

Lowell Postmaster, for his entry: "The Next Place to Be Lowell (objects in mirror are closer than they appear)."

Second Prize - \$300 was awarded to Andy Johnson, a Lowell resident, for his entry: "Whether you're coming or going, Lowell is the next place to be."

Third Prize - \$200 was awarded to Mindy Bennett. Mindy is a former Lowell resident who now lives in Cedar Springs. Her entry was longer than the other two, but there were no restrictions on the contest. "I am a former resident of Lowell. I have missed it ever since I have moved. To me, when you look in your rear view mirror and see that it's the place to be, I think 'Heck yeah it is.' It's the place where I have grown up and had started my family. By going past it and seeing it in my rearview makes me think, 'That's where I should be' and makes me want to turn around. Maybe someday when things are settled for me, then I want to return there. It brings up a lot of great memories and warm feelings."

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CREATE A YEAR-END FINANCIAL CHECKLIST

Now that we're in the holiday season, you probably have much to do. Still, you may find it worthwhile to take on one more task: drawing up a year-end financial checklist.

- What should go on your list? Consider the following:
- Sell your losers. From late 2007 through much of 2008, the stock market has gone through some rough times. Consequently, you may now own some stocks that are worth less than what you originally paid for them. While this fact may not thrill you, there is a bright side: By selling some of your losers, you can offset capital gains you may have realized elsewhere in your portfolio. If you didn't sell any winning stocks this year — and thus had no capital gains — you can use your losses to reduce up to \$3,000 of ordinary income for 2008. And if your losses exceeded \$3,000, you can carry them forward indefinitely and use them to offset gains or ordinary income in the future.
 - Observe "wash sale" rules. One drawback to selling your losers is that you may have wanted to keep these stocks in your portfolio, despite their decline in value. Can you buy them back? You can — but you need to follow the "wash sale" rules. If you want to claim your loss as a deduction, you can't buy the same stock during the "wash

sale" period — the day of the sale, the 30 days before the sale and the 30 days after the sale. (See your tax advisor for more information on wash sale rules.)

- Put more money into your 401(k). Your 401(k) is a great retirement-savings vehicle — for several reasons. First, you typically contribute pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Second, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. And third, you may have a dozen or more investment choices, so you can build a portfolio that reflects your risk tolerance, time horizon and retirement goals. So, if you haven't exceeded the contribution limit (which, in 2008, is \$15,500, or \$20,500 if you're 50 or older), ask your employer to adjust your remaining paychecks to boost your contribution. Also, if you receive a year-end bonus, see if you can put some or all of it into your 401(k).
 - Add to your IRA. You actually have until April 15, 2009 to fully fund your traditional or Roth IRA for 2008, but if you can avoid waiting until the last minute, you might not have to come up with a big lump-sum payment. For the 2008 tax year, you can put up to \$5,000 into your IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older.
 - Make charitable contributions. When you contribute to a charitable organization — one that has received 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status — your donations are generally tax-deductible, provided you itemize your tax return. Plus, if you decide to donate a stock or other appreciated asset, you can avoid capital gains taxes when the asset is sold.
- If you can check most of these items off your year-end "to do" list, you'll close out 2008 on a high note — and position yourself for success in 2009 and beyond.

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