

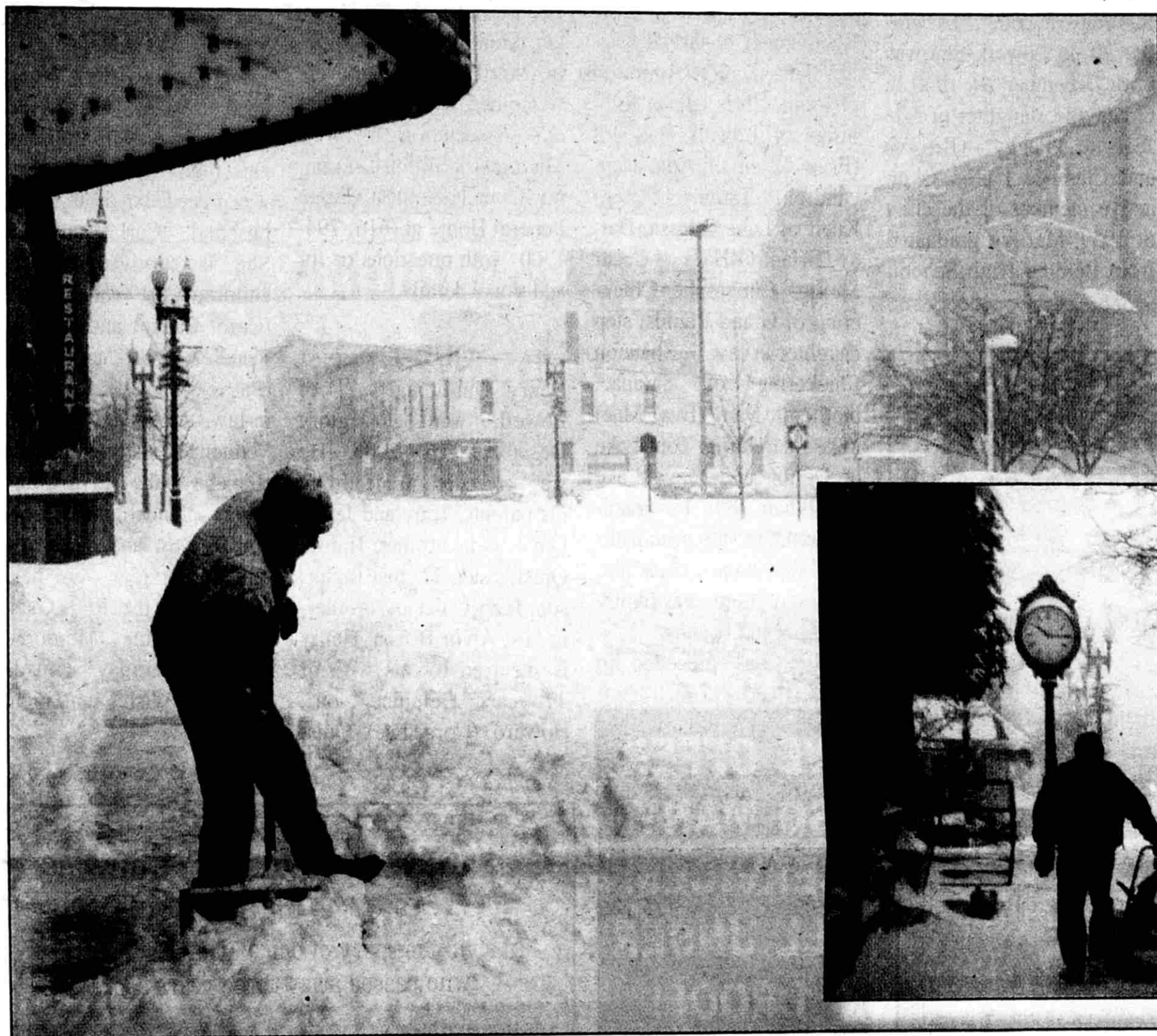
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The certainty of a white Christmas as the Midwest chills out



A major storm last Friday dumped a foot of snow on the area making it hard to navigate the treacherous roads and intersections. The plowing crews could hardly keep up with the falling snow. "It's just peachy," said Dan DesJarden, Department of Public Works director, sarcastically about snow plowing. The snow blizzard was followed by a big chill and gusty winds with freezing temperatures in the teens on Sunday and Monday.

High winds caused the snow to drift creating avalanche-like formations along roadways and behind the windows. Mike Lezan cleared an entire block in downtown from snow Friday bundled up while wife Karen and children Jared and Rachel came into town. In front of the Larkin's Other Place, Wes Gould shoveled snow and Mike Sprenger attempted to blow off the snow from the sidewalks on the north side

of Main Street. Other business owners as well fought the snow fall way into the afternoon hours.

But things are looking up: The days are getting longer and if you look you can spot birds for your winter bird count.

Flat River Outreach swamped by long lines

by Emma Palova

As Saturday rolled in, the day after a major snow storm blanketed the area with a foot of snow, hundreds lined up in cars waiting for a parking spot in front of the Flat River Outreach Ministries (F.R.O.M.)

The sun finally peeked out on the final pick up day for Christmas food baskets, which was also an opportunity for the parents to shop for their children in Santa's toy shop. The toy shop offered new toys for each family, two toys per household. Santa's elves

must have been working hard, because the shop was completely full with dolls, games, action figures, you name it.

On top of that, parents could pick out clothes and necessities for teens and all.

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John Stencil, Cindy Cornell and Carol DeVito pack up Christmas food baskets on Friday.

Ledger brings nostalgia and news close to home

by Emma Palova

As Jim Perkins opened the much-awaited newspaper at his home in Rossville, Indiana in July, he found out about the birth of his niece Calihan.

"I was surprised," he said.

So, then he picked up the phone and called his brother Brad, who pulled the trick on him on purpose.

"We just laughed about it," he said.

Every year, Perkins gets the subscription as a Christmas present from his sister-in-law Tammy Janowiak.

"I expect to get it this year too, otherwise I'll be calling them," said Perkins. "It's sort of a revolving Christmas present."

For Perkins getting

the paper is like coming back home. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1972, then he went to Eastern Michigan College and Western Michigan University.

"I went to college and never went back," he said.

Living half-way between Chicago and Indianapolis, Perkins sometimes misses the people and places in Lowell. As he flips through the pages of the Ledger, Perkins likes reading the sports and he loves the pictures of the downtown and the fairgrounds.

"It has a nostalgia value to me," he said. "I have fond memories of Lowell. I haven't seen the new field at the high school." He used to work at the Village Inn, and Perkins remembers performers from the Showboat coming in.

"You have the fondest memories of the friendships I developed in school," he said.

Perkins says Sound Off has an edge to it, and there should be more interaction.

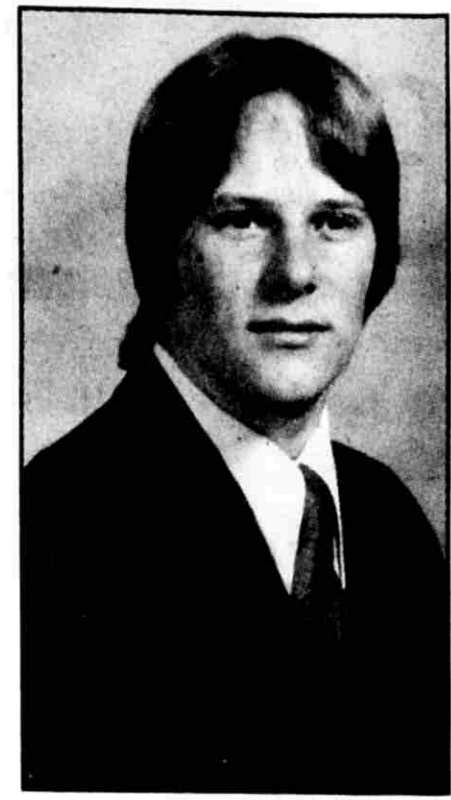
"It doesn't have to be so negative and abrasive," he said. "You're blessed to live in a town like Lowell, it has a sense of community."

Perkins said he carries that sense of community and small town upbringing to this day.

"You carry it for a lifetime," he said.

The last time Perkins visited Lowell was for Fallasburg Fall Festival five years ago. He plans on coming back for next year's homecoming game.

Obituaries



BARNES

Joseph Charles Barnes went home to be with his heavenly Father December

18, 2008, after a long battle with alcoholism. Joe was born February 5, 1959. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles J. Barnes and his birth mother, Naomi Kidder. He is survived by his other mother, Linda Barnes; his brothers, Ernie Barnes, Jerome Barnes, Mike Barnes, and Tom Barnes; his children, Renee and Ryan Barnes; and his aunts. At Joe's request cremation has taken place. There will be no service. You may make contributions in his name to: The Salvation Army, Turning Point Program, 72 Sheldon Blvd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



CHICKERING

Marilyn Gay (Lake) Chickering, 68, of Rockford, died Saturday evening, December 20, in Lowell. She was born December 20, 1940 in Greenville, daughter of Ada Jeanette "Peggy" (Brown) and Clarence Lake. As an active member of the class of 1959, Marilyn graduated from Belding High School.

She cherished those close to her and was a loving and devoted sister, daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, niece, aunt, cousin and friend. She attended Shiloh Community Church and was a member of the American Legion Belding Post 203. She held many different jobs throughout her lifetime, most recently working 19 years as a sewing machine operator for General Motors Corporation, and she retired from Leer in 2001.

Marilyn leaves behind her husband of 16 years, Tom; father, Clarence Lake of Greenville; children, Ron Robinson II of Grand Rapids, Tim (Kathy) Robinson of Ionia, Chris (Beth) Robinson of Lowell, and Jill (Eric) Olsen of Ada; stepchildren, Tammy (Greg) Kneil of Lake Odessa, Darcy (Brian) O'Hara of Cedar Springs, Christopher Chickering of Grand Rapids; step daughter-in-law, Shannon Chickering of Saranac; brothers, Dan (Eva Mae) Lake of Belding, Tom Lake of Delton and Steve Lake of Elkhart, IN; 11 grandchildren, six step grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and many more dear family members and friends. Marilyn was preceded in

death by her beloved twin sister, Carolyn Donovan; brother-in-law, Jim Donovan; mother Peggy; and stepson, Aaron Chickering. Visitation will be held at Verdun Family Funeral Home, 303 S. Bridge Street, Belding, on Friday, December 26 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Pastor Ken Harger will officiate the funeral service on Saturday, December 27, 11 a.m. at Shiloh Community Church in Orleans. Visitation will precede the service on Saturday at the church from 10-11 a.m. Private interment will take place at Ashley Cemetery near Grattan. Memorial contributions in Marilyn's memory are welcomed to the Alzheimer's Association of West Michigan or Shiloh Community Church. Contact Verdun Funeral Home at (616) 794-1300 with questions or for additional details.

and Jeff (Julie) Quist; grandchildren, Jessica, Justin, Christopher and Brian Quist; brother, Jake (Agnus) Quist; sister, Bernice (Wybe) Kloostr; sister-in-law, Jane Quist; brother-in-law, Art Taylor; brothers-in-law, Gene (Hazel) Boven, Ron (Marilyn) Boven; sisters-in-law, Shirley Boven and Marlene (Roger) Davis; many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held December 20 at Unity Reformed Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice - Holland Home.

WOOD

Linda Lou (Cisler) Wood, aged 68 of Clarksville, passed away Saturday, December 20, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Venneman. She is survived by her children, Carl Venneman, Jr. (Carol Radke) and Karlene Sanchez; brother, Jack (Patricia) Cisler; brother-in-law, Leonard (Joan) Venneman; sister-in-law, Ila Blanche (Jake) Livingston; seven grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Make a Wish Foundation.

QUIST

Henry Quist, aged 71 of Lowell, went to glory December 16, 2008. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tony and Jenny Quist; twin brother, Harold Quist; sister, Thelma Taylor; son, Terry Quist and brother-in-law, Alvin Boven. Henry is survived by his wife of 49 years, Delphine; sons, Howard (Cora Lee) Quist

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We miss and love you, Mom and Dad, Terry, Bill, Rick and George

My religion consists of a humble admiration of the illimitable superior spirit who reveals himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble mind.
- Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

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Valentine bids farewell to the community



Police chief Jim Valentine, looking ahead to his new career as the Ionia County Central Dispatch director, said goodbye to the community last week during a special retirement party at the city hall.

The party was well attended by the city officials, as well as the city residents. Rep. Dave Hildenbrand presented a plaque to Valentine honoring his 26 years of service to the city of Lowell.

Stabenow announces 37 Michigan students nominated to Service Academies

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) announced today that she has nominated 37 Michigan students for placement at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"I am proud that so many exceptional students from our state are willing to serve our country through military service," said Stabenow. "These individuals have demonstrated their excellence in and out of the classroom, and I am confident that they will represent Michigan well."

Students nominated by Stabenow's office went through a competitive application process that included interviews by community lead-

ers. Now that the students have been nominated, they must await acceptance for admission by the academy to which they have applied.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The Marilyn Huyser Trust

In Re: Marilyn Huyser, Date of Birth 6/17/1937

Richmond, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 15, 2008
John D. Mitus, Attorney (P-31244)
410 Bridge Street NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-774-4001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The deceased settlor, MARILYN HUYSER, DOD 12/3/2008, lived at 1235 Whitmore, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Donald W. Centilli, Trustee, at 1720

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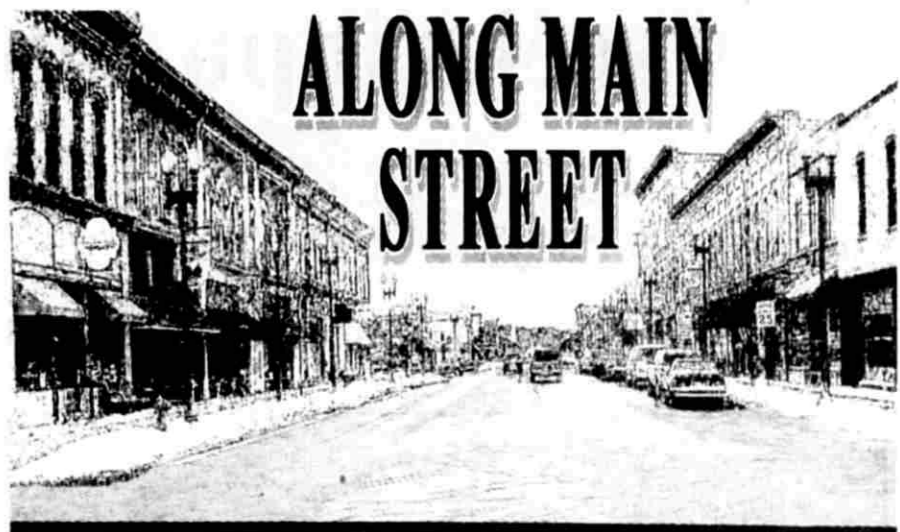
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Give the kids (and adults) something creative and fun to do during the holiday break! Glass House Designs is having Open Studio on Tues., Dec. 30; Wed., Dec. 31, and Fri., Jan. 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost starts at \$5 and varies by project. No appointment needed, just drop in and plan to spend about an hour having fun.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Calling all birders. Help the Grand Rapids Audubon Society with the Christmas Bird Count. Anyone interested will meet at the Wittenbach Wege Center on Sat., Jan. 3 at 7:30 a.m. Stay the whole day or part. If you plan to stay for lunch, lunch will be \$5 or bring your own. Cost is \$5 for adults and children 18 years and younger are free.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Bring your Christmas tree out to the Wittenbach Wege Center on Sun., Jan. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. to be shredded and used for mulch around the Center. Trees can be dropped off prior to Jan. 4 in the designated drop off area. Remove all tinsel, garland and decorations before bringing your tree out. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call 987-1002 for more information.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Area Schools athletic boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Mon., Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

LHS FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Joann Litton, Financial Aid Officer from GVSU will provide you with pertinent information about filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Thurs., Jan. 8, 7-8 p.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. If you have questions, call the Student Services Center at 987-2908.

FROM CHRISTMAS FOOD AND TOYS

It's not too late to donate new, unwrapped gifts, food or cash for the FROM Christmas give-away, and it's also not too late to register in the Food Pantry if you or someone you know could use our help this Christmas season. Call the Pantry at 897-8260 for more information.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum is pleased to announce "Family Tree Night" (Genealogy) beginning in January on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month, from 4-8 p.m. Come and look up information on your family. For more information call 897-7688.

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City seeks input on LED street lights

by Emma Palova

The city now has two light-emitting diode (LED) lights for street lighting at the corner of N. Jefferson and High and N. Jefferson and North Street.

and High and N. Jefferson and North Street. "LED street lights could create significant energy and maintenance savings," said Dan DesJarden, department of public works director.

Part of the drive behind

the replacement is the phasing out of the current 175 Watt mercury Vapors bulbs because of mercury, according to DesJarden.

The two test lights were placed on the truck route and safe routes to school zone on Oct. 16.

"They do not allow the light to trespass," said DesJarden. "It is directional lighting down. My goal is to have 10 more."

This is different compared to conventional lighting, where light goes all over the place.

And residents have noticed the signs notifying about the LED lighting test sites.

Brian Dresenga came across the LED light system a few weeks ago.

"I just wanted to say how much we appreciate

the city looking into ways of becoming more green while saving electrical power and money," he wrote.

Ruth Reeser doesn't have a light shining into her windows anymore. "The LED light provides just as much usable light as the old light, but without the offending glare," Reeser wrote.

However, Ann Raymor feels the LED lights don't light up the corners like the old ones.

"Maybe, if they were more directed to the sidewalks, as I walk my dog and now it's becoming darker earlier, I'd like to have some light to go by," she wrote. "All in all though, they are good start."

The cost of a LED light with the fixture is \$374. The lifetime of LED bulbs are

10 years, compared to the current bulbs' lifetime of two years.

The city has a system of 188 175 Watt mercury Vapors lights and 12 250 Watt high pressure sodiums bulbs. Along M21, there are 19 400 Watt mercury Vapors excluding the decorative lighting in downtown.

"My goal is to replace all 175 Watt mercury Vapors," said DesJarden.

LED lights are better at placing light in a single direction than fluorescent bulbs. These lights are also more rugged and damage resistant than compact fluorescent and incandescent bulbs. LED lights don't flicker.

"We have more control

LED lights, cont'd., pg. 8



Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden stands at the LED lighting test site.

Geography Bee winners



Murray Lake Elementary held their annual Geography Bee on Thursday, Dec. 18. Pictured are the school's finalists: back row, left to right: Ethan Cummings, Trevor Shurlow, Trevor Roest, Liam Peterson, and Billy Dickson; front row, left to right: Elizabeth Miller, Justine Anes, Tessa Micho, Anthony Pollock, Darby Fuller, and Carter Noskey. Anthony Pollock was the Geography Bee winner and Carter Noskey was runner-up. Pollock will take a written geography bee test to try and qualify for the State Geography Bee finals.

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Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

An article in the Dec. 15 Lowell Ledger described city residents coming to the defense of the Lowell Police Department.

A recent City Council meeting discussed the farming out of a public service, the Lowell Police Department. In these dire times I can see why the subject was brought up. As our nation inches closer to a depression every department will be scrutinized.

The cost of the Police Department is approximately

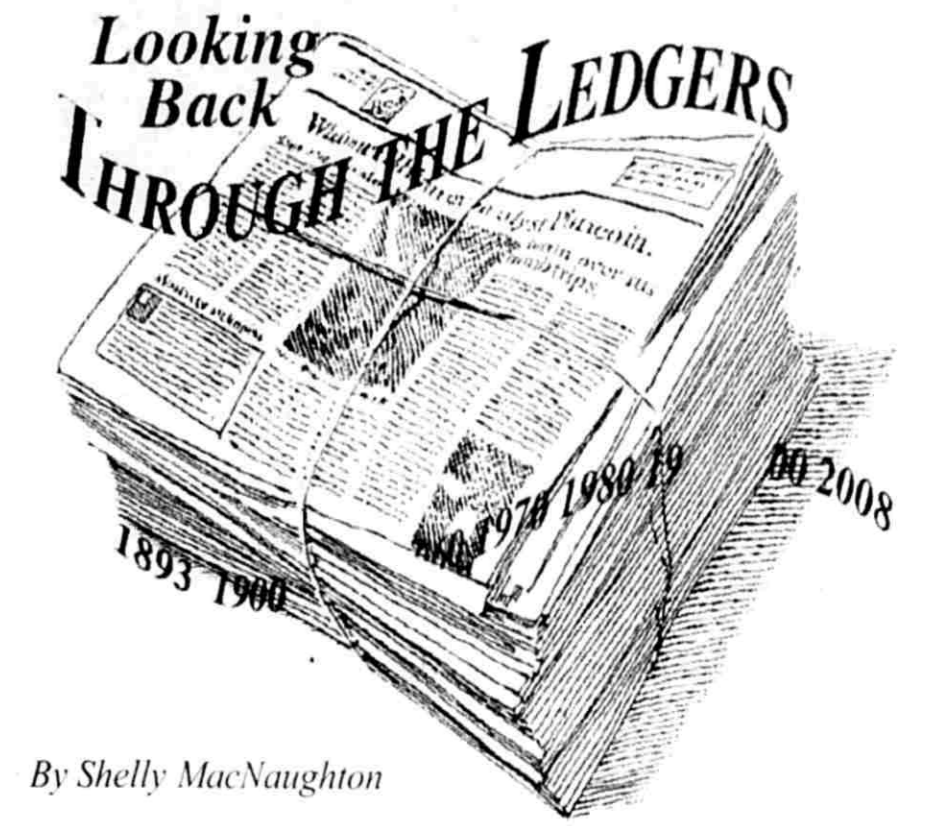
\$835,000 or 40 percent of the city budget. Even cutting that cost in half would be quite a savings.

Eliminating the police department or any department is a serious matter and should not be taken lightly or in haste. Can the City Council be trusted to use the savings for our city needs and not be spent on their pet projects?

What I have seen in the past leaves me little faith in the City Council to do the right thing.

I believe the taxes from the DDA should be used to supplement the general fund before any department or personnel is deleted for the purpose of keeping our community solvent.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard



By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL DECEMBER 26, 1883

James Murphy was seriously hurt last night while trying to stop a runaway team.

On busy days our streets are sometimes so crowded with teams as to prevent them from passing when they meet. It is a serious inconvenience and suggests the erection of sheds somewhere for the accommodation of farmers' teams. The time will come when it will be necessary to make some such provision.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER DECEMBER 4, 1908

President Roosevelt sent a message to Congress denouncing Joseph Pulitzer for the Panama Canal charges and saying it is the duty of Government to prosecute the publisher of the New York World for criminal libel. The World replied with an editorial of defiance.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO DECEMBER 28, 1933

A radiogram to the Ledger received at 10:30 this (Thursday) morning from Admiral N. E. Borgerson, caught in the ice packs at Suttons Bay, brings the cheering news that the good ship "Lowell Showboat 1934" and her gallant crew are safe, in good spirits and that anchor will be dropped at Port Lowell on the River Flat the first week in August, 1934.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER DECEMBER 25, 1958

The barn at the Thomas Cook farm, two miles north of Lowell on Lincoln Lake Road, burned to the ground Sunday night in a spectacular fire that could be seen for miles around.

The fire started, James Cook felt, when a heat lamp which was being used to warm a new-born calf in the basement calf pens, ignited the hay. Mr. Cook had been in the barn only a short time before he was notified by George Baker, a former employee at the farm who was passing and noticed the flames.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER DECEMBER 28, 1983

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A SAFE AND HAPPY SEASON

Another West Michigan December is upon us, and with the winter mix of snow-covered roads, cold temperatures, and icy commutes, I bet you have asked yourself, "Who makes the decision about closing school?", "Where do they get their information?", and, "What determines the decision?" I'm sure to many parents, the decision making process for closing school due to inclement weather is a mystery, and to our students it's magical. I must admit that if snow or freezing rain never interrupted our school day again, I would not be disappointed. I will tell you that making the decision about closing or delaying school for inclement weather is one of my least favorite responsibilities as your superintendent.

December has given us an interesting start to the winter months. And, given the rural location and size of our district, inclement weather will always be a seasonal challenge. To add to the complexity that already exists, due to state budgetary conditions, the local road commission units will not be utilizing overtime for road clean-up. As a result, side roads remain treacherous throughout the day and all-day snow conditions will make driving hazardous.

First, let me assure the Lowell community that the

physical safety, emotional well being, and a strong academic environment for all students is and will always be the primary concern for the Lowell Area Schools. To minimize the frustration that parents may experience as it relates to school cancellations, I thought it might be helpful to share how the decision to delay or close school is made in the event of inclement weather.

The superintendent and transportation staff carefully watches weather conditions during the winter. Just like you, we learn about approaching weather and road conditions from television, internet and radar. In the event that weather alerts or predictions are issued, our transportation staff begins to make preparations and monitors forecasts. Our director of transportation, Mr. Mikulski, and as many as three other staff members, test morning road conditions of our bus routes beginning at 4 a.m. In addition, consideration is given to the time snow or ice starts, the amount, temperature and wind-chill, as well as the condition of the most hazardous bus routes in our district. Based on the recommendations from district staff, and all of the aforementioned information, I then make the final decision. I will consistently err on the side of safety; the alternative is not an option. I would ask parents to keep in mind that, even if it looks clear on your street, dangerous conditions may exist in other parts of our district.

We are confident in our procedures and protocol for safety and understand the magnitude of keeping our most precious commodity, the students, safe. On behalf of the Lowell Area Schools, have a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season and a happy new year!

Writing to the editor ...

The requirements are:

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- In an effort to keep opinions varied, at times there may be 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.

Weddings

Bajema/Meyers



Justin Daniel and Jennifer Rae Bajema

Jennifer Rae Meyers and Justin Daniel Bajema were united in matrimony on May 30, 2008 at the terrace at The Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville.

Parents of the couple are David and Lynn Meyers, of Ada, and Harold and Mary Bajema, of Jenison.

Maid of honor was Jessica Meyers. Bridesmaids

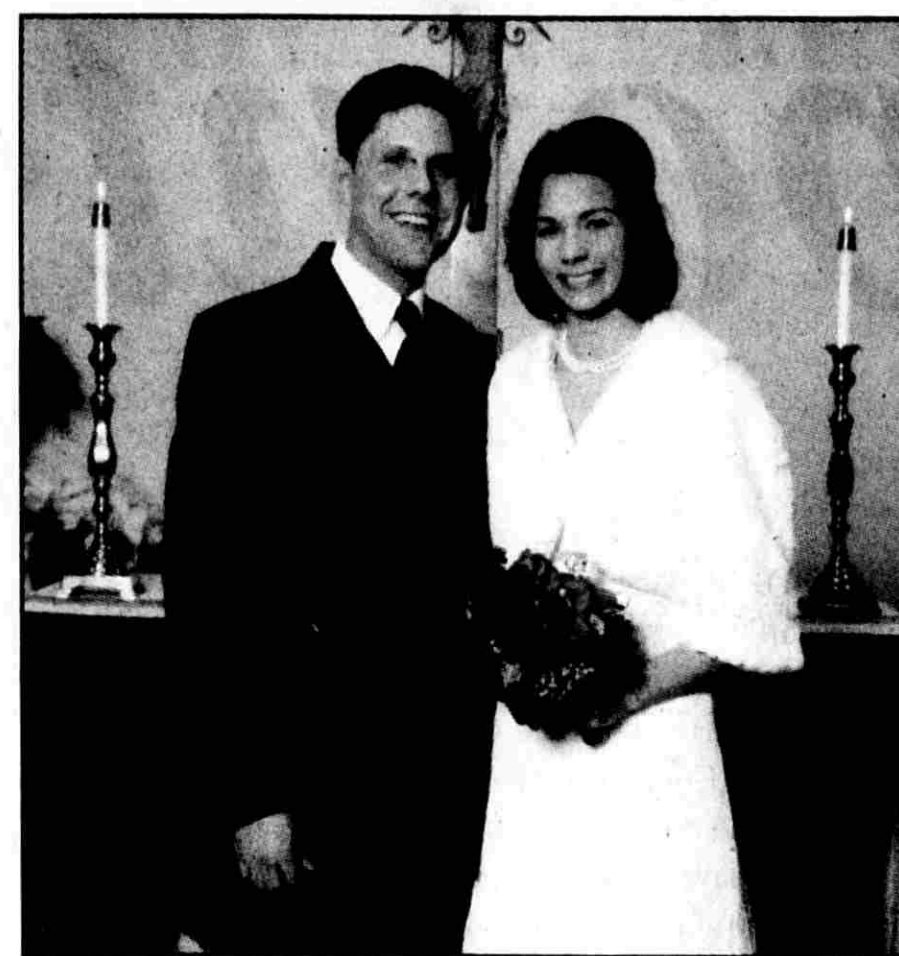
were Kimberly Mauric and Danielle Howk.

Best man was Tim Collins. Groomsmen were Daniel Postema and Justin DeYoung.

Ringbearers were Isaac and Eli Bajema. Ushers were Gregory Meyers, Joshua Meyers, Jeremy Meyers, and Chris Bajema.

Maid of honor was Jessica Meyers. Bridesmaids

Foster/Datema



Matthew and Carmen Foster

St. Gertrude Catholic Church in the small northern Michigan town of Northport was the setting for the January 5, 2008 wedding of Carmen Richelle Datema and Matthew Jordan Foster, both of Lowell.

Maid of Honor was Kimberly Hoogewind, friend of the bride. Additional bridesmaids were Sophia D'Agostino, friend of the bride, Krista Foster, sister of the groom, and Clover Brown, niece of the bride.

Brady Foster stood up as best man for his brother. Additional groomsmen were

Jeremy Goff, Evan Dorough, and Patrick Vogel, all friends of the groom. Lake Brown, nephew of the bride, served as ringbearer.

The bride is the daughter of Kim Datema and Jim and Kate Datema, both of Lowell.

Following the ceremony a dinner reception was held at Stubb's Restaurant in Northport.

The couple now resides in Lowell with their dog, Milly.

Foster/Bloemers



Brady and Rebecca Foster

Rebecca Joy Bloemers and Brady Alan Foster were married at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Parnell on July 11, 2008.

Best friend, Ann Schmidt served as maid of honor. Additional bridesmaids were Krista Foster, sister of the groom, Beth and Lindsey Bloemers, sister-in-laws of the bride, Nessa Richard, Maggie Parrish and Jen Rottluff, all friends of the bride.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at English Hills Terrace in Comstock Park. The couple honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico and now resides in Alto with their dog, Mox.

and the bride's brothers, Todd and Dan Bloemers were the groomsmen. Brian Conley and Tim Schutte, also friends of the groom, served as ushers. Ringbearers were Caleb and Ryan Shippy, cousins of the groom.

Parents of the couple are Gary and Gale Bloemers, of Alto, and Kim and Cheryl Foster, of Lowell.

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Lowell Women's Club inducts three new members

Three new members were inducted in a ceremony at the Nov. meeting of the Lowell Women's Club. They are Tricia Murphy-Alderman, Elaine Brinkert, and Amara Kyes. They were welcomed with sprays of red carnations.

Members also brought in an array of food items which were delivered to the Lowell Food Pantry for Thanksgiving by Bonnie Baird, Board Member. The Christmas Through Lowell luncheon was a big success this year thanks to June

Dilly and her committee; Pat Allchin, Veronica Marj Harding, Barb Pierce, Gloria Muller, Peggy Puth, Blough.



Pictured above, new members, left to right: Tricia Murphy-Alderman, Elaine Brinkert, and Amara Kyes.

Left to right: Marj Harding, Barb Pierce, Gloria Muller, Peggy Puth, Pat Allchin, Veronica Blough, Carolyn Jane Blough, and June Dilly.

Photos submitted by: Barb Brown, LWC member

HEALTH

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



TOILET TRAINING

Even though there is no "right" age to start training, most healthy children have the skills needed to start between 18 and 30 months of age. However, it is fine to wait until you feel that your child is ready. Children are probably ready for toilet training when they copy what you do, show an interest in the toilet, a potty-chair, or wearing "big kid" underwear, can walk, sit, and follow simple instructions, indicate when they are about to have a bowel movement, and can pull their pants up and down.

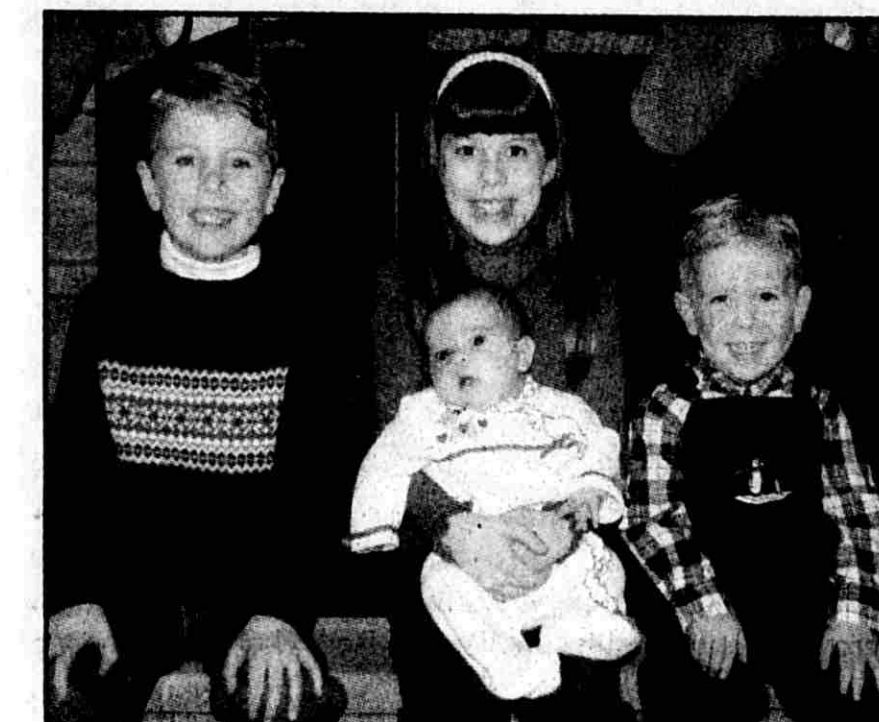
As a parent, it is important to be patient and encourage your child. Your doctor should examine your child before you start training. He or she can discuss different training methods and help find one that works well for your family.

A good first step in training is to buy a potty-chair. Children should start by sitting on the chair fully clothed until they get used to just sitting on it. If they are afraid of the chair or the toilet, wait a month or two before trying again. Once they are comfortable sitting on the chair, try to have them sit on it unclothed or with only a t-shirt on. Praise children right away when they use the potty. Dress your child in loose-fitting clothing that is easy to take off. Have several pairs of diapers or training pants available.

Keep in mind that children have setbacks and need to be encouraged. Boys usually take longer to train than girls; both can first learn to use the potty sitting down. Staying dry through the night usually comes later than staying dry during the day.

New Arrivals

Lothian

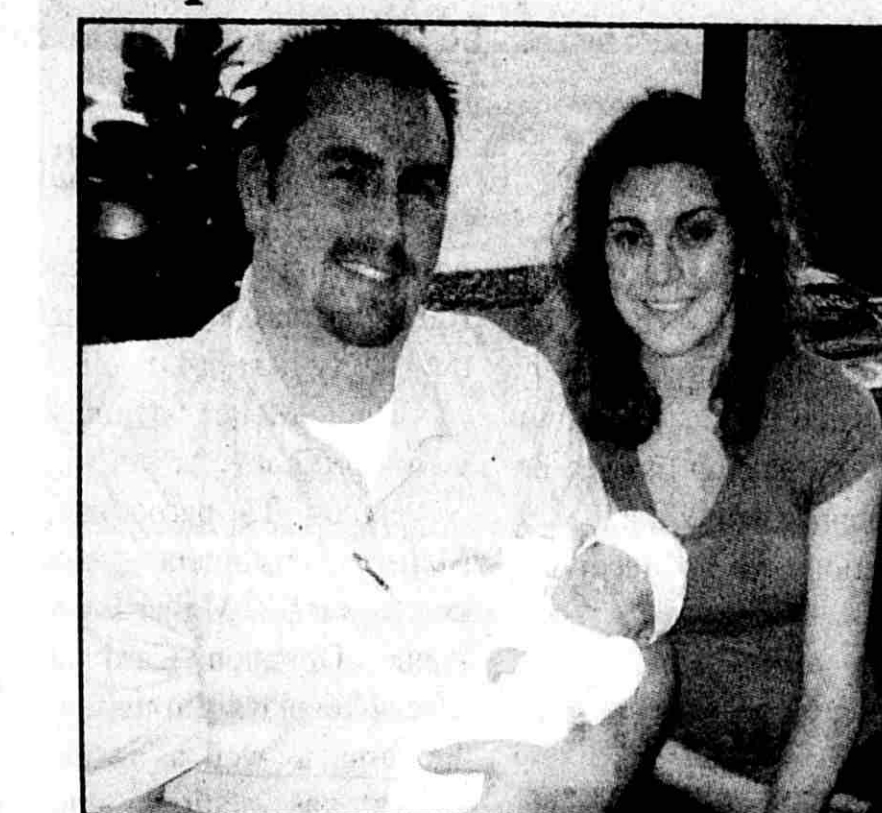


Olivia Rae Lothian surrounded by siblings.

Ryan and Lori Lothian of Lowell are the proud parents of a girl, Olivia Rae, born on Thursday Oct. 30. She weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. and measured 20 inches. Her

sister, Emily, 8, and two brothers, John, 5 1/2, and Nicholas, 3, welcomed her home. Grandparents are Bruce and Marge Rozell and Charlotte Lothian, all of Greenville.

Phillips



Emma Grace Phillips

Brian and Marti Phillips, of Grand Rapids, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Grace. She was born Oct. 15, 2008, weighing 5 lbs. 2 oz. Proud grandparents are Mike and Phyllis Phillips of Lowell, and Bert and Maureen Rosenberg of Hoosick Falls, NY.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER 24: Jeffrey Pfaller.

DECEMBER 25: Scott Shindorf, Chris Wolfenden, Chris Treglia, Jeni Clouser, Peggy Hayes, Star Daverman.

DECEMBER 26: Margaret Gasper, Shay Hacker, Stephanie Peel, Butch Landman, Kaitlyn Callihan.

DECEMBER 27: Mark Nyp, Linda Aksamitowski, Jay Clark.

Reflections of faith

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

HOSPITALITY TO THE HIGHEST

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." Luke 2:7 (NRSV)

"No place for them in the inn," are the saddest words in Luke's story of Jesus' birth. And the rejection echoes down through two centuries of "no room," to this present moment in time. "We're just too crowded!" "Sorry, we are full up!" "It's too bad, but there's just no room."

We get so busy, so tired, so preoccupied with the incessant demands on our hectic lives that we shut out the very birth of the Christ we so long to know. Our lives get so crowded and so filled up, like the Bethlehem Inn, that we don't have room for Jesus. We fail to offer hospitality to the highest.








Let's resolve not to botch it again this Christmas, but offer Christ our warmest hospitality. The haunting question of Christmas is: Do we have room in our hearts for the babe of Bethlehem?

Let's be invitational and hospitable this Christmas and pray:

"Come into my heart, come into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Come in today, come in to stay. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus." Amen

And have a blessed Christmas!

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F.R.O.M. swamped, continued ... From Page 1

F.R.O.M. this year served 350 families, that is up by 80 from last year.

"We're doing very well thanks to the generosity of this community," said volunteer Ann Dimmick.

Yes, the community came through again donating food, money, gifts and time.

"It's just been phenomenal," said volunteer Diane Kleczynski. "The people of Lowell have come through again."

Local businesses, churches and the schools were all involved in operation Christmas.

"We had barrels and

trees at local businesses and other places," said Dimmick.

Churches had offerings for ham and turkey, as well as money donations.

"It's just been overwhelming, the generosity of people," said Kleczynski.

Each family received either turkey or a ham, with all the trimmings in their food basket. Volunteers John Stencel, Cindy Cornell and Carol DeVito packed up the baskets on Friday, as other volunteers were still pouring in, in spite of the snow storm.

Local businesses, churches and the schools were all involved in operation Christmas.

Alexis Noffke, Alicia Noffke, Cathy Noffke, Denise Amidon, Diane Kleczynski, Marsha Ray and Ann Dimmick in Santa's toy shop.



F.R.O.M. food pantry teams up with Meijer to feed the hungry in Lowell

Meijer will provide its first donation of gift cards to the F.R.O.M. Food Pantry as part of the company's "Simply Give" holiday donation program. The program launched in Nov.

at all 185 Meijer stores and will provide much-needed Meijer gift cards to 185 food pantries in the communities where its stores are based.

"We are very pleased to be chosen by the Lowell

Meijer store as their food pantry," said F.R.O.M. Food Pantry director, Jody Haybarker. "The need we are experiencing this season is unprecedented, and the donations we are receiving

will be crucial to helping us fulfill our mission of feeding the hungry here in Lowell.

The Meijer Simply Give program began in November. To participate, Meijer customers can purchase a \$10 Meijer Food Pantry Donation Card at special displays throughout the store, as well as inside Meijer gas stations and convenience stops. The \$10 amount reflects a typical bag of groceries at Meijer. The donation cards purchased by Meijer customers are then converted into Meijer Gift Cards and given to the local

Food Pantry selected by each store.

In addition to the gift cards donated by customers, Meijer is donating \$100,000 in gift cards to help the participating food pantries stock their shelves for the holiday season. Meijer's \$100,000 gift will be divided among the participating food pantries, including F.R.O.M. Today's donation represents Meijer's initial gift plus gift cards purchased to date by local customers.

Each food pantry card has a description of the program with a thank you

message. Upon purchasing the donation, the customer keeps the food pantry card. In the event a customer would like to make a donation on someone's behalf as a holiday gift, each food pantry card has a blank space to indicate that a donation was made in name of someone as a gift.

The Meijer Simply Give program will continue through Dec. 24. Upon completion of the program, the Lowell Meijer will donate the remaining amount raised by customers to the F.R.O.M. Food Pantry.

YMCA receives \$2,500 in support



Store manager Joe Vanhoven of the Lowell Meijer saw a need in our community and a chance to change lives. Staci Messersmith, executive director of the Lowell YMCA, receives a check for \$2,500 to help support the Strong Kids Campaign. Through the Strong Kids Campaign, the Lowell YMCA supported over 1,100 people and provided over \$62,000 in financial assistance.

LED lights, continued ... From Pg. 4

over what we light such as streets and sidewalks and what we don't light, which is the night sky," said DesJarden. "We're reducing light pollution."

The LED lights are very heat sensitive; excessive heat or inappropriate applications dramatically reduce both light output and lifetime.

LED lights are

considerably lower on greenhouse gas emissions (CO2). The full implementation of LEDs would cut Lowell's public lighting energy use by 69 percent, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85.49 tons CO2 annually.

However, the biggest limitation to LED usage for common residential use is

the cost of manufacturing due to limited production runs. Retrofit bulbs range from \$25 to \$60 for night light and small lamps.

The city is seeking input on LED light usage. You can post your comments at d-desjarden@att.net.

Local woman loves to decorate for Christmas

by Emma Palova

Her house on Main Street is completely immersed in the Christmas spirit including the garage and the porch. Jean Jeltema of Lowell loves to decorate for all seasons, but Christmas is special.

At this time of the year, Jeltema's porch turns into a live scene featuring a straw bale fire place with a pink flamingo and a complete Christmas village, as well as a Christmas tree.

Tiny lights inside the

fire pit create a feeling of a real fire burning.

In the dining room, Jeltema takes pride in her Coca-Cola shrine. She decorated an entire wall with Coca-Cola Christmas memorabilia, including

a wreath with Coca-Cola bottles hanging from it.

She collected most of the items over the last few decades, but some she received as gifts from people knowing about her collector's passion. There

are Christmas trees both in the living and dining rooms, and on the porch. For lack of more room, Jeltema placed angels in the bathroom.

"I love gadgets," she said.

She decorated shrubs and the garage with Christmas lights as well.

Not only does she love

to decorate, but Jeltema is a skilled baker. Out of the pantry she brought at least seven different kinds of Christmas cookies. Among these were pecan puffs, Danish nut pastries and her favorite rum cake. She got the recipe for the rum cake from a bottle of Bacardi rum.

She decorated shrubs and the garage with Christmas lights as well.

Not only does she love



Jean Jeltema shows off her Coca-Cola memorabilia shrine.



OKAY -
Someone Has To Say It ...

by Thad Kraus

At the recommendation of the Downtown Development Authority and Lowell Public Works Director, Dan DesJarden, the Lowell City Council chose to close off the alley that runs between the post office and the Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide office.

The reason for this decision was to enlarge the number of museum parking spaces (11 to 17) and to create more space for museum visitors to back up when they leave.

Now you have post office vehicles coming out onto Broadway with cars parked to the north blocking their vision of oncoming traffic.

On a slow day there are more cars parked on the west side of Broadway than there are cars parked at the museum on a busy weekend.

Spend any amount of time on Broadway, and you know that this decision creates a situation that invites trouble.

The day will come when a driver pulling out of the alley, with its vision blocked by parked vehicles will get hit by a second vehicle, also unable to see any vehicle trying to turn south onto Broadway, because it too is blinded by the parked cars on the west side of Broadway.

Even more, a pedestrian, parked north of the Ledger office, walking to the post office is also in jeopardy of getting

hit by a car coming down the alley. This begs the question, did any DDA board members take time to view the traffic flow on Broadway before making this recommendation.

I know this, the safety concern raised by this decision is far worse than adequate parking space at the museum. The solution presented to me when asked about this sight concern was to remove a few more parking spaces on the west side of Broadway.

So you address the driver visibility issue by creating a parking spot inconvenience for post office patrons.

In September, the City paid \$5,950 to repave the alley only to close it off in November? It also paid \$9,250 to repave the Museum parking lot.

I'm all for helping out the Museum. It is a wonderful place. Yes, I have taken time to view the museum from the inside.

I'm guessing that the traffic at the museum is heavy enough probably six weekends of the year to warrant concern about space. However, I was told that the museum hosts events throughout the year, thus the need for additional parking is warranted more than that. How much more, I'm not sure that question has been answered.

My way of thinking, if it is less than 20 times a year why not identify those weekends/days and close the alley on those specific dates?

That way you're not creating a traffic hazard on Broadway and during the Museum's busiest times it has ample space for its heavy traffic flow.

I did learn that the long-term plan may include closing off the alley permanently, therefore forcing the post office drivers to use Chatham.

After covering city council meetings for 18 years, I know the hardworking citizens who serve on the council and DDA work extremely hard to best serve its constituents.

I also know that Mike Blough, Bill Thompson, Jeannie Shores and the late Charlie Doyle and Jack Fonger were good servants of this community because they were willing to go back and change things that weren't working in the best interest of the city residents or were creating a safety concern. Even if it meant overturning their previous vote.

I am open to contrary opinions and thoughts on the issue. We can disagree without being disagreeable.

Finally, to all past and current council and DDA members and to the community at-large, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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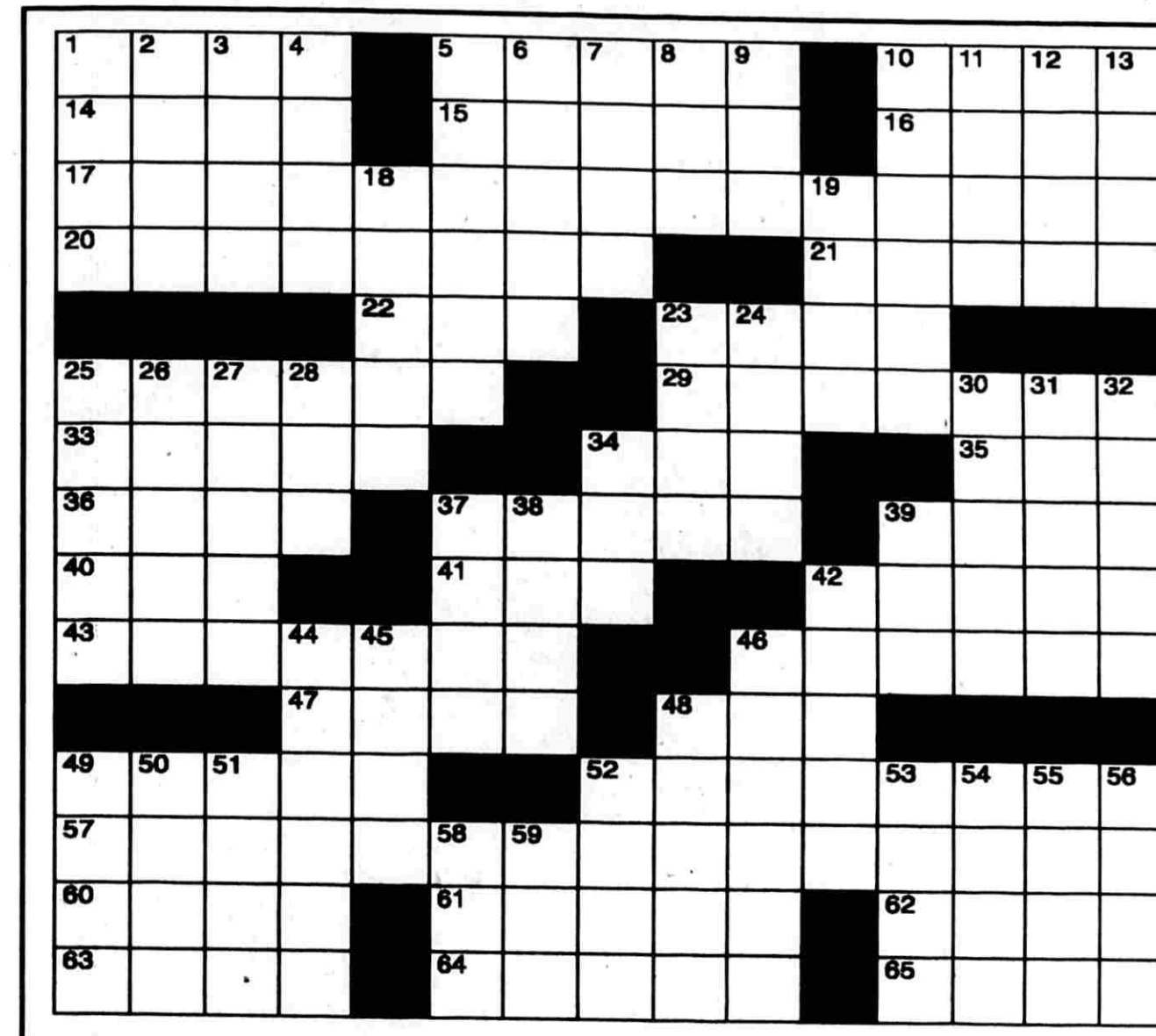
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NOTICE TO SNOW PLOW OPERATORS

It is against the law to plow snow, ice or slush onto or across any roadway or highway.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

PAUSE, PONDER & PASS SOME TIME!



CLUES ACROSS

- Margosa tree
- Emblem or insignia
- Secondhand
- Swiss river
- B...: interment
- Brood of pheasant
- Anthony Hope novel
- Immoral
- R... National Airport
- Date regularly
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- Natural scientist
- Origin or beginning
- Saudi inhabitants
- Wager
- Coach Parseghian
- De...: fiends
- Goods for money
- Without slope
- The 23rd Greek letter
- Deep ground opening
- Shiloh author Shelby
- Anesthetized
- Hotel California group
- Gnawing animals
- Single Lens Reflex
- Pol...: revolutionary film
- Phalangers
- Popular pre-school song
- Totes up
- ...us: son of Gaia & Poseidon
- Pi...: killer fish
- F...: surface ice crystals
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CLUES DOWN

- Tragulus mouse deer
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- Fraught with danger
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- Disquiet
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- Crooner Martin
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- Corn protein
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- Got up
- True frog
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- Runs off to marry
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- Essential oil obtained from plants
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- ... and ends
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- Tropical Asian starlings
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- Block admittance
- Point midway between NE and E

Christmas Recipe

Submitted by a Ledger reader

Every holiday time, some friends gift us with their version of caramel corn. It is gummy and not crisp - this recipe makes delicious crisp corn. The baking at low temperature is what makes it crisp. I hope people will try it!

No Fail Caramel Corn

- 2 c. brown sugar
 - 2 sticks margarine (1 c)
 - 1/2 c. Karo syrup
 - Pinch of salt
 - 1/4 tsp. Cream of Tartar
 - 1 tsp. soda
 - 6 qt. popped corn
- Boil first five ingredients for five minutes. Add soda, stir in popped corn. Grease two large cookie sheets, then put corn on sheets. Bake in 250° oven for one hour - stirring every 15 minutes. Cool and break up and store in air tight container.



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Lowell girls roll past FHE

By Thad Kraus

The butterflies from bowling in their first match were calmed by the steadiness of their performance.

"I was very pleased with the way the girls handled the pressure of their first match," Lowell bowling coach Tom Alberts said.

The Red Arrow girls bowling team defeated non-league foe Forest Hills Eastern 25-5.

"They did really well considering all but two of the girls had never bowled in a varsity match before," Alberts said.

Lowell garnered six points in the bakers competition. The Red Arrows won the second match with a 173 after losing game one with a 113.

In the individual competition Lowell won 674-590 and 737-545.

Liberty Clark led the way, rolling a 362 series (152-190) and Kristin Bouwhuis recorded a 342 (152-190).

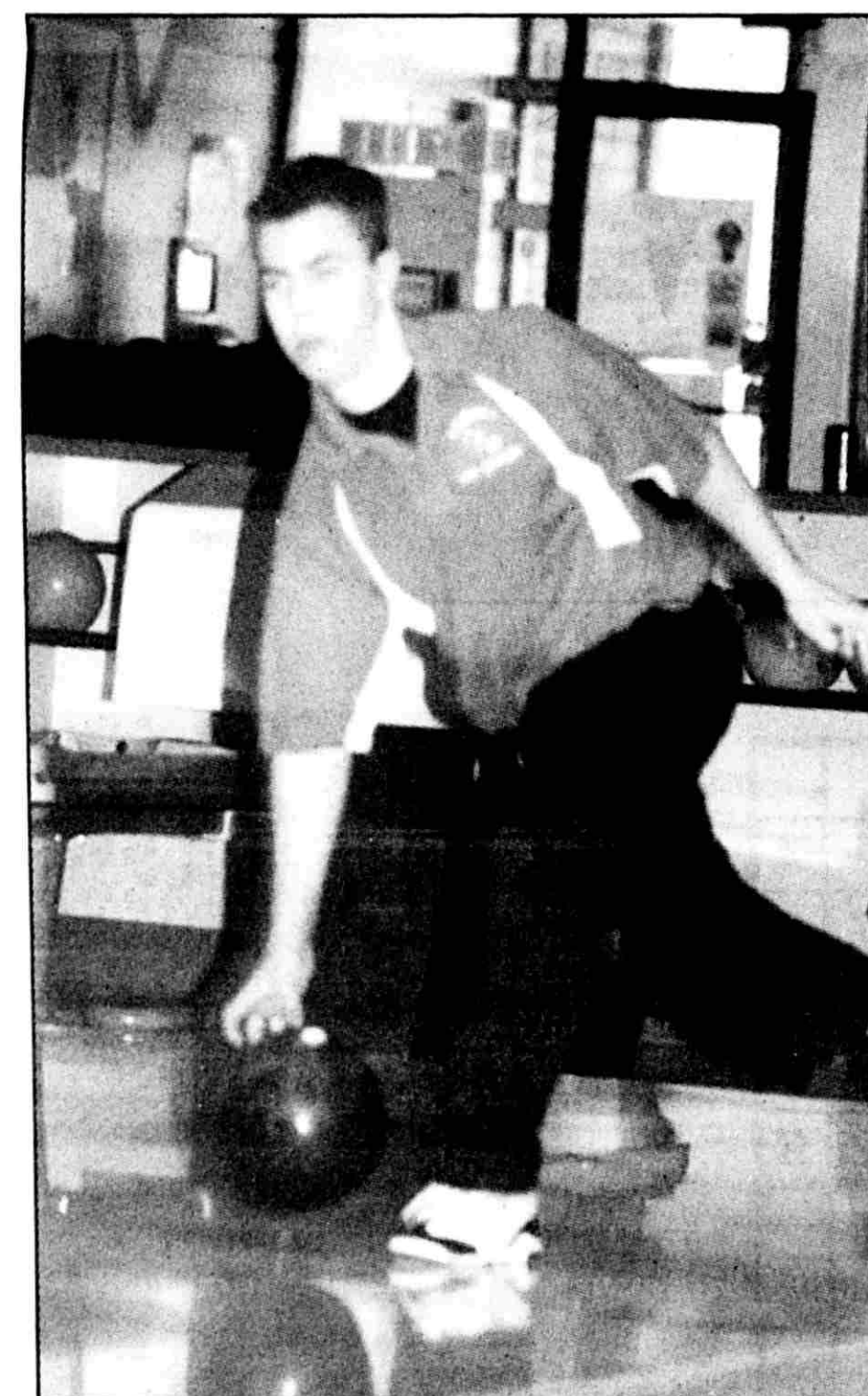
Rolling just single games for Lowell were Sarah Mogor, 161; Kasey Woodhead 131; and Jessica Alberts 125.



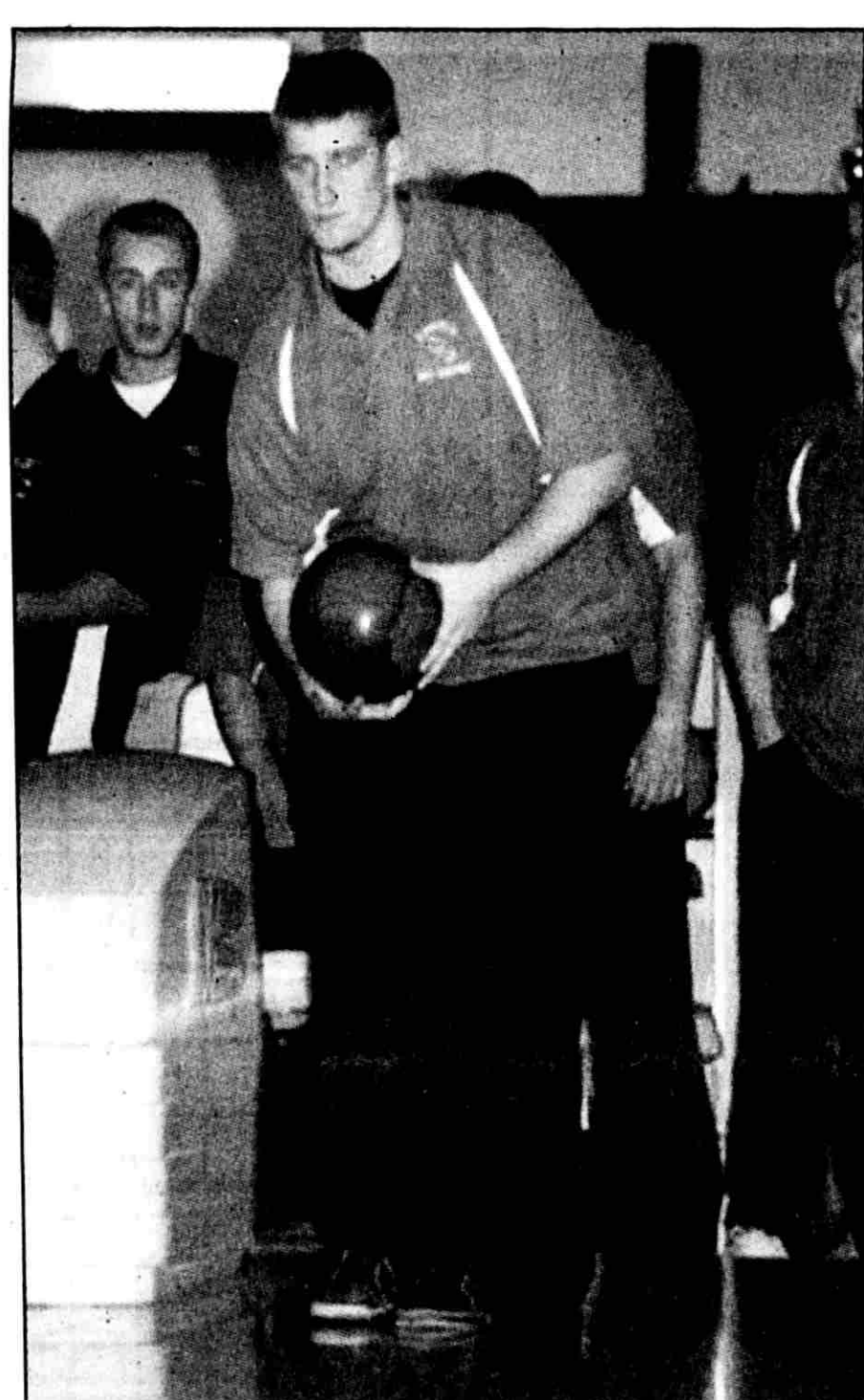
Sarah Mogor's 161 aided Lowell in tallying 19 points in individual play.

Liberty Clark helped lead Lowell to a win over Forest Hills Eastern.

FIT TO BE TIED



Dillon Buck and his Red Arrow teammates rolled to a 15-15 tie in their first match of the year.



Tom Alberts rolled a team-high 236 in individual competition.

Red Arrow boys spared, tie FHE 15-15

by Thad Kraus

Its ineffectiveness in converting spares left Lowell's boys with a 15-15 tie against Forest Hills Eastern.

"We started off well, but in the end just couldn't pick up enough spares," said Lowell boys bowling coach Tom Alberts.

Lowell had the upper hand in the bakers competition tallying 10 points. The Red Arrows won both with games of 163 and 151.

FHE turned the tables in the individual matches winning 935-895 and 922-876.

Tom Alberts led all Red Arrows with a 426 series (236-190).

Jake Hornbrook rolled a 416 (191-225).

"Eastern had a couple of kids who were just a little better than we were today," Alberts said.

College News

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has announced the 2008 Daktronics-NAIA Volleyball Scholar-Athletes, a list that includes Davenport junior Samantha Mol.

specialist, helped the Panthers to their most successful season in school history in only the third year of the volleyball program. Mol, who hails from Lowell, was sixth on the team in digs with 130 and helped

Davenport to an overall record of 15-26 which was good enough for a fifth place finish in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC).

Nominated by each institution's head coach, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a

4.0 scale and have achieved junior academic status to qualify. Mol in majoring in Honors Accounting.

Mol will return next year along with fellow junior Amanda Schneider and they will be the first "four-year players" in Davenport volleyball history.

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Red Arrow SPORTS STALLED

Pressure stymies Lowell in 50-39 defeat

By Thad Kraus

The Lowell basketball team can draw some parallels between driving in a winter snow storm and running an offense against strong defensive pressure.

Both require a slower pace and a keen focus on execution.

The Red Arrows, facing its strongest defensive pressure of the year, were left sitting on the side of the road in a 50-39 loss to league foe Northview.

"I tell the guys you play the speed limit on offense and get pulled over on defense," Lowell

boys' basketball coach Jeff MacDonald explained. "Northview imposed its will on us pressure-wise. We needed to understand what you need to be able to do against teams with that kind of defensive pressure. We didn't handle it well. This was a wake up call for us. We'll be better because of it.

We just didn't want to play that way and lose - it's better to try to learn from winning."

An Isaac Tawney three-pointer from deep in the corner provided Lowell an

auspicious start and an early 3-0 advantage 40 seconds into the game.

It wasn't, however, a sign of things to come. The Red Arrow offense struggled as it managed just 13 more points the rest of the first half.

A Jordan Steverson three at the buzzer tied the contest at 7-7 after eight minutes of play.

It also provided the Wildcats a momentous lift heading into the second quarter.

Northview used that momentum to outscore Lowell 17-9 and take a 24-16 half-time lead.

"I think it helped going into second quarter when Steverson hits that three to tie it up and then being able to withstand them taking a little bit of a lead to start the second quarter. We came back and then were able to make a seven-nine point run to take that lead into half-time. That is huge when both teams are getting after it defensively like that," Trevor Chalmers said.

Lowell got to within six (34-28) with two-and-a-half minutes to play in the third stanza. Northview, however, finished on a 4-0 run to take a 38-28 lead into the final eight minutes.

"Defensively Lowell's been great over the first two games, holding both Lakewood and Cedar Springs under 40 points. So, for us to get what we did is pretty good," Chalmers said.

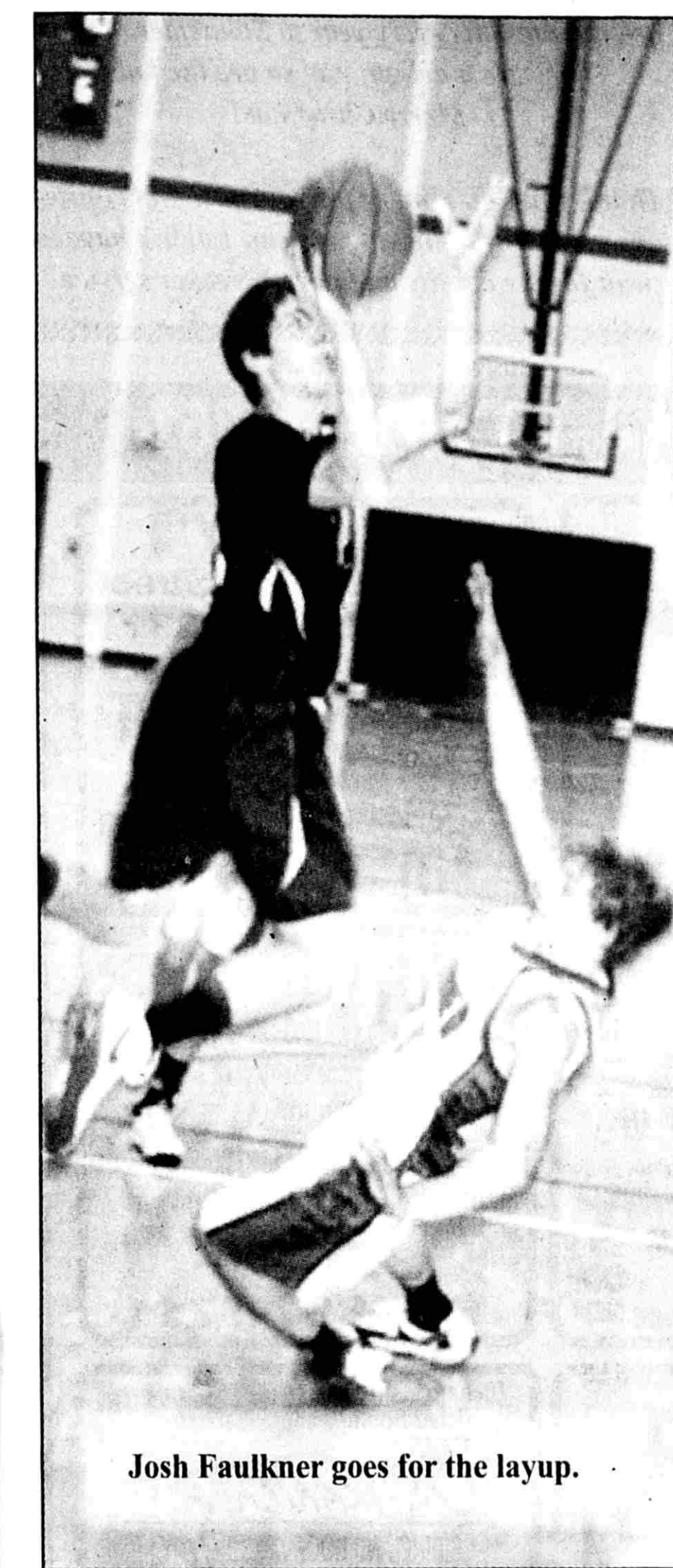
Lowell was never able to crack the deficit below eight in the fourth quarter.

"We were never able to do two good things in a row. One possession maybe but never two.

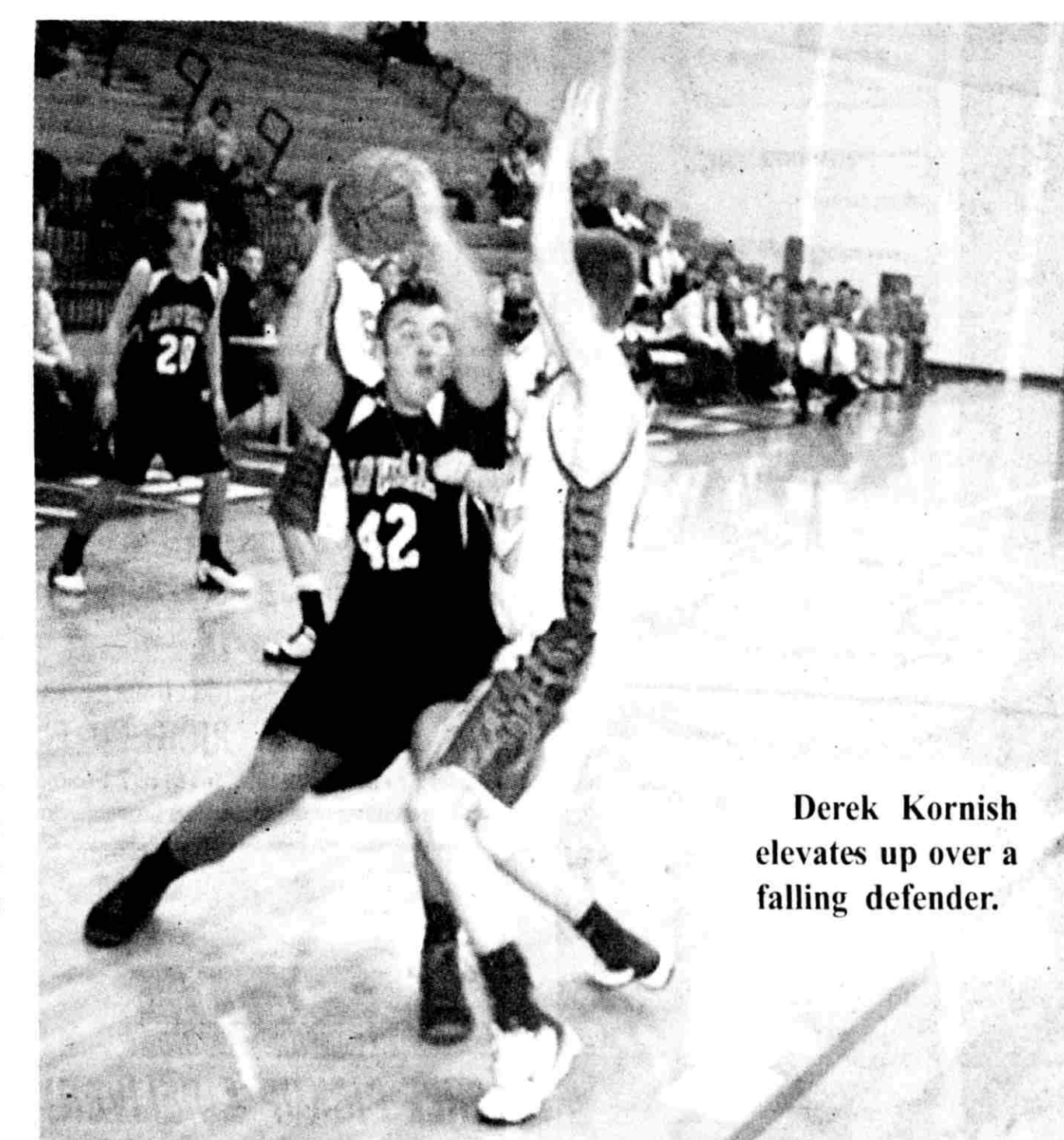
How do we handle adversity when things don't go well? Tonight was the first time we've had to face that," MacDonald said.



Sophomore Jacob Meyer drives to the hoop in first half action against Northview.



Josh Faulkner goes for the layup.



Derek Kornish elevates up over a falling defender.

BIG TEN TALK

by Mac McPherson

Here's the Big Ten Bowl Schedule:

Wisconsin vs Florida State in the Champs Bowl Dec. 27 at 4:30 p.m. ESPN.

Northwestern vs Missouri in the Alamo Bowl Dec. 29 at 8 p.m. ESPN.

Minnesota vs Kansas in the Insight Bowl Dec. 31 at 5:30 p.m. NFL network.

Iowa vs South Carolina in The Outback Bowl Jan. 1, 2009 at 11 a.m. ESPN.

The Spartans vs Georgia in the Capital One Bowl Jan. 1, 2009 at 1 p.m. ABC.

Penn State vs USC in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1, 2009 at 5 p.m. ABC.

Ohio State vs Texas in the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 5, 2009 at 8:30 p.m. FOX.

Quote of the week: "I love Michigan State Football and will miss being at every game next fall." Lindsey Skinner, Lowell graduate and Junior at Illinois Institute of Art in Chicago and girlfriend of Jeff McPherson, Senior Spartan Fullback from Lowell.

Tag Line: The next and final Big Ten Talk for this season will be the week after the holidays. Enjoy your holidays with your family. And enjoy all of your favorite Bowl Games.

Wrestling and Basketball Rescheduled

The highly anticipated wrestling match between the Mishawaka Cavemen, ranked number one in the state of Indiana, and Lowell, ranked number two in Division II, has been rescheduled for Jan. 2, 6 p.m. at Lowell High School.

The junior varsity match will begin at 4 p.m. The match, originally slated for Dec. 19, was canceled due to inclement weather.

In addition, the Lowell/Greenville girls basketball game, also slated for Dec. 19, has been rescheduled for Jan. 27 at Lowell High School.

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-The employees at Lowell Family Medical

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