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## Foreman resident asks that the city let safety rule in sidewalk issue

## By Thad Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor

Dave Austin asked the Lowell City Council Monday night to consider safety before aesthetics when determining placement of sidewalk on the north side of Foreman Road.

The council stated that it wished to initiate the special assessment process for the proposed sidewalk projects on Elm and Foreman.

At its March 18th meeting, the council will vote on a resolution to set a public hearing to establish a special assessment district. City manager Dave Pasquale said a public hearing would then be held on the special assessment district. That nmeeting is tentatively scheduled for April 1.

Once that process is completed, the council would vote on a resolution to establish an assessment roll. A public hearing would then be held on the assessment roll.

Both the assessment roll and special assessment district would have to be approved before an assessment could be put in place.
"Residents on ForemanRoad and Elm Street will receive a letter notifying them about the hearings, and notices will be put in the paper," Pasquale said.

Austin said there are many obstacles (utility poles and trees) in the way if the sidewalk is laid out in the traditional

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Addressing the proposed sidewalk projects on Elm and Foreman
"If the goal is to save the trees, my concern is that the council not compromise the safety of the sidewalk," Austin said. "Let safety be the rule, and then address the trees with the property owners."

Austin said he would prefer the city get rid of trees rather than shorten the width of the sidewalk in some areas to four feet and butting it up against the curb.

The Lowell resident at the corner of Foreman/Lincoln Lake said with children coming down the sidewalk, as much
urbs to make room. Foreman is a busy street. Austin added that in considering safety before aesthetcs, the council may lose more trees than it thinks. The city council determined last year that construction of new sidewalks and repair of old would be undertaken along the entire length of Foreman Road and Elm Street. Department of Public Works director Art Gall provided the council with cost estimates for each affected property owner proceeding east to west.

The Elm Street project includes one new walk and eight repaired walks totaling $\$ 5,571$ in estimated costs,

The Foreman Road project provides 20 new walks and seven repaired walks totalling $\$ 83,719.60$ in costs. This would cover both the north and south sides of Foreman.

The city also has $\$ 4,818.50$ in charges for municipally owned property (primarily intersection work).

Austin pointed out further that with seven drives on the north side of Foreman, there is an added concern about cars backing out of driveways with children coming down the sidewalk. "If there are obstacles obstructing the vision of drivers, then there is really a concern.'

The council said it was determined last year that these sidewalks were priority due to their close proximity to the Sidewalk, cont'd pg. 8
Lowell Charter Township ponders cost of ridding pests before they multiply

Contributing Writer
Hoping to get them be fore they get us, the Lowell Charter Township Board discussed joining the effort to battle gypsy moths in Kent County.

The township board agreed earlier in the year to join a county-wide coalition to battle the moths, but now it's time to determine if the effort is cost effective The township board learned that it is not in dire need to spraying, but there are areas which could prove to be trouble in the near future
The survey (the first performed in the township) reveals that 360 acres of land are infested with the moths, which are known to destroy thousands of acres of land in less than one season.

At a cost of $\$ 16.50$ per acre, the township and residents' cost is estimated at \$5,940-a sum that some trust-
ees considered to be good compared to the other options. "This could get much more expensive if the problem escalates," said trustee Alyn Fletcher. "It's trustee AlynFletcher. "It's best to get on top of it now in order to
keep up with the prober." keep up with the problem. The county's spray program, which is slated to begin at the end of May or beginning of June, is not designed to destroy all of the moths, but control them as best as possible.

In a letter sent to the township, the county suggested that "the reduction of the number of gypsy moths to tolerable of gypsy moths to tolerable
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It's also the goal of the program to allow natural predators and parasite population to build up and create a natural balance.

However, until that can be done, an organic chemical, called BT, would be sprayed this year.

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## Citation Pending

Investigation is still pending on an accident that occurred Thursday afternoon just north of town on Lincoln Lake. A pickup truck driven by Lynn Marie Woodhead, 18, Lowell, was southbound when a vehicle driven by Timothy Tobias, 33, Orleans, pulled out into her path. After the collision, Woodhead's vehicle came to a stop 161 feet from the point of impact, according to State trooper Kris Douponce. Woodhead suffered an injury to her chin and some contusions. She was transported to Butterworth Hospital. Tobias was not injured. The accident is still under investigation and no citations have been given at this time. Douponce said Woodhead was not wearing a seatbelt.

## City enters into contract with Bonding Authority for library project

 By Thad KrausLowell Ledger Edior

Lowell City Council gave its full faith and credit to the bond obtifation of $\$ 745,000$ in the public library construction project.

As part of the financing process foi the consiticetion of the new library, bonds will be sold through the Builiaing Authority to provide funds not raised through grants and public donations.
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Currently, the library building project, which includes all construction and furnishing costs, has been estimated to be $\$ 1,344,000$.
Contributions at this time total 5738,500 . The largest of those is a benefactor gift of $\$ 380,000$ and $\$ 270,000$ from the Look Memorial Fund.
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## To The Editor <br>  <br> Lowell City Plananing Myers's remarsians directed toward the Having ius received Having just received a copy of his comments printed in the February 1.1 IT99, Community Edition of the Grand Rapids Press I feel Press, Ifeel compecled do respond to Mr. Myers's remarks, not allowing the inacurarieses oto ounchallenged. As a former member of the Lowell City Planning Com-  turbed Mr. Myers would choose a public forum to voice his dissaistaction, rather than privately $i$ iscussing what he perceives are problems suinth the Planning Commission. It pould seem private discustions would achieve what Mr. Myers describes as a "spirit of cooperation and consideration" and would have been a more appropriate. constructive fashion to determine if there is a problem. mo not tolieve ther is a problem nor do I remember myself or other commissioners acting in what Mr. Myers  <br> $\qquad$













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## TOWNSHIP

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Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809 Write appeals must be received by March 10,1996 . Thos Wishing to appeal in person should call the Township
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Candidates should be residents of the township, and interest an serving the community.
Contact Mari Stone. Vergennes Township Hall, 1038 ,
Bailey Dr., Lowell, phone 897-5671.

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Lowell Education Foundation set to announce its grant recipients By Thad Kraus
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## COMING EVENTS




## Lowell landscape offers artistic therapy for local artist

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer
Visitors to Lowell's FMB State Savings Bank at 414 East Main may have felt a little nostalgic while performing their daily business.


Don Holstine's love of rustic settlings hasled him to paint area churches such as the Snow United Methodist Church. Holstine plans to donate one of his two "Snow Church" paintings to the congregation. His repertoire includes barns, bridges and other churches across the

## BEMMARE MARCH 8

Charlie Johnson will be on the roads. Watch out for "Chuck's Truck."

And that is exactly what artist Don Holstine tried to capture at his recent Lowell Area Art Center exhibit.
"I like to capture the vanishing landscape of the area," said Holstine, a local artist whose latest work recently graced the walls of FMB's central location. "Lowell has a lot of old rustic landscape that I just enjoy capturing on canvas. The old rustic, fading landscape has always been fascinating to me."

FMB hosts monthly exhibits for the LAAC, but rarely does an artist give visitors a look into their own backyard.

Holstine's work is relatively new. with most of it being produced during the past three years, but his love of painting has lasted a lifetime.
"My father was a painter and my brother is an illustrator so it's been in my family for a long time," he said. "I didn't really do a lot of it until recently and I'm really enjoying myself."

Prior to being a full-time artist. Holstine worked as a machinist, but due to a degenerative disability he had to give up that career
"You could say it's a blessing in disguise. Because of my disability I 've been able to put more time to my work and I fel in love with it," he said. "Art can be frustrating, but for me it's therapeutic. I get a lot of enjoyment out of my work and it helps me deal with the disability.

Although Holstine hasn't undergone any formal training. the years spent posing for his father and watching him create his own work gave him the necessary background to keep the family tradition alive

While Holstine's father worked in oils and he himself has dabbled in various artistic mediums, he said watercolors
always offered the best venue for his work
"I like the spontaneity of watercolors," Holstine said. "A number of things have been done with watercolors, but I'm trying to find my own place."

One aspect of watercolors that adds to Holstine's search are the number of "happy accidents" that occur when "paint meets paper."
"They are unique to watercolors because nobody can exactly repeat any work, not even I can exactly recreate my work;" he said. "That adds something special to every painting. Watercolors also accentuate the rustic feelings of my work because of how the colors blend.

Holstine's rustic appreciation is best displayed through his depiction of old barns.

While some people may view them as a crumbling building. Holstine senses a part of history
"It's my connection to the past. The more they are weath ered, the more I appreciate the history behind them." he said. "When I'm painting a barn I try to imagine what role it played in the life of that family. It's one of the most enjoyable experiences for me.

Holstine's enjoyment of local landscapes is far from being extinguished, but he does have a desire to capture the same landscape along the lake shore and with centennial farms.

Holstine and his wife hope to pursue those dreams this summer, but until then he will try to put his work on display in the Ada Township Hall and in local galleries.
"As long as I'm enjoying my work I plan on continuing it, he said. "There is so much out there for me to view and paint that it keeps me excited and wanting to do more

## CROP Walk recruiter rally March 13

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor
A bigger crop translates to a bigger yield.
That's the hope of the second annual Lowell CROP Walk on May 5 as its coordinators work to surpass the total number of participants ( 250 ) involved in last year's walk for hunger.
"We had a very good first year," said Lee Feusse, Lowell CROP Walk's public relations coordinator.

In its inaugural event the Lowell Crop Walk raised \$15,241.
"Our goal this year is to raise $\$ 20,000$," Feusse said. "For that to happen we will need more churches and organizations to participate."

Walkers can designate which food service agency they would like 75 percent of the funds to go to. The other 25 percent is returned to the local community - in Lowell's case the ACCESS 6 food pantry at the Lowell First United

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Methodist Church and the Lowell Senior Neighbors The CROP Walk was organized in Michigan in 1948. Michigan has been the leading fundraising region for the Church World Service for the past 10 years.

Coordinating this year's walk will be Lowell First United Methodist Church pastor Gordie Barry and Dick Doezema of the Snow Methodist Church.

Churches, organizations and individuals interested in participating in the CROP Walk can call Doezema at 897 9657 for more information or are encouraged to attend the recruiter rally at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, 404 N. Hudson, on March 13 at 7 p.m.

Last year 137 Michigan communities participated, resulting in $\$ 1.7$ million. There were over 28,000 participants in West Michigan.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke will be the grand marshal for this year's event.

## In The Service

Marine Lance Cpl. Anthony J. Teft, son of James and Mary Teft of Lowell, recently reported for duty with Marinc Air Control Squadron 4, Marine Air Control Group 18. Marine Air Wing. Okinawa, Japan.

Teft's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world. Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia. people like Teft are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.
The 1993 graduate of Lowell High School joined the Marine Corps in March 1994
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