# The Lowell Ledger 

## LAAC contemplates life without grant monies

Governor John Engler's proposed cut of $\$ 36.6$ million in cultural programs has painted grim picture for the Lowell Area Arts Council and other local arts organizations.
The procedure to deal with Engler's proposal is that the Legislature has 10 days to respond, then the Governor has 30 days to respond to the Legislature's proposal and the Legislature then has 10 days to respond to his counter-proposal. This whole process will be 50 days or until about the first week in March.
Senator Vern Ehlers believes the Governor's proposal is likely to be rejected, but he is not hopeful about restoring any of the arts funding.
Ehlers' main concern ideals with the inequities in earlier funding by the Michigan Council for the Arts. According to the Senator, some arts organizations have received 99 percent or the Arts. According to the Senator, some arts organiza.
of their 1991 grant money and others have received none.
In a meeting with the LAAC Board, Senator Dick Posthumus explained that while Engler


Senator Richard Posthumus discusses the State cuts to the arts with the Lowell Area Arts Council Board members.
is catching the wrath for the cuts, the decision to cut funds was made before Engler went into office. "Some of the funds were distributed in December. The Blanchard people issued them. The decisions were not based on a fair system," Posthumus said.
One way to reinstitute a fair system is to move the responsibility of funds from the commerce department to the education department. "Administratively, I believe it would be a good idea," Posthumus said.
The concern of the AAB is that many of its members have already spent or committed the current grant money which it now will not get. Yentsch explains, "This will mean that many will now face laying off staff, cutting programs or going out of business. This action has caused panic across the arts community," she says.
According to Sharon Yentsch, an Arts Advisory Board chairperson, the AAB is concerned According to Sharon Yentsch, an Arts Advisory Board chairperson, the AAB immediate economic impact the proposed cuts would have on West Migan. about the immediate economic impact the proposed cuts would have on West Michigan.
"We know that the arts industry provides over 228 jobs in our area and infuses a minimum of $\$ 33$ million into the local economy," Yentsch said. "Combined the annual budgets for the 54 member arts organizations total at least $\$ 11$ million. Of that, at least 80 percent is returned to the community through payroll, facility usage, marketing and other expenditures."
Lowell Area Arts Council spokesperson, Dode Dey said the LAAC has received $\$ 11,900$ of its $\$ 12,000$ grant. The LAAC is uneasy about things because it may be asked to return some or all of it
"Our fiscal 1991 budget is set at $\$ 60,000$. If we lose $\$ 12,000$, obviously there would have to be many cuts," Dey said. "We don't expect to lose all $\$ 12,000$ of it this year, but we're not sure. For the fiscal year 1992, the LAAC will have to budget for $\$ 48,000$." She added the 16 -member LAAC board held an emergency meeting following the meeting with Senator Posthumus to discuss what will need to be done if the proposal is passed.
Dey wasn't sure what the answers would be, but projected more money would have to be generated through the LAAC fund drive and through the private sector.
Another problem facing the LAAC is that a significant amount of National Endowment for the Arts funds comes to Michigan only because they are matched by MCA funds. It is a concern that these federal funds will be lost because there won't be state matching monies.
Of the 17 local cultural groups which received 1990-91 grants from the Michigan Council for the Arts, only a handful have received all or nearly all of their funds.
The Governor originally proposed a 9.2 percent cut in MCA's budget, but the executive order signed Tuesday (Jan. 22) by Engler porposes to cut the council's administrative budget by 50 percent and eliminating all grants to art organizations.
Chris VanAntwerp, Director of the Grand Rapids-based Michigan Association of Community Art Agencies said his organization has enough money to last to the end of the month. "This was our operational support, our on-going support," he said. "When the money runs out at the end of the month, we're gone, unless something happens."


YELLOW BOWS FOR SALE BY WOTM
The Women of the Lowell Moose are selling yellow bows like the ones that can be seen on Main Street, for $\$ 3$ apiece.
Proceeds will go toward an emergency fund to help area families of service people in the Persian Gulf.
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CANDY SALE BEGINS AT ST MARY'S
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Valentine party for seniors feb, 14
All Lowell Senior Citizens are cordially invited to a Valentine Paty given by Lowell, Caledonia and Middleville Community Education on Feb. 14 at Dari's, 6595 Alden Nash, Alto.

There will be refreshments and entertainment for this fun event, which begins at I p.m. Piease bring a signed Vaientine.

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## Missing member of Summerfield family can be found with Operation Desert Storm

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Before being shipped to Goldsboro. North Carolina. days before the war started. ting." Says Lowell's Ruth Saudi Arabia Jeff was Summerfield said the letter Jeff sounds very upbeat and pauses, "No, war is never the right thing. But I think our approach to this war is corapproa
Summerfield has a lot of thoughts on what's going on over in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. However, her emotions don't always allow her to share them. "Yesterday I was unable to talk about the war. Today, I got a letter from my boy, Jeff, and I feel on top of the world. I can talk to anyone," she explains.
Jeff arrived in Saudi Arabia on Aug. 7. Understandably, he has been foremost on the minds of his close-knit family ever since. "We're a very close family and we're waiting to get the other piece of the family back "Ruth says.
Jeff is a Sergeant over in Dhahran. He works with the radar and jamming systems. "Prior to the start of the war he worked 12 hours a day." Summerfield explains.

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The First Annual Family Snowfest. sponsored by the Low.
ell Area Jaycees, will be held on Saturday. Feb. at Crekside Park. weather permitting.
There will be a snowman building contest. ice skating. and snow wares. Registration will be at 9 am . and judging
will begin at II 1 m Free hot chocolate. coffee and cookies will be provided.
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN
TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 5, 1991

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the Board of Education, pursuant to a directive from the Board of Education of Kent
Intermediate School District, has called a special organizational election to Intermediate School District, has called a special organizational election to establish a community college to
be held in the district on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 1991. THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A.M., AND CLOSE AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.
The following issues will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special election:
I. PROPOSITION TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Shall a Community College District comprised of the Kent Intermediate School District, Ms amended?
as abolished in accordance with Act No. 331 of the Public Acts of 1966 ,
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In attendance at the Lowell YMCA Recognition Dinner were, front, left to right: Grand Rapids Hoops General Manager, Tom Rubens, volunteers, Pinky McPherson, Dianna MacNaughton; back row: volunteer, Mary Roth, YMCA Director, Doug Ybema and volunteer, Jim White.

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Lowell YMCA Director sell was our first choice, but fans. "As a GM I'm asked to Roth, Pinky McPhersone Doug Ybema, along with he was employed by the help make the game of bas- Dianne McNaughton and other YMCA Board mem- NBA. Cazzie does a good job ketball fun to the non-basket- Dan McAllister. bers, recognized the hard of inspiring young players." ball fans." Jim White was recognized work and efforts of five volunteers at the third annual local YMCA Recognition dinner.

Rubens said during the YMCA volunteers recogfor his 12 years of volunteer dinner. YMCA service, including the

Tom Rubens, General Manager of the Grand Rapids Hoops was the guest speaker Rubens discussed the advantages and opportunities that local YMCAs provide kids.
The general manager also discussed the Grand Rapids Hoops recent decision to let head coach Jim Sleeper go had to bring in former University of Michigan star Cazzie Russell. needed to have the club get off to a quick start this year," Rubens said. "Initially Rus- 0

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Mexico will also join other pays the lowest postage for foreign countries as it will arty industrialized country in weigh by the half ounce. the worid and is one of just The basic rate for first class a few countries that is not postcards will be 19 cents. subsidized by taxes.
Lowell Postmaster Sylvia Since 1971 addresses Taylor said the main reason served has increased by $5\left(\begin{array}{l}\text { n }\end{array}\right.$ for the increase was the in- percent.
creased cost in doing busi- Taylor said the Rate Comness. Taylor added that the mission, not the post office. U.S. Post Office has not been set the increase to 29 cents subsidized by the U.S. gov- The Lowell Postmaster said ernment since 1971. "That she heard that businesses and still is a factor in postal rate individuals would save ap increases," she said. "The proximately $\$ 800$ million be post office as a whole is just tween now and the next rate trying to break even - to cover increase.

## its costs."

Rate increases occurrea $\frac{\text { of }}{}$ Some of that cost comes roughly once every three from the $\$ 4.7$ billion that years during the decade of the Congress assesses the U.S. 1980's. Prior to February of Post Office. 1988, rate hikes were passed The last postal rate in- in February of 1985 and Occrease was incurred in Feb. tober of 1981 of 1988 when the price of a


Syivia Taylor displays some of the new stamps earmarked for Feb. 4 when the price of first class stamps rises to 29 cents.


