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$\cdots$ A bitter cold snap created crises for the Lowell Area School District. How much will be covered by insurance is not known. An adjuster is scheduled to visit the district on Thursday. By Thad Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor
Winter's bitter cold and wind followed by warming temperatures and melting snow created district-wide crises for Lowell Schools.

The most severe crisis that rained on the district was at Cherry Creek Elementary

It required the emergency work of National Roofing \& Sheet Metal Company out of Burton (suburb of Flint). "The dramatic change in temperatures created thermo shock." said National Roofing foreman Frank Crawford. The result was the PVC roof. with a soft rubber texture and nonenforced membrane. shattered (spiderlike) over a 2.000 square foot area at the school's northeast end.
"The melting snow gradually began leaking into the northeast end of the building Wednesday night." Cherry Creek Elementary principal Bill Markovich said.

By Thursday morning the leaks had multiplied a couple times over and the amount of water coming into the northeast end of the building was reaching disastrous proportions.
"Because of great cooperation between custodians. we were able to minimize our losses," Markovich said. "Computers were taken out of the computer room. put into the math room and hooked up within two hours. No one of the computers was damaged by the water

The National Roofing and Sheet Metal Company spent two days repairing 2,000 square feet of shattered roof at Cherry Creek Elementary

Along Main Street


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ATTENTION PARENTS OF LOWELL SENIORS
A senior video is being put together for the class of ' 96 . If
you have any videos of the class, past or present, please call Sam or Bonnie at 897-5370. Videos will be returned to you.

WRESTLING SIGN-UP
Lowell freestyle wrestling signup will be held Thursday, Feb. 15 at Cherry Creek Elementary cafeteria from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For information on cost, age groups and requirements, call Barb Carpenter, 897-6566 or Dennis Kimberlin, 874-9318

LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL
The LYFL Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Cherry Creek P.T.O. room on Thursday, Feb. 15

## YMCA YOUTH BASKETBALL

Tuesday. Feb. 20, will be YMCA Youth Basketball night at Mair. Street, cont'd., pg. 8
remove a large number of ceiling tiles before they were destroyed by the water

The National Roofing \& Sheet Metal Company began replacing the shattered eight-year-old roof Thursday morning. The work was completed Friday evening.

The shattered roofing material was replaced with reinforced PVC membrane


Crawford said. "However, I've seen the nonreinforced stuff shatter about 25 times now. Crawford pointed to a GM Auto Parts plant as an example. "It had about 5.000 square feet shatter. Crawford said the shattering of the roof does not take place a little bit at a time. "It's all at once," he said. "At the Lansing GM Plant, they heard a loud boom." A little closer to home the Thornapple Kellogg Cold crisis, cont'd., pg. 8

## Modern technology provides new phone system for township

By Marc Popiolek

Calling it a "necessary evil in this day and age," the Lowell Charter Township Board will review the need to update its telephone system to include voice mail.
"I hate to talk into those things, but it's time we looked into them." said township supervisor John Timpson, in reference to voice mail phones.

With the completion of the townships hall's expansion project, township officials realize the need for at least five new phones as well as the voice mail capabilities.

The township has received several quotes from area communication companies, but Grand Rapids Telecommunications' bid is the lowest.
Installing a new phone system with 10 phones and no voice mail would cost $\$ 3,010$, while the same system with voice mail would cost \$5,865.

The costs include the phones, programming, installation and training fees and could be updated to a 16 -phone system if necessary.

Currently, the township has five phones, which are shared by employees of the township.
Because of the hall expansion project, the township is without phones in the meeting room, downstairs and other offices.

Township officials accepted quotes previously, but the current quote is more than $\$ 3,000$ less than the first quiete. If the township decides to keep its current system. they can add phones for $\$ 65$ per phone, plus a cost for cleaning the -The current system is full of dust and other debris from the construction," Timpson said.

Providing more phones would also make it easier fo officials to return calls when the receptionist is not present and for the county health department which uses the hall once : week
"There are times when no one mans the phones at the reception desk. It's important to get the calls and direct then to the right people," said Timpson. "We can also dedicate a number for health officials, so they can get their messages through the voice mail or their own recording

Township officials will listen to a presentation from sales associates with Grand Rapids Telecommunications before deciding if they will purchase the system


ObITUARIES
Lowell Middle School recognizes its second-period honor roll students


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By Thad Kraus
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Red Arrows come up short at home against Hastings
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Lowell's Fisher within one qualifying score of regional on balance beam By Thad Kraus

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## CITY OF LOWELL








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LEGAL NOTICES

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RITA J. CROWLEY who lived at 1305 Walker NW Grand Rapids, Michigan, and who died December 31 1995, and requesting also the will of the deceased
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| Lowell volleyball coach finds a team at Creston Invitational |
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City attorney responds to cable inquiries
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Feb. 6 \& Feb. 15 - 7:00-8:30 p.m at CHERRY CREEK CAFETERIA
COST: $\$ 35$ and 1 box of candy- $\$ 30$ Checks will be held for candy only candill - March 10
Birth certificate required and parent QUESTIONS? Call Barb Carpenter 897-6566 or Dennis Kimberlin 874-9318
$\star$ New group "0" for 5 and 6 year olds Practice starts for all wrestlers Feb. 20 at 5:45 p.m.

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Lowell School Board discusses phasing out pay to play


Wrestling, cont'd

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## Enthusiasm and hard work fuel academic achievement at Cherry Creek



Earl of Chesterfield

Lowell Middle School implements peer mediation program

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## Noonon and the city of Lowell recognized with a governmental budgeting award

By Thad Kraus

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The highest form of re ognition in governmental bud geting. the Distinguished Bud get Presentation Award, was bestowed on the city of Lowell by the Government Finance Officers Association

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Noonon.therecipient of Judy tificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation. was primarily responsible for the city's achievement

The award represents a commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting

In order to receive the award. the city had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well a
s budget serves as

- a policy document - a financial plan - an operations guide
- a communication devic

The city of Lowell re ceived a rating of proficienc in all four categories.
"We are extremely pleased to receive the award A lot of effort was put forth in presenting a budget of this qualiy. Noonon said

## Gifts to the school

 district are bountifulBy Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Edito

A portion of the Frank L Carr trust fund has been donated to the Lowell Area Schools to be used as a per-

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE PROPOSED ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing to hear citizens' comments regarding proposed text and map amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing shall be held on March 14, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, MI. All interested persons are invited to attend.
A. Proposed text amendments include revisions to the following sections:

Section 11.02 (ADD): Q. Rental self-storage, mini-storage units.
B. The proposed amendment to the zoning map would rezone approximately 2.53 acres of land, lying generally south of the C \& O Railroad and west of Alden Nash Avenue (M-50) (see attached map) from Rural Residential (R-R) to Light Industrial (1-1) The area to be rezoned is more fully described as being:

East 470 feet of that part of North $1 / 2$ Northeast $1 / 4$ lying South of South line of C \& O Railroad right-of-way/100 feet wide/EX South 150 foot Section 4 T5N R9W.

The proposed zoning amendments may be examined and written comments received at the Bowne Township Hall, 6059 Linfield, Alto, MI 49302, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, telephone number is (616) 868-6846.

## Proposed Area for Rezoning

Bowne Township, Kent County

petual fund for the art depart ment and to develop art programs.
The trust fund was one of seven gifts donated to the district. Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke announced to the board of education Monday night that the trust fund be night that the trust fund bequeathed $\$ 20,818.43$ to the Lowell schoois art program. more people seem to be thinking about the district. It is wonderful that they are thinking of us. We appreciate it and the gifts add to what we can do for the kids," Bleke said. The board also accepted gifts from:

- Alan and Jeri Teelander who donated a Selmer bass clarinet to the Lowell High School band. The value of the clarinet is $\$ 800$.
- Bergy Excavating Inc./ Dan Bergy who donated the use of his backhoe to help work on Alto Elementary's outdoor classroom. The value of the donation is $\$ 220$.
- The Lowell Wrestling

Club who donated $\$ 3,772.10$ to the athletic department. It is to be used toward the puris thase of a new wrestling mat.
and - The Lowell Knights of Columbus whodonated $\$ 150$ toward the purchase of classroom textbooks or materials for the New Dawn program. -TomCapps who donated dark room equipment to the LHS photography department. The value of the donation is $\$ 650$.


Judy Noonon, city clerk/treasurer,holds the plaque awarded to the city for its budget presentation.

Human felicity is produced not so much by great pieces of good fortune that seldom happen, as by little advantages that occur every day.

There are no new truths, but only truths that have not been recognized by those who perceived them without noticing.
-Mary McCarthy

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No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon another premises or property without permission. No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon any public property, street right-ofway, or sidewalk so as to obstruct its normal use.

Any occupant or property owner that violates this ordinance will be fined.

Betty R. Morlock Deputy City Clerk

