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COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. OFFERS SENIOR IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM
Beginning Monday, September 19 the Kent County Health Department will hold its annual Senior Immunization Flu Program at eleven sites throughout the County. This six week program, for
healthy residents over the age of 65 , will end on Friday, October 28 . healthy residents over the age of 65 , will end on Friday, October 28 . The Immunization program will be in Lowell on Wed., Sept. 28, Oct. 14 \& Oct. 26 at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Road, S.E. from 9 - 11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

LOWELL LIBRARY TO ADD TWO NEW HOURS
The Lowell Library Board met and has decided to add two extra hours each week on the Monday schedule, which will be 9:30 a.m. to $4: 30$ p.m. starting Sept. 19 .

The remaining weekly hours are Wed., 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays 12:30 p.m. to $5: 30$ p.m.
Use your local library often. Say "hello" to our new librarian, Jane Aronson.

## ROTARY CLUB SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

The Rotary Club of Lowell and the Grand Valley Blood Program are sponsoring a blood drive Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 3 - 8 p.m. The drive will be held in the Middle School cafetorium, 12675 Foreman Street, in Lowell.
To schedule an appointment please all 897-5721 or the Grand - Valley Blood Program, 774-2300. Walk-ins are welcome.

LAAC TO SPONSOR PIE BAKING CONTEST AT FALL FESTIVAL

The Lowell Area Arts Council will again sponsor a pie baking contest at the Fallasburg Fall Festival, at 2 p.m. Sat., Sept. 24. Prizes of money will be given to first, second and third place in each of two categories: fruit pies and other (including creams, fruit in creams, meringues, nut pies, etc.)
Pies should be delivered to the contest area between noon and 2 p.m. The contest will be held on the grassy area just inside the stone arch near the Fallasburg pavilion. For more information, contact the LAAC Center 1-5 p.m., 897-8545.
This year's judges are Mike Whitman of the Thornapple Village Inn, Marsha LaHaye, home economics teacher at Lowell High School, and Marilyn Bovee, foods supervisor of Lowell Area Schools.

## LOWELL YMCA BEGINS FALL CLASSES

Lowell YMCA Fall classes start this week. There are still openings in youth soccer, adult fitness, youth swimming and adult swimnastics classes. Call the YMCA for details at 897-8445:

## LAAC RESUMES FALL WORKSHOPS

Lowell Area Arts Council is resuming their fall workshops. A watercolor workshop with noted artist Dick Zayac will be held Saturdays, Oct. 8, 15 \& 22 (note: change of date); Life Drawing sessions are being held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday evenings. Sandra Bartett will conduct a creative drawing after school workshop for children grades 2 through 6 on Wednesdays, Sept. 14, 21, \& 28 and Oct. 5; An evening workshop for lovers of baskets will be led by noted West Michigan basketry artist Barbara Caddick on Thursday evenings, Oct. 6, 13 \& 27 from 7 0 9:30 p.m.
For more information on these workshop and other activities at the Arts Center, please call 897-8545 Monday thru Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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## 1988 "Person of the Year" named

Lowell Chamber honors Blough

We've all attended a community function where our body was there but our heart and soul wasn't. Yet, after arriving, we are glad we didn't miss it. Ivan Blough, "had other

Banquet, Thursday, Sept. 8. at ing a family, you naturally beDeer Run.
It's a good thing because tivities Blough was the honored guest. The Lowell resident for the past 40 years was honored for his community involvement and years of service. Being named the third annual Lowell Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year," is not a title Blough is real comfortable with.
It's a real nice honor and I
ppreciate the fact I've been in
come in
tivities."
Blough continues, "Although I'm not really comfortable with such a title."
One look at the civic and ser vice organizations Blough has involved himself in and one undertands why he is deserving of such an award
He was a Cub Scout Master for three years; a Boy Scout Committee member for 26 years:

Council; member of the Lowell Light and Power Board; member of the Lowell Cable TV Board; member of the Showboat Board; member of the planning commission; a three-year member of the housing commission; a member of the administrative board and a board of trustee at the First United Methodist Church.
Blough worked nine years for Walter V. Graham Contractor. During that time he also managed Walter's Lumber Mart. He was a salesman for Grand Rapids Sash and Door and for 25 years he has been a general contractor (Blough Builders).
Blough and his wife, married for 37 years, are the parents of four children Michael, Lucinda, Mark and Melinda. They are also the proud grandparents of seven He is very proud of the fact that He is very proad of the fact that Carolyn, a reading consultant for Lowell Area Schoos, has been named vice president of Michi gan Reading Association.
"Lowell is neat, in that you have the privacy of a small town and yet a person can walk out of their home and a half-hour later be catching trout," Blough said.
He also enjoys the fact that all the churches have found their niche. "They all co-exist and cooperate so well together."

He continues, "Lowell will continue to grow, but in doing so, I don't think it will lose its small town stature."

Blough, who was born on Feb. , 1932 on his parents' farm outside of Alto, attended Star School (K-8th grade) and graduated from Lowell High School in 1949.
fien friendly persuasion of his wife, Carolyn and friends, he attended the third annual Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year

Lowell 40 years and have raised sponsored and coached girls' my children here," Blough said. slow pitch softball; coached little He added that his community league softball; member of the and civic involvement has come about through his family. "Rais

## LHS standards exceed the norm

Lowell High School Principal Dick Korb presented a report to the Board on the accreditation standards for LHS at the Lowell Area Schools September board meeting.
The report, based on selected University of Michigan Accreditation Standards for the 1987-88 Principals, has the 645 accre dited high schools divided into 19 reference groups of simila 9 reference groups of simila ize, type, and location.
Lowell High School has been included in one of these groups. This report excluded Oakland Wayne and Macomb Counties. Korb said the report reflect he educational opportunities for LHS students; the availability and competitiveness of course fferings; and assures the leve of quality because of the U of M/N.C.A.
Utilizing the data gathered in the Fall of 1987 submitted by the 645 participating high schools,
VILLAGE PARTY SHOPPE Lotto, LIQUOR, coldest beer in town, kegs, no keg deposit. Call 897-8791.
he report was able to draw an accurate picture of secondary chool course offerings
devoted to instruction
The data provides a picture of the extent to which the schools are meeting the course offering and instructional time standards established under the U of M Ac creditation Program.
More importantly it presents M graphs a series of ind vidualized pictures of how ind ll compres with other sehools f its size on course offering its size on course offering In he lagua
in the language arts area Low ell is well ahead of the class standard for schools its size across the state. Lowell offers 14.5 units while the state class stan dard is at 7.5. Schools its size in Southwest Lower Michigan are at 12.2 Carnegie units. "In language arts our student are extremely competitive in the class offerings and exposure they BROKEN WHEEL CAFE - Free meal special. Free meal with purchase of business. Take-out - call 897-0013.
ave," Korb said. A Carnegie unit of instruction means that a course of instruction offered by a school will be at least 40 minutes in length, five days a week and 36 weeks year," Korb said "Lowell is in excess of those standards." Lowell is even with the state standard in number of units of ocial studies at a little more than 5, while Class B schools thas southwest lower Michigan across head, standing at about 8 units. "This tells us that we should onsider offering a soup of ther opportunities in coupie of social studies," Korb said
The numb, Korb said. vailable at of units of science slightly a Lowell (8.3) is schools anead of the Class B Michigan dard acmess Mi The state standust across Michigan stands at just 4.5 to 4.6.
"This indicates that Lowell of rers a wide variety of class offerPRECISION \& FASHION HAIRSTYLING - For both men and women. Man's World Hairstyling. Phone 897-8102.
ings in the science area," Korb said. "This allows our students to be very competitive from the standpoint of going out to the colleges and having exposure at the kinds of courses in which they will be competing with other students.
The units of math at Lowell, according to the report is 11.1 compared to the roughly 10.4 across Southwest Lower Michigan and the approximately 5.8

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 2130 S. Dort Hwy.Flint, MI 48507 Attn. Ms. Delaney

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Glidden Tour visits West Michigan


 Model A Ford Coupe, owned by Harry and Lori Emmons. This
is one of two cars Harry Emmons and his father rebuilt in the

Main St. cont......

## Mmoved in a minor property damage accident Fiday, Sep.

 Main and Monroe was Thomas Powell. 33 , of Grand ReppidWhen he was backed int by a truck driven by Jason Reichent Stephen Vanderveg, 44 of Lowell collided with a car drive
Harrey Vickoffill 30 . of Clarkil
 one was iniured.
A vehicle wed by Lisa Elliot of Saranac was struck by a A vehicle owned by Lisa Elliot of Saranac was struck by a hit
St., Seph. St . while it was parked on Riverside St., just of Main CITY OF
LOWELL

PUBLIC NOTICE
ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

Department ot Public Wor September 21, 1988 the rant testing and flushing to the the city. Somene customers will experience loss of water pressure andor

At the we will conduct a hydrant flushing program
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CONTAINS LISTINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 16, THRU THURSDAY, SEPT. 22, 1988






Alto student wins computer for her school


Jim White, leff, Alto Elementary Principal. stands with Melody Brubaker, center and
Subakers suort-grade teacher TTim Hawkins r.ight. The threseme are standing in front of a omputer Brubaker won for the school through a summer reading program.


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Lowell City

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN
For the Regwar Meeting of Monday A
The mee
man.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the clerk called the
Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Doyle, Fonger, Thompson, Collins
and Mayor Maatman. and Mayor Maatm
Absent: None.
IT WAS MOVED by Doyle and supported by Fonger, that the YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED
IT WAS MOVED by Doyle and supported by Thompson, that sued. YEA: Councilimembers Doyle, Fonger, Thompson, Collins and
Mayor Maatman. NAYY: 0.
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ITem No. 1: VARIANCE REQUEST-LLOYDPOWELL-GARAGE AT S16 NORTH STREET - SET PUBLIC HEARING.
Loyd Powell (owner) has requested a variance to erect a 15 Loyd Powel ( Oownert has requested a variance to erect a $a 15$
$1 / 2$ foot high pole type garage at this residence located at sory buildings is restricted to to 12 ing ordinance, height of accestor this so that he can park tis motor home and several

IT WAS MOVED by Doyle and supported by Fonger to set
the public hearing date for the next City Council meeting Tuesday, September 6, 1988 for the variance request tor the garage at 516 North Street.

| YEA: 5. |
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MOTIN CARBIED.
Item No. 2: STREETVACATION-MARSAC STREET FROM ard lind Vos (504 Liares) hid How and Lind Vos ( 604 Latayette) and Richard Hosley ( 508
Latayette) have petitioned the Councill tovacate Marsac Street west of Latayette.
IT WAS MOVED by Fonger and supported by Thompson to
set the public hearing date for the next City Council meeting

 | Marsac Street trom Lafayette Street west |
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| YEA: | NAYY:

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MOTION CARRIED.
Item No. 3: CHANGE ORDERS - WASTEWATER TREAT
MENT PLANT ANO SANTTARY Pete Daukss of Fishbeck Thomson, Carr \& Huber explained Pete Dauks of fishbeck, Thompson, Carr \& Huber explained
the fololowing chane orders sor the Wastewater Treament
Plant and Sanitay Sewer Rehabilitation Program as listed
A. The Wastewater Treatment Plant.

1. A necessary addition tothe thudge pumping equip-
ment amounting to 10,055 , was due to plan oversight. ment amounting to $\$ 10,0,055$, was due to plan oversight.
2. The change in instrumentation within the scum and
sanitary wet well
 santar.
to $\$ 1,44$, alsolso because of plan oversight. relays amounted
3. The additional soils encountered cost $\$ 2,890$.
B. In the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program, a change
order of $\$ 27,058.05$ was proposed by the engineers for Nagel order of S27.,58.05 was proposed by the engineers for Nagael
Construction. This change order was
 tion study estimated that $50 \%$ of the jinits were bad. But
during the actual work, $80-90 \%$ of the joints failed the pressure
test test.

## the four Y $E A: 5$ NA: 5 .

NAY: 0
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MOTION CABR
Item No. 4. PICKUP TRUCK BIDS. The Cily received the Mem No. 4. PCKUP TRUCK BIIS. The City received the
following bids for a 1988 or 1989 pickup truck (as approved
in the budget) Wittenbach Olds, Pontiac \& GMC 1989 GMC 3/4 ton pickup
1979 Chevolottrade-in 1979 Chevolettrade-in
Front heavy duty springs

Thomet Chevrolet and Buick
1988 Chevrolet $3 / 4$ ton $4 \times 4$
1988 Chervolet $3 / 4$ ton $4 \times 4$
Plow- $261 / 2{ }^{2}$ high hlade


Atter
tions, it was recommendeded by the Cily staft that Wpittenbac be awarded the bid.
IT WAS MOVED by Thompson and supported by Doyle to accept the tow bid from Wittenbach for the purchase of a
1989 GMC $3 / 4$ ton pickup truck.
1989 GMC
YEA:
NAY.
NAY: 0.
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MOTION CARRIED.
hem No. 5. Water treatment plant reservoir ALARM SYSTEM. George Regan, SLuperintetendent of the
Water Treatment Plant, explained that on eight different occa-
 dangerous levels during the times when the plant is not stat led. Ine ground storage has had twelve occasions. Such low pumps and motors a pressurund drop (torage). An aleal) and damstemge io that such an occurrence has taken place.
He explained that the alarm system can ring into eight dififerent
phone numbers denoting four alarm locations. Regan recom phone numbers denoting four alarm locations. Regan recom-
mended that Smith Instument of Grand Rapids perform this tor $\$ 1,825$. This firm is tamiliar with he plant.
It WAS MOVED by Thompson and supported by C Collins that
we go with Smith Instrument of Grand Rapaids for $\$ 1.825$ installed.
YEA:5.
NAY: 0 . ABSENT: 0
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Item No. 6: HUDSON STREET - DISCUSSION WITH KENT COUNTY: ROAD COMMISSION. City Manager Pasqual mentioned that he, Mayor Maatman, Councalimemmers Dople
and DPW Director Siciliano met on August 17 with Jim Poritt and DPW Director Siciliano met on August 17 with Jim Porri
(Manager of the Road Commission concemning the propose

-Fun Street - Poritt mentioned the need to improve the road. namely widening and placement of oravel. Herequested
that the Cititcontribute $50 \%$ of the $55 \%$ local share (Vergen
nes Township nes Townstio remaining). with the County providing 45\%.
is estimated that such york is estimated that such work would amount to $10,000-15,000$
The question with the City centers on whether this should be
a one time agrement

| $\$ 13,068.00$ |
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Honors for Janeland Farm


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Rev. Henry Buikema


City would $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hudset I In review the potential loss of revenue, the } \\ & \text { Cin }\end{aligned}$
City would give up between $\$ 5,000$ to $5 \$ 6,000 \mathrm{a}$ a year a in Act
5 monies 51 monies rather than the $\$ 20,000$ originally estimated
Porititstated that the County would gain $\$ 1,000$ a year in Act 51 monies (different funding formula), while the cost to maintain Hudson would be $\$ 4,000$ to $\$ 5,500 \mathrm{a}$ year. While there
is an additional cost, the County would desire an arterial is an additional costl the count woul
street through Lowell tor their system.
The $50.50 \%$ share is similiar to the Division Street Bridge
proiect (1980-1981) except to one project (1980.-1981) except too one inportant difiference.
Since a replacement of a bridge was involved, federal and Since a replacement of a bridge was involved federal and
state egrants momunted to ooopothe cost. The City and County state grants amounted to $90 \%$ ot the cost. The Cily and County
each contributed $\$ 100,000$. The Cily also transfered 1.08
miles of street (Division. Jackson and Grand River) to the miles of street (Division, Jackson and Grand River) to the
County. The proposed (Hudson) project would transter 1.454
Inies.
If the agreement is approved, the bridge would be redecked in 1989 at an estimated coss of $\$ 2200,000$. South Hudson trom
the bridge to Main $(\$ 250,000)$ could be scheduled within a 5 year period dependent on the further deterioration of the
street.
street.
There were several items on the offer from the County that
were not clear the were not clear to the council a a
entering into an agreement.

IT WAS MOVED by Collins and supported by Fonger to table
the Audson Street issue until a counter offer to the County be given.
YA: 2. Collins, Fonger)
NAY; 3. (Doyle, Thomps ABSENT:
MOTION DEFEATED.
the following offer to the County:

1. Costs of reconstruction or
$50-50 \%$ asis
and one time only.
2. All engineering, both preliminary and construction shall
be the responsibility of the County at no cost to the ciry.
3. Mainten
4. The share of the be the responsibility of the County. 4. The share of the cost improvements to fun Street shall
be shared between the City ot Lowell (27 1/2\%\%, , vergennes
Township ( $271 / 1 / 2 \%$ ) and the County $(45 \%)$, one time only. 5. All other terms proposed are agreable.
YEA: 5 .

YEA: 5.
NAY:
ABSENT: 0
NAY:
ABENT: 0
MOTION CARRIE
Item No. 7. SUMMER WATER RATES. City Manager Pas-
quale stated that the staft has studied the possibility of institutItem No. T.
quale stated that the staft has studied the possibility o tinstitut
ing siter ing summer water rates for residential customers only. THis
procedure would utilize average winter consumption to calculate sanitary sewer usage costs tor summer. Such activities
as lawn sprinking do not utilize the sewer. as lawn sprinkking do not tutize the sewer.

Pasquale mentioned that the computer could handle this,
most likely hoosing a wint month for the average. Sut,
there would be problems with this procedure. Scoott smith (attorney) had stateded to him that any such change in the (ationey). had stated to him that any such change in the
sewer user charge rates must be appoved by the DNR. Also,
the ouestions would arise the questions would arise as to whether the eadititional revevene
would come from this loss. The operational and maintenance would come from this loss. The operational and maintenance
costs of the plant do not decrease. The user charges must
be sufficient to handle deb reatrement and operation be sufficient to handle debt retirement and operation. Van Anderson (owner of Valley Vista Trailer Park) spoke to
the Council about the high water costs during the summer and the need for arjustment.
The consensus of the Council
The consensus of the Council is to table this untit the City
can analyze the actual cost of operation of the new wastewaCan analyzz the actual cost of operation of the enew wastewa-
ter plant and heck wwith the ONR. This will be done as part of the budget review in March of 1989 .
Item No. 8: ACT 198 policy. City Manager Pasquale explained the proposed guidedines that can give the Council
direction on setting direction on setting years of exemption for industrial tax abate-
ment applications. A point system would de estabished using ment applications. A point system would be established using
cosis of construction, employment and age of structure. The consensus of the Council was to try using these
guidelines for the next tax abatement request.
quale explained It WASTE CONTRACT. City Manager Pas quale explained that the City will be advertising for garabage
collection bids this coming week. The City is seeking a three yoliection bids this coming week. The City is seeking a three
year agreemen with provision for adiustment in sitations
of escalated fuel and landifilic oosts subject to city Council approval). There would be the same bage or coctainer ininial
tions, but the contractor would be eqequired to take all bagged leaves.
The Council was in basic agreement and hoped there would be multiple bidders.
Item No. 10: WALNUT TREES - BID ADVERTISEMENT. City Manager Pasquale explained that at he request of CounCity cementery has been proposed. These trees are particuCity cemetern has been proposes. These trees are particu-
lary diryt and their wood is valuable. The bid would include removal of tree and tree stumps.

Hem No. 11: MONTHLY Retor
Item No. 11 monter
materials presented.
Item No. 12: CITIZEN SUGGESTIONS. Van Anderson stated
that he was sleases with the assistance he received from
the Citis's statt, particularyy C City Manager Pasquale, DPW
Directo Siciliano and Debbie Carstens, Water-Sewer Depart.
Item No. 13: COUNCIL COMmENTS. Councimember Yompson questioned it the City received the "Swimming ac Your Own Risk" signs for the gravel pit park area. DPW Diriec tor siciliano said thathe is in the e rococss of securing the signs.
Councimember Colins stated that the parking area tor the
gravel pit park area is ieveled and looks good gravel Iit parar area is leveled and looks good.
Councilimember Fonger had the folowing ouestions: (1) Councilmember Fonger had the tollowing questions: (1)
 program, and if so how many.
program, and if so how many.
DPW Director Siciliano answered that the streets are swe
two times a week and is working as two times a week knd is sorking as sood as sou care nexpect
tor a machine that old. The crew will be using the smal unit for a machine that old. The crew will be using the small unit
and hand spraying the weeds. There are five trees that need no hand spraying the weeds. Thiere are five trees.

Item No. 14: MANAGER'S R
em No. 14: MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale
Anotred on the ollowing: 1. Account Clerk Dobbie Carstens has submitted her resigna-
ion effective Sepiemer oth on effective Septemer 9th. Debbie has been an excellent The eosition is currentisy being advertised in the Ledger and
the Grand Rapids Press. Also, Debbie Crawtord (a previous he Grand Rapids Press. Also, Debbie Crawtord (a previous Summer employee) is working as a temporary worker durn 2. Jane Aronson has been appointed City Librarian effective
August 15th. The library is adding two more hours, trom denty-the to twenty-five hours, with the eventual goa The Lowell Ambulance operation officially begins on Monay. August 2 a a $9: 000$ a.... TTe ve vicicle will be stored at K Kin he vehicle storage.
4. The Look Dalay. Committee approved the cost of a new
well well for the . Minutes of the Light and Power and Cable TV Board wer included.
6. Dennys Disposal has intormed residents along Fun Street
that garbage pick up in tront of their residence is availiable 6. Dennys Sisposal has intormed residents along Fun Streee
that gartage pick up in fort of their residence is availiable assuming the road is passable).
Item No. 15: APPointments. None.
IT WAS MOVED to adjuurn at $9: 50$ p.m.
Approved: September 12. 1988
ment in regard to the water sewer charges.
Mrs. Phylis Lessens, 517 Elm Street, questioned the Council
Mrs: Phylilis Lessens, 517 Elm Street, Questioned the Council
on: (1) speed linit signs on Elm Street to Hunt Street. (2)
chidren playing on the trees in in Richards Park, (1) the water
on: (1) speed limits signs on Elm Street to Hunt Street. (2)
chidren playing onthe tres in Richards Park, (3) the water
sewer charges and bucget.

The most Olympic gold medals won in field events is ien individual
1900 and 1908.

Letter to the Editor
 Middaugh chosen Olivet outstanding employee

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and
Bob Reagan, DDS
Chairnan
Kidseaning Committee


## ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION



## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF <br> LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 1988

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
rease Trake Notice that a special election of the electors of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and lonia .
THE POLLL OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT $7 O^{\prime}$ CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK

MILLAGE PROPOSITION
Shail the iimitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Lowell foilows: 2.9 mills $(\$ 2.90$ on each $\$ 1,000.00$ ) on state equalized valuation for the year $1988 ; 3.2$ mills ( $\$ 3.20$ on each $\$ 1,000.00$ ) on state equalized valuation for the year 1989 ; and 3.5 mills funds for operating purposes?

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS: PRECINCT NO. 1
OTING PLACE: Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct cascade . lll Thor ascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County

PRECINCT NO. 2
VOTING PLACE: Bowne Township Hall, 6059 Linfield, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in lonia County and those portions lying
south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

## PRECINCT NO. 3

VOTING PLACE: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes
Township. The third precinct consists of the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan, and Vergennes in
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All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which

STATEMENT OF KENT COUNTY TREASURER AS TO VOTED INCREASES

## State of michigan

COUNTY OF KENT
Michinn K . Boerema, the duly elected, qualified and acting Treasurer of the County of Kent, State of County of Kent and that, at the date hereof, the records of this office indicate that there are voted increases in the total tax rate limitation, in local units, affecting the taxable property in said school district as follows:

By Kent County: ByKent County:
By Grattan Township By Ada Township: By Vergennes Township.
By Cannon Township: By Cannon Township:
By Lowell Township: By Lowell Township;
By Bowne Township:
By By the School District:
rears Effective

987 to 1991 incl.
1984 to 1989 incl.
1979 to 1988 incl.
1987 to 1993 incl.
986 to 1990 initi.
1986 to 1990 incl.
John K. Boerema
ent County Treasurer
Dated: August 1, 1988 at Grand Rapids, Michioari.
1, Lucille Heppe, Treasureri of lonia County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of August 1, 1988, the records of thits office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxab chigan, is as follows

By lonia County:

> .003 $\begin{aligned} & .4 \text { Mills } 1988 \text { to } 1993 \text { incl. } \\ & \text { 22.2 Mills, } 1988,1989 \text { and } \\ & 1990 \\ & 0.7 \text { Mill, } 1988,1989 \& 1990\end{aligned}$

Date: August 1, 1988
Linda Heppe
This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia This Notice is given
Counties, Michigan. Counties, Michigan.

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cozy corner A full雨 by Roger Brown

Every Fourt of July a group of us sailors throw a tumultuous
pig roast and beach party at Silver Lake. We bury a pig in the san

 ming. paraing footalal or volleyball and kids and dogs sumning
everywhere. It's quite a party. We organizers just get in the midde




 always several spectacular diving catches ending with a splas
the water that brought a loud cheer foom the audience.

 lightweights had a goat it, but the competition finally camm
to a six foot four, three hundred pounder and myself.
 movie. Everyone had me peged das the underdog, bunt was deter
mined
beean owin We squared off and stared each other down as w




 ball again as long as $I$ live.
This year the same person brought another can of cheez balls
and $I$ was called upon to defend my tite $\ldots$. Rocky IV'. My


 beat my 58 from the year before. The two big guys went right on
by it, and finally gageged $a 63$ and 65 . I hoped there wouldint b enough cheez
a fresh can.
Iresh can.
I pyyched myself up. and stared stuffing cheez balls. At hthiry
I though, "no way". Af fory I Itought to myself, "never in

 Gol'". Karl is my middle name, and the name I g oy when I m
my weekend alter Well. I knew I couldnt tet my supporers down, so s stretched lose lips a a ititle further, cut those gums a a itite more, and someno
kept finding room for more cheez balls. When 1 suffed number 66 there was a tremendous soar from the croww and 1 raised $m$
 Well, Im the cheez ball sutfing champion of the world, but
Im really not anxious to defend $m y$ tite ever again. Alloso Terese
 father who is the world champ cheez ball suffer. Soo if there are
serious contenders on the e eacan next fourh of Juyb 1 may just

The month of June was named by the Romans tor their
goddess Juno, queen of heaven and special patioui of
goddess Juno, queen of heaven and special naztion
women and marriage.

## OFFICE OF THE DRAIN COMMISSIONER

NOTICE OF MEETING OF LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

## There will be a meeting of the "Big Pine Island Lake Improvement Board", on the 27 Thd day of September,

1988 at $8: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to reconvene to hear opjections
Grattan Township Hall
11176 OId Belling Raod
Belding, Michigan 48809

## Lowell's Annual COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

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Charlie Doyle, left, stands with Eric Alf, right, an industrial engineer graduate from the University of Michigan, who is on a engineer rgaduate from the University o Mithigan, whi lo on a
field assignment for the United States Postal Service, located in field assignment for the United States Postar Service, located in
Washington D.C. Alf spent a week in Lowell investigating how automation can best work with local postal offices.

## Postal automation here to stay

An industrial engineer spend- your envelopes and stamps being a week at the Lowell Post Office with Postmaster Charlie Doyle?
Eric Alf, 23, a 1987 University of Michigan graduate, was sent to Lowell through the
United States Postal Service United States Postal Service in Washington D.C. for an overall view on how automation affects
delivery, "It will provide a cross delivery. "It will provide a cross training on how what I do will
affect local post offices such as affect local post offices such as
Lowell," Alf said. "It's a way of Lowell," Alf said. "It's a way of
bringing in technically bringing in technically minded people to help modernize the
postal system." postal system.
According to Alf many people still see postal automation as something in the future. Grab
your envelopes and stamps because automation is already here in many parts of the country. "I
believe Lowell will begin to see clieve Lowell will begin to see some of these ch ear," Alf said
Half of all mail processed is However, 35 percent of aipment. mowever, 35 percent of all mail ally. For many years the front of aily. For many years the front of he envelopes have been read manually and then separated. Now, with optical character readers and bar codes - seen at the bottom of many envelopes, the sorting is broke down to a finer and more specific area. Alf refers o it as a deeper sort. An example of this would be


## -14. <br> Ada Covered Bridge FESTUAL <br> Ada's Leonard Ball Field <br> 

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instead of breaking down the tion would help keep postage mail to the Lowell area, through rates down so there isn't an inautomation the mail could be crease." separated and broke down to a city block within Lowell. People are already doing this? Yes, but according to Doyle, automation would improve service and save money.
"Such a system would cost around $\$ 600,000$, but would soon pay for itself on return in vestment. There would be me duced work hours and a reduc tion in the amount of money paid in force," Alf said money paid force," Alf said.
Doyle adds, "Many might feel such machines would increase the postage rate, however it would work in reverse. Automa- ery.
state projects except those using law to apply to local projects not federal money and for which the covered under existing law. state loans or grants money to a

Both Alf and Doyle said auto mation would not cost anybody their job. Instead movement from one operation to anothe would become prevalent.
"Positions would be reduced hrough attrition," Alf said "Fewer people would be hired bone would lose their job.
Doyle said he can see the day 1 ) where the mail arrives in Lowell aready presorted according to local unit of government or a pri- Approval of these bond propvate entity. Legislative Repubil- osals will go a long way toward
cans were concerned that forcing improving Michigan's futue cans were concerned that forcing improving Michigan's future en-
local units of government to pay vironmental health. Because we local units of government to pay vironmental health. Because we prevailing wage rates would sig- have very serious environmental
nificantly increase the cost of contamination problems, it is nificantly increase the cost of contamination problems, it is each individual project and there- critically important that we delay
fore reduce the number of pro- no longer in fore reduce the number of pro- no longer in obtaining funds to jects that could be funded by the begin cleaning up our waste bond issues. The final approval came after ferred that the entire $\$ 800$ mil Republicans on the House-Se- lion be allocated to cleaning up nate conference committee were waste dumps and developing assured in writing by the DNR new disposal methods, $\$ 660 \mathrm{mil}$ director that the department lion is a large financial step towould not attempt to circumvent ward restoring and protecting our or expand the prevailing wage vital land and water resources.

## Bike tour successful

Michael Krisel of Lowell is time. Over 32 cities are repamong 150 Michigan bikers who resented during the tours so are helping raise over $\$ 50,000$ people from all over the state get in pledges for the American a chance to meet, share biking Lung Association of Michigan's tips and assist a great cause!!" fall bike tours called the BAM! All donations will help sup(Bicycle Around Michigan) port the American Lung AssociLeelanau Lakeshore Loop Sep- ation of Michigan's FREEDOM tember 9-11 and Mackinac Is- FROM SMOKING ${ }^{*}$ programs, land Tour September 17-19. Sharon Castle, Director of sponsorships to help asthmatic Special Events for the Lung As- children attend camp Michisociation states, "It's a great Mack.

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Min an mill
Michigan voters will soon have the chance to approve selling $\$ 800$ million in bonds for environmental cleanup and parks. The Legislature ended months of negotiating last week conference committee report on
the bonding proposal, which wiil now appear on the November ballot. The agreement included dividing the issue into two sepa rate ballot proposals
One will seek the sale of $\$ 660$ nilition in bonds for environmen al cleanup, improved handling
ffort . The and clean war be asking to sell $\$ 140$ million in bonds, with the money to be split evenly between state and local Most elements of the bond package were agreed to weeks ago, but the final agreement was hung up by disputes over whether prevailing union wages should be paid on project funded by the borrowed money. Under existing Department of Natural Resources (DNR) policy, prevailing wages apply to all

## Krause at the House <br> Vic Krause <br> Vic Krau 19th District


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