## The Lowell Ledger

## Senior Neighbors Center looking for new home

Lowell's Senior Neighbors the Independent Organization of
Center has been been located at Odd Fellows.
214 E. Main for 15 years.
Following the sale of the Rebekah Lodge Organization owned building, to Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppes owner, Helen Schaefer, the Senior Neighbors Center will be without a permanent home after June 15 .
"The Center has gotten the permission of the First Congrega-
tional Church in Lowell to use its basement for the two summer months," Senior Center coordinator, Marj Snyder said.

The Rebekah Lodge Organiza-
tion is a nationwide branch of


POPPIES WILL BE SOLD MAY 19, 20, \& 21
The Clark-Ellis Post No. 152 American Legion Auxiliary, Lowell and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lowell Post No. 8303 will be selling poppies on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 19 $0^{20, \& 21}$

PRE-SCHOOL AVAILABLE AT ST. MARY'S
St. Mary's Elementary School offers a 3 afternoon pre-Kindergarten program for children who will be 4 years of age before Dec. 1.
Registrations are presently being accepted. For more information call Norma at 897-9393 during regular school hours, which are 7:30-2:30 p.m. weekdays.

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Line up at 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Richards Park on May 30 Parade will start at $9: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. then proceed south on N. Hudson to Main St., east on Main St. to Monroe, north on Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery for services. Parade will stop at the Flat River Bridge for a Floral Tribute.

## ATTENTION VETERANS

All Veterans are invited to attend and participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Veterans will gather at the VFW at 307 E. Main at 8:30 a.m. where coffee and donuts will be served.

## CASTING CALL!!

We are looking for 35 more voices for this year's 'spanking new' Showboat Chorus. Come for the fun of itt! Mondays \& Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Runciman All-Purpose Room, 300 High St., 2 blocks north of Main Street.

## OFF THE BLOTTER

Cited into 63rd District Court for Minors in Possession of Alcohol May 12, were Eugene Sturgeon III, 17 and Amanda Leiter, 17, both of Lowell
Cited to appear in 63rd District Court on Charges of Larceny ider $\$ 100$ this past week was Joel Eckman, 17 of Lowell, after taking a quantity of top soil, potted plants, and woodchips from various locations in the city. A 16 year old will be referred to Probate on the same charges.
Reported to Lowell Police Dept. Sat., May 16 was a Hit \& Run property damage accident which occurred in the Family Fare parking lot on West Main St. involving a car owned by Rebecca Bibbler of Lowell.
Arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail on charges of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol First Offense, was Charlotte Hardy, 33, of Lowell, Sat., May 14.
Arrested and lodged at the Kent County jail for Driving While License Revoked and on two Criminal Bench warrants issued by 63rd District Court Fri., May 13 was Joel Anderson, 24 of Lowell.

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to take on a bigger case load," Snyder said. "The Center has already lost a couple of groups that used the building because the Center wasn't big enough."
Snyder added that the Senior Neighbors Center destination after its two month stay in the Congregational Church is unknown, but they continue to inquire about possibilities.
One of those possibilities includes confronting the Lowell City Council with their dilemma and seeing what the council is able to provide in way of assistance.
"The Senior Neighbors, Inc. has appreciated the interest and financial support that has been given by the Lowell City Council ( $\$ 1,500$ in 1987 ) to the center (\$1,500 in 1987) to the center since it opened in 1974,", said Senior Neighbors,
Margaret Dean.
Margaret Dean
The monies the center has received from the city, Lowell Township, and Ada Towns pays about half of its rent.
Last year the center operated on a budget of $\$ 70,490$.
Lowell City Manager David Pasquale said a permanent facility is a long-range goal, and meeting the Center's immediate needs would be addressed.
I think everybody agrees that having a Senior Neighbors Center in a Community Center would be ideal, but that would be a long-range goal," Pasquale
City to

The Lowell YMCA's summer pool program got a boost from the city at Monday's Lowell City Council meeting. YMCA officers and directors were on hand at a previous meeting to explain the financial woes faced by the pool program. At that time they asked the city for $\$ 8,000$ in support for the 1988 program. In 1987 the pool program ran just over $\$ 18,000$ in the red, even with $\$ 3,000$ in support from the city.
At that meeting councilmembers asked for information would guarantee that city con-

## bers asked for information re- would guarantee that city con- <br> City approves $\$ 4.55$ million budget

At Monday's City Council meeting, Lowell City Manager David Pasquale reviewed an outline of key elements comprising the city budget for the upcoming


Lowell senior citizens spend an afternoon at the Senior Neighbors Center playing cards and visiting. The center will have to vacate the building, which has been sold, by June 15. Over the summer months, the center will relocate to the basement of the First Congregational Church. said. in the fall
in the fall.
Lowell Mayor James Maat- Snyder said the Center operman said at the council meeting ates and administers a comthe Community Center plan was prehensive service delivery sysnot dead, but was not very active tem through the facilities of a either. "In my opinion it's not senior center that will help adults feasible in the near future.

Maatman added that he will the highest degree of self sufficall a meeting of interested par- ciency of which they are capaties to formulate building options ble, and enjoy a decent quality for the Senior Neighbors Center of life.

Some of the needs that the
Center meets include: socialization (prevent isolation); a meals program that provides lunch; delivery of meals; recreation such as movies, bingo, euchre, shopping; counseling services; and tax help.

At this time our destination after the summer months is unknown," Snyder said.

## Lowell resident killed in crash

Lowell resident, Christopher Leach, of 11576 E. Fulton Ave, was killed and six others were injured near Saranac Sunday, May 15, when the car he was driving struck a van returning from a church outing.
Leach was driving a 1986 Dodge Lancer east on a two-lane portion of M-21 near Pinckney

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Road when he crossed into the path of a westbound van driven by Chester Schere, of 7331 Kalamazoo Ave., Caledonia said Deputy Mike Struve.
Schere, 51, was treated at Ionia County Memorial Hospital and five of his passengers were taken to Butterworth Hospital.

Injured in the van were the Rev. Edward Nelson, 58, Grand Rapids; Peter Reisenrath, 27, Grand Rapids; and Mary more, 78, Grand Rapids.

Baremore was listed in serious condition as of Monday morning (May 16), and Reisenrath was listed in good condition.
Mrs. Pat Nelson was not admitted. Rev. Nelson was admitted and underwent minor surgery.
According to Struve, the car was 50 feet from the van and would have passed it, but instead slid sideways in front of the van and the van hit the passenger's side of the car.
38.3 to 42.9 million dollars. costs rise
osts rise. Expenditures: The General Fund has a total of $\$ 1.13$ million expenditures. All funds together amount to 4.55 million dollars. Water Rates: While it is recommended that sewer charges
remain the same, a $10 \&$ per thousand gallon water consumption rate increase has been proposed. This would raise the charge to $90 \&$ per thousand gallons increasing monthly charges to residents an equivalent of 85 per month. Non-residential consumption rates would rise from $\$ 1.47$ to $\$ 1.80$. In order to keep charges to a minimum, a $\$ 25,000$ transfer from General Fund has been proposed.

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LHS students compete in state Bee

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an High School suduents were









## Council proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN
For the Regular Meeting of Monday, May 2, 198

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man.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the clerk called the
Roll.
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Present: Councilimembers Doyle, Fonger, Thompson, Collins,
and Mayor Maatman.

## and Mayor Maatm Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Collins and supported by Fonger that the
minutes of the April 18 , 1988 meeting be apporoved as witten minutes
YEA: 5
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.
IT WAS MOVED by Thompson and supported by Fonger, that
sued: Councilmembers Doyle, Fonger, Thompson, Collins and Mayor Maatman.
NAY: 0.
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ABET: 0 .
MOTION CARRIED.
BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS
(5-2-88) General Fund
Sewer Fund.
Major Street Fund
Local Street Fund
Water Fund
Equipment Fund
Equipment Fund
Current Tax Fund Item No. 1: VACATION OF PINE STREET WEST FROM
LAFAYEETE STRET- PUBLIC HEARING. At the hearing Ronald Potter ( 704 N . Latayente) stated that he and Emest
Woemhotf ( 632 N . Latayette) have Weemhotf ( 632 N . Latayette) have requested that the Cily
vacale Pine Street because part of their buidings are within the street right of way.
IT WAS MOVED by Fong
iT WAS MOVED by Fonger and supported by Thompson that
the City vacate Pine Street west trom Latayette Street with
the agreement that the City has all easementrights and the petitioners
Y EA: 5.
NAY:.
ABSENT: ABSENT: O.
MOTION CARIIED.
Hem No. 2. WEST MAIN AND HUNT STREETS UTILTIES - INFOOMAL HEARMANG. Kari Lohela, an engineer from
WBDC, Inc. of Grand Rapids explained that the Hunt Street project would consist of installing a $6^{7}$ water main from Beech
Street west costing approximately $\$ 68,155$. The cost per foot Street west costing approximately $\$ 66,155$. The cost per foot
for tien affected properties passed would be about $\$ 36.00$. The West Main project would consist of constructing 8 . and 12 " water mains and 8 8 sewer main from Valley Vistato to Aldon
Nash costing approximately 8486,603 . The cost per tont toot is estimated at $\$ 90.00$. The cily would contribute about
 stated thatit the City does decide to pursuve the projects under
special assessment, several public hearings are needed to special as
be held
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Several affected property owners voicced their displeasure
with the West Main Street project. They all stated that they with the West Main Street project. They all stated that they
have good wells and septic systems for their needs. Don have goor wells and septic systems for their needs. Don
Fizer, owner of Michigan Wiry Processing inc., mentioned
that he too had developed wells and septic that he too had developed wells and ssppicic., systention tod
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business on West Main, but is still in tavor of developing servicess in the area.
Several Hunt Stree.
Several Hunt Street residents in attendance also stated that
they were satisfied with their wells, and really dont want to they were satisfied wint their wels, and really dont way
pay for having a water main extended diong the street.
City Manager Pasquale mentioned that the construction costs
to tor the Hunt Street could be reduccod by h havingtunt work costo
locally and the City buying the materials. Tony Sicililiano, Direc locally and the Citits buying the materials. Tony Siciliano, Direc-
tor of Public Works, also stated the Cliy reww could provide
some of the work for the Hunt Street poiect some of the work for the Hunt Street project.
The Council took no action on these projects at this time. Item No. 3. REZONING REQUEST FROM THE CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMEO CHUCH CHRIISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH FROM C-2 (GENERAL
BUSIIESS) TO PF (PUBLIC FACILTIES) 1125 W . MAIN At its April 25th meeting, the Planning Commission unamiously recommended that 11255 . Main (LLowill Professional
 about tosing commercial frontage on Main. ArtBieri, repersesent.
ing Cavary, said that the church would like to purchase the
property for offices and Sunday School rooms.
IT WAS MOVED by Doyle and supported by Collins to set the public hearing for May 16, 1988 to consider rezoning request from the Calvary Christian Reformed Church from
C-2 (General Business) to PF (Public Facilites) $1125 W$. Main. YEA: 5.
NAY 0.
ABSENT: ABSENT: O.
MOTION CARIIED.

Item No. 4. REZZONING REQUEST FROM TOM NAGY FROM R (SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL
BUSINESS) 1375 E. MAIN. The Planning Commission had reviewed the request at its April 25 thing meeting and rision had
mended t that the propery mended that the property located on East Main adjaconnt to
the Cily Limits be approved as commercial with the notation that a develispment scroved as as and commercial with the notation
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vided. Mr. Nagy explained that he vided. Mr. Nagoy yxplaineded that the requeping pad razzs be pering tor
auctions and liquidation businesses as well as a real estate auctions and diquidation businesses as well as a real estate
office. Bary Emmons, Chief of Police stated that he is very concerent dobut tentorcement problems of an authion busi-
ness. He noted that holding auctions at the site would cause ness. He noted that holding auctions at the sinte wuould cause
parking problems being located on a very busy highway. Mr. parking probioms being located on a very busy highway. Mr.
Nayy stated that before an auction could be held he would
have to appear betor the Coundil to have to appear before the councilifor fappovolal. Mr. and Mrs.
Joseph Parker ( 1225 E . Main) mentioned that they have no Joseph Parker (1225 E. Main) mentioned that they have no
obiections to seeing the property upgraded, but do not want additional noise and disruption.
IT WAS MOVED by IT WAS MOVEE by Doyple and supported by Thompson to
grant the rezoning request at 1375 E Min Residential) to C-2 (Geenerar I Iusisenss).
YEA: 4 (Doyle, Fonger, Thompson and Maatman). YEA: 4 (Doyle, Fonge
NAV: 1 (Colins).
MOTION CARRIIED.
Hem No. 5. Variance request - 1545 Carol Lynne - GARAGE SETBACK - SET PUBLIC CEARINL. Mr. and attached garage within $26^{\circ}$ of the street right of way. As required in the R R district, a a 30 ' front yard
IT Whas a variance has been requested. IT WAS MOVED by hy hempen requensested.
a pubported by Doyle to sel a public hearing for May 16, 1988 tip considider the front yard
variance request for the 1545 Carol Lynne YEA:5.
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ABSENT:

MOTION CARRIED.
Hem No. 6. APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFFCATE (P.A. 199) - MICHIGAN WRE
-2485 W. MAIN. Michigan Wire has requested an industrial -2485 W. MAIN. Michigan Wire has requested an industrial
tax abatement tor a p poposed 7,000 sq.ft. addition to its manutacturing facility located near the cormer of W. Main and
Adden Nash. The roquest stated 12 years exemption for an \$885, Noo addidition.
IT WAS MOVED by Thompson and supported by Doyle to set the epulich cearing for May 16,1988 to oconsider an IndusMichigan Wire, 2485 W . Main.
NAY: 0 .
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ABSENT: O.
MOTION CARRIED.
Item No. 7. EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY REQuEST ON BOWES ROAD. Judd ZZIstra of Grand River Investments
 are l. Icated south of Bowes Rooad at he enn of Centier
Mr. Zustree. erty tor his proposed apartment development and was origi-
nally proposed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. nally proposed by the Parks and Recreation Commisision.
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Item No. 8. PURCHASE OF PEPSONAL COMPUTER AND Item No. 8. PURCHASE OF PERSONAL COMPTTERAN
ASSESSING SOFTWARE. City Assessor Jim Maria demonstrated the proposeded microc computer tor the Assessor's
office as well otfice as well as answering any questions the Councir nad.
The consensus of the Council is that the City should instead consider purchasing a new, updated computer system. Con--
cemss centered in having a coordinated approach tor comcemst centered on having a coordinated approach hor com
puter purchase and evaluating the cost against the current puter purchase and
CONTEL computer.
Item No. 9. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TELEPHONE SYSTEM - INSTALLATION AND LEASE PROP. OSAL. A telephone system for the new Wastewater Treat ment. P Aant was os iscosssed. It was recommended by staft that
the City have the ATsT Mervin Plus system. The consensus the City have the ATRT Meriin Plus system. The consensus
of the Council is that several different felephone systems should beuncriviewe. icity Manager Pascuale stated that sev-
eral telephone proposals will be provided. The item was de-

IItem No. 10. OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE-SET PUBLLC
HEARING. As mentioned at the last Council meeting, City
YEA: 5.
NAF:
ABSENT
Manager Pascuuale said that open burning of leaves has pre-
sented a public salety porblem. The proposed ordinance
diminiates the burining of leaves, trees, and brush ninirely
 and clarifies the type of container needed for open fires on

 so that the publicat will Coow whail shoutit $i$ is.
IT WAS MOVED by Doyle and supported by Thompson to
set a public hearing for May 16 , 198 tor the amendment to sef a pubic hearing ior way he open buruing oridinance.
YEA: 4 (Doovie, Forger, Thompson and Maatman).
NAY: 1 . NAY:1. (Collins).
MOTIO CARRIED.
hem No. 11. Lottering ordinance - set pubuic HEARING.The need to keep Main Street unobstructed for cill City Manager Passuuale saide that the propopsed diotering aid the congreaging groblem in the downtown.
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ordinance.
YEA: 5 . NAY: 0 .
ABSENT: 0 .
ABSENT: O.
MOTION CARRIED.
hem No. 12. Late charges water and sewer bilLING. City Manager Pascuale stated that in discussing late required as part of the sewer bond issue. It was suggested that the City change the late charge trom a $\$ 5.00$ flat amount to $10 \%$ late tee of the bill owed with a 3 day grace period. be under the same late charge structure.
iT WAS MOVED by Thompson and supported by Collins to sance amendment on the late charges for water and sewer bilings
period.

ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.
Item No. 13. PRESENTATION OF 1988-89 Budget. City Manager Pasquale in presenting the budget document xplained hiat it would be necessary for the Counci Io sol adoppeded. No increase in millage is roposese budget can THOS WAS MOVED by Doyle and supporied by Fonger to set
ine public hearing for May 16 and June 6 on the $1988-89$ the public hearing for May 16 and June 6 on the $1988-1$ proposed budget. YEA: 5.
NAY 0 .
NASNT: ABSENT: O.
MOTION CARIIED.
Item No. 14. citizen suggestions. None Hem No. 15. COUNCIL COMMENTS. None. them No. 16. MANAGER'S REPORT. The report included he toliowing tiems:
City Manaer Pasquale briffly discussed the Mayor Exchange activitios. The status of the street sweeper and reings were brought to the Councills attention. Pasuale also stated that the Boy Scouts wish to totire the
parking oot by the river for their annual barbeque on May 14 . parking lot by the fiver for their annual barbeque on May 4 .
Also Dave Beewalde, representing the H.O.O.P. three on three basketball toumament, will be attending the next meel-
hem No. 17. APPOINTMENTS. None
IT WAS MOVED by Thompson to adjourn at $10: 15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Approved: May 16,1988
James D. Maatman, Mayor David M. Pasquale, City Clerk


Lowell girls nip Park at wire; place third in league


Lowell linksters finish third in conference




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## Bike-a-thon riders raise \$1,300



Nearly $\$ 1,300$ was raised by 22 registered riders at the St. Jude Bike-a-thon Saturday, May 14 at the Lowell High School parking lot. Lowell Athletic Director Bob Perry checks for a foot fault.

St. Jude Children's Research delight about the results. Hospital "Wheels for Life"Bike- "We had 22 riders who a-thon, held at the Lowell High pedaled a total of 580 miles, raisSchool parking lot May 14, ing nearly $\$ 1,300$," VanStrien raised approximately $\$ 1,300$ for said "That's excellent work" Hospital. Hospital.
Bike-a-thon took special efforts to recognize
coordinator
the participants in the fund Bike-a-thon coordinator the participants in the fund-
Elizabeth VanStrien expressed raiser. "We had two children who
rode with training wheels," VanStrien said. "Laura Scheeringa rode seven miles and Jenny McCaul rode 15 miles." Scheeringa and Nicole Butterworth, who rode five miles, are boh pre-schoolers.

Others pointed out for recognition were Renee Butterworth and "over 21" group: Chris Ned the o, who completed 50 miles of 0 , who completed 50 miles of riding and the solicitation efforts of Ann Townsend, 8, who raised $\$ 7.50$ per night.
"I'd like to thank Lowell McDonalds, Food City and Family Fare for their donations of equipment and snacks," Van Strien said.

## Iokemo District Scout

## Fest held at fairgrounds

The Iokemo District Scout Fest was held Saturday, May 7 1988 at the Ionia Fairgrounds. First place winners in the Pinewood Derby were Jody Schneider, Pack 3188, a Webolo from Lowell.
Other first place winners in the Pinewood Derby were Adam
Knickerbocker, Pack 3089 of

Greenville; Duffy Ruairi, Pack 3082, Ionia; Ben Roberts, Pack 3082, Ionia; Be
3100, Stanton.
Booth Display winners were Troop 86, and Troop 83 of Ionia: Troop 170 from Fenwick; Cub Scout Pack 3087 of lonia; Pack 3067 of Trufant, Pack 3110 of Crystal.

Other riders that participated in the event, included Tom Moone, Lisa VanStrien, Brandon Bittrick, Jessica Gonzales, Tony Himebaugh, Mark McClure, Tim Plett, Melissa Lund, Jamie McCaul, Brian Scheeringa, Jolene Scheeringa, Shelly McCaul, Mark Phillips, eni Francis and Danielle Scott.
"These people gave away six hours of a beautiful day to be nefit children struggling with catastrophic diseases. Their self lessness, dedicatios ad termi nation make can and folks who exem exra special on and deserve our admira said.

## City budget, continued...

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creased operating costs for the on future water rates. creased operating costs for the
City Water Treatment Plant. In City Water Treatment Plant. In Coder to keep pace with increas. Police: In order to meet the ing pumping demands, a full growing community it is recomtime operator position has been mended that one full time police included within the budget

As the plant is nearing cap ity, plans for expansion must be pursued during the coming year.
package is currently being assembled to fund the estimated enstruction cost of $\$ 600,000$ Refuse: Garbage collection continues to be one of the larger General Fund accounts with over $\$ 100,000$ in projected expenditures. It is expected that the City's refuse contract will be bid
out this summer. Future landfill availabilities will greatly affect costs. Also, costs to place a final covering for the closed Lowell Landfill acceptable to the State have yet to be determined. Ambulance: The first of five $\$ 3,000$ yearly payments has been budgeted for the establishment of a local ambulance service.
Airport: No expenditures for he airport have been planned since the development of the facility will be self-sustaining under a management agreement with the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music.
Re-Codification of Ordi nances: The City's Code of Ordinances. The Cit's nances hace nife 1975 . The ped and codified since 1975. The project under contract will take 15 to 18 months to complete.
Dental Insurance: As a be nefit to city employees, dental insurance has been included. This would be paid through Blue Cross at $\$ 8.46$ per month per individual for employees only. Family coverage, if desired, would be paid by the employee. Major Streets: The redecking of the Hudson Street bridge is planned for the budget year. Dependent upon negotiations with the Kent County Road Commission, reconstruction of South Hudson from the bridge to Main Street may also be included Street may also be included. The capping of North Jefferson from North to Fremo is also within the budget.
Sidewalks: As instituted by
the City Council the City Council, the Community Sidewalk Program provides a voluntary effort of residents to share in the expense of replacing and constructing new walks. The program gives a $50 \%$ city share on replacement and $25 \%$ on new construction. The response has been overwhelming and work is scheduled to begin this summer. Capital Improvements Plan: The completion of a Capital Improvements Plan is scheduled for fall, 1988. This document will outline municipal improvements by priority over a six year period. Completion of water distribution and wastewater collection plans are needed to provide adequate information for the C.I.P. process.
The budget will be reviewed at one more public hearing to be held at the City Council meeting of June 6, 1988. The budget may of June 6, 1988. The budget may

## "Main St." cont'd.

Involved in an injury accident Friday morning, May 13 at Foreman and Beech St. was Jerri Teelander, 37, of Lowell, when she failed to Yield the Right of Way to Judith Drain, 49, of Grand Rapids. Drain suffered minor injuries.
Property damage was done to a vehicle driven by Alan Kehen 40, of Portage, MI, when a door on a vehicle being towed on M-21 near Center St. blew open and struck his car, Friday evening, May 13.
Involved in a car/deer accident on West Main near the City limits Friday, May 13 was James Cooper, 58 of Greenville.
Lodged in the Kent County Jail on Charges of Driving while Under the Influence of Alcohol, 3rd Offense, was Watter Suchodolski, 51, of Grand Rapids Sat., May 14. This charge is a felony with prison time to be served upon conviction.
Arrested by Lowell officers Friday evening, May 13 and charged with an Assault \& Battery and Destruction of Property under \$100, was Terry Lee, of Westland, MI.
Lodged in the Kent County Jail on a warrant for Failure to Appear in Court Sat., May 14 was Ty Ysseldyke, 24, of Belding.
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a parked car belonging to Michael Dey Sat., May 14 on Spring a parked car belonging to Michael Dey Sat.,
near Lincoln Lake, no injuries were reported.
A 16 year old juvenile male from Lowell was involved in a property damage accident on Amity near Main St. when he struck the rear of a car driven by Charles Keech, 34, also of Lowell.
Taken to the Kent County Jail from the Montcalm County Jail to face charges on a criminal bench warrant issued by 63 rd District Court for Failure to Appear was Douglas Powers, 27, formerly of Lowell.
Issued the following appearance tickets to appear in 63rd District Court was Marvin Loper, 20, of Grand Rapids for Altered Personal Identification Card issued by The State of Michigan; criminal bench warrant for Failure to Appear After Posting Bond; and Possession of Alcohol by a minor under 21 years.
Issued appearance ticket to 63rd District Court Friday, May 13 was Harry Grochowalski Jr., 19, of Ada for Possession of Alcohol by a Minor.
Picked up on a criminal bench warrant for Failure to Appear was Timothy Moore, 20, of Lowell Friday, May 13. He was released to appear at a later date after posting bond
Reported to Lowell Police Monday, May 9 was the larceny of 3 tires and wheels from Thomet Chevrolet on West Main. Thieves also damaged a total of 7 vehicles and took radios from two of them. A van was stolen from the car lot and recovered Monday afternoon by State Police in the Metro Detroit area.
Arrested Monday afternoon, on a two count warrant issued in Ottawa County for Sale \& Delivery of Cocaine was Chris Johnston, 8, of Lowell by Lowell officers.
Patrick VanderPloeg, 17, of Rockford struck the rear of a car driven by Kathleen Whitaker, 39, of Hopkins, MI on West Main near Valley Vista Dr. No injuries were reported.

The full name of Mexico's resort city on the Pacific is Acapulco de Juarez.


## GOODBYE WINTER

Hello Spring! I've waited so long for some lovely pastel colors on this earth, haven't you? It seemed over the winter months, especially February and March, that they'd never come. And now---here they are in their celebration of life. I love it, and feel childlike enough to clap my hands in excitement.
Give me the palette of spring anyday, but especially after six months of beige, white, off white, and black. I know the faithful pines are green forever, but even in winter, that green seems so dark.
One day last week on my way to Grand Rapids, everything in nature just seemed to have popped open. A light, yellowgreen was dabbed on the trees. That's my favorite color of spring-that first green that I call baby-green. The weeping willows seem so lovely and almost feminine with their long, tiny braided hair-like growth. The purple hyacinths, the yellow, red and white tulips, the deep yellow welcoming of the Forsythia blossoms, all accentuate the new covering of the green grass. What a delight! Add to this a blue sky, white clouds, sun shining, birds twittering in the early morning, and you have spring. That's only some of my thoughts on spring, but add yours to it and we have added joy.
One of the definitions of spring is to emerge, come to light. When one takes time to think about it, these words are exactly right for May. We need to get caught up in this are exactly right for May. We need to get caught up in this nostalgia on sphing is artistic thoughts is a lot of hard work. It is called SPRING CLEANING. Remember? Ah, yes, the inevitable dust, cobwebs, dank basements, dirty windows, and cluttered rooms. There is much to be put away, and much to be brought out. Painting, scrubbing, mopping, wiping, arranging plus add your own activity word, totired, weary, exhausted, and possibly crabby.
No wonder we need the beauty of the season first, right? Yard work is a relief for some,--just to get out of the house. Walking, jogging, bike riding,--put these in and out of the work of spring and you have a well-rounded season.
Today, I think about the palette of spring,--tomorrow, might try spring cleaning. But, if you want to take a walk with me, I just might forget the cleaning.

