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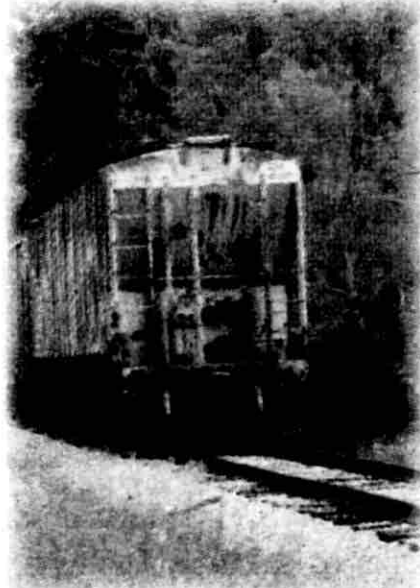
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## The Ledger's "First Deer Contest" winner

by Thad Kraus

Opening day of the firearm deer season can be a cool one at 5:30 a.m.

It was no different for Lowell's Josh Anderson with one exception; his may have warmed up a little sooner than most.

Around 7:35, after a few calls and the appearance of a doe coming up over a hill, an eight-point, 200 pound buck followed to within 60 yards of where Anderson had settled in.

With his 20 gauge in hand, Anderson dropped his opening day prize out near Alden Nash and McPherson.

"I was pretty stoked to see the buck," he explains. "I went out yesterday (Saturday) and saw 10 doe but no bucks."

For Anderson, who's been hunting for three years, this was the first buck he has tagged on opening day.

By being the first hunter in for The Lowell Ledger's First Deer Contest, Anderson won free processing from Jones Country Meats, free oil changes for a year from Grand Chrysler-Dodge, a gift certificate from GOOD Chevrolet, Buick and a gift card from Bernard's Ace Hardware.

This year marked a change in contest rules. Hunters could bring in either a doe or a buck and be eligible for prizes. Prior to this year the contest was for bucks only.

Lowell's Chris Huver was within 30 minutes of Anderson.

With his new Thompson Center Omega, Huver dropped a five-point 150 pound buck on his birthday.

"It was probably 50 yards out. I bow hunt in the same area (north of Lowell). So I kept my eyes peeled. I stay out of the exact area I gun hunt hoping to provide them a safe haven to feel comfortable during bow hunting season," Huver explained.

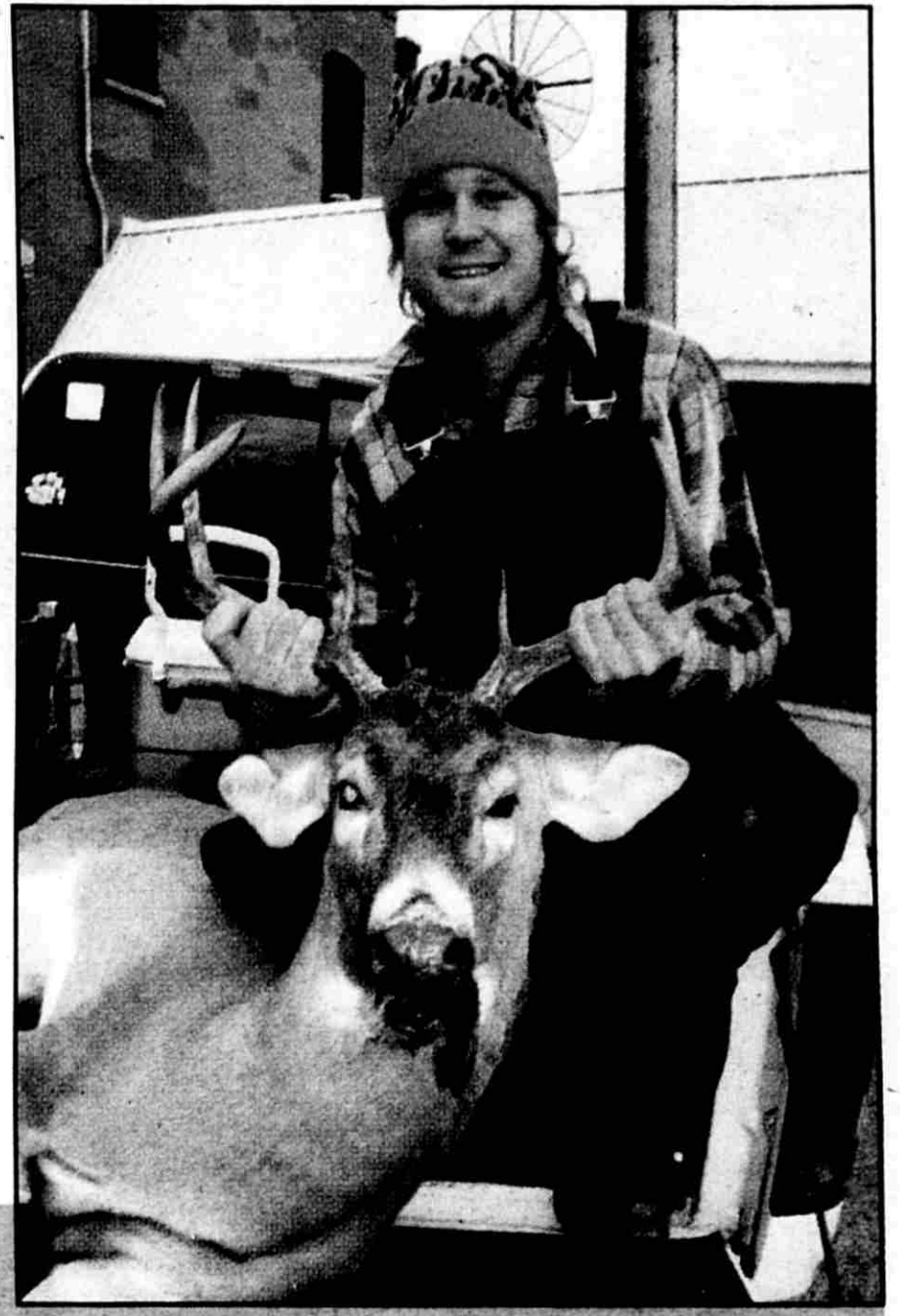
The third area hunter in Sunday morning was Darren Dockery.

The Lowell deer hunter was camped out in the Peck Lake/Kyser area when he spotted a nine-point 120 pound buck.

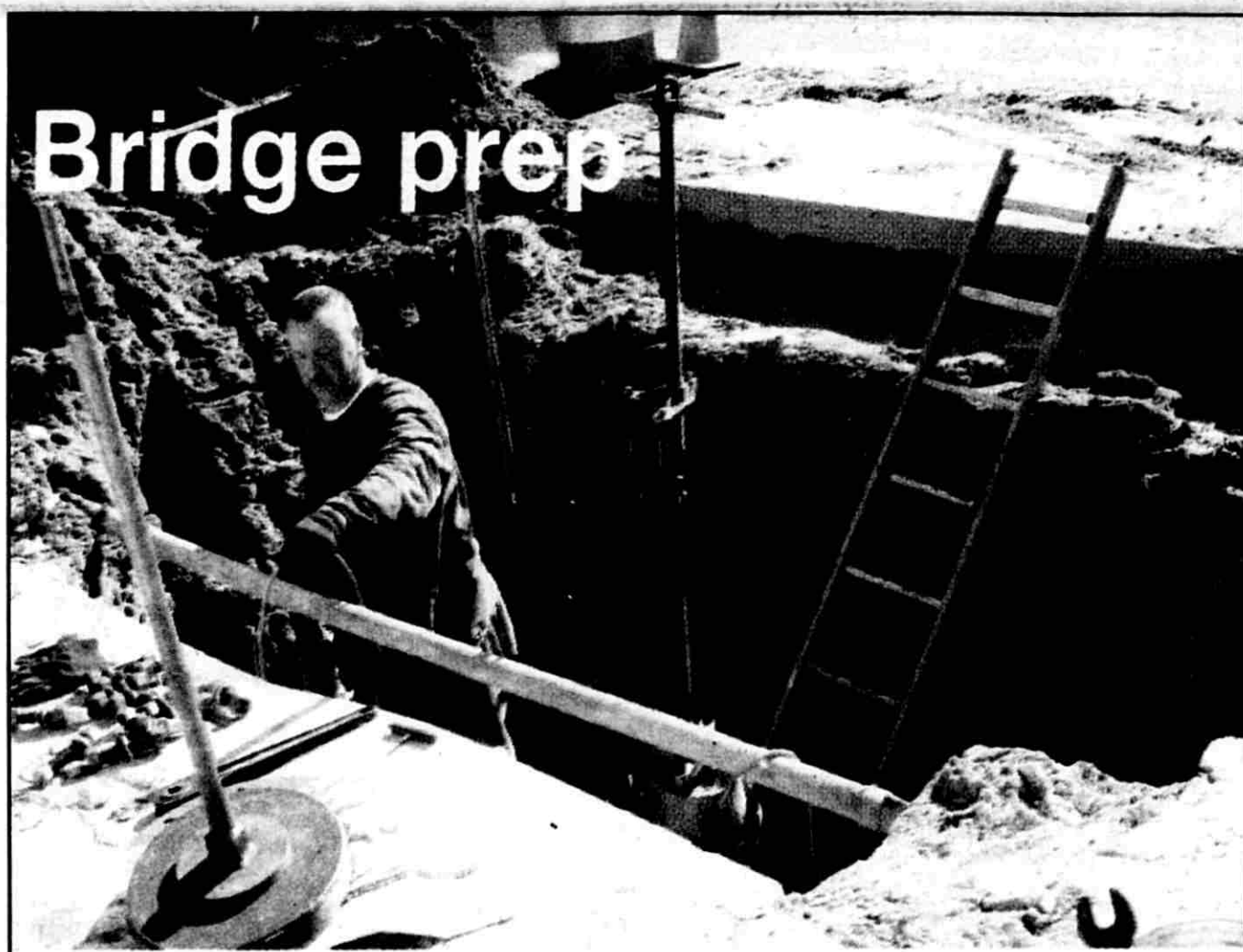
"He was about 45 yards out and went and laid down in some brush. I spooked him out so I could get a shot," Dockery said.

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Josh Anderson was the first to arrive at The Ledger, with his deer, on opening day.



## Bridge prep



Eric Wsolek of Watertap Inc. works on a 12" main line stop as part of the utilities relocation project. Michigan Department of Transportation along with the city are readying for the upcoming downtown bridge replacement project, slated for spring start. During the entire project one lane traffic will be maintained east through town. Westbound traffic will be redirected to a detour using Grand River Drive. A new traffic light has been installed at the intersection of Alden Nash and Grand River Drive. The light will remain permanent after the project wraps up, before Labor Day.

## Christmas Through Lowell this weekend



Kick off your holiday shopping season in historic Lowell at the 18th annual Christmas through Lowell event on Nov. 20, 21 and 22. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce presents over 40 homes and businesses that are unique and magical. Over 200 artists and crafters will showcase their gifts and creations for three days. Handmade treasures, jewelry, Christmas decorations, folk and fine art, antiques, homemade candles, crocheted and knitted crafts, homemade rugs and quilts and much more. Christmas Through

Lowell times are: Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An official tour guide and map can be picked up at any crafter or participating business along Main Street or go to the Lowell Chamber web site at www.christmasthroughlowell.org

## Talented Warriors await Red Arrows in semifinals

by Thad Kraus

Birmingham Brother Rice (BBR) battled through a stretch of three consecutive losses against quality opponents during the regular season.

It left the Warriors wondering if the playoffs were in their future.

At 5-4, ironically, it was their schedule (having played eight playoff teams) that got Birmingham Brother Rice into the playoffs.

Those games made the Warriors tougher and their playoff opponents have paid the price.

Last week, in the regional it was Midland (49-27); this week Brother Rice will look to sideline Lowell.

"Our boys have played above that tough stretch and have gotten better each week. Our schedule turned out to be a blessing in disguise," said Al Fracassa, the winningest high school coach in state history. In his 41 years at BBR, his clubs have been to 11 state championships and have won six.

One of Fracassa's five losses came to Lowell in 2002.

"They are pretty good; they are very talented," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said. "We have some experience, too. We have four or five seniors who played big roles the last couple years and that's some pretty good stuff. When you get to the semifinals, it really feels like you are moving on."

Warrior players to watch are linebacker Justin Cherokee, QB Frankie Popp, receivers Kvente Martin-Manley and Nate Saldivar-Garcia, and running back Jim Pickens.

"The kids got into the playoffs and I just want them to enjoy the experience and to have fun," Fracassa said.

The veteran coach says his club's task on Saturday will be difficult.

"Lowell isn't fancy but it is physical on offense and defense and Lowell is aggressive. You'd better buckle up your chin strap."

The semifinals will be Saturday, Nov. 21 at 1 p.m.  
Lowell Red Arrows vs. Birmingham Brother Rice at Howell High School Stadium  
The stadium is accessible from M-59 or Grand River  
Tickets are \$6 each (no passes allowed) Parking is \$2  
Gates will open at 11:30 a.m.  
Tickets will also be sold in the Lowell Athletic office on Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.



# Veterans share real life stories with middle school students

by Thad Kraus

It began as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I. The so-called War To End All Wars.

After World War I it became clear that the World War I armistice marked only the ending of World War I, not of war itself.

The holiday was renamed Veterans Day on Nov. 11 1954 to honor all those who served in the U.S. military.

Local veterans, who

as part of a Veterans Day celebration.

After spending time researching what Veterans Day is and what it means, students were treated to firsthand accounts of what it was like to have served in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars and Desert Storm.

"Students got a firsthand account of the sacrifices that have been made throughout the years," said Lowell Middle School principal Dan Vander Muelen.

Eighth-grade history teachers Dustin Cichocki and Darla Palmer both concurred.

"The real life stories really had an impact," Cichocki explained. "I think the students were in awe and amazed."

Palmer said students thought the experience was cool.

"A couple of the students had the pleasure of trying on the 60-pound protection gear our service men wore in Desert Storm," Palmer said.

Both teachers expressed a desire to expand on the program next year and in working with Lowell's VFW.

Louie Dudeck, Marine, served as a machine gunner in Vietnam. During his six months and one day on a four-man team, he served with a dozen different men. Nine of them were killed. Dudeck took a bullet to the left elbow and was sent home.

"A job where you go out looking for trouble is not a good occupation. We drew unwanted attention," Dudeck explained. "It was a hard, necessary and dangerous job."

After being sent home, Dudeck used the G.I. Bill to attend Western Michigan University and Michigan State.

"I made something of myself in honor of those who served with me in Vietnam," said the former Bushnell principal.

After three years of service in the Army, medic Glenn Marks returned home and enrolled in college.

"I was in the library



Don Souser, after joining the Navy, trained in the submarine service school.

and someone slammed their books on the table," Marks said. "I found myself underneath the table. It was just an automatic reaction."

That was and is a common after effect for men and women who return from war. Actually, it's probably the most mild of side effects.

Marks recalls his first day with his troop, crossing Veterans, continued., page 7



Sharing stories and artifacts about their military service were, left to right: retired colonel, John Bedard; Herb Rice (Navy), Louie Dudeck (Marines), Glenn Marks (Navy), Don Souser (Navy), Ron Thomure (Army), and Dean DeGrote (Army).

wore the uniform, shared their personal stories and artifacts from their years of service with Lowell Middle School eighth-grade students



### LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

Lowell Women's Club will be hosting their 6th annual Christmas Through Lowell luncheon. Proceeds provide scholarships for Lowell senior girls. Homemade hot sandwiches, soups, salads and pies. Fri., Nov. 20 and Sat., Nov. 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce building.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

Free all community Thanksgiving dinner Thurs., Nov. 26, 1 to 4 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 865 Lincoln Lake SE. Reservations to F.R.O.M. by Nov. 22, 897-8260.

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### LOWELL ELEMENTARY SKI CLUB

Please contact the elementary school offices for information to be sent home with your child. For information, email: [spomper@lowellschools.com](mailto:spomper@lowellschools.com) or call Susan Pomper, first grade teacher at Bushnell Elementary, 987-2650.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations and The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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# Sleigh Bells & Holly features more than 30 artists

by Emma Palova

This year's Sleigh Bells & Holly exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council showcases original art by more than 30 local artists.

Newcomers as well as mainstays like Sandy Bartlett, Gary Dietzel and Robin White are among the many featured artists.

Maria Bajema, former treasurer of Grattan Township and a computer

consultant, presents her nature photography. Bajema, an avid birder, has 2,400 photographs of different birds.

Still, Bajema says, she hasn't captured all the birds. This is her third exhibit. Bajema has a permanent exhibit at the Big Bend National Park. The permanent exhibit includes 18 photos of birds that live in the park. Her second exhibit



Robin White decorates a Christmas tree for the Sleigh Bells & Holly Show.

at the Woodlawn CRC. She's been a birder since 1998. Most recently Bajema started taking pictures of flowers, butterflies and dragon flies. Bajema plans to keep on taking photographs of smaller birds, such as warblers, that are hard to photograph.

She calls her photo of two ducks that looks like a two-headed duck, 'My Paradox' or 'My Pair of Ducks.' Bajema uses a Canon EOS 40D camera.

Her framed photographs range from \$60 to \$150, while matted pictures are \$10 to \$40.

"I love birds," she said.

For Patti Salka of Saranac, the show is also a first. Salka is showing and selling her watercolors and photography.

Robin White has been with the show ever since it started a few decades ago. White, a retired Lowell High School teacher, does stoneware clay ornaments.

Director Lorain Smalligan said the show is fresh with great variety because of the many new participating artists.

And the entries are up from previous years. "The show introduces people to new art," said Smalligan. "I hope people come and support our local artists."

The show runs through Dec. 23.



Maria Bajema displays her bird photography.

# Down Home Crafts to offer popular crocheted 'scrubbies' on Christmas Through Lowell tour

by Emma Palova

Station no. 32, known as Down Home Crafts, inside the Valley Vista subdivision, is a popular one on the Christmas Through Lowell tour with the famous crocheted scrubbies.

Donna Tyler has been making them now for quite a while after learning about them from another craft show.

"It's my most popular item," she said.

Tyler says you can never have enough scrubbies. You use them in the kitchen, bathroom, or wherever. She has yet to make a lot of scrubbies before the tour. They are cute little colorful crochet balls with netting in them. She sells them for \$2 a piece.

But, she also has to watch them. Unbelievably,

even though she doesn't do a real inventory, one year she found out she was missing at least 10 of them.

Along with sister Janice Leak, the duo has a good time together while making a buck during the show. Leak paints on saws, coal scuttles and shovels.

"I enjoy crafting," she said. "It keeps you younger and gives you something to do, and we spend time together."

Due to the enormous popularity of the tour, Tyler gets regulars, first timers, townies and out of towners. This year is her 10th year on the tour.

She loves to crochet anything from pot holders and dishcloths to towels.

She has also picked up other things like arrangements,

wreaths, bag holders, soaps and lotion bars with the scent of lavender.

"I find the ideas at different craft shows," she said. "I like things tried and tested."

Tyler is also particular about the quality of items she sells.

"I like the quality stuff," she said. "I would not sell something I wouldn't buy."

On the other hand, Leak likes to search the Internet for new ideas, so together

with Tyler they make a great combo. Each fall they do approximately four shows including Mrs. Claus in Ionia.

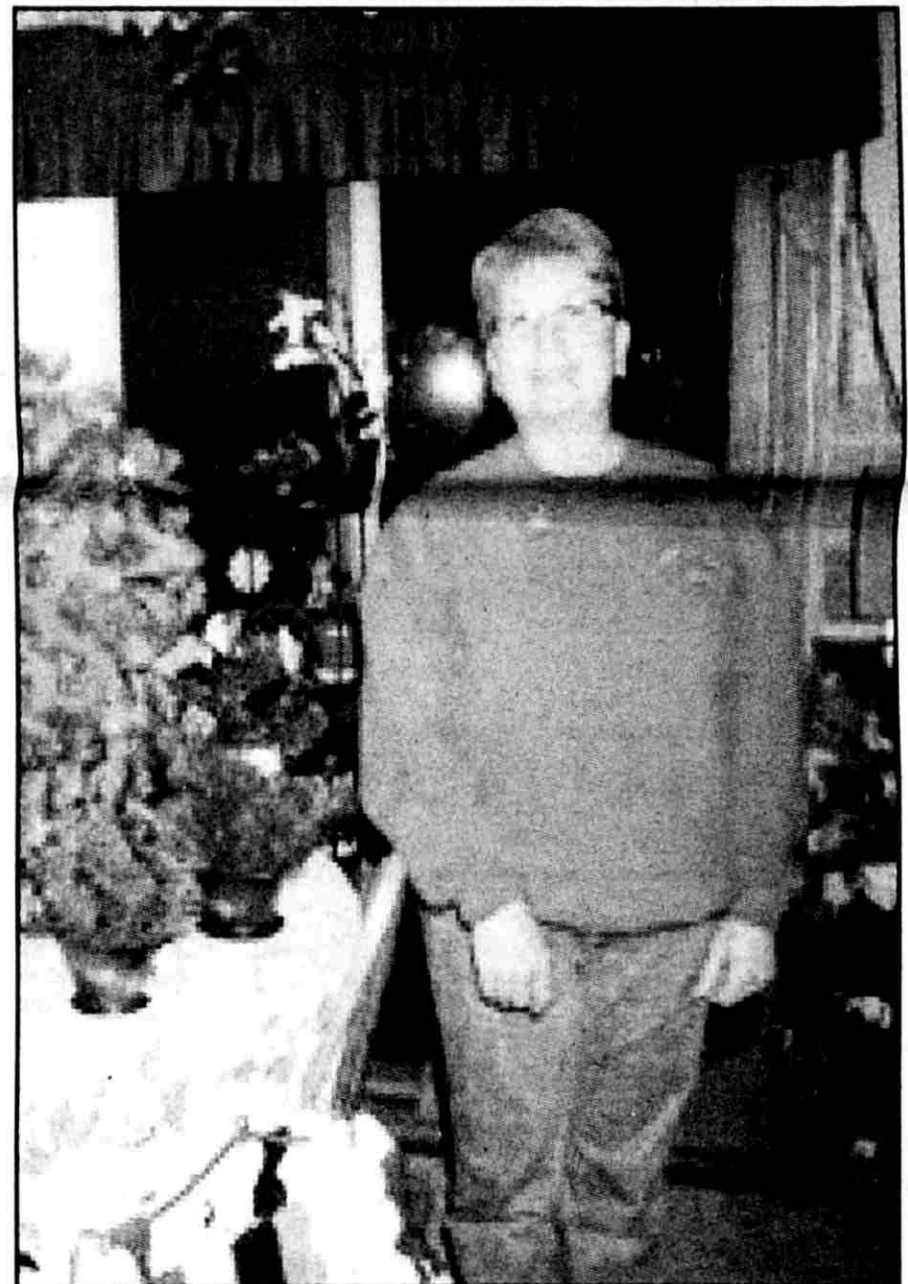
"By the time we're done, we're tired," said Tyler. "We want to enjoy this, meet people and with the way the economy is, you're just grateful."

Down Home Crafts is located at 292 Donna Drive and will be closed on Sunday.

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**Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.**

Scott Adams (1957 - )



Donna Tyler with her featured items and popular scrubbies.

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# Committee outlines uses for city hall

by Emma Palova

The city hall will only be available for professional and civic group meetings and not to individuals. That is the final decision of the council after a study committee presentation by council woman Sharon Ellison.

"The city hall has been provided by the taxpayers of Lowell for government purposes," Ellison said.

Computer and technology equipment will not be available to use when renting the facilities. The fee schedule and application are available at the city hall.

In related business, the council will review an ordinance amendment that will enable the city to use a single residential waste hauler at the Dec. 7 city council meeting.

If approved, a contract will be bid out in March, 2010 and the service will start in November. The ordinance will allow the use of both bags and carts.

The council approved a resolution accepting a \$140,000 community development block grant for the upgrade of Sibley Street. This grant will be matched by the local street fund for a total project cost of \$250,000. The project will start in the spring.

In other business, the council approved new water system and sanitary system fees effective January, 2010.

Scott McDowell, owner of All Weather Seal, received permission to canvass and solicit for business in the city for a fee of \$300 plus \$10 per person to cover a police background check.

"I want to do business in the community," said McDowell.

A canvassing team of three to six people will go out into the local community year round and pass out information regarding the products and services sold by the company.

Following are the appointments to boards and committees: Chris Fleszar to Downtown Historic District Commission, Barb Barber to LCTV Endowment Fund

Board, Kevin Vezino and Eric Nelson to the airport board, Perry Beachum to Parks and Recreation Committee, Suzanne Olin to Building Authority, Perry Beachum to Lowell Area Recreation Authority and Bob Ford to DDA.

Former mayor Jeanne Shores will be recognized at the Dec. 21 meeting.

## college news

Local student awarded Albion College Merit Scholarship

Albion College is pleased to announce that local student Natalie Hewitt received an Albion College Trustees' Scholarship worth \$16,000 and a Whitney Scholarship worth \$500. The Trustees' Scholarship is an award reserved for students who earn a minimum ACT score of 29 (SAT 1300) or a minimum grade point average of 3.8. Recipients must also demonstrate leadership and/or service activities during high school.

Natalie Hewitt is planning to major in political science with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts program in professional management. She is the daughter of Gregory and Barbara Hewitt, of Lowell, and a graduate of Lowell High School.

More than 85 percent of Albion's entering first-year students have earned a merit-based scholarship, a statistic that underscores the high quality of Albion's students. "We reward good

students for working hard in high school and preparing themselves for the academic workload that they will experience at Albion. Our academic scholarships assist a high percentage of our students in covering the cost of an Albion education; an investment that for many appears to be an unaffordable option when they look at the sticker price alone," says Doug Kellar, vice-president for enrollment management.

to fire investigator Ron VanOverbeek. The garage and breezeway burned and there was heat and smoke damage to the house. VanOverbeek said the department is going back out there one more time. "We're not sure what happened," he said.

## House fire under investigation

The house fire at 1149 Flat River Drive in Vergennes Township remains under investigation. The Lowell Area Fire Department and Ada Township Fire Department were called to the fire on Nov. 7 at 1:50 p.m. The house appeared to be abandoned according

to fire investigator Ron VanOverbeek. The garage and breezeway burned and there was heat and smoke damage to the house. VanOverbeek said the department is going back out there one more time. "We're not sure what happened," he said.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

Dear Editor,

I received a letter stating we had until Nov. 30 to move our RV from our driveway. I never even knew this ordinance existed for the township. I live in Eastgate and the trailer is way up by the garage and nowhere near the road. I seem to remember the city doing this to their taxpayers and then revising it and allowing trailers so many feet from the road. It just boggles my mind that they would wait until we are in the worst of economic times to start to enforce this. People are barely making it and they want you to pay for storage. I believe this ordinance needs to be amended or abolished. A concerned Lowell township taxpayer.

Helen Hoffman,  
Lowell

## outdoors

Good Neighbors

Dave Stegehuis

The recent spell of warm weather makes it seem like winter is a long way off, but the average outside temperature is steadily dropping and anytime now, snow could cover the fields and woods. The next four or five months could be rough on wildlife.

It is remarkable that the small and delicate chickadee can survive snow, sleet, wind, and sub-freezing temperatures. To make it through the winter, all birds must find food, cover, and water. These essential requirements for survival are generally available to wildlife in natural areas. In places of residential or commercial development, all or parts of sustaining habitat are missing.

It is possible to make up some of this shortfall in your own backyard. Think of it as sharing your space with wildlife that was doing fine before someone dug it up and trimmed it away. Let's see what we can do for the birds this winter.

Providing food for wild birds is probably the easiest way to help. The birds must work harder to find scarce natural food sources in cold weather and expend additional energy just to stay warm. Wild bird food is available at supermarkets, feed stores, farm supply outlets, and hardware stores. There is a variety of feed available because each species prefers a particular seed or mix. Sunflower seeds

are relatively inexpensive, easy to find, and favored by most winter birds. Platform and hanging feeders will hold sunflower and other kinds of loose seeds. Woodpeckers covet suet cakes hung in a wire basket. Feeding birds is a long-term commitment because once the birds become dependent on your assistance, cutting them off in mid-winter can be a threat to their survival.

Squirrels like to munch on all kinds of bird feed. There are a number of bird feeders, shields, and devices designed to foil the very clever rodents. Providing an alternative food, like cob or shelled corn can distract the raiders. You may prefer to match wits with the rodents and come up with your own squirrel proof solution. Good luck!

Providing a source of fresh water is often overlooked. Water is particularly scarce during freezing temperatures. Birds can eat snow but burn precious calories melting it down. The most reliable method of maintaining a water supply is to use an electrically heated birdbath or a separate heating unit. Wildlife must be able to stay dry and get out of the wind in winter. Allow briars patches, berry bushes, and especially conifers to grow on your property. Build a brush pile for birds and animals. Dead trees can provide a home and a food source for some birds.

Providing for birds is rewarding because of the fun and enjoyment they bring to the whole family. Watching the activity of colorful and active birds in the rather bleak landscape of a Michigan winter can improve attitudes. Be a good neighbor and give them a hand this winter.

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By Shelly MacNaughton

## 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo November 22, 1934

Rural library service was started in Kent County Monday, marking the culmination of six years of effort to this end by the Kent County Council of Parent Teacher associations and the County Federation of Women's Clubs, directed principally by Mrs. O. E. Blyate of Sparta. Books are distributed by automobile to deposit stations throughout the county; this service takes library privileges to the most remote resident.

## 50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger November 19, 1959

Louis D. Baker, operator of Baker Plumbing and Heating Company, was shot and killed in a hunting accident Monday afternoon in the Stonington Peninsula near Gladstone in the Upper Peninsula. He was the second hunter to die of bullet wounds in Michigan during the current hunting season.

At the Village election to approve a franchise for Consumers Power Company to distribute gas in the Village of Lowell last Thursday, November 12, the voters approved the franchise 142 to 2. It is expected that gas will be available in the town early next spring.

## 25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger November 21, 1984

The search for 76 year old Angela Trotter is officially over. Trotter disappeared on August 23 after being seen at a fellow resident's birthday party at Cumberland Manor, a retirement home just west of Lowell. She suffered from Alzheimer's disease. Because of the loss of her recent memory, searchers had trouble trying to rationalize why or where she might have wandered to. The possibility that she was picked up by a motorist became a logical conclusion following exhaustive searches of the area that included tracking dogs, divers in a nearby pond, helicopters with infrared sensors and searches on foot and horseback. Trotter's body was found last Thursday by deer hunters in a wooded area about 3/4 of a mile north of Cumberland Manor. There was no evidence of foul play and exposure was listed as the probable cause of death.

J. S. Scott, of Grand Rapids, a former Lowell business man, was badly injured in that city last Friday. He and Mrs. Scott were driving on Wealthy Avenue when their buggy was struck by a car and they were thrown out. Mrs. Scott escaped without serious injury but Mr. Scott was dragged for some distance and suffered serious injuries. Mrs. James Scott, of Lowell, has been in the city several days helping to care for the invalid. The wounds on his limbs are healing and he is expected to recover. Mrs. Scott returned home last evening and reports that the old gentleman, who is 83 years old, is doing as well as could be expected. Considering that he was dragged an entire block, his escape from death is almost a miracle.

## USS Ford honors President who kept us on an even keel



Sen. Carl Levin

Recently I had the honor of attending an event that should bring great pride to all Michiganders: the keel-laying ceremony for the USS Gerald R. Ford, an aircraft carrier that will proudly carry the name of the former president and Michigan native around the world.

The keel-laying ceremony signifies the formal beginning of a ship's construction, when, in an earlier era, shipbuilders laid down the beam that held together its hull and upon which everything else depended. Not so long ago, Gerald R. Ford was the sturdy beam that held our nation together. He assumed our highest office at a time of great anguish and confusion. Amid danger and instability, Jerry Ford kept our country on an even keel.

For those familiar with President Ford's life before politics, that accomplishment is no great surprise. For in his previous service to our nation, as an officer in the United States Navy, he demonstrated the same kind of firm, steady leadership he would later bring to the White House. Like millions of young Americans at the outbreak of

World War II, Jerry Ford put his life on hold to serve his nation, receiving his Navy commission in April of 1942. In May of 1943, he joined the crew of a ship still under construction, the light aircraft carrier USS Monterey. The Monterey and its crew served in many of the crucial battles in the Pacific theater. As an anti-aircraft battery officer, Ford and his crew faced the danger of Japanese air raids and the terror of kamikaze attacks. But the sea herself would present the Monterey, and Ford, with their greatest challenge. In late December of 1944, a typhoon struck the fleet. Three destroyers were sunk by the power of the storm, and nearly 800 sailors lost their lives. Strapped into his bunk, Ford was awakened by the call to general quarters. The rough seas had torn aircraft stored on the Monterey's hangar deck loose from their moorings, and the aircraft soon caught fire.

Ford raced to make his way to the bridge - and was nearly tossed overboard as the ship rolled. The crew was caught between a raging fire and the raging seas. If



# LHS October Students of the Month

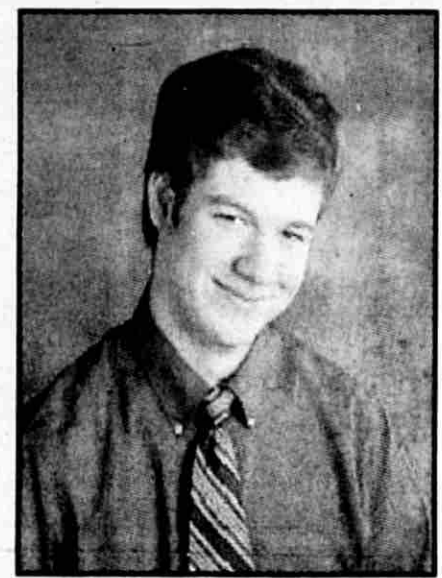
In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School is proud to announce that Hailey DeGrote, 12th grade; and Thomas Wodarek, 12th grade; are the LHS October Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department.



Hailey DeGrote

All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly Department Chair Meeting. Students are

selected based on academic achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1283 students eligible for



Thomas Wodarek

nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for DeGrote and Wodarek. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

DeGrote was nominated by the Special Education department, and they write, "Hailey is one of the hardest working students we have ever had the pleasure of

working with. She is in general education English and for a book project, Hailey chose a book that was very hard for her to read. As the deadline was looming and she realized she wouldn't get it done, she went to the Cascade library and picked up a copy on tape and spent hours listening to it. Hailey put together a great presentation that she earned 100 percent on!"

Wodarek was nominated by the Science department and they write, "Thomas is in AP Biology currently. He demonstrates a high level of critical thinking skills and maintains excellent grades in all categories. His laboratory work is outstanding as well as his daily test and quiz scores. Thomas is always willing to help with technology issues also. He is polite, hardworking, and a very mature young man."

Also the correct picture

of Alyssa Churches appears. She was awarded Student of the Month in September. We inadvertently published the wrong picture in the Lowell



Alyssa Churches

Ledger dated October 14, 2009.

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may call Janine Mork at 897-5671.

# Lowell Middle School Students of the Month

Lowell Middle School is proud to announce the October Students of the Month, Hannah Fitzpatrick, Santana Boulton and Sarah Dec.

Every month teachers nominate students who demonstrate good leadership, good citizenship and good academics in each grade for the Student of the Month award. Finalists for each grade are chosen by a vote of staff.

Fitzpatrick is an 8th grade student who likes her classes, friends and teachers

at LMS. She likes ELA best because she enjoys expressing herself through writing. Some of her hobbies are soccer, volleyball and basketball.

Boulton is a 7th grade student whose favorite subject is art. She also plays the bass in the LMS orchestra. In her spare time, Boulton enjoys reading, drawing and playing her bass.

Dec is a 6th grade student who enjoys winter sports, golf and drawing when she is not working on her studies. Her favorite

subject is ELA because she loves writing and using her imagination. Her favorite thing about LMS is being

independent and responsible for getting to all her classes on time.



Pictured, from left to right: Sarah Dec, Hannah Fitzpatrick, and Santana Boulton.

# health



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

## Seborrheic dermatitis

Seborrheic dermatitis is a common condition that makes the skin look greasy, scaly, and flaky. It usually affects the scalp. In adults, this is commonly called "dandruff." In babies, it is known as "cradle cap." Seborrheic dermatitis can also affect the skin on other parts of the body, such as the face, chest, and the creases of the arms, legs, and groin. It is common in babies younger than three months and in adults 30 to 60 years of age. In adults, it is more likely to affect men than women.

Doctors don't know the exact cause of seborrheic dermatitis. The cause may be different in infants and adults. It may run in families. The condition seems to be related to hormones because the disorder often appears before puberty. Seborrheic dermatitis has also been linked to neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease and epilepsy.

The treatment of seborrheic dermatitis depends on its location on the body as well as the person's age. Dandruff in adults can be treated with medicated shampoos (Scalpicin, Selsun Blue, and Head & Shoulders). These shampoos can be used twice a week. Shampoos with coal tar (Neutrogena T/Gel) may be used three times a week. If the shampoo alone doesn't work, prescription steroid lotion may be used daily. For skin creases affected, steroid creams are often used.

Seborrheic dermatitis of the scalp in babies is treated with products that are not as strong as those used in adults. Brush the scalp with a soft-bristled brush and then wash with a mild baby shampoo, or use baby oil to soften the scales. In severe cases, prescription shampoos may be needed.

# happy birthday!

**NOVEMBER 18**  
Butler Sr., Michelle Wernet.  
Brent Noskey, Sandy Roe, Lillian Briggs, Lindsey Sherman.

**NOVEMBER 19**  
Ken Mulder, Jamie Zoodsma, Marlene Nash, Lewis Powell.

**NOVEMBER 20**  
Brian Brown, John

**NOVEMBER 21**  
Gert DeHaan, Michael Hewitt, Tammy Gildner.

**NOVEMBER 22**  
Lu Green, Carla Briggs, Andrea Richmond, Karrie Borton, Joshua Gerard, Dylan Olin.

**NOVEMBER 23**  
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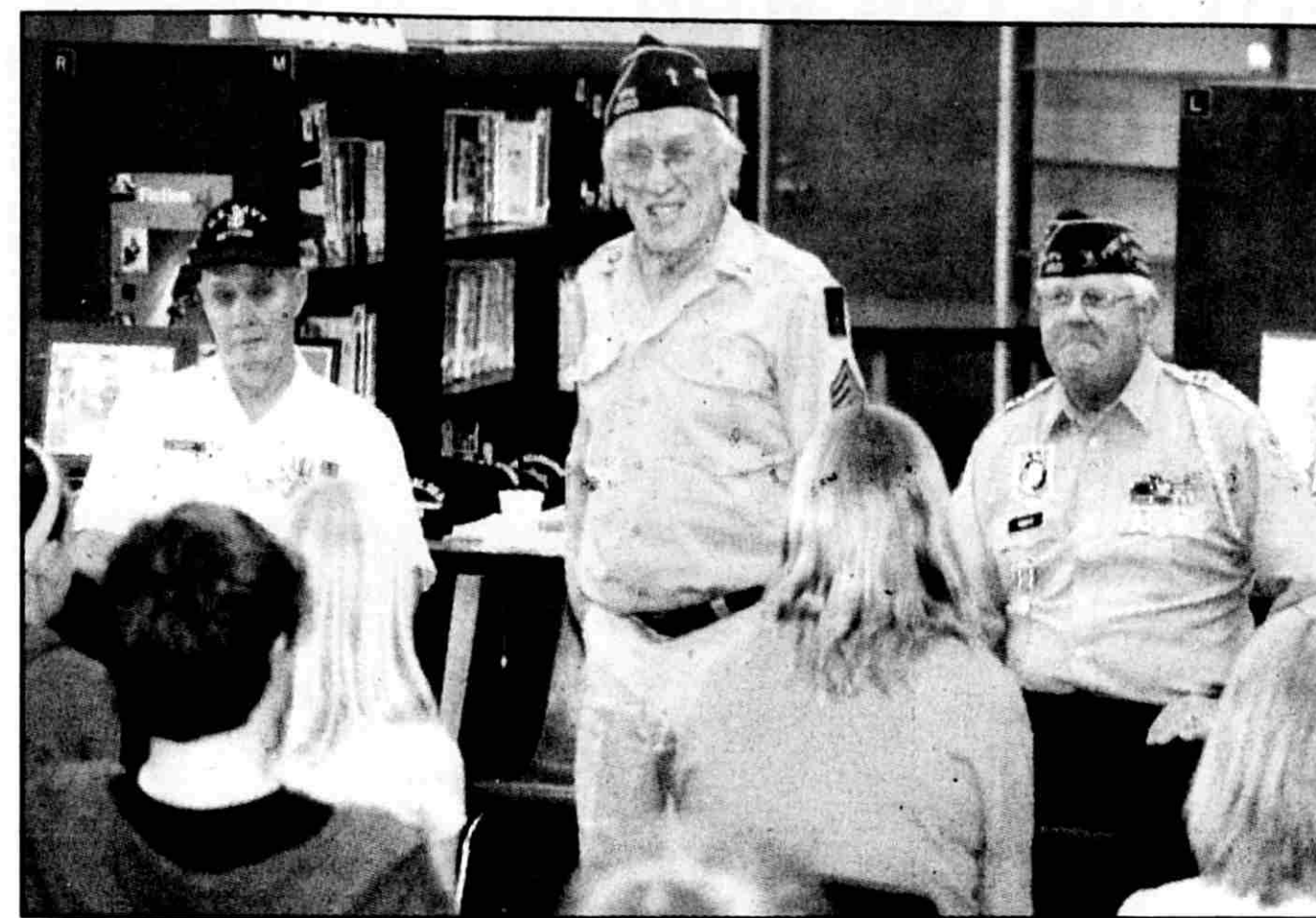
**NOVEMBER 24**  
Sabra Nicole Kinsley, Ryan Moore, Jenny Decker, Heather French.



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# Veterans, continued



Glenn Marks, 84, was the oldest of the veterans to speak on Wednesday.

# McPherson to speak in Saranac on global concerns/local caring

Former MSU President and President of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, Peter McPherson, will be the featured speaker at "Lend a Hand, Give Hope," the first annual fundraising event for the Four Health Family Resource Center in Saranac. The event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Fri., Nov. 20 at the Saranac High School Auditorium.

McPherson will discuss his 2003 work as director of economic policy for the Coalition Provisional Authority of Iraq under the Bush administration, as well as his activities with the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, an organization he founded in 2000 to help solve agricultural production and rural income issues in Africa.

McPherson will bring a global perspective to the issue of caring for the needs of families in our local community.

"Mr. McPherson has made a difference for people and communities around the world, but he has never lost sight of the importance of lending a hand [to] people in our own backyard," said Melissa Athmann, executive director of Four Health

Family Resource Center. "We're honored to welcome him as a friend and featured speaker at our first annual fundraiser. His presence sets a high bar as we embark on this new venture as a nonprofit organization."

Four Health Family Resource Center recently transitioned from a private counseling and family service office to a nonprofit organization offering counseling, parenting education, money management, legal assistance, health and wellness, and other services needed to support healthy family life. "Lend a Hand, Give Hope" will raise funds for general scholarships to assist individuals and families who cannot afford costs of these services.

"So many families are falling through the cracks," explained Athmann. "Job losses and underemployment, soaring healthcare expenses, lack of health insurance, cuts in state funding - all these factors have combined to make it nearly impossible for many people in and around Ionia County to afford the services they need to maintain their family's physical, social, emotional and spiritual health. We're

the Siegfried Line (a line of defensive forts and tank defenses built by Germany).

"We didn't have any casualties and we came upon a German soldier who had been killed. One of the guys rifled through his wallet. He came across a picture of the soldier's wife and three children.

"That really got to me. It showed that war is a personal thing and a bad thing," Marks explained.

The Lowell serviceman told the Middle School students that it was a privilege to serve his country. "I'm 84 and life keeps getting better," Marks said. "The Army taught me whatever the challenge, you must find the strength to do it."

He called on the students to accept themselves for the way they are.

"My grandfather told me when I was a kid, you can never tell by the size of the frog how far it will jump," Marks said.

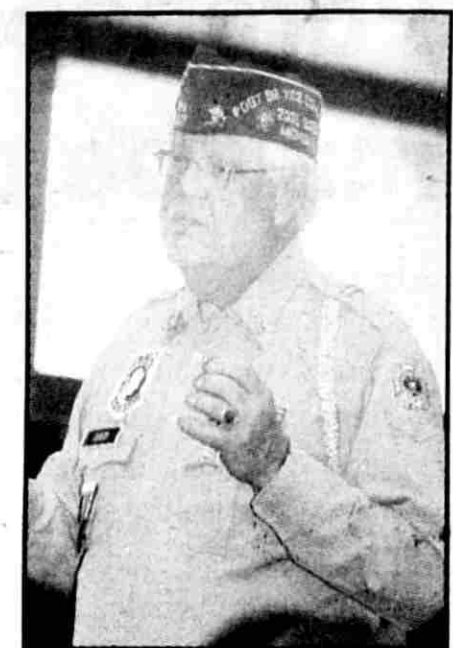
Ron Thomure, Army cadet, served 27 years, four active and 23 as a reserve. Thomure was in Army security (special police/prison guard).

"I was on duty at the Army security agency post in 1957-58 receiving messages from an agent in Russia," Thomure explained. "About half way through the messages stopped."

He later learned that the Russians broke into the house and shot and killed the agent sending the messages.

"That was an eye opener for me. It is also when I realized what the cold war really was," Thomure explained.

Dean DeGrote served



Louie Dudeck was the lone Marine representative.

as an Army battalion commander for 12 months in Baghdad.

"I took care of roadside bombs," he explained. "You didn't do it for yourself, you did it for the buddy next to you," DeGrote said. "It taught me that it's not what you do, it's how well you do it."



After area veterans shared their military and war experiences, students had a chance to view the many artifacts which were laid out on the tables.

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# Purchase of Lowell to Greenville rail trail may be completed by the end of the year

by Emma Palova

The purchase of Lowell to Greenville rail to trail section may be completed by the end of the year, although the trail group is still waiting on a grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The Mid Michigan Railroad is pushing for a closing before the end of the year, according to Carolyn Kane, chair of the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition.

The group has been working toward the purchase of the railroad for the last two years, while the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has purchased the other section from Lowell to Ionia.

"The variables keep changing but the total outcome is better," said Kane.

In the meantime, the railroad has also changed prices on leases from \$100 to \$2,300. It is the intention of

the group to collect the leases for a total of \$15,000 and use them for the maintenance of the trail.

It still remains unclear who will maintain the trail. Among the options under consideration are: an interlocal agreement, Lowell Area Recreation Authority, Kent County Parks or a friends group.

The group discussed a federal lawsuit recently filed in the federal district court against several governmental agencies by an owner on the Lowell to Greenville piece. A similar lawsuit may follow on the Ionia to Lowell piece as a potential class A lawsuit.

However, Ionia city manager Jason Eppler said the trail is secure because the group followed a state accepted process.

Also as part of the purchase agreement with the railroad, railroad cars will remain stored on both trails from Lowell to Greenville

and from Lowell to Ionia for the next two years.

Kane said Saranac resident Mary Lamphere has expressed a concern about the railroad cars being stored on the tracks in the vicinity of a nature preserve. According to Lamphere, deer cannot get to their water source and the cars are interfering with their natural habitat. Deer may even be jumping into the cars.

"Trails have their own stories," she said.

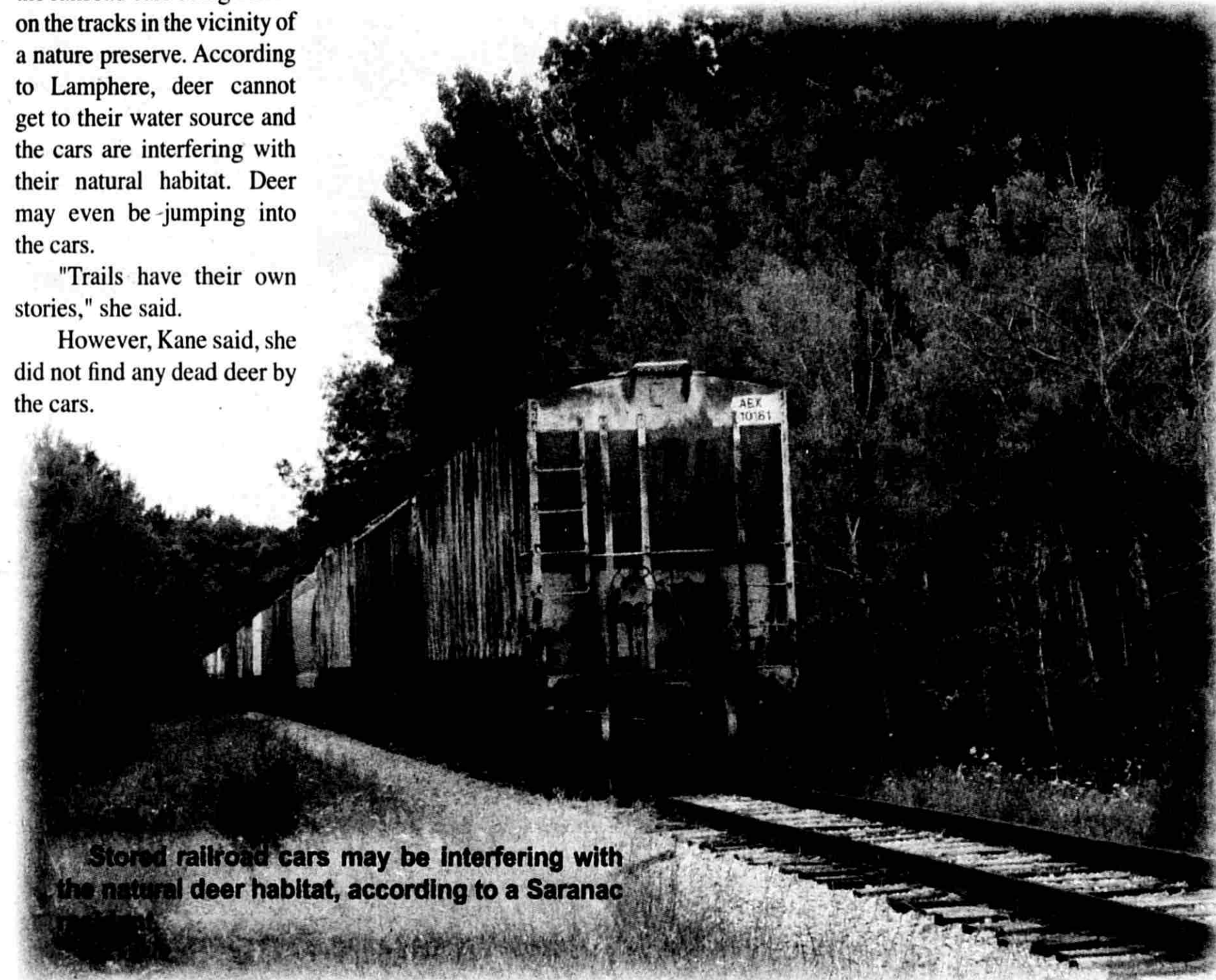
However, Kane said, she did not find any dead deer by the cars.

"I found no dead deer out there, but I'd like to see them all dead," she said.

The story of the Lowell to Greenville portion could

be partnering up with the Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) since the trails tie into each other, according to Kane.

The next meeting will be held on Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.



Stored railroad cars may be interfering with the natural deer habitat, according to a Saranac

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## Levin, continued

they could not douse the flames, they would have to abandon ship. Of course, in seas tossed by waves 70 feet high, that would mean likely death.

As the officer of the deck when the Monterey was at general quarters, Ford played a crucial role in the crisis. Captain Stuart Ingersoll ordered Lieutenant Ford to the hangar deck, where he faced the flames to assess the situation, and reported back to the captain, providing vital observations and advice at the time of grave danger. Ford and the rest of the Monterey's

crew saved their ship. Ford himself saw the parallel between the fire aboard the Monterey and the flames that engulfed our political system as he assumed the presidency in 1974. Recalling the storm and fire many years later, Ford said, "I considered it a marvelous metaphor for the ship of state."

After 13 terms as a popular and respected member of the House of Representatives, he came to the presidency amid the greatest political crisis in generations, the Watergate scandal. The nation needed a healer, a unifying force. And just as he had in the


storm-tossed Pacific, Gerald Ford helped beat back the flames. The ship that will bear his name is the lead ship of a new class, the most advanced of its type in existence. Thirty-four years ago, President Ford attended the commissioning of another ship, also the first of its class, the most advanced of its day, the USS Nimitz. President Ford said:

"As each of us looks upon this great ship, a single thought must seize our minds: Only the United States of America can make a machine like this. There is nothing like her in the world today. We have witnessed the magic

moment when an intricate mass of steel and cable and sophisticated marvels of engineering suddenly become a living thing with a unique personality."

I know that all who serve aboard the USS Gerald R. Ford will take inspiration from the unique personality of the man for whom she is named. That courage, that commitment, and that steadiness in crisis will carry her through the roughest of seas and the most dangerous of battles. I know that the memory of Gerald Ford will guide the efforts of those who serve aboard her.

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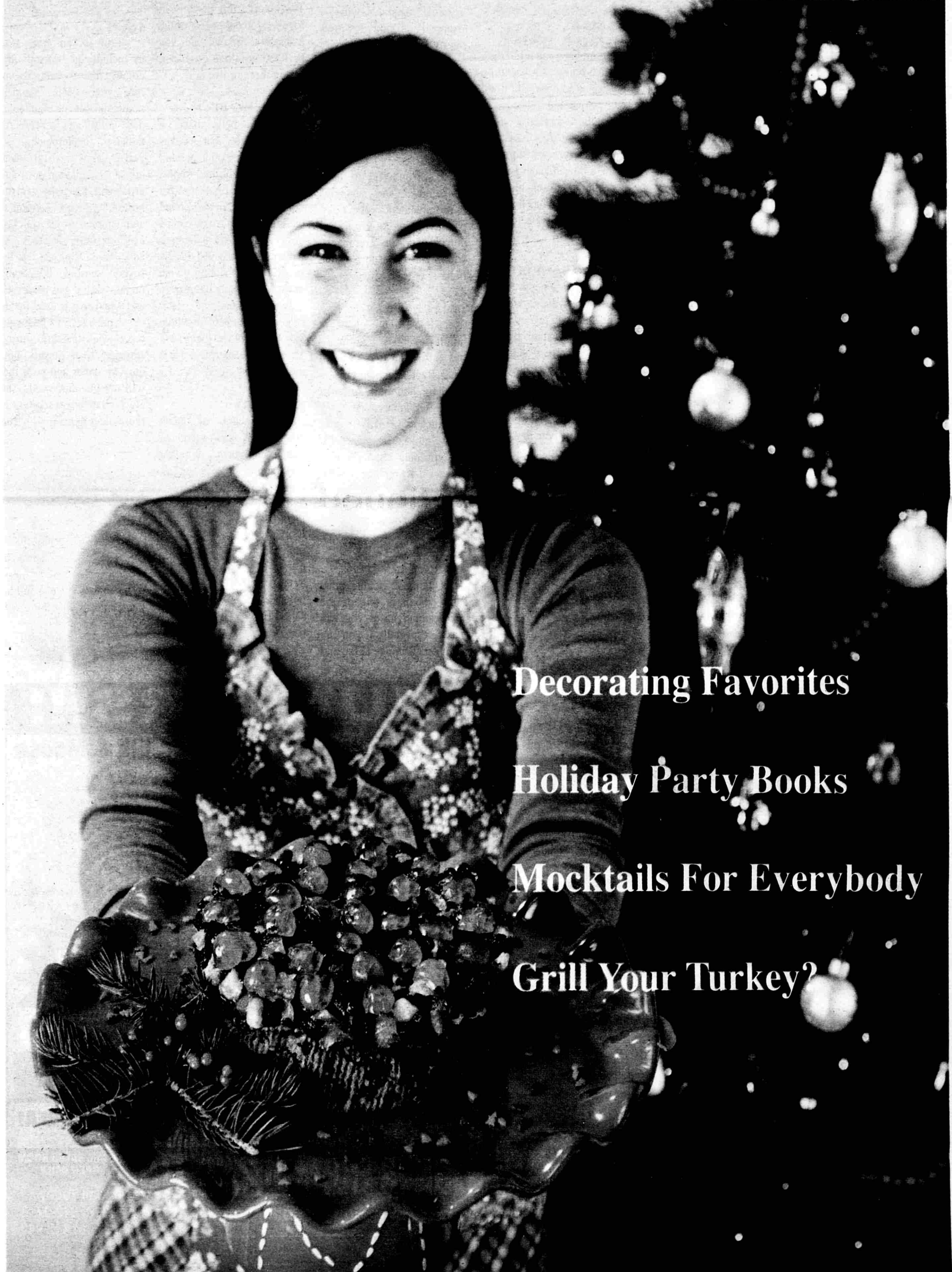


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## Holiday Entertaining Guide

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## Festive decorating favorites that withstand the test of time

**H**oliday decorating needn't be expensive or complicated. In fact, all you need to create magazine-worthy looks in your own home is a wardrobe of holiday classics - many of which you probably already own.

It's easy enough to acquire the essentials: You can buy them new; find old favorites at flea markets; or

Lifestyle expert and blogger Eddie Ross says he often finds inspiration in vintage glass ornaments which feature nontraditional colors including mint green, ice blue, pink and magenta. Any one of those hues paired prominently with white or a metallic creates a festive feeling while avoiding holiday clichés.

And here's one Ross says he has been dying to try: midnight blue and gold. "It's much more sophisticated when you have a color palette that you collect," he says.

No matter what color or style you choose - or which holidays you celebrate - here are some standard must-haves:

### CANDLESTICKS

Nothing can set a mood like the flicker of candlelight for stoking the holiday spirit. It should go without saying that a candelabra or a good pair of candlestick holders bring drama and elegance to a holiday mantle or table. Electric models can safely be set into windows, a centuries-old tradition intended as a sign of celebration or welcome.

### GLASS BOWLS

It sounds almost too simple, but glass bowls are incredibly useful for dressing up your home. A trifle bowl or hurricane glass can be filled with holiday candy, layered with pinecones and greenery or loaded with ball ornaments or dried fruit. Use them as centerpieces or as decorative elements anywhere a bare, flat surface beckons.

### GLASS & METALLIC TRAYS

Sure they can fulfill their intended duty as a backdrop for hors d'oeuvres. But filled with ornaments, beads or chandelier crystals, they easily make the transition from scenery to star. Slip a tray under a flower centerpiece or beneath an arrangement of pillar candles. They'll add an extra bit of sparkle to your tabletop décor.

### BALL ORNAMENTS

Ball ornaments allow you to introduce color or shine anywhere in your home. Collect them by hue, by size or both. If you have a glass bowl that can be set into another bowl, place smaller balls in the top vessel and larger ones in the bottom. Also employ them in wreaths by stringing the balls onto an old wire hanger.



### BEADED GARLAND

Beaded garland is a versatile standard, whether wrapped around a tree, intertwined with greenery or festooned across a mantle. Plastic garland tends to look like fake jewelry, Ross warns, so stick to glass or crystal, when possible.

### LINENS

It's wonderful to have tablecloths and napkins to complement your color palette or style of décor. But don't overlook remnants, which can be used as table runners or tree skirts.

### COLLECTIBLES

Almost everyone has a holiday collecting tradition, but as Ross says, "When you have [tzotchkes] all over - one here, one there - it looks messy." Whether you favor Nutcrackers or nativity sets, snow globes or menorahs, try grouping them in one area - on a fireplace mantle, for instance - or pick an odd number (three or five tend to look best) and center them along a table.

### WIDE RIBBON

Quality, double-sided satin ribbon is one of the smartest purchases you can make - especially if you can get it on clearance at the end

of the holiday season. Use it to trim garlands with bows, wrap it around trees, tie it on presents. Three-inch and five-inch wide pieces can be used as table runners. Ribbon can often be salvaged and reused the following year.

### TOPIARY

Topiaries are great for people who want to incorporate a more formal look into their holiday décor. They work well in pairs in foyers or on either side of the front door. Smaller ones can be lined up along a table in sets of three or five.

### SLEIGH BELLS

Sleigh bells have a romantic feel that evokes wintry scenes. Found at retail stores and antique shops, sleigh bells are often admired (and acquired) for their inlaid patterns. In fact, some can be quite ornate. Affix them to wreaths or garlands. Or tie single bells to ribbon, twine or raffia and hang them from individual panes of glass. Better yet, collect a whole bunch and place them in a glass bowl centerpiece for a modern twist.

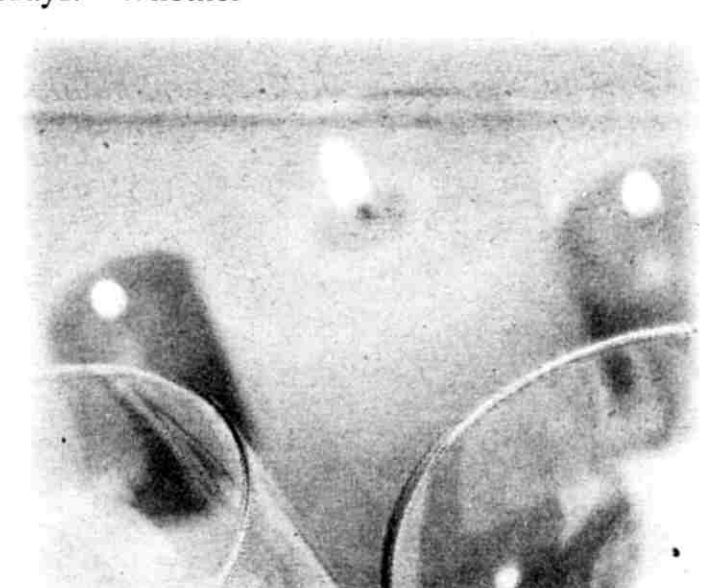
### GREENERY

The scent of fresh greenery is the scent of winter holidays. Whether you choose juniper, fir, boxwood or pine, fresh looks best, but some quality artificial greens are available (sans the

enlivening aroma, of course). Fresh swags or wreaths can be sprayed with an antidesiccant to prevent drying. Otherwise spray them with water and leaving them in a trash bag for a day or two to hydrate. A longer-lasting alternative to greenery is to spray paint tree branches white. Used indoors or outside in window boxes or urns, they are appropriate for use well into the New Year.

### FRUIT

Fruit is an easy way to include the warmth and comfort of the holiday season into your décor. Apples, pomegranates and pineapples add color and texture to tabletop centerpieces. If you're using fresh produce, apples, pomegranates and artichokes tend to hold up the best, Cragg says. Kumquats and lemons brown quickly, as does holly foliage, she adds. Dried fruit can last for several seasons, depending on how well it was preserved and whether it is used inside or outside. Cardboard boxes wick moisture during storage. Use plastic bins only for cones and pods that will not get mildewed. And always date boxes so you can reuse older items first.



## Party On! Books for Holiday Hosts

**Nigella Christmas: Food Family Friends Festivities** by Nigella Lawson (Hyperion, 2009) \$35

**Pastry Queen Parties: Entertaining Friends and Family, Texas Style** by Rebecca Rather and Alison Oresman (Ten Speed Press, 2009) \$32.50

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**The Flour Pot Christmas: Creating Edible Works of Art for the Holidays** by Margie Greenberg and Abbey Greenberg (Running Press, 2009) \$16.95

**Cookie Craft Christmas: Dozens of Decorating Ideas for a Sweet Holiday** by Valerie Peterson and Janice Fryer (Storey Publishing, 2009) \$12.95

**New Thanksgiving Table** by Diane Morgan (Chronicle Books, 2009) \$24.95

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**Mastering the Art of French Cooking** by Julia Child (Julia Child, 2009) \$40

**Mastering The Art of French Cooking, Volume One** by Julia Child, Louise Bertholle, Simone Beck (Alfred A. Knopf, 2001) \$40

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**The Great Christmas Cookie Swap Cookbook: 60 Large-Batch Recipes to Bake and Share** by The Editors of Good Housekeeping (Hearst, 2009) \$12.95

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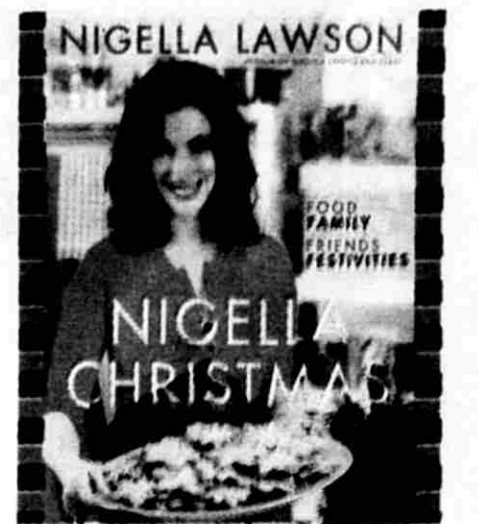
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There's no need to face the challenge of hosting a party alone. Why not invite an expert to help out in the kitchen? Holiday cookbooks and entertaining guides offer so much more than recipes.

Nigella Lawson - we love a cook who piles her "plump-cious party poussins" into the oven in order to join friends for a bit of a pre-party drink - offers make-ahead, freeze-ahead recipes and a Christmas dinner countdown in her practical new book.

Celebrity restaurateur, TV personality and chef Gordon Ramsay, known for artery-busting rants on the food line, kicks it down a notch with a collection of 100 recipes he makes for friends and family. He won't yell if you overcook the fish (well, he might, if he hears about it.)



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# Special Sips: Mocktails for the Holidays

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"As the host or hostess, there's a good chance that there's going to be somebody there that doesn't want to drink for some reason," says Elizabeth Scott, professional chef and author of "Zero-

proof Cocktails: Alcohol-free Beverages for Every Occasion," (Ten Speed Press, 2009) "Normally, what happens to those people is that they end up in the corner with their diet soda."

### Tea Time

Both tea and wine have a substance called tannin, which causes puckering when tasted. "When you're looking to make a wine substitute starting with a tea is a great idea," Scott says. Peter Hewitt, owner of Concord, Mass.-based Tea Forté, created Tea Cocktail Infusions in three flavors for cocktails, but the company markets mocktail recipes, too. One of Tea Forté's bubbly drink ideas for the holidays is the Virgin Sunrise Mocktail made with

ingredients as you stock up on holiday spirits this season.

a lavender citrus tea infuser and seltzer water. When the tea bag is dropped into the glass, flavor fills the glass in a purple cloud. "The purple flows out. It's just absolutely beautiful," Hewitt says.

### Twist and Shout

Cocktail Infusions boast great garnishes, but a quick-and-easy addition may be a fruit skewer. "Fruit is always great ... it adds interest and color," Scott says. She also recommends garnishing drinks with their more unusual ingredients for an exotic twist. You can also use citrus fruit peels for decoration. Take a zester or a channel knife and peel

around the outside of the fruit for a signature coil of color.

### Oldies but Goodies

Sparkling white grape juice and apple ciders are old favorites for alcohol substitutes mainly because of they're carbonated and flavorful. Scott suggests a Champagne Cocktail made with sparkling white grape juice and blood orange bitters as a bubbly alcohol-alternative to ensure that all guests receive a celebratory drink.

In addition to creating an all-inclusive, festive mood at your holiday party,

providing mocktails at your holiday party saves money on the bar tab and lowers the risk of inebriated guests. Light-alcohol mixes are recommended for Tea Forté's tea cocktails - "It's not about the alcohol," Hewitt says. "It's about the flavor."

Delectable flavors and eye-catching garnishes for mocktails and cocktails help everyone feel welcome, and Scott says it ultimately "makes the party more of a success." You'll fill non-drinkers with cheer when you take the time out to consider their taste buds around the holidays.

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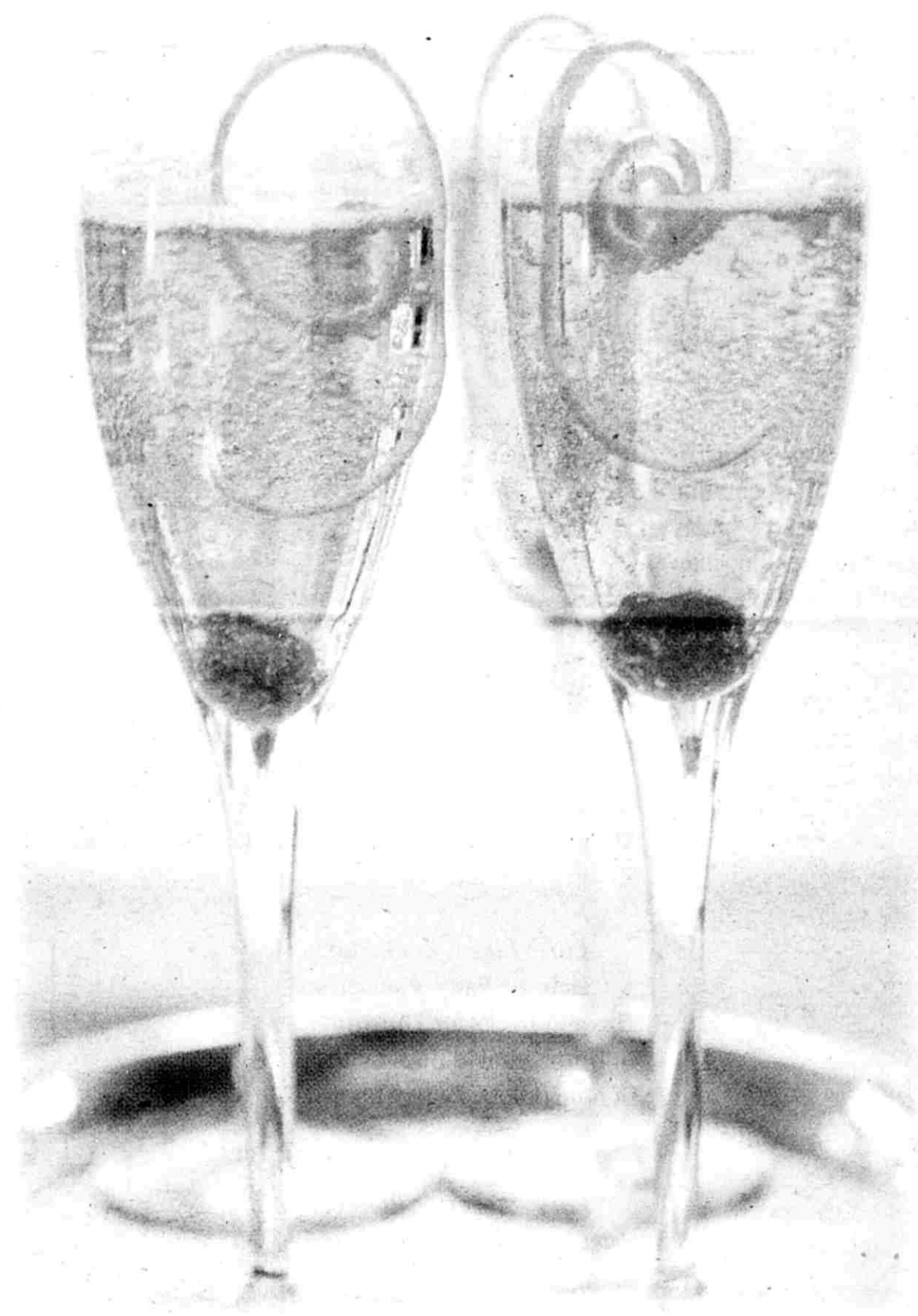
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- 1 sugar cube
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- Orange twist, for garnish

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- Slowly pour in the sparkling grape juice and serve garnished with the orange twist.

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# Is it Time to Grill the Bird?

*Smoking the holiday turkey on the grill is great theatre - with delicious results. Even the hard-line traditionalists at your table will approve.*

Tired of the same old bird for the holidays? Give your turkey an extreme makeover by taking the cooking - and the party - outside.

While cooking meals from scratch has been on the decline in time-pressed families, grilling is on the rise, according to NPJ Group, the Port Washington, N.Y. market research company. Men, who are cooking more than ever, are responsible for 13 percent of all meal preparation - much of it on the grill. Maybe this is the year to take turkey preparation outside.

"A turkey smoke-roasted on the grill tastes better, thanks to the smoke flavor," says Steve Raichlen, author of "The Barbecue Bible" and "How to Grill" (Workman Publishing) and host of the PBS series Primal Grill. "It frees up your oven for other dishes. It gives you an excuse to spend the afternoon outdoors, gathered around the grill drinking beer or wine with your buddies."

And get ready for the "oohs" and "aaahs" when you present a turkey smoked to perfection: "a gorgeous,

plump, mahogany colored bird - the skin crackling crisp, the meat tender and juicy, the whole shebang perfumed with wood smoke," says Raichlen.

"Guests are totally amazed because they would never guess that a whole turkey can be cooked outdoors," says Dave DeWitt, editor of FieryFoods.com, the Fiery Foods and Barbecue Web site. "Grilling and smoking are generally becoming more and more popular, so people apply them to the various holidays as they see fit."

Among the options for cooking a turkey outdoors are grilling, rotisserie and smoking in a Big Green Egg, a ceramic smoker. DeWitt favors the rotisserie method "because it's so versatile, you don't need to worry about flipping the meat over, like you would with grilling, the heat is even and you don't have to tend to it very much."

DeWitt is not keen on cutting up the bird to cook on the grill, which he says takes away the beauty of a whole bird in the center of the table

and may lead to burning the bird if you step away for too long to watch the game. Raichlen favors cooking a whole turkey in the Big Green Egg or on the charcoal grill, which he says "is best for the reason that it's easy to smoke on a charcoal grill and very difficult to smoke on a gas grill." (See Raichlen's recipe, below).

Both suggest using the proper tools to cook your bird and avoiding common mistakes. Here are several of their tips to cooking your turkey outdoors:

### Assemble Your Tools

Raichlen suggests a barbecue injector, which enables you to inject some of the marinade into the turkey. Consider food gloves

for handling the turkey. Both Raichlen and DeWitt say a meat thermometer is essential. Too high a temperature and the turkey skin will burn before the meat is fully cooked; too low a temperature will result in an undercooked turkey - and unhappy guests.

DeWitt prefers fruitwood, such as apple, peach or apricot, which gives the turkey a mild smoky flavor. "Most of the barbecue flavor comes not from the wood,

not from the charcoal, but the fact that fat drips from the bird onto the hot coals or wood, which interacts with the smoke and rises to coat the bird," DeWitt says.

Raichlen prefers natural lump charcoal, not briquettes, which can have a chemical taste if not properly lit. Soak wood chips before placing them on the charcoal once the ash is well formed. Raichlen likes to



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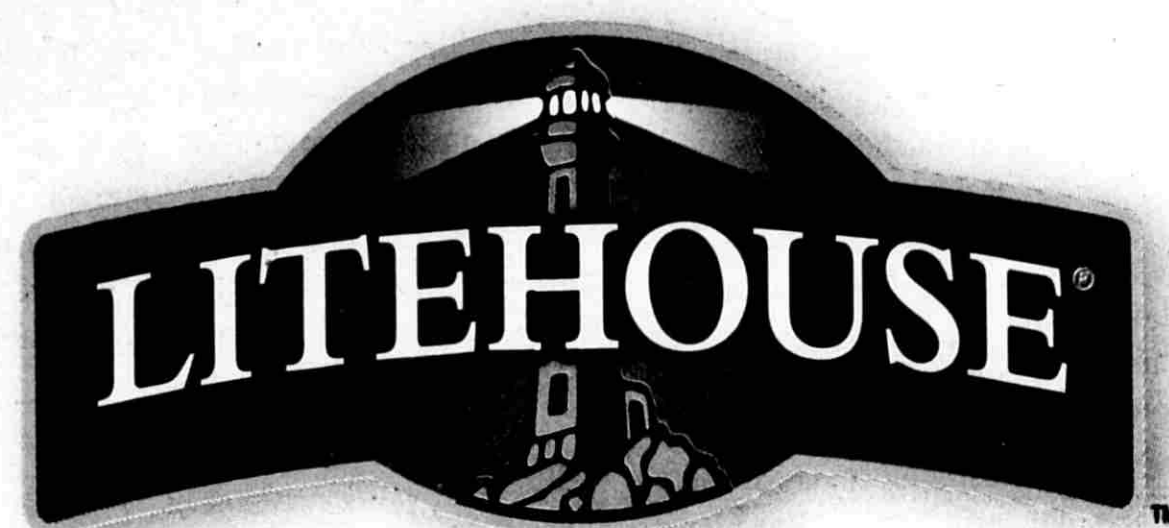
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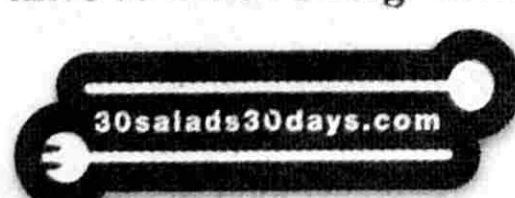
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Bourbon-Brined Barbecued Turkey

Adapted from BBQ USA by Steven Raichlen (Workman Publishing, 2003)

For the injector sauce:

- 2 tablespoons salted butter
1/3 cup chicken stock (preferably homemade), at room temperature
2 tablespoons bourbon
1 tablespoon of your favorite commercial barbecue rub

For the turkey:

- 1 turkey (8 to 10 pounds), thawed if frozen
4 tablespoons your favorite commercial barbecue rub
1 tablespoon melted butter

You'll also need:

- A marinade injector
3 cups of wood chips, preferably apple, soaked for 1 hour in water to cover, then drained



- 1. To make the injector sauce, melt the butter in a small saucepan. Add the stock, bourbon and rub and whisk to mix. Let cool to room temperature.
2. Remove the packet of giblets from the neck or body cavity of the turkey and set aside for another use. Remove and discard the fat just inside the cavities of the turkey. Rinse the turkey, inside and out, under cold running water, then blot dry, inside and out, with paper towels. Season the inside of both cavities with 2 tablespoons of the rub.
3. Fill the injector with the injector sauce. To do this, push the plunger all the way down, place the tip of the needle in the sauce, and slowly draw the plunger up. The syringe will fill with sauce. Inject the sauce into the turkey breast, thighs, and drumsticks. Don't be surprised if a little sauce squirts out; this is okay. Truss the turkey; this is optional, but it will give the bird a more dignified appearance. Brush the outside of the turkey with the remaining 1 tablespoon butter and sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons of rub all over it, patting it onto the skin with your fingertips.
4. Set up the grill for indirect grilling and preheat to medium. If using a gas grill, place all of the wood chips or chunks in the smoker box or in a smoker pouch and run the grill on high until you see smoke, then reduce the heat to medium. If using a charcoal grill, place a large drip pan in the center, preheat the grill to medium, then toss 1 cup of the wood chips or chunks on the coals.
5. When ready to cook, place the turkey, breast side up, in the center of the hot grate, over the drip pan and away from the heat. Put the lid down and cook the turkey until the skin is nicely browned and the meat is cooked through, 2-1/2 to 3 hours. To check for doneness, insert an instant-read thermometer in the thickest part of a thigh but not so that it touches the bone. The internal temperature should be about 165 degrees F. If the wing tips start to burn, cover them loosely with aluminum foil; if the skin starts to brown too much, cover the bird loosely with aluminum foil.
6. Transfer the grilled turkey to a platter, cover it loosely with aluminum foil, if you have not already done so, and let it rest for 10 minutes. Untruss the turkey, if necessary.
Serves 8 to 10

Good-Enough-for-Thanksgiving Sausage Cranberry Stuffing

from Devin Alexander's "The Most Decadent Diet Ever!" (Broadway Books, 2008)

Butter-flavored cooking spray

- 12 slices whole-wheat bread
Olive oil spray
1 recipe Sweet and Slim Italian Sausage, uncooked and unshaped (see recipe)
1 1/2 cups finely chopped sweet onion
1 cup finely chopped celery
1 tablespoon minced fresh garlic
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh sage
1 1/4 - 1 1/2 cups fat-free lower-sodium chicken broth, divided
2 tablespoons light butter, melted



- 1. Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F. Lightly mist a 2 1/2 - 3-quart ovenproof ceramic or glass casserole dish with butter-flavored cooking spray.
2. Place the slices of bread side by side in a single layer (they should not overlap) on a large nonstick baking sheet. Toast in the oven for 14 to 16 minutes per side, until the slices are dry (not all soft in the center) and very lightly browned.
3. Place a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. When the skillet is hot, coat with olive oil spray and put in the sausage mixture. Cook, breaking the sausage into bite-sized chunks, until no longer pink, 3 - 5 minutes. Transfer the sausage to a large mixing bowl.
4. Turn heat to medium. Spray skillet again and put in the onions. Cook for 5 minutes. Add the celery and garlic. Continue cooking until the celery is bright green and starts to soften slightly, 7 - 10 minutes. Add the celery mixture to the sausage.
5. Raise oven temperature to 350 degrees F.
6. Cut each slice of toasted bread into 9 squares. Add the bread, cranberries and sage to sausage mixture and stir.
7. Drizzle 1 cup broth slowly over the top and stir it in until the liquid is absorbed. Slowly drizzle the butter over the top and stir that in.
8. Transfer stuffing to prepared dish. Drizzle remaining 1/4 cup broth for drier stuffing or 1/2 cup for moister stuffing over top. Cover and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the cover and bake for another 10 to 15 minutes, until the bread is golden brown and the stuffing is hot throughout. Remove from the oven and let stand for 10 minutes.

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able to adequately clothe the 26 children who call the orphanage their home. After a week-long effort to collect gently-used summer clothing for the orphanage, several large boxes were packed for the journey. Included were 26 Pink Arrow shirts donated by Noel Dean. However, the giving didn't stop there. Cash donations were made that will purchase beds for the orphanage; currently the children sleep on the floor most nights awaiting a turn for a bed. Lowell parents, Kim Bassin and Sheri Litchfield, gathered donations from Cherry Creek and personally delivered them to the orphanage during a 12-day visit to Minjur.

### Murray Lake Volunteer of the Month

Cheryl Staley was named Murray Lake's Volunteer of the Month for October. Staley and her husband Don moved to Lowell six years ago from the Forest Hills area so they could be closer to Don's work. "We were looking for Don to have a closer commute and we wanted a small town atmosphere and a strong sense of community, and Lowell has been the perfect fit."

Kelsey is in the Readiness program at Bushnell, and Olivia attends the United Methodist Preschool. Staley volunteers at all three of her children's schools. She did work for several companies in human resource and organizational development, but has been most satisfied with staying home with her children and volunteering the past two years.

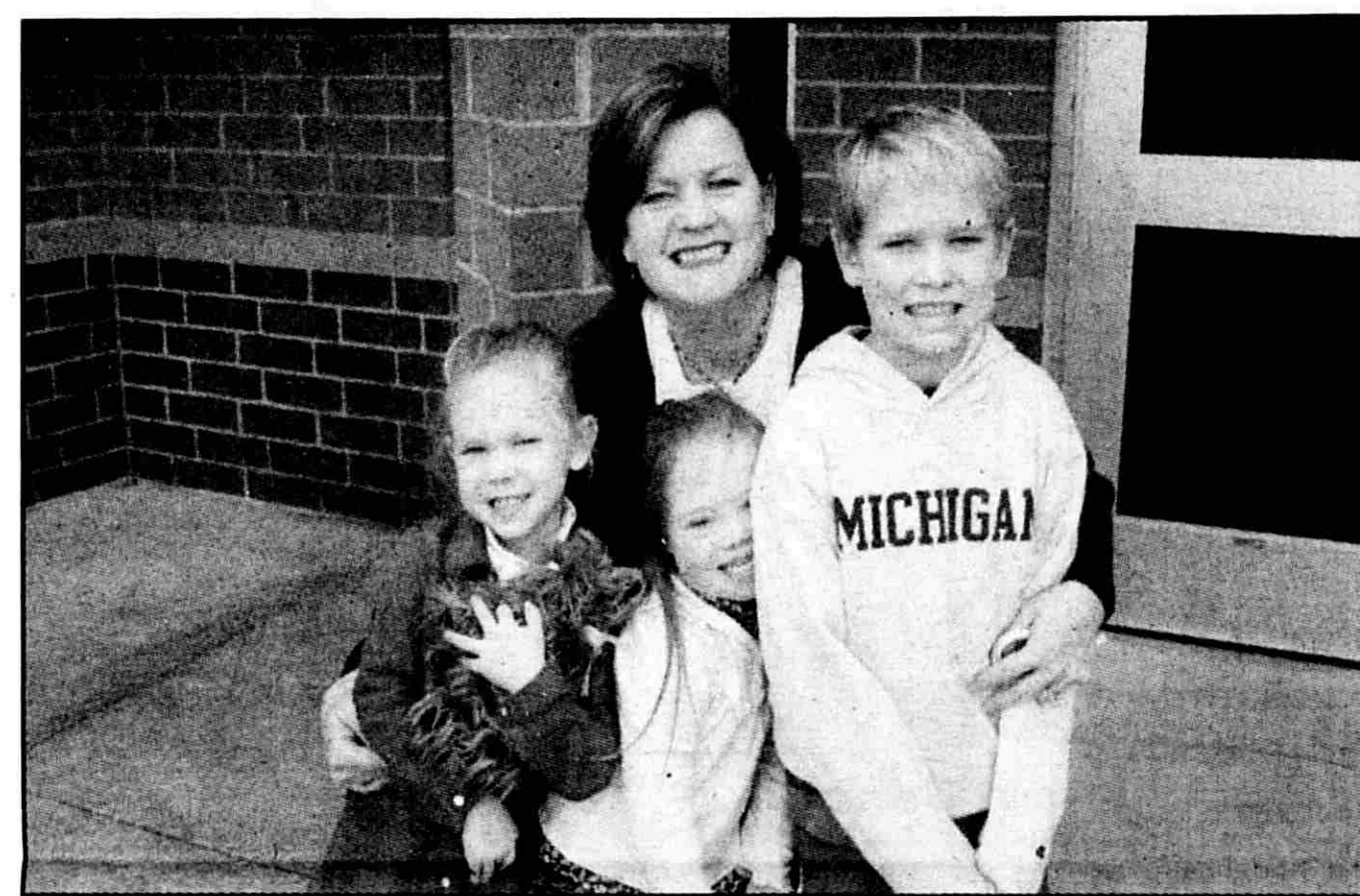
Several Murray Lake staff members nominated Staley. Second grade teacher Nancy Russell commented,

"Cheryl is willing to come in and help me at the drop of a hat, even with two younger children at home. She has also helped some of our third grade teachers. She is a wonderful volunteer."

Staley adds, "I feel very blessed and fortunate to be able to participate in my children's activities at school and volunteer my time when I can. I really enjoy making a personal connection with their educators through volunteering and getting to know the other students in class. Next year I hope to have all three of my children at Murray Lake and hope to

give more time to the school and begin to volunteer in this great community we live in."

When she is not volunteering, Staley enjoys spending time outdoors, summers at Higgins Lake, and getting together with family and friends.

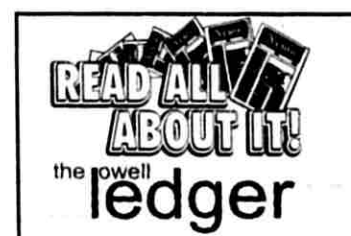


Staley with children Olivia, Kelsey, and Logan.

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An Ordinance to Amend Article II, "Collection and Disposal," of Chapter 11, "Garbage, Trash and Refuse," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection during normal business hours at City Hall, the Englehardt Public Library or on the City's web page (www.ci.lowell.mi.us) under public notices.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.

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Complete minutes will be available after approved on December 7, 2009 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

Motion to require a \$300 fee for one year from All Weather Seal for door to door solicitation.

Motion to adopt resolution accepting Community Development Block Grant - Recovery Program Funding for Sibley Street Improvements.

Motion to adopt the resolution setting certain water system and sanitary sewer systems fees.

Motion to adopt the City Hall User Fee Schedule, City Hall Facility Use Request Form and Use of Lowell City Hall Overview as presented.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

### DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009

Motions to approve the regular and closed session meeting minutes of the November 2, 2009 meeting as presented and the accounts payables was approved.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Punishing ground attack marches Lowell into semifinals

by Thad Kraus

The 35-14 final score was anything but, however, there were a few second-half moments that awoke Midlandesque memories from a few years past.

The 28-7 halftime score indicated Lowell dominated the first half of play.

It looked as though the Red Arrows were going to push it to 35-7 before Portage Central reared up and stopped Lowell twice from its two-yard line early in the third quarter.

Four plays later, the Mustangs' Spencer Munson busted through a trap and galloped 85 yards for a touchdown.

"I'm thinking, 'Oh boy, we're back into a football game,'" Lowell football coach Noel Dean said. "Then we fumbled a punt return and all those little things start creeping in."

The Lowell muffed return gave Portage Central the ball on the Lowell 40 with a little under nine minutes to play in the game.

"Our defense played well until that 85-yard run," Dean said. "Our defensive coordinator, Jason Katt, had the defense reveling in the

fact that they get one more chance to hit something, one more chance to tackle something. Our defense can create a lot of problems for you if you get into second-and-long."

Case-and-point, the Mustangs faced a second, third and fourth and long (nine yards) from Lowell's 39 and came away with a negative five yards.

Four plays later the Red Arrows' Austin Graham would not be denied this time as he rumbled into the end zone from the two-yard line.

The score was set up on a 47-yard run by Gabe Dean.

"They are a good, good football team," Portage Central coach Brett Foerster said of Lowell. "You have to do a lot of good things to beat them, and we didn't do enough. We were not able to get enough stops."

Lowell opened the game with a 75-yard, 15-play scoring drive, erasing six minutes off the clock.

The Red Arrows turned around on their second possession and drove 76 yards in five plays, needing

only 66 seconds to increase their lead to 14-0. This time it was Dean connecting with Derek Cornish on a 39-yard touchdown pass.

"Big athletes generally beat small athletes. Their big guys are athletes. If you are technically correct, and they are technically correct, the big guys are going to win and that is a big, physical football team," Foerster explained.

Lowell added two more touchdowns in the second quarter on an eight-yard run by Dean and a two-yard burst by Graham.

"I give all the credit to the offensive line," Gabe Dean said. "We want to establish the running game, get off the ball and keep pounding. I throw to whatever receiver is open," Dean said. "I don't look for a specific receiver."

Dean (139) and Graham (132) combined for 271 yards rushing and four touchdowns.

Dean was also proficient through the air completing 13 of 15 passes for 150 yards and one touchdown. Portage Central ran the ball for 181 yards with 85 coming on one play.

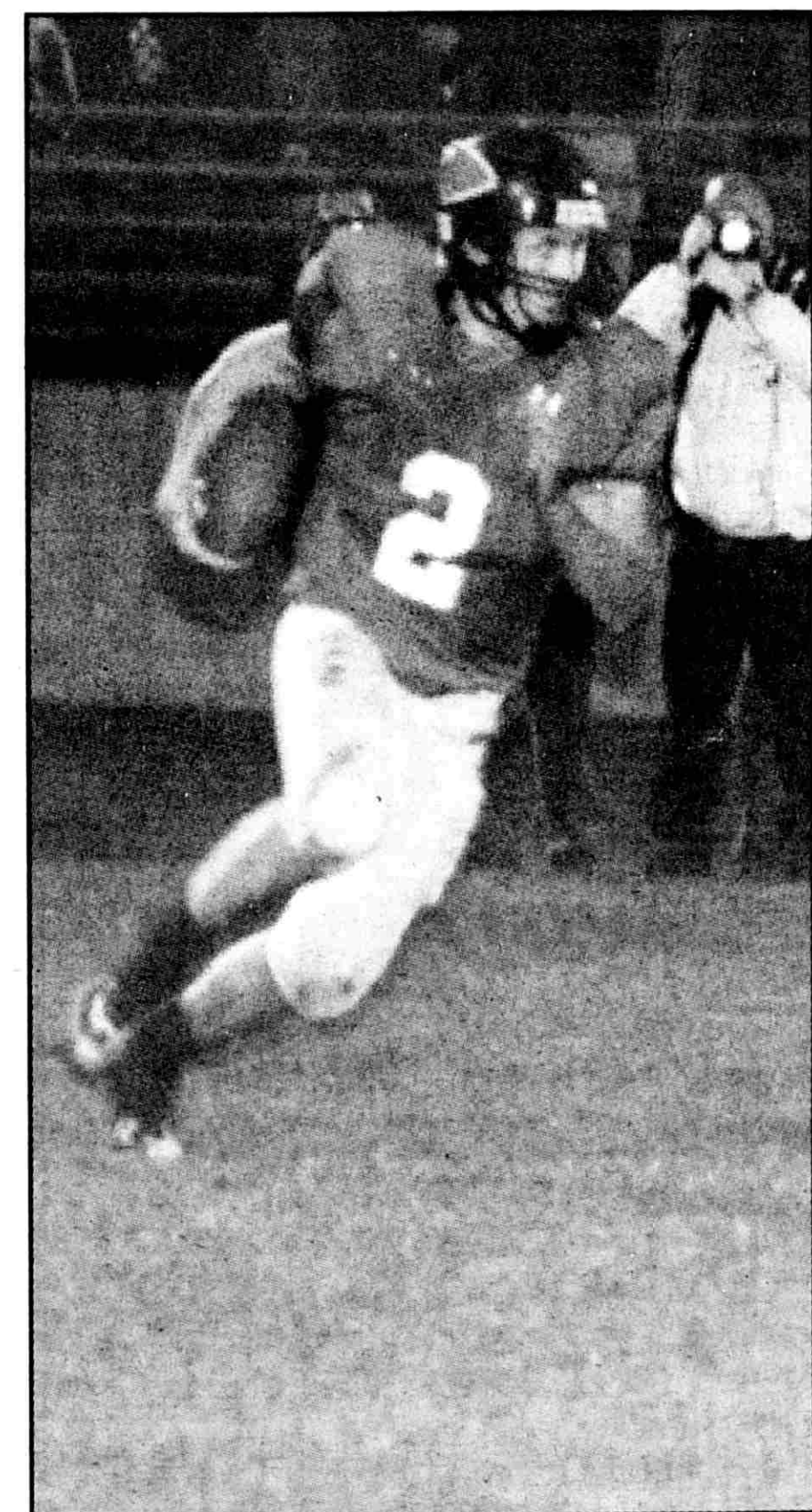
Kyle Cutler (filling in for an injured Jeremy Renda)

connected on 7-of-14 for 70 yards.

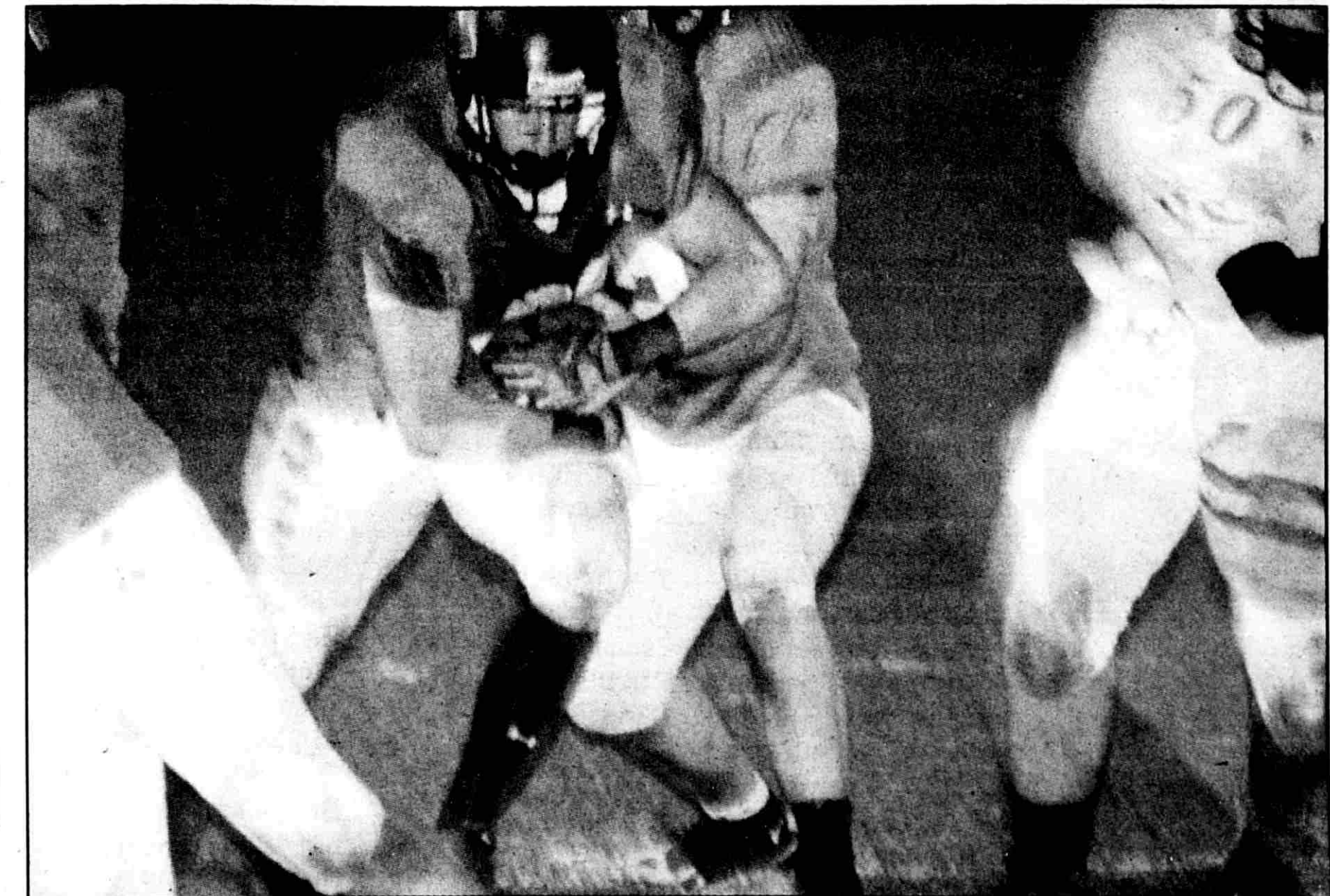
"That was a pretty tough start for a quarterback making his first start," Foerster said. "I thought he played well. This group getting to this point is a big accomplishment. We had a heck of a run and a heck of a season. I couldn't be prouder of the kids."



Lowell's Randy Hogan stops Portage Central's Spencer Munson in his tracks during regional action Friday night at Bob Perry Field.



Gabe Dean ran for a game-high 139 yards.



Austin Graham got the call and handoff inside the Portage Central five-yard line.



obituaries

BARRETT

Mrs. Lorraine V. Barrett, age 88, went to dance with the angels and fly with the stars on Wednesday, November 11, 2009. She was born September 1, 1921 in Manistique, the daughter of Joseph and Suzanna Hoholik. She was married to John Barrett in Battle Creek on July 26, 1947. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her sisters, Margaret Bertrand and Isabell Rampani; her brother, Jerome Hoholik; and her son-in-law, Robert Pope. Lorraine was a very loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and will be deeply missed by her family: children, Laural Pope, of Lowell; John "Dana" Barrett, of Grand Rapids; Diane "Phoenix" Shackleton, of Aspen; and Wendy (David) Becker, of Caledonia; grandchildren, Audree (Matt) Swift, Annitra Mallindine, Amber Pope, Andrew Pope, Matt Barrett, Teresa Barrett, Beth (Nate) Van Maanen, Summer (Tony) Zappia, Sarah (Mike) Mahoney, Rachel Becker (fiancé Richard Morton), and Ethan Becker; great-grandchildren, Morgan, Mayson, Addison, Ava, Sorah, Averie, Felicity, Gavin, Adrien, Erinn, and Lauren; brother, Ernest Hoholik, of Manistique; several nieces and nephews; and her dear friend, Carolyn Knapp. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, November 17 at St. Charles Catholic Church with Rev. Phil Salmonwick celebrant. Interment will be in St. Charles Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Lorraine's honor may be given to Crystal Springs Retirement Community.

HEUKER

Daniel L. Heuker, aged 49, of Clarksville, passed away Monday, November 16, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; son Jake; parents, James and Elois Heuker, of Cutlerville; brothers, Ken (Marla), of McBain; Tom (Diane), of Blairsville, GA; Dave (Karla) of Byron Center; Ron (Theresa), of Lansing, IA; Ed (Jennifer), of Rockford; sister, Ellen Rozema, of McBain; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Ada Bible Church with Pastors Doug Bishop and Chuck Unseld officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the

Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd. SE, Ada, MI 49301.

LALLEY

Descendent of 1838 Ionia county pioneer, Peter Hackett, longtime resident of Ionia, Patricia Lampkin Lalley, passed away peacefully in her home on October 14, 2009. Patricia was born in Ionia in the home of her grandparents, Bert and Sarah Lampkin, on September 20, 1918. Patricia was the only child of Harold Lampkin and Berenice Marie Hackett Lampkin. Patricia, and her husband Jack Lalley, ran the L&D Hardware on Main Street in Ionia for 51 years. Patricia's grandfather, George Hackett, had operated a farm implement business in that building since 1885. Graduating in 1936, she was a fourth generation graduate of Ionia High School. Then Pat went to work at the State Capitol in Lansing where she was a secretary to the Attorney General. Patricia married John J. Lalley, of Lowell, on March 9, 1943. They made their first home in Deming, New Mexico where Jack was serving in the Air Force during WWII. After the war and a teaching stint in Dowagiac, the couple took up residence in Ionia where Jack taught at the Ionia High School. Patricia busied herself raising their three children: John, Michael, and Annette. In the early 1950's, Jack bought out his business partner, Lloyd Delehanty (hence the name L&D Hardware), retired from teaching and coaching and joined Patricia in the full time operation of the L&D Hardware. Truly a "Mom and Pop" store, Jack would wait on customers and Patricia would keep the books. If they left the store, you could find them across the street, at Haber's, having coffee with friends from Main Street. Going "to work" six days a week for 51 years was how Patricia spent her life. The two of them would drive home for lunch together each day and return at 1 p.m. Patricia loved yard work and hosting cook outs at the pool where her grandchildren held their birthdays. Patricia's greatest joys came from caring for her children and grandchildren. Vacations often involved visiting Patricia's grandchildren or attending their sports or academic events. She will be remembered as a first class listener with an unyielding pioneer spirit who cared selflessly. Patricia was preceded in death by her mother, Berenice Lampkin, in 1989, and her husband, Jack Lalley, in 1998. Patricia is survived by her sons, John

Lalley, of California; and his children, John, Mathew, and Erin Anne; and Michael (Madonna) Lalley, of Ionia; and their children, Michael and Emily Anne-Marie; and her daughter, Annette (Mark) Lalley-Ritzema, of Lowell; and their children, Jeffrey, Todd, Timothy, and Katherine Patricia. Surviving nieces and nephews are the children of Robert and Bernice Lalley, Jo and Bill Lalley, and Margaret and Lloyd Delehanty. A memorial service honoring Patricia will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 20, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ionia. That church stands on ground that was donated by Peter Hackett. Patricia will be buried at St. Mary Cemetery in Lowell, along side her husband Jack in the Lalley plot. Donations in Patricia's memory can be made to the Ionia Public Schools Scholarship Fund.

PORTER

William H. Porter, visionary entrepreneur, business owner, athlete, husband and father, died November 10 at the age of 82. Survived by his wife, Cynthia McKean, of Saugatuck; children, Emily Porter (Lynn) Pringle, of Phoenix; Gay Porter (Michael) DeNileon, of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Fran Porter (Tom) Milner, of Broomfield, Colo.; Andy (Julie) Porter, of Lowell; Jeff McKean, of New York City; and Leslie McKean (Pete) Haddad, of Santa Cruz, Calif.; grandchildren, Hilary, Sam, Sarah, Ellie, Porter, Cilil, and Jackson; sister, Betsy Tharp; brother, David (Annie) Porter; sister-in-law, Carmela Porter; numerous nieces and nephews, many friends, colleagues and employees. Born January 15, 1927, in Richmond, Ohio, to William L. Porter and Marjorie Hanauer Porter, Bill was raised in Ohio and Florida. He served with the Army Air Corp in Germany after World War II, then graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's in mechanical engineering. He settled in Michigan in 1957 with his then wife, Mary L. Porter. They raised their four children in Holland, where he founded W.H. Porter, Inc., now PorterCorp, in 1963. Bill met Cynthia in 1981 and moved her and her two children to Michigan where she took a job with W.H. Porter. They moved to Saugatuck in 1983, and both became active in community activities. After building a house and the business together, along with many other adventures, Bill and Cynthia were married in 1995. Bill served on the Saugatuck Zoning Board of Appeals and was an active cyclist with Saugatuck Spokes. He participated in many Holland 100 rides and other endurance events over the years. He was also an avid skier, enthusiastic traveler, and sailor. His passion, however, was his work. He founded W.H. Porter, Inc. in the old Heinz building on the north shore of Lake Macatawa to build balsawood cores for boats. That business evolved into PorterCorp and the manufacturing of structural insulated panel systems (SIPS), hog confinement buildings, and park shelters and gazebos. In the late 1960s, he moved his company to its current location at 136th Ave. in Holland so he could continue to expand and explore new ideas and processes. His company now employs about 100 people. He holds dozens of patents on products and product components and is cofounder of the Structural Insulated Panel Association. His Poligon structures are installed in parks and public spaces across the country. He continued designing until the day before he died. A celebration of his life was held Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Douglas Community Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory can be made to the Land Conservancy of Western Michigan (www.naturenearby.org) with funds dedicated to the preservation of the property bordering the Kalamazoo River as it enters Lake Michigan (Saugatuck Dunes). Arrangements are by the Dykstra Life Story Funeral Homes-Saugatuck Chapel. For more information and an online registry, visit www.lifestorynet.com

LEGAL NOTICES

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MULDER, who lived at 3560 Marine Street SW, Apt. A, Grandville, Michigan died 3/15/2008.

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File No. 09-187-643-DE

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

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File No. 09-186,298-DE

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misc.

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### last week's poll result:

In light of the recent shootings, is it time to reexamine our gun laws? 42% Yes, the laws should be more restrictive 42% No, the laws should be relaxed 16% Keep the laws the same

## Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

### Just a few random sports world thoughts:

- 1. Why is Holt traveling to East Lansing for their semifinal and Lowell traveling to Howell for its game? Shouldn't it be reversed? 2. The Southwestern Michigan athletic conference (Portage Central and St. Joseph) probably wishes the O-K white would disband. 3. Does anyone really believe that Florida's Brandon Spikes (the eye gouger) increased his suspension to one game because he thought that was the right thing to do? Or was he put up to it to clean the shame off his coach's (Urban Meyer) face for only dishing out a half game suspension for such actions? 4. Is there an NFL team looking for an offensive coordinator? There's one in South Bend. I didn't say anything about being any good! 5. "Take me home to where I belong." Does Rich Rodriguez view his former West Virginia job any differently now? 6. A salute to Coopersville's Jim Meerman and Hudsonville's Dave Durham -- jobs well done. Time well served! Thad's Pick 10 And now there are two. East Grand Rapids and Lowell are the only two West Michigan schools still alive in the Michigan High School playoffs with Rockford's loss to Holt last Saturday. The Pioneers moved a step closer to four consecutive state titles with a convincing win over St. Joseph. Lowell, meanwhile, took care of business with a 35-14 defeat of Portage Central. Awaiting the Red Arrows in the semifinals will be Birmingham Brother Rice, a 49-27 winner against Midland. EGR travels to Mt. Pleasant to take on Ogemaw Heights.

Muskegon Heights and Ravenna are also still alive. I was 4-1 last week. I left a win on the field, however, as I failed to pick the winner of the Lowell vs. Portage Central game. I can say without fear of backlash, I would have selected Lowell. This week's picks are: EGR faces an Ogemaw Heights squad that surprised Mt. Pleasant last week. Being they are playing in Mt. Pleasant, it would be a gamble to pick Heights. One I'm not willing to take. East wins! DeWitt entertains Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the other Division 3 semifinal. Orchard Lake wins! Ravenna plays Traverse City St. Francis in a Division 7 semifinal. Ravenna wins! Muskegon Heights plays its Division 7 semifinal against Jackson Lumen Christi. Jackson wins! Lowell travels to Howell to play Al Fracassa's Birmingham Brother Rice Warriors. I don't have a good feeling about this one. This may be where the journey ends. However, I am willing to gamble in Howell. Lowell wins!



November 11 - November 17

- GM said better results will allow them to start repaying government loans sooner than expected. The automaker said it anticipates paying \$1 billion of the \$6.7 billion to the U.S. Treasury. • Obama talks human rights in China, a country crucial to the United States efforts on a range of issues from climate to Iran to economic matters. Trade between the U.S. and China amounts to over \$400 billion a year. • The body of Chicago Board of Education President was found Monday in the Chicago River. Michael Scott reportedly disappeared from his Chicago home on Sunday. • An 11 year-old Idaho boy fatally shot a black bear on his family's front porch after he said it wouldn't leave. • In southwest Florida, town officials have ordered a man to get rid of his 300-plus pound pet pig, but the owner says he'd rather leave the town than give up the animal.

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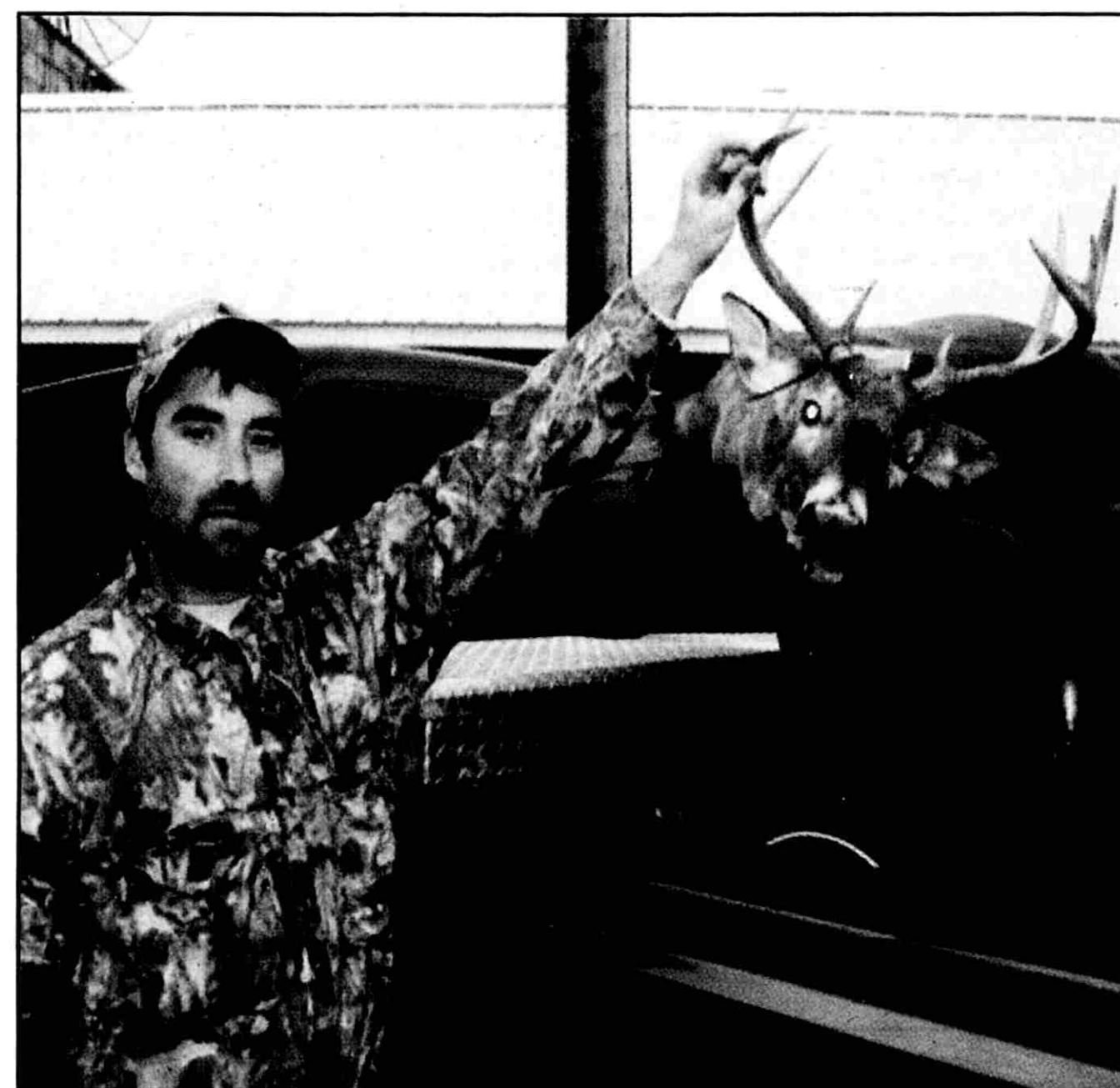
Huver and Dockery both received free oil changes for a year from Grand Chrysler-Dodge, a gift certificate from GOOD Chevrolet, Buick and a gift card from Bernard's Ace Hardware. With his Pennington 870 in hand, John Joling fired on an eight-point, 200 pound buck in the Fallasburg Park area. Joling has been hunting since the age of 15. "I saw the buck around 8:30. He was about 40 yards out when I shot him," Joling explained.

Alec Bobko, 15, in just his second year of deer hunting, was out with his Uncle (Kevin Baker) when he dropped a five-point, 130 pound buck in the Trufant area. It was Bobko's first buck. Had he had a license, Bobko could of put a turkey on the table for Thanksgiving. "There was a turkey up in the tree from where we were sitting," said Baker. Jake Gould made good on a nine-point, 190 pound

buck on Sunday near the Bailey, Alden Nash area. It marked the second time in three years he's got himself a buck on opening day. "He was chasing doe when I saw him (I was on the phone with my Dad)," Gould said. The Department of Natural Resources reported that it anticipated 642,000 hunters out on opening day and that 291,000 deer would be killed.



Chris Huver shot himself a five-point buck on his birthday.



Darren Dockery, pictured above, with his nine-point buck.



John Joling displays his opening day eight-point buck.



Alec Bobko is all smiles after shooting his first deer in his second year of hunting. Bobko shot himself a five-point buck. Pictured with Bobko is his uncle Kevin Baker (left).

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## Barbara Schmaltz

**Position:** Former chamber assistant  
**Age:** 77  
**Residence:** Lowell  
**Education:** High school Buchanan, MI, some college at Junior College in CA  
**Experience:** Buyer for Frost Inc. in Grand Rapids  
**Family:** Sons Dennis and Mark  
**Hobbies:** Used to play the piano, sew, crochet, play on the computer



### Chamber assistant will miss diverse environment

by Emma Palova

Barbara Schmaltz will mostly miss the people and the variety of tasks she had performed at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Schmaltz, who worked as an assistant to director Liz Baker two days a week, has retired for health reasons.

"Volunteerism is needed and appreciated," she said. "Age doesn't matter."

To Schmaltz, 77, age never mattered. When she retired from her job as a buyer for Frost Inc. in 1998, she was looking for something to do. At first she volunteered for Flat River Outreach Ministries.

One day before the Harvest Festival, Schmaltz came to Baker offering to

help out. And for the last four years she has been volunteering at the chamber and got paid in 2007.

"Barbara came to me all those years ago and said that I want to help you with tasks so that you can free up your time to [do] bigger and better things. She also wanted to organize me, which I would say she completed her mission," said Baker.

Schmaltz worked quietly behind the scenes utilizing her skills in publishing and being a great gatekeeper, according to Baker.

"Sometimes my husband couldn't get past her," said Baker.

Always eager to learn new things, Schmaltz

wasn't afraid of computer technology and progress in general.

"I wanted to learn computer technology," she said. "I did primarily computer work and whatever Liz told me to do."

Schmaltz learned the programs Access, Excel, Word and how to use the Internet. But, it was mostly the people that she really liked, as well as the inquiries about the existing businesses and research on the Internet.

"I liked the people there were regulars and those who came in with inquiries about starting a business," she said.

Schmaltz skillfully

handled every day mundane tasks from phone to sending out information and other chamber activities.

But her biggest and independent project was the annual Christmas Through Lowell tour. The chamber took the project over from Kraig and Jody Haybarker and pitched it to new heights, although a lot of it was already in place.

"The first year, we just copied it and it grew from there," she said.

Barbara took immediate ownership of the event, according to Baker.

"She took great pride in moving it to the next level," said Baker.

Schmaltz prepared the annual schedule, contacted participants who were

**Barbara Schmaltz has been a great asset to the chamber.**

going to be on the tour, did the correspondence, held meetings and gave the results. So, this year Schmaltz still got to work on her favorite project before retiring.

"I liked the planning of it," she said. "This year's tour is full. We have more people than in any of the previous years."

And Schmaltz reminded that the jam packed tour with more than one participant at each station is coming up this weekend.

"The word has gotten out," she said. "People come from all over the state. They know about it from the web site or from people who live here."

Schmaltz loved the diversity of the chamber business. She worked with Baker on new projects and developing contacts such as the Business Directory.

"We went through two publications of the directory together," said Baker. "This is another one of those projects that requires lots of time and detail, all of which Barbara did beautifully."

Schmaltz's long term vision is that under Baker's direction, the chamber will continue to be innovative in programs and events.

"The chamber is forward looking and there will be more events," she said.



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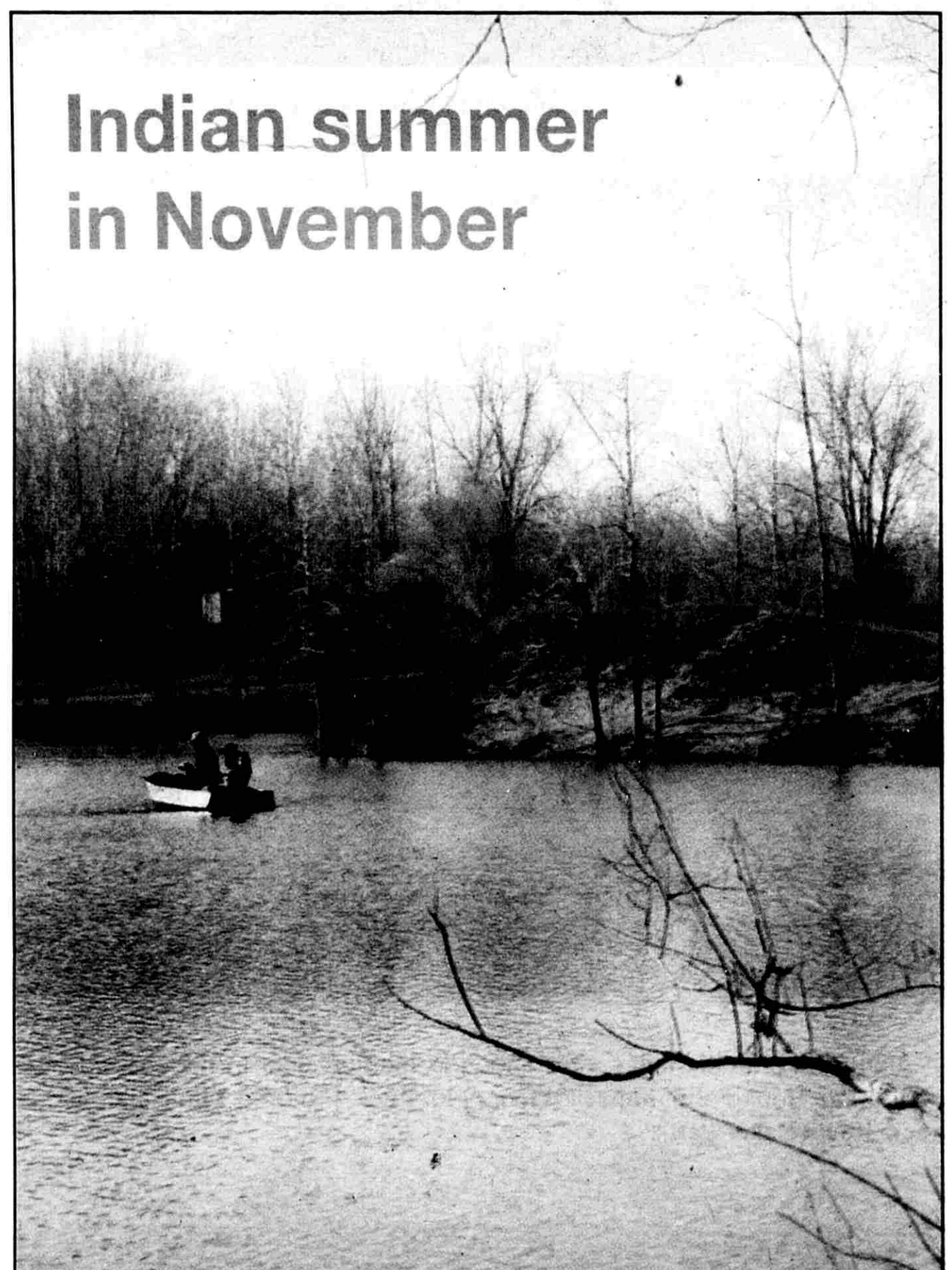
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## Indian summer in November

Unseasonably warm temperatures last week, in the mid to upper 60s, brought fishermen out to the area lakes such as Stoney Lake. Walkers on the area trails and golfers at the Arrowhead Golf Course also enjoyed the late Indian summer weather.