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## Annual tree sale raises funds for a cause

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Holiday preparations began at 677 Lincoln Lake Avenue where the Lowell Relay For Life is hosting their sixth annual Christmas tree sale.

The fundraising holiday sale hosted by A1 Laser donates 100 percent of the profits to the American Cancer Society.

The yearly sale opened the day after Thanksgiving and will remain open until all 350 trees are sold. The locally grown trees come in a wide variety, including fraser, balsam and Douglas firs, blue spruce and Scotch pine. Prices start at just \$19.50 and according to team captain and sale planner Nanette Grim, "We have a lot of large trees and some five foot and smaller trees due to requests from some folks last season."



Grim has been heading up the A-1 Laser team since the Lowell event began in 2005. Her team has consistently been the event's

most successful fundraiser due in part to this sale.

Grim is quick to point out that she could not do it without her fellow

teammates and family, "All of the team members take turns and really enjoy the time at the lot. Who doesn't like seeing folks pick out

Christmas trees?" The lot is open Monday through Friday from 9-7, Saturday 9-6 and Sunday from 12-5.

## A forever family -

## Lowell family welcomes two sons on Adoption Day

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

A Lowell family got two new additions as part of Adoption Day on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The two brothers, seven-year-old Jazarion Perry and

months, so we've just been waiting for this day," Amber Perry said. "We've always considered them sons, now it's just official."

Adoption Day is a national event that started in 2000. It is usually held during the week of Thanksgiving. Each year on Adoption Day, law firms, state foster care agencies, child advocate groups and courts all over the nation work together to complete thousands of foster care adoptions. In Michigan, Adoption Day is sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court,



Judge Robert Sykes, Jr. watches over Jazarion and Jahleel Perry as they sign their orders of adoption.

two-year-old Jahleel Perry; were officially adopted by Joshua and Amber Perry of Lowell, who now have eight children. The brothers have been living with their new family since July 25, 2014 and are the new siblings of Cheyanne, Trent, Sierra, Sean, Josiah and Larissa Perry.

"Jazarion and Jahleel have been with us for about 16

the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange and the Child Welfare Services Division of the State Court Administrative Office. There are currently 13,000 children in foster care in Michigan.

Adoption hearings are usually done in private, but not on Adoption Day. The small courtroom in the Ionia County courthouse

was packed with family and friends of the Perrys, each of whom offered words of encouragement and applause during the special hearing.

"It's an adoption hearing, a regular court hearing in

a judge's courtroom," said court clerk Christy Ray. "On Adoption Day we open up these hearings to the public, normally they're private. The judge finalizes the adoption. It's a little bit different than a

normal court hearing. It gets a little rowdy, a little happy. We live it up that day. It's a small courtroom, but we pack it pretty full."

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## State title hopes dashed for Red Arrows in last seconds of play at Ford Field



Arrow fans stood shocked after the last-second score cost the team the state title. Story on page 9.

# FROM asking for help for the holidays

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Flat River Outreach Ministries is looking for volunteers and donations to make this holiday season something special for everybody in Lowell. Last year FROM served a ham or turkey dinner to 350 households and brought toys to children in 175 households.

"We have barrels at several different locations where we collect unwrapped toys, clothing, hats, gloves, mittens, books and games," said Dawn Broene, FROM executive director. "We also like gift certificates for those hard to shop for teens. We always are in need for items for teenagers."

One of FROM's most important needs right now is manpower.

"We always need volunteers," Broene said. "We set up during the day Dec. 9 and 10 and do finishing touches Dec. 11. We also have two shifts of volunteers on Dec. 12, one from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. During the week volunteers help unpack and set up the rooms for distribution. The day of distribution, volunteers assist parents with selections of toys or

help hand out Christmas dinner packages."

If you don't have any extra time, FROM can always use a few extra bucks. They often find that, despite all the donated items, there are usually a

few extra things they need to take care of.

"As we are setting up for the distribution we take inventory and compare it to the kids that are signed up," Broene said. "If we have ages where we think we do

not have enough items, we will go out and purchase for that age group and gender."

If you want to donate, Broene said it would be most helpful if you could do so by Dec. 9. Donation of items or cash should be delivered or mailed to the FROM office, 11535 Fulton St. People who want to volunteer should call Diane Kleczynski at 897-8260. If you live in the Lowell school district and are in need of the assistance offered by FROM, you can sign up at FROM until Dec. 8.



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**WEDNESDAY:** French toast sticks served w/eggs, hash-browns, fruit & veggie bar, spinach & romaine side salad, celery sticks, apple slices, orange juice.

**THURSDAY:** BBQ pork ribbie on a bun; (chicken nuggets served at Bushnell), mashed potatoes & gravy, fruit & veggie bar, spinach & romaine side salad, jicama, (baby carrots served at Bushnell), strawberries, peaches.

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## along main street

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Lowell's Nighttime Santa Parade will be at 6 pm. The parade will start at the fairgrounds and make its way through downtown on Saturday, Dec. 5.

### COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month from 8-10 am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

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This event is open to the public for all ages of kids and there is no charge for this event. There will be snacks, games and prizes. There will be arts and crafts. Come sing a song with Herbie the Clown and win big bucks. Get your picture taken with Santa. Held at the Lowell Moose Lodge Sat., Dec. 12 from 10 am to 1 pm. For information contact Brenda Schullo, 616-282-663.

### CHRISTMAS IN FALLSBURG

This community celebration is a benefit for the continued preservation of the historic village sponsored by the Fallsburg Historical Society. The 140-year-old "Schoolhouse" once again will open its doors to welcome you with traditional holiday music by the "Hawks & Owls" band, wine, cheese, cider, coffee and lots of Christmas goodies, plus a roaring bonfire in adjacent Falls Field to cap off the evening. Held at Fallsburg Schoolhouse, 13944 Covered Bridge Road from 6 to 9 pm, Saturday, Dec. 12. For more information go to [www.fallsburg.org](http://www.fallsburg.org) or call 616-682-0785.

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~Richard Lamm

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# Beloved Lowell educator and historian remembered

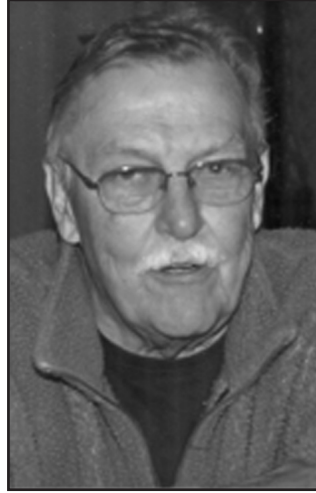
by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Beloved Lowell educator Mark Weber passed away on Saturday, Nov. 21, at age 70. Weber was an English teacher, tennis coach and principal at the middle school for decades. He worked in Lowell schools from 1968 until his retirement 2001. He was also involved in a video project that documented the experiences of local war veterans.

“We were very good friends,” said Louis Dudeck, former elementary school principal. “No one could ever say a bad word about Mark. He was everybody’s friend. He never had a harsh word for anyone. He was a wonderful teacher. There are very few people like him. He would do anything for anyone.

“We were good friends,” said Jack Misner, retired Lowell band director. “I met him about 30 years ago when I moved to Lowell. There are some people you meet that you have an immediate connection with right away and I felt that way with Mark. I never heard him say an unkind word about anybody. He was very intelligent and very well-read. He was devoted to his family. He was the friend that everybody should have. He helped a lot of people in his life. How can you have a more full life than that? He made me a better person by being his friend. I was lucky to know him. Everybody grumbles about their job sometimes, but that was the thing about Mark. I never heard him grumble

about being a teacher or an administrator. He always had a positive, philosophical view of things.”



Mark Weber

Weber dedicated his adult life to mentoring Lowell’s youth. Education

was the issue he was most passionate about.

“I have always felt that the education of our children is one of the most important and critical responsibilities a society has and I have dedicated my life to that end,” Weber said in a letter published in the Lowell Ledger on Oct. 22, 2014. “There are very few things that are more important than giving our children a fighting chance to be successful in the global economy in which they now compete for jobs. Just warehousing them for 12 years is not enough. It has to be quality education which also takes a financial commitment to attract the most qualified people to go into teaching and a commitment to provide

the necessary support and materials to get the job done.”

During his last years, Weber spearheaded an effort to document the history of Lowell’s military veterans, especially those who served during wartime.

“After he retired he was involved with Grand Valley State University in recording audio histories of World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans,” Misner said.

“He was very active in the veterans history project in Kent County,” Dudeck said. “He would contact veterans and have students

from his English class do interviews with veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. We got real tight as a result of that. He was very interested and concerned with veterans projects and how to help veterans, to make sure that what they did wasn’t forgotten. He made a number of videos of interviews with different vets that are now part of the archives.”

Weber is survived by his wife, Ginny; his children, Bethany and Erin; his grandchildren, Sydney and London; as well as many siblings, nieces and nephews.

## State’s liquor licensees reminded to keep holidays safe for patrons

Celebrating the holidays means increased liquor sales and added crowds to area restaurants, bars and other businesses. Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) chairman Andy Deloney today offered tips for the state’s 17,000 liquor licensees to help ensure a safe and successful holiday season.

“The state’s liquor licensees and associated businesses contribute billions of dollars to Michigan’s economy and help create thousands of good-paying jobs,” said Deloney. “Staying in compliance with the rules and regulations helps licensees avoid fines and penalties, grow business and helps keep the customers and establishments safe. Continue to educate staff so they know and apply policies consistently.”

### Tips for liquor licensees serving minors/fake identification

- Always check the identification (ID) of a person who appears less than 21 years old. The holiday season may increase the temptation for minors to purchase alcohol, enter establishments or use a false ID.
- Deter the use of false IDs by informing minors that under Michigan law an attempt to purchase liquor by using a false ID is a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment and civil fines.
- Many counterfeits are caught when staff takes the time to be sure the ID corresponds to the person in front of them.
- Can the person answer basic questions based on the details of the ID?

• Establish a policy and procedure for staff to follow when dealing with customers with possible fake IDs.

If you think the ID is false, you can call law enforcement for assistance.

### Intoxicated customers/over serving

- Do not sell or serve alcoholic beverages to a person who appears intoxicated and do not allow an intoxicated person to consume alcoholic

beverages on the licensed premises.

• It is the licensee’s responsibility to make certain that no one becomes intoxicated in their business and that any intoxicated person who enters their establishment is not allowed to purchase or consume alcohol.

- Because intoxication is a gradual process

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## Liquor licenses, continued

caused by excessive alcohol consumption, licensees need to identify when customers are approaching intoxication and how to manage their consumption.

- Many excellent training courses are available to aid licensees and their employees in identifying intoxicated individuals. Contact your association, local authorities, or the MLCC regarding server training programs.

There are serious penalties for selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors and intoxicated individuals, including criminal penalties, fines and possible license revocation. The licensee may also be held liable in civil suits when the sale or furnishing of alcoholic beverages is found to be the proximate cause of damage, injury or death of an innocent party.

### Capacity/overcrowding

- Capacity is not just a head count. Overcrowding can lead to altercations, obstructed exits and can become a fire hazard. Know your establishment's capacity level to ensure a safe and enjoyable time for your guests.

- Have management and staff observe if people are moving freely around the establishment. An on-

premises licensee shall post, in a visible place, a sign stating the total capacity of each public room of the licensed establishment, based upon the capacity established by the state or local authorities.

- If the capacity of your business has not been determined by local authorities, please check with the MLCC for the specific guidelines found within the liquor code.

### Hours of operation

- Ensure management and staff knows and understands Michigan's unique regulation regarding hours of operation during the holidays.

- Christmas sales: The sale of alcoholic beverages must end on Christmas Eve, December 24, by midnight and may not begin again until noon on Christmas day, December 25. Normal legal hours for alcohol sales resume on December 26.

- New Year's sales: On-premises licensees – sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited between 4 am and 7 am on New Year's Day. Off-premises licensees – (convenience food, drug, grocery stores, etc.) are prohibited from selling alcoholic beverages between 2 am and 7 am on New Year's Day.

### Other prohibited acts

- Maintain a heightened sense of awareness of potentially illegal activity, including violence, drugs and gambling.

- Maintaining control of the premises is the licensee's responsibility. Keep order and control of the premises by constant observance of customers and situations.

- Establish a policy and procedure for staff to report suspected illegal activity to management.

- Licensees do not have enforcement authority and cannot arrest anyone. However, employees can demand that a customer leave the premises. If the situation appears threatening, call the local police.

- Be aware, however, that excessive police calls may result in violations. Don't let your business become a place noted for illegal activities thereby jeopardizing your liquor license and your standing in the community. Work with law enforcement and the MLCC to reduce or eliminate illegal activities.

More helpful information can be found on the MLCC website: [www.michigan.gov/lcc](http://www.michigan.gov/lcc) or in the Commission's Guide for Retail Liquor Licensees.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### poll suggestions

To the Editor  
The DDA – Downtown Development Authority was formed over twenty years ago to revitalize the downtown area. A lot has changed since the DDA was formed over twenty years ago.

I believe building a new city hall and police station and the original river walk which are all in the downtown area was a tradeoff and the consequence of that trade off brought about roads that are twice the age of replacement. Now the city is burdened with

an underfunded pension plan, a new pump station to be built, equipment that needs to be replaced and twenty miles of roads to be replaced. The one mil allocated each year for road work is not even close to being enough to do the city's new five-year road plan and the five-year plan isn't even close to doing all the roads needed to be replaced. It seems the city's magic wand ran out of its powers when the stretch of North Washington St. that borders the Oakwood Cemetery was turned into something that

resembles a gravel road. It's time to get realistic. The amount of funding going into the general fund just doesn't cut it. I believe the council should consider the DDA as a source of revenue for the general fund. The LCTV fund should be another source of revenue. I know that there's going to be controversy over both proposals, especially from the DDA.

A poll should be taken to see where the constituents stand on the subjects. The poll would give five options to choose from. 1. A small raise in taxes which would be added to the one mil already allocated for road repair. 2. Having the DDA pay a cost of maintaining the Lowell police department

which would go into the general fund for road replacement adding to the one mil already allocated for road replacement. 3. Using all the interest from the Lowell Cable TV fund which would be added to the one mil already allocated for road replacement until the roads are replaced. 4. Do both options two and three. 5. Use only the one mil that's already allocated for road replacement.

Taking a poll on the subject would be a start in the right direction toward a well-needed conversation. I suggest that the Lowell Ledger do the poll.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell

## outdoors

### attitude

Dave Stegehuis

Warmer than usual fall weather made it easy to forget that winter is on the way. Popular hunting seasons are winding down and it may be time to store the golf clubs. Some folks are preparing to bail out for warmer locations. Others spend the winter in Michigan because they have to or do so by choice.

Wintertime in Michigan provides opportunities to engage in activities not possible in warmer climates. Because life is mostly attitude, think of snow and cold as conditions which open up a great number of opportunities to get out and do a whole bunch of neat things not possible in other places.

Shoveling snow may not be at the top of everyone's favorite activity list. For those able, however, it is an activity which accomplishes a necessary task while providing physical exercise and fresh air. Our 350 foot driveway is bare asphalt all winter. We do crank up the snow blower if the snowfall is exceptionally deep and heavy. Whoever thought that shoveling snow was a great opportunity? It's about attitude.

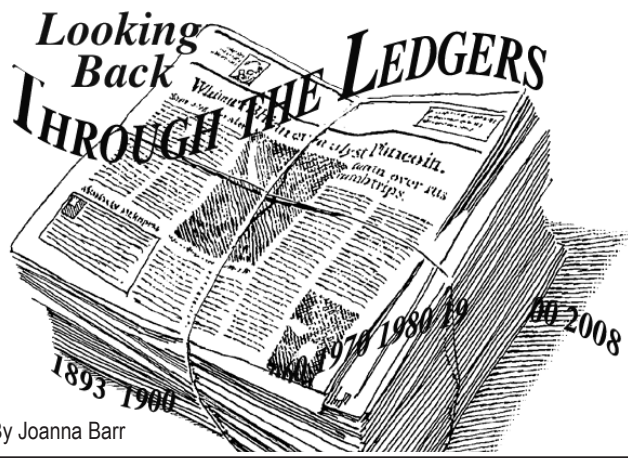
Winter sports are definitely the most popular pastime during the winter months. Michigan's topography, vast public lands, and water resources provide opportunities for everyone to engage in his or

her favorite activities.

Observe a stretch of a northbound highway on a Friday afternoon in mid-winter and notice the number of trailered snowmobiles. Extensive trail systems lead to the far corners of the state. Not into the whine of a high RPM engine and the smell of exhaust in the damp morning air, then step into a pair of cross country skis or snowshoes and travel silently through beautiful winter scenes in solitude. If you can't give up speed and action, then downhill skiing may be for you.

Hunters who don't want to take a break can find game of some sort to hunt into April. Serious ice fishing can be done very economically because location is more important than expensive fishing gear and seasons for certain species are open all year.

Just getting out for fresh air and exercise while enjoying postcard scenery and active resident wildlife, is a unique experience in the winter. Readjust your attitude and look at the coming season as a time to seek enjoyable experiences in the outdoors. Spring will arrive and deliver the promise of new life and pleasant weather. We will also look forward to that time of year. Our four very distinct seasons keep life interesting where we live. It is all about attitude.



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal December 3, 1890

Lowell enjoyed the luxury of two first class robberies Thanksgiving night. Marvin Hine's house was broken into and all the canned fruit, that Mrs. Hine had so carefully prepared before going west was taken. They also went through the house, the contents of every drawer being dumped on the floor. The beds were treated in the same manner and every place that any article could be hidden in was thoroughly ransacked. How much was taken it is impossible to tell, although Mrs. J. W. Broadbent knows of nothing but the fruit. The residence Mrs. Horton was also broken into, but nothing was taken. They opened some canned fruit and made a meal and from the looks of things evidently spent the night there.

Harry Kinsley met with a severe accident last Friday. While trying to ride a bicycle he ran close to where Jay Taylor was splitting wood and tipped over just in time to receive the blow of the ax. On his head he was cut severely, but was not dangerously hurt.

The interior of the King Milling Co's mill is fast beginning to take on the looks of a flouring mill.

Two spans of the new railroad bridge are in position and the whole will be completed before the date specified, Jan. 1st, 1891.

Dr. E. W. Wells, of Grand Rapids, having sold out his practice in that city, will in the future make surgery, dentistry and lameness a specialty and will be in Lowell one day every two weeks, commencing on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Miss Ida Edison will open a class in elocution I O G. T. hall, Monday, Dec. 8th, at 4:00 P.M. All interested

are invited to be present. Special attention will be given to gestures and vocal drill.

Henry Parker, of Kalkaska, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Parker and other friends in this place. This is his first visit to his old home in seven years, but there has been no change in him. Same boy.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger December 2, 1915

Suffrage club formed. A very interesting meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Althen Monday, Nov. 29 for the purpose of organizing an Equal Franchise club. The suffrage question was the principal topic for the afternoon and was discussed at some length, after which an organization was perfected with twelve charter members. The subjects for study are as follows: Parliamentary Law. The Susan B. Anthony Amendment. Michigan Laws for Women. On motion the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. R. B. Boylan, December 6 at 2:30 p. m.—[Sec.

Simon Collins, who with Pat Farrell and John Platte, disturbed the quietude of Ada's Thanksgiving dance, was arrested on a warrant and brought before Justice Loucks Saturday morning. He pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$8 and costs. The other two men paid fines Friday.

Last week was the banner week for bean threshing. Nearly every farmer in this vicinity engaged in it.

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A Saranac man, asked if he had any trouble in supporting his family, replied that he did not; but that his wife experienced some difficulty. Lucky man; and Lowell has some of the same kind.

Ninety-eight people have been killed on Detroit's streets since January 1, sixty of them by automobiles. Detroit's fame as a great slaughtermobile town is world-wide.

In his efforts to "die poor," Andrew Carnegie has whittled his fortune down to a paltry twenty millions. As Andy is 80, he will have to "go some" if he reaches his goal. However, lest he despair, here is a never failing remedy for bloated bond holders: Start a country newspaper. It's as sure as death and taxes.

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# Celebrating community at annual Thanksgiving dinner

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Guests gathered at the First Congregational United Church of Christ last Thursday afternoon for the sixth annual Lowell Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Close to 200 meals were served at the event made possible by donations and volunteers of the community's churches and Flat River Outreach Ministries. The event was conceived in an effort to encourage a sense of community and fellowship by literally offering neighbors the opportunity to break bread on the Thanksgiving holiday. Since its inception the event has experienced a steady growth in both volunteers and attendees.

This year's volunteers prepped, cooked and served a full-course meal featuring the traditional turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole and a variety of alternate sides and desserts. The team peeled, cooked and mashed 80 pounds of potatoes and dressed and cooked 15 turkeys for the well-attended event.

Volunteers also greeted, waited on guests and bussed tables for a full service restaurant experience. Guests enjoyed the hearty meal served on glass dinnerware while sitting at festive tables adorned by candlelight and pumpkin centerpieces.



Kitchen helpers Jim Petrovich and Ron Wood.



Volunteers Kathy Doyle, Emily Elms and event coordinator Shannon Hanley.



Tables were set with linen tablecloths, pumpkins and candlelight.



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The December Board of Review will meet as follows:

**Tuesday, December 15, 2015  
at 11:00am**

ACT 14 OF 1985, being Section 211.53(b) of the General Property Tax Law, provides for corrections of clerical errors or a mutual mistakes of fact relative to the correct assessment figures, and the corrections of Principle Residence Exemptions, these shall be verified by the local assessing officer and approved by the board of review at a meeting held for that purpose, to be held on any day of the week of the 2nd Monday in December.

On December 15, 2015, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 11:00am in the City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331, to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

Posted December 1, 2015



City of Lowell Clerk  
Sue Ullery

# Christmas Festivities & Annual Night-time Santa Parade **WhoVile** Saturday, December 5th

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm** Rogue River Artisans  
32nd Annual Fine Art and Craft Holiday Show,  
over 100 juried artisans, Lowell High School,  
11700 Vergennes

**2:30 pm - 4:00 pm** Santa Visits on the  
Magical Lowell Showboat, hot cocoa and cookies  
in the Cookie Room adopted by Laurels of Kent,  
Riverwalk Plaza - suggested donation \$2

**2:00 pm - 4:30 pm** Rudolph's Craft  
Workshop in the Chamber building  
(children 2 to 6), adopted by LAS TOTS,  
113 Riverwalk Plaza

**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm** Pancake Supper, King  
Memorial Center at Lowell Fairgrounds, S.  
Hudson Street - suggested donation \$5 per adult/\$3 per  
child benefits premium fund at fair

**4:45 pm - 5:45 pm** Kids eat with Santa,  
King Memorial Center at Lowell Fairgrounds,  
S. Hudson St.

**5:45 pm** *WhoVile* Sweet Tooth Jubilee  
along Main Street -  
sweet treats will be handed out to children along the parade route

**6:00 pm** Annual Night-time Santa Parade  
*WhoVile*, Main Street Lowell - Parade sets off from  
the Lowell Fairgrounds at 6:00 pm, sheep and reindeer cost along  
Historic Main Street, ending at the First United Methodist  
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# A forever family, continued

Ionia County judge Robert Sykes, Jr. presided over the adoption ceremony.

“It is an absolute honor and privilege to be a part of something so special and meaningful,” Sykes said. “It’s a wonderful day for everyone. All I’m doing today is dotting the Is and crossing the Ts on a relationship that this family has already recognized for a long time. It’s important that we give recognition to this relationship, because from this day forward they are making a life-long commitment to those boys. A commitment to ensure that all of their needs are met, whether they are emotional, spiritual, physical, educational or whatever. It’s easy to be there during the good times and there will be plenty of good times, but it’s a bit more difficult and challenging to be there during the inevitable bumps in the road that life will throw their way. You’re giving these boys permanence. You’re giving them the forever family that all children deserve but that unfortunately not all children have.”

Amber Perry said that she’s always dreamed of

adopting children someday.

“Adoption is close to my heart,” Perry said. “I’m a big advocate for fostering and adoption.”

Perry said her original plan was to try for an international adoption, but that didn’t work out.

“We wanted to do an adoption from Ghana but they closed their borders to adoption,” Perry said. “We took some time off, did some praying, hosted an exchange student from Thailand, then started doing the classes through Bethany Christian Services and got our foster care license in 2014.”

As soon as Perry heard about Adoption Day she knew she wanted to be part of it.

“Last year [was] I first saw that November was National Adoption Month, so it was super awesome when our adoption worker called and said, ‘The judge wants to get you in for Adoption Day next week,’” Perry said.

Another event to benefit foster children is the Big Family of Michigan’s bicycle raffle. The organization is raffling off two brand new bicycles at the Electric Christmas Parade in Ionia on Dec. 4. All you have to do to



The Perry family posing with Judge Robert Sykes, Jr. after the adoption.

enter is donate a brand new, unwrapped toy or gift at the parade.

“For every one new item that you bring, you’ll get one raffle ticket,” said Big Family of Michigan volunteer Kim Glick. “For

every two new items you [bring] those tickets will be put in a drawing at the end of the night and two lucky winners will receive a bike.”

Big Family of Michigan is an organization dedicated to providing scholarships, gifts

and school supplies to kids in foster care or adoption situations.

“You’re just not giving a toy to some random person,” Glick said. “You’re giving a toy to a child that needs it, that has gone through so

much already. A gift like that can make their whole entire year, because they know that somebody cares. We’re hoping it will bring Ionia County together.”

## Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

# SPORTS

## Division II state title hopes dashed for Red Arrows in last seconds of play at Ford Field

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Heartbreaking. That was the word echoed among the thousands of Arrow fans at Ford Field last Saturday afternoon after their team, who held the lead the entire game, lost the Division II state championship by two points in the final play of the game.

The 40-38 loss sent

shock waves through both sides of the stadium as the Detroit Martin Luther King team stormed the field and the Red Arrows felt the crushing blow of the last second loss. “Lowell kids are tough kids and they battle and they fight and they are not afraid of challenges,” said head

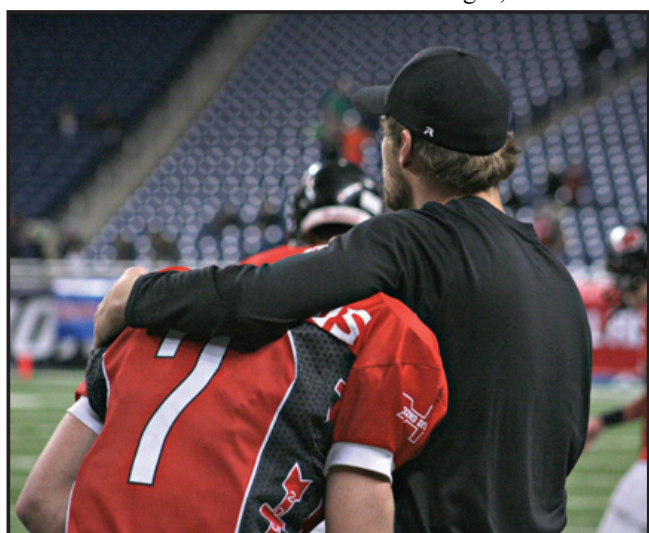
coach Noel Dean in a post game interview. “I said to them in the locker room just now that I’m proud of them. I’m the luckiest guy in the world. It’s a great town with great kids and great families.”

The Arrows entered the game with a 12-1 season record after earning twelve consecutive victories on the journey to Ford Field. Despite their impressive season resume and top ranked talent, including quarterback Ryan Stevens, running back Max Dean and wide receiver Gabe Steed, the Arrows were not favored to win the game.

King came in to the game ranked number one in Division II after the highly recruited team tallied a perfect 13-0 season. Hardly anyone outside of Lowell



Quarterback Ryan Stevens moves around the outside for a fourth quarter touchdown.



A coach offers a reassuring shoulder for a Lowell player.

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## Giving Wisely: Schuette partners with nonprofits to help Michigan citizens make smart donations

The Michigan Non-profit Association, Council of Michigan Foundations, Michigan Association of United Ways, and Attorney General Bill Schuette today released a helpful resource to help Michigan donors make wise charitable gifts this holiday season.

"Michigan residents have generous hearts and their donations support the selfless work of the charitable organizations who assist those in need across our state," said Schuette. "*Giving Wisely* helps educate donors to ensure their financial gifts will do the most good and that every dollar makes a difference."

As the holiday season approaches and many charities begin end of the year fundraising appeals, the free *Giving Wisely* handout provides timely and critical advice to anyone considering a donation. The resource informs Michigan citizens how best to avoid scams when making their charitable contributions and recommends caution when dealing with fundraising telemarketers.

*Giving Wisely* also reminds citizens to carefully choose which charities to financially support and encourages donating time and talents to engage with the charity's work directly. The *Giving Wisely* handout is available for download and can be read on the Attorney General's website at [www.michigan.gov/AG](http://www.michigan.gov/AG), Michigan Nonprofit Association's website [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org), and the Council of Michigan Foundations website [www.michiganfoundations.org](http://www.michiganfoundations.org)

Since taking office in 2011, Schuette's Charitable Trust Section has combatted charity fraud and helped to educate Michigan families and businesses to make the most of their generous donations.

In September, Schuette ordered Childhood Leukemia Foundation Inc. (CLF), a New Jersey-based 501(c)(3) charity, to cease and desist its harassing phone calls to Michigan residents. Schuette's action was also based on complaints that CLF filed false and misleading financial statements drastically overstating CLF's charitable activities to hide that 80-90 percent of their donations received go toward fundraising costs, not children.

In May 2015, Schuette joined a federal and multistate crackdown on four phony cancer charities for scamming \$187 million from consumers across the country.

On February 26, 2014, Schuette announced a \$45,000 settlement with professional fundraiser Associated Community Services (ACS), of Southfield, to resolve complaints that it wrongly used the Attorney General Office's name to convince senior citizens to contribute credit card information via fundraising calls. ACS was a professional fundraiser for Children's Cancer Fund, Cancer Fund and Breast Cancer Society.

Before you write a check, please feel free to call the Attorney General's Charitable Trust Section (517) 373-1152 to inquire about a charity or ascertain information that a charity has provided to you. Check on an organization's license and learn more about charities, public safety organizations, and the laws they must follow by visiting [www.michigan.gov/agcharitysearch](http://www.michigan.gov/agcharitysearch)

# Registration under way for this winter's 'Becoming an Outdoors Woman' program in the Upper Peninsula

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced today registration is open for this winter's "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" (BOW) program, which is set for Feb. 26-28 in Marquette County.

This winter will mark the 16th annual winter BOW gathering for women, 18 and older, who are seeking an opportunity to improve their outdoor skills in a relaxed, noncompetitive atmosphere.

"Registration for this popular program is already filling up fast," said Sharon Pitz, BOW program coordinator in Marquette.

Typically, about 80 women attend the weekend's activities.

The BOW program is sponsored by the DNR and offers instruction in more than a dozen different types of indoor and outdoor activities, including cross-country skiing, archery, winter shelter building, ice fishing, fly tying, wilderness first aid, wood burning and more.

Instructors provide basic and advanced teaching that is tailored to each participant's individual ability. The program also includes special evening programs during the weekend.

BOW participants stay



and take their classes at the Bay Cliff Health Camp, a universally accessible facility overlooking Lake Superior, which is situated about 30 miles north of Marquette near Big Bay.

Participants will be housed in a dorm-style facility with amenities including a sauna and hiking trails with access to northern hardwood forests and Lake Superior.

The \$185 registration fee includes all food and

lodging, as well as most equipment and supplies, except as noted in the registration materials. Scholarships are also available on a limited basis.

Class information and registration materials are available online at [www.michigan.gov/bow](http://www.michigan.gov/bow). Registration fee payments may be made online through the website's E-store.

For more information on the winter BOW program,

contact Sharon Pitz at the DNR office in Marquette at 906-228-6561 or by e-mail at [pitzs@michigan.gov](mailto:pitzs@michigan.gov).

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

## Mackinac Bridge tokens and anniversary posters available for holiday gift-giving

Mackinac Bridge tokens and anniversary posters available for holiday gift-giving

November 6, 2015 -- If you've got a Mackinac Bridge fan in the family, the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) has anniversary posters, commemorative tokens, and medallions available for purchase by mail or in the authority's administration building in St. Ignace.

"Admirers of the bridge who missed out on the first run of anniversary posters or didn't know bridge tokens are still available have another opportunity to get these commemorative

items," said MBA Executive Secretary Bob Sweeney.

The authority reprinted the four poster designs from the bridge's 50th anniversary due to popular demand. In 2007, the limited-quantity original posters ("Mighty Mac," "Connecting Peninsulas," "50th Logo," and "Mackinac Bridge") went quickly.

The posters are available in four designs for \$10 each or \$30 for any combination of four. The designs are shown on the Mackinac Bridge website: [www.mackinacbridge.org/mackinac-bridge-posters-68/](http://www.mackinacbridge.org/mackinac-bridge-posters-68/).

Also available is a series of tokens and medallions offered in gift packs, including:

- 2000 Mackinac Bridge – Michigan's Greatest Engineering Feat of the 20th Century - 2002 The Opening of the Bridge View Park
- 2003 P.M. Brown "Father of the Mackinac Bridge"
- 2004 50th Anniversary of the Start of Mackinac Bridge Construction
- 2005 MDOT 100th Anniversary
- 2008 Michigan State Ferries (eight available, including the Ariel, Saint Ignace, Mackinaw City, Straits of Mackinac, City of Cheboygan, City of Munising, City of Petoskey, and Vacationland)
- 2007 Dr. David B. Steinman/50th Anniversary
- 2010 Priority Mail U.S. Postage Stamp
- 2010 National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark/Lawrence A. Rubin medallion

Images of the tokens and medallions are available online at: <http://mackinacbridge.org/token-order-form-21/>  
The gift sets are \$10 each, rolls of tokens are \$96, and shipping and handling varies by quantity ordered.



# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell senior accepts basketball scholarship

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Ally Frederickson recently accepted a basketball scholarship from Findlay University in northern Ohio. The feat accomplished two things: a goal Frederickson set for herself her freshman year and the advancement of the culture of basketball success at Lowell High School.

Frederickson, now a senior, started playing basketball in the fifth grade at the YMCA and has continued as a Red Arrow throughout middle and high school. She said her love for the sport really developed after joining a travel team in the ninth grade, "It really made my passion for basketball grow and I knew it had to be in my future."

Over the past three years at LHS, Frederickson has been an integral part of the teams. According to varsity head coach Jake Strotheide, "Ally is a gifted athlete who gives us so much defensively. She's a rim protector at 6' 0" who has broken school records in shots blocked. She's also athletic enough to come out and guard ball handlers. Offensively, she has really improved her game. She's so understanding of her surroundings and knows

what to do with the ball before it gets to her."

This season Strotheide expects her to continue to be a force on the court for the up-and-coming squad. Frederickson credits much of her success to Strotheide and fellow coaching staff Jesse Vasquez and David Flowers.

"In high school I was lucky enough to have coach Strotheide take over the Lowell basketball program and he really made a positive impact on it. Along with coach Vasquez and coach Flowers they have all motivated me so much and are the hardest working team of coaches I have ever experienced," Frederickson said.

Frederickson was scouted by Findlay recruiters at a tournament and after researching the small Christian private college, she knew it was a good fit for her future.

Coach Strotheide said he and the other coaches could not be more proud of her accomplishment. "Ally has done it the right way her entire life. She's really worked for her accomplishments and she deserves everything she gets. She just does everything with class and



**Ally Frederickson with Lowell's basketball coaching staff, left to right: David Flowers (freshman), Jesse Vasquez (JV) and Jake Strotheide (varsity) at her recent signing party.**

hard work," said Strotheide.

Last year the Lady Arrows basketball program ended the season with winning records across the court in one of the best seasons on record. The

varsity squad went 14-9 after blasting through Cedar Springs for a spot in the district final. The freshman team ended the season 18-2 while the JV squad logged a perfect 20-0 season.

"The team looks really good this year. We are a close knit group, we all support each other and have very talented athletic girls on our team so we are going

to be very competitive. My hope is to win a title we can display on the gym wall, it's about time for our program," said Frederickson.



**Shannon Hoekstra's poster on a downtown Grand Rapids sports store along with three others from the area.**

## Hoekstra named athlete of the month in GR

Shannon Hoekstra has received the Reynolds and Sons Athlete of the Month for November award. Four students a month are selected in the greater Grand Rapids area and their poster is displayed in downtown Grand Rapids.

Hoekstra was nominated by coaches, peers and her principal. Nominations are based on academic excellence, athletics, community service, volunteer time, plus leadership roles.

She is a junior at

Lowell High School and plays volleyball. She is also involved in the youth advisory council, National Honors Society, drama club and her church youth group.

She is the daughter of Henry and Christine Hoekstra.

## Sports Summaries

### HOCKEY

The Lowell/Caledonia/South Christian hockey team kicked off their season at the Kentwood Ice Arena November 21 with a 4-2 third period comeback win over the Kalamazoo Eagles and a dominant 6-3 win over Kalamazoo United the following day. The team also participated in the Hockey Night in Cadillac Thanksgiving Tournament last weekend where they picked up their third win against Cadillac 3-2 and ended with a record of 1-1.

### WRESTLING

Three senior Red Arrow wrestlers made verbal commitments to compete at the collegiate level at Division I schools prior to the kickoff of their final season in Lowell this winter. Zeth Dean will be joining older brother Kanon at Harvard University, Max Dean will join his brother Gabe at Cornell University and Lucas Hall will be lending his talents to Michigan State University.

### COMPETITIVE CHEER

Second year cheer coach Diane Jager recently announced that the school will not have a team representing them in competition this season. Citing a lack of interest as the cause, Jager expressed her disappointment, "We had five seniors decide not to return and only two freshman coming up. It is a shame for sure." In 2015 the then large squad placed sixth in the conference, nabbed a first-place finish at Delton-Kellogg early in the season, secured new mats through a donation from Meijer and hosted the school's first Arrowfest.

# obituaries

## CRANDALL

Stanley Fredrick Crandall, age 57 of Gowen, passed away Saturday, November 28, 2015. He is survived by his parents Fred and Sharon; brothers, John (Rose), Brian; sister, Allison (Scott) Covell; also nephews. Stan served proudly in the United States Army. Burial will take place at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Michigan. Stan, you fought the fight! Love, Your Family. God Bless and keep you.



## DINTAMAN

Eleanor Ruth Dintaman, age 92 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, November 28, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul; son, Terry Dintaman; and sons-in-law, Larry Bencker and Jim Mc Fall. She is survived by her daughters, Sharon McFall, Dianne MacNaughton, Susan (Rick) Kinsley; daughter-in-law, Kitty Dintaman; brother, Howard Hobbs; sisters, Eloise Courter, Evelyn Courter, Estelle (Harvey) Stark; 12 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; and 5 great-great grandchildren. Eleanor was a woman of strong faith. She loved to babysit for her grandchildren. She was like the "Energizer Bunny", always keeping busy with crafts, making floral arrangements, cake decorating, and gardening. We will miss her caring and giving personality. Funeral service will be held Thursday 12:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Rev. Jon Pickens officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave. SE, Ada, MI 49301 or Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331.



## WITTENBACH

Debbie Finkbeiner Wittenbach, age 52 of Ada, died Sunday, November 29, 2015. Throughout her courageous battle with cancer, Debbie never gave up. She was known for her ability to never complain and she always maintained a brave and cheerful attitude under any circumstance. She taught all of us to live every day to the fullest and had a way of making others feel special. Debbie positively impacted everyone she encountered. Filled with joy, compassion and care for others, Debbie made many friends and was the ultimate volunteer. Debbie was the biggest fan of anything her children were involved in, went to every Forest Hills Central high school game and every Hope College game that her children ever played in. She was the team mom not to only her children but of every child on the team. She loved her son Stephen, daughter Allie, husband Steve, family and friends more than words can describe. Debbie Finkbeiner was born on January 15, 1963 to a loving family and grew up in Caledonia, MI where she attended Caledonia High School. She went on to study fashion merchandizing at Davenport College and interned at the "Happiest place on Earth," Disney World. While working at JC Penney she bumped into Steve Wittenbach, who became her husband to be of 30 years. After years of relocating, Steve and Debbie made Ada their home where they raised their beautiful family. Debbie is survived by loving husband, Steve Wittenbach; son, Stephen James Wittenbach; daughter, Alexandra Marie Wittenbach; mother, Martha Maxine Finkbeiner; sister, Nancy Oosterhouse and brother-in-law, Vern Oosterhouse; in-laws, Mary and Tom Dewey and nieces and nephews, Nora, Nick and Charlsie. She was preceded in death by her father, Alfred Finkbeiner and in-laws, June and Everett "Steve" Wittenbach. For all of us who were blessed by Debbie in our lives, she will be remembered for her love of life, family and God, her incredible generosity, her positive energy and her determination. She will be missed beyond words but will live on in every kind gesture that we do for one another. She will want us to write a card for someone who is hurting, bake a batch of chocolate chip cookies for a job well done, or leave a bag of M&M's on a friend's doorstep when they need some TLC. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Thursday 11:00 AM at St. Robert of Newminster Church, 6477 Ada Dr. SE, Bishop Robert Rose and Rev. Leonard Sudlik, presiding. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst, 3980 Cascade Rd. SE. In honor of her loving and generous spirit, The Wittenbach family would like all donations in her name given to The Van Andel Institute for cancer research or the Lemmen Holton Cancer Center. Thank you.



## HOLST

Kent Holst, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 29, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Lori; daughter and son-in-law, Brittany and David (Pozo); son, Travis and girlfriend, Emily; brother and wife, Kelly and Marianne Holst; along with several nieces and nephews; and other family and friends. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Thursday, December 3 at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, 865 Lincoln Lake SE, Lowell MI 49331. The visitation will begin at 12 noon with the celebration service at 1 pm.



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# Looking Back, continued

The Press cites the case of a citizen who refuses to paint his house or otherwise improve his property because the assessor will punish him by increasing his taxes, while he rewards the slothful property owner, for neglecting his holdings, by reduced taxation. The citizen aforesaid proposes to let the weeds grow ten feet high on his lot: and when others have "fixed up" surrounding property, he will sell out and "go to Northern Canada where they don't fine a man for improving his property." As The Ledger has frequently pointed out, our present system of taxation punishes the good citizen and rewards the bad. Nevertheless, those who love pleasant surroundings, a thrifty town and tidy neighborhood, will do their share to maintain them, while protesting against the taxation iniquity and hoping for a system more equitable.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger December 5, 1940

Headline: Window Night sure to draw many visitors – Santa Claus will greet Lowell youngsters December 11. Final preparations are now under way for the annual Christmas Window Night event in Lowell next Wednesday, Dec. 11, that will usher in the Yuletide shopping season here. Board of Trade Christmas committee composed of Henry Weaver, Frank McMahon, Herbert Elzinga, Arnold Wittenbach, Roger McMahon and Chas. Bickford reports enthusiastic cooperation on the part of merchants and business men... A large shipment of Christmas trees arrived in Lowell last week to be used in decorating the business district. The committee states that all trees and other decorations will be up in plenty of time for the Window Night, and the lights will flash on for the first time promptly next Wednesday evening.

Headline: Hunters back home with big black bear. Milton Barnes, who lives north of Lowell near Smyrna, had the good fortune to bag a 330-lb. bear last week in the north woods near Newberry. It measured between seven and eight feet in length. The first shot was fired by L. E. Peterson, who also lives near Smyrna, but the bear was finally downed by Mr. Barnes. Others in the party were Miss Mildred Barnes and Alvin Davis of near Smyrna and Mrs. Clyde Condon of Vergennes. The bear was dragged through the woods and swamp for four miles, taking two and a half days to get to camp.

Advertisement: Electric gifts. Complete selection of all types of appliances, radios, refrigerators and stoves at the Lowell Hotpoint Co. store.

The sub-zero temperature which covered a goodly share of the country Monday night did not miss Lowell. By eight o'clock Tuesday morning, most local thermometers registered 8 below. Snow on the level was 18 inches deep. Passenger and mail trains have been running late and R. F. D. carriers have been obliged to put in considerable overtime. Snow plows have been over practically all roads but the snow is pretty deep between the roadway and mail boxes. By Wednesday morning mercury had risen to 20 above.

The snowfall which began last week Tuesday and which continued with but slight interruptions up to Monday of this week left tons of snow on our streets and sidewalks. Big piles of snow in the business district retarded traffic near the week-end but on Sunday morning village trucks and crews of men began clearing the snow away and by Tuesday morning traffic conditions were again near normal.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger December 2, 1965

Lowell police reported over the week end some irate citizen who disapproves of the 4-way stop signs at the corner of Amity and Elm Streets, pulled the stop signs out and threw them in the nearby field. The city street department were on the job putting the signs back up Monday.

New improved street lighting has been installed by the Lowell Light and Power crew, on Main Street: from Jefferson to James Street, on the east side, and from the C&O tracks to West Street, on the West side. The 14 new 20,000 lumen mercury vapor units will more than double the light output in the city. This is part of the program to convert the entire city to mercury vapor lighting.

Reveal vandalism at high school. Light fixtures and outside speakers at the high school were broken or taken away last week, Police revealed, with total damage estimated at over \$100. The vandals would have to climb up to the roof line to reach the two speakers which were torn off the wall and taken away. Five light bulbs were broken in other outside fixtures. This is only part of the damage being caused at the high school. All fall the lawn has been damaged regularly by cars driving around at night. Police have put a

special night time watch on the school grounds and the vandals should be caught before they cause any more damage.

Headline: Santa Claus parade heralds Yule season. The 1965 Christmas season, complete with a Santa Claus parade, pom pon girls, bands, equestrian groups and gaily decorated store windows, will officially open in Lowell this week end. The Lowell Chamber of Commerce has announced that on Saturday afternoon, December 4, at two o'clock. Santa Claus will arrive to take up temporary residence in Lowell. Santa's visit Saturday will be accompanied by the Lowell high school band, twirlers, pom pon girls, and other novelties. The Santa Claus parade will start at 2 p. m. sharp at Richard's Park on North Hudson Street, and will end at the Superior Furniture Parking lot on East Main Street, where the Chamber of Commerce will treat the children. Also Santa Claus will be on hand to greet the children.

The annual report of the city, just released with figures from July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965, reveals that the operating income of the Lowell Light & Power Company increased nearly \$30,000 in the past year. The income for the same period of 1963-64 was \$34,997 and for the period just reported. \$64,114. Manager of the Light & Power, Jake Callier attributed the increase in earnings to fewer employees, decreased maintenance expense and more efficient operation, by being tied into the Wolverine Cooperative system and buying a large percentage of the power needs. He reported that this report only reflects a few months of operation of the new gas engine, which will also help the earnings of the plant with much cheaper cost of generation.

Gee's Hardware sold to Cary's. The business and real estate of Gee's Hardware have been purchased by Cary Stiff it was announced this week. The hardware business which has served the community for the past 50 years was operated until last spring by the late M. W. Gee. Since that time the business has been managed by Sam Meyers under the administrators of the estate Old Kent Bank. Mr. Stiff has taken over the operation of the hardware and reported that he does not plan any immediate changes except to increase the store's inventory. One of the store buildings is presently occupied by Gary's.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger December 5, 1990

Lowell Township purchases Gateway to County system. Lowell Township has made its way up the "Stairway to Heaven" and in a couple of weeks it will pass through the "Gateway to Heaven." Maybe not, but for Township treasurer, Jean Huver it will sure seem like it. Huver and Township Supervisor, John Timpson, through the help of Matrix Services will be able to access the Kent County computer system simultaneously. This will allow for individual taxes to be updated faster. Currently, only one computer at a time can be accessed. "Even at that, it takes 50-60 tries sometimes to get accessed," says Huver. With the installation of the Gateway service by Ada's Doug Lindhout (Matrix Services) the Township will be able to access information much more easily. Installation of the Gateway to the County will cost Lowell Township \$2,600. The Novell system currently being used by the Township just doesn't provide easy enough access to the county, according to Huver.

Lowell will hold construction manager interviews on Dec. 13. Four West Michigan firms will be interviewed on Dec. 13 by the Lowell Board of Education and Superintendent, Fritz Esch, as they narrow the list of possible construction managers down to one, for the \$30 million school bond project. Esch and Board members (Norm Byrne, Chris VanAntwerp and Ray Quada) serving on the Building and Site Committee narrowed the list from eight to four. "During the Dec. 13 interviews the Board will be looking for the firm that has the ability to reduce our costs by controlling their own costs and the costs of the sub-contractors," Esch said.

Attention! If you have a husband, wife, son, daughter or grandchild in the Armed Forces stationed in Saudi Arabia from the Lowell area, The Women of the Lowell Moose would like to do something special for them.

# LAS WINTER VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE

## BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING

\* Denotes a game at Eastbrook Lanes

12/5 at 11 a.m. Wyoming Tournament at Spectrum Lanes

12/8 at 3:30 p.m. Forest Hills Eastern\*

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

\* Denotes a meet at LHS in the auxiliary gym

1/2 at 10 a.m. Rockford Flip Flop Invite

## BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY

\* Denotes a game at the Kentwood Ice Arena

12/4 at 8:50 pm. at Southgate Community School

12/11 at 7:30 p.m. at Manistee

## GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

\* Denotes a game at LHS main gym

12/4 at 7 p.m. at Ionia

12/8 at 7 p.m. at Forest Hills Eastern

12/11 at 7 p.m. at Ottawa Hills

## BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

\* Denotes a game at LHS main gym

12/8 at 7 p.m. Forest Hills Eastern\*

12/15 at 7 p.m. Northview\*

## BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

\* Denotes a meet at LHS main gym

12/8 at 5 p.m. Rockford Quad

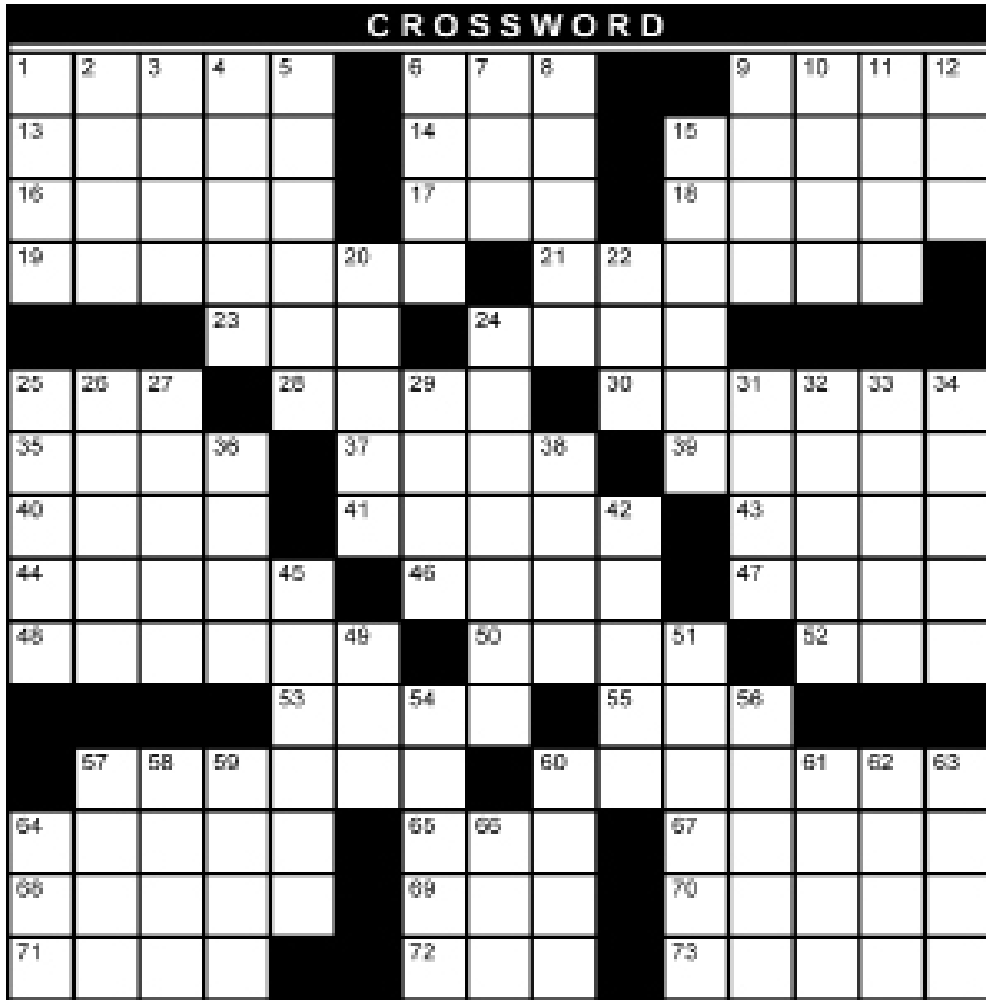
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1. Giraffe's striped-leg cousin
6. Moo goo gai pan pan
9. Love-\_\_\_\_\_ relationship
13. \* \_\_\_\_\_ Gabriel, 1960s Rams star quarterback
14. What?
15. Enter a website
16. Samuel Butler's "The Way of All \_\_\_\_\_"
17. Big time
18. " \_\_\_\_\_ truly"
19. \*Non-contact league
21. \*Football game starter
23. Altogether or entirely
24. \_\_\_\_\_-de-camp
25. Club alternative
28. \*Houston Oilers star running back, Campbell
30. Top of the line
35. Not of the cloth
37. Leave in a bucket
39. Kitchen appliance
40. \*Legendary Graham
41. Friend
43. Porous rock
44. Good luck trinket
46. \*Tracked by chain gang
47. Dog trailer
48. Sort of
50. Prima donna



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52. Don't do this at home?
53. Like Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard
55. Next to nothing
57. \*Type of linebacker
60. \*This year's top NFL pick
64. "To no \_\_\_\_\_"
65. Beauty treatment site
67. Cell phone bill item
68. L on clothes
69. Word between "dogs"
70. Sneers
71. Mark of a ruler
72. \*TV network, aired NFL games from 1990-97
73. Scandinavian fjord, e.g.
22. Dog tags
24. Apple pie choice
25. \*NFL players can't do this in the back
26. Policeman's club in India
27. \*Tennessee player
29. Crucifix
31. Inedible parts of cherries
32. Jump for joy
33. Direct elsewhere
34. \*Deflategate star
36. Olden-day telephone part
38. New Zealand fruit
42. End of a poem
45. Alabama port
49. It's all the rage
51. Annulus, pl.
54. Kind of button
56. Ruhr's industrial center
57. Popular Russian name
58. Narcotics agent
59. Accompanies relief?
60. \*Texan defensive star
61. Asian weight unit
62. Scary fairytale creature
63. Swallow's house
64. Boxer Clay
66. Peter of the Lost Boys

Puzzle solutions on page 12

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.



**NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 1**

- A burglar trying to enter a California home through the chimney, became stuck and died after the homeowner lit a fire. The homeowner was unaware anyone was in the chimney when he lit the fire. He heard the trapped man yelling as the house filled with smoke and tried to put out the fire. Firefighters dismantled the chimney but were unable to rescue the man.
- 150 leaders met in Paris to open a landmark 14-day conference. Barack Obama and Vladimir Putin held private talks at the sidelines of the Leaders Event at the COP21 climate conference, where presidents, prime ministers and royalty from nearly every country in the world gathered to push for an urgent deal to prevent the world warming by more than two degrees by 2100.

**THIS WEEK'S  
ONLINE  
POLL**

**Do you budget for Christmas gifts or use credit?**

- Yes, I budget and stick to it.
- No, I go wild with credit cards.
- I budget loosely and charge some

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# Football, continued

thought the Arrows had a fighting chance, but that just fired up the squad.

According to Dean, "People were making jokes about my team the whole week. I'm proud of our kids. They came out with a chip on their shoulder and they played hard."

That fire led to four scores in their first four possessions starting with a 21-yard first quarter field goal kick from George Gonzalez, who

also went a perfect 5/5 in extra point attempts for a flawless performance as a sophomore. The Arrows' defense stood steady not allowing a first down on Kings' first two drives and threatened another score as the quarter timed out.

Set up at first and goal from the one, the Arrows saw Max Dean pick up the first of three touchdowns, wrapping up a 10-play seventy-yard drive with a one-yard end zone run. Dean

picked up 99 of the team's 214 rushing yards to lead the offensive ground game. Stevens followed that up with a four-yard quarterback keeper to give the Arrows a 17-0 lead. Stevens also threw for 186 yards but did not connect a score through the air during the game.

King quarterback Armani Posey scored and threw for a touchdown in the later part of the quarter, but another Max Dean touchdown and a failed



Senior Max Dean gets a sack on King quarterback Armani Posey.

King extra point kept the Arrows out front 24-13 at the half.

Still struggling to get their ground game running King, who picked up only

53 yards rushing, took to the air in the second half after Dean's third score put the Arrows out front 31-13. Posey hit Corley and two other receivers for a trio of

scores through the air that started to close the gap on Lowell. Lowell's Stevens picked up his second score of the game on a quick two-yard run to move them up to 38-26 with seven minutes on the clock.

King then narrowed the gap to four points with a two-yard passing score and a successful two-point conversion before forcing the Arrows' Gabe Steed to punt in the Arrows' ensuing possession.

With just 37 seconds of play left, King drove 97 yards without a timeout capping off the drive with a forty-yard "Hail Mary" pass from Posey to Corley with Steed in near perfect position to stop the play. But Corley made the catch as the remaining two seconds clicked off the clock taking with it the Arrows' hopes of bringing home the state title. This is the first time since 1986 that a state title game was decided in the final play of the game and only the second time in the state's history.

The team was heartbroken and emotional, some players even crying openly as they accepted their runner-up trophy. For coach Dean the loss cut deep as he held back emotions. "Eighteen of these boys had older brothers that played for a title at previous times. They're kids that have grown up on this stuff and they wanted to win this probably as much for their dads and their moms and their older brothers than anything," said Dean just moments after the loss.

While devastating, the loss caps off a season of prideful victories for the Arrows, including the OK White conference championship, district and regional championship titles.

	MLK	Lowell
Score	40	38
First Downs	18	18
Net Yards Rushing	53	214
Rushing Attempts	20	50
Net Yards Passing	383	186
Pass Attempts	28	9
Passes Completed	19	6
Interceptions	0	0
Total Net Yards	436	400
Total Offensive Plays	48	59
Average Gain Per Play	9.1	6.8
Fumbles: Number/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties: Number/Yards	15/73	3/35
Number of Punts/Yards	3/111	2/88
Average Per Punt	37	44
Punt Returns: Number/Yards	0/0	1/11
Number of Kickoffs/Yards	6/303	7/294
Average Per Kickoff	50.5	42
Kickoff Returns: Number/Yards	7/115	4/65
Int. Returns: Number/Yards	0/0	0/0
Fumble Returns: Yards/TD	0/0	0/0
Possession Time	18:57	29:03
Third-Down Conversions	3/8	5/11
Fourth-Down Conversions	1/1	1/2
Red Zone Scores/Chances	4/4	6/6
Sacks Credited	0/0	2/26
PAT Kicks	2/4	5/5
Field Goals	0/0	1/1

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