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SUBWAY ROBBED

•••• Lowell police arrest suspect roughly seven hours after he fled the restaurant with money from the cash register.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A 20-year-old Lowell man was arrested early Tuesday morning (Dec. 26) for an armed robbery at 2050 W. Main St. (Subway) Monday evening.

The robbery took place at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Matthew David Brown, of Lowell, was arraigned Tuesday in the 63rd District Court in Cascade on armed robbery charges. Brown has two prior felony convictions. He is being held on a \$500,000 cash bond.

According to the Lowell Police Department, Brown entered Subway armed with a knife. He forced two employees into a walk-in cooler and locked the door. The subject then removed the cash from the register and fled out the back door.

Assistance of a tracking dog was requested from the Michigan State police post in Rockford. The dog ran a track a short distance from where it is believed the suspect got into a waiting car.

The subsequent investigation turned up the knife not far from the Subway building and led to the arrest.

The investigation continues as the Lowell Police Department awaits lab results of evidence recovered at the scene by the scientific support unit.

Pilot program decision conserves heating costs while preserving school's budget

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The cost to heat school buildings this winter season is already eating into many district budgets.

Natural gas is currently running between 8 and 9.8 cents per million cubic feet (MCF).

Some schools in the West Michigan area are having to cut \$150-\$200,000 from their budget in order to cover the cost of heating classrooms this winter.

Because of a difficult decision handed down in February of 1998 by Connie Gillette, Lowell Area Schools' assistant superintendent to finance and personnel, and Larry Mikulski, transportation and maintenance supervisor, Lowell is not one of those districts.

Two years ago Gillette and Mikulski agreed to enter Lowell into a CMS energy marketing pilot program. The program locked the district into a two-year contract obligating it to pay 2.6 cents per MCF for natural gas.

"It was a difficult decision at the time because the rate was running between 2.5 and 2.7 cents per MCF," Mikulski explained.

While Gillette and Mikulski did their homework studying bills and budgets, and talked to a few companies which were offering similar programs before making a decision, Gillette said they were also lucky. "If the price goes down, the district loses money; then we don't look so good, but we're elated with how things have worked out," she said.

The school's contract runs through February at which time new terms and conditions will be established for providing a permanent gas customer choice program for residential and commercial customers.

It is unlikely that the lock-in rate will be as low as 2.6 cents per MCF.

"We'll have to wait and see to determine what a good

rate would be," Mikulski said. "We may try to hook up with two-three other districts to get a better rate."

Either way, Gillette believes the current contract may get the district through the coldest months.

The school finance director noted that if Lowell were paying six cents, it would have \$17,000 left of its budgeted amount for heating rather than \$70,000 if it used the same amount of natural gas from February to the end of the heating season.

If the district were paying nine cents, the \$17,000 would already be gone plus another \$35,000.

The savings Lowell is enjoying has given the district a warmer, fuzzier feeling than most.



NEW YEAR BRINGS ADDITIONAL HOURS TO LOCAL LIBRARIES

Beginning January 2001, the Englehardt Library will add eight open hours per week to better serve patrons. The new schedule is: Monday - Wednesday: Noon - 8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Alto Library will be open seven more hours per week: Monday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday: Noon - 8 p.m.

These additional hours were made possible with the approval of the Aug. 8, 2000 millage proposal.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

If you care to recycle your Christmas tree, there are two locations nearby: Drop-off at designated location in Ada Township Park and a drop-off site at Cascade Township Park; now until Jan. 20.

JUNIOR SPORTFISHING GROUP TO FORM

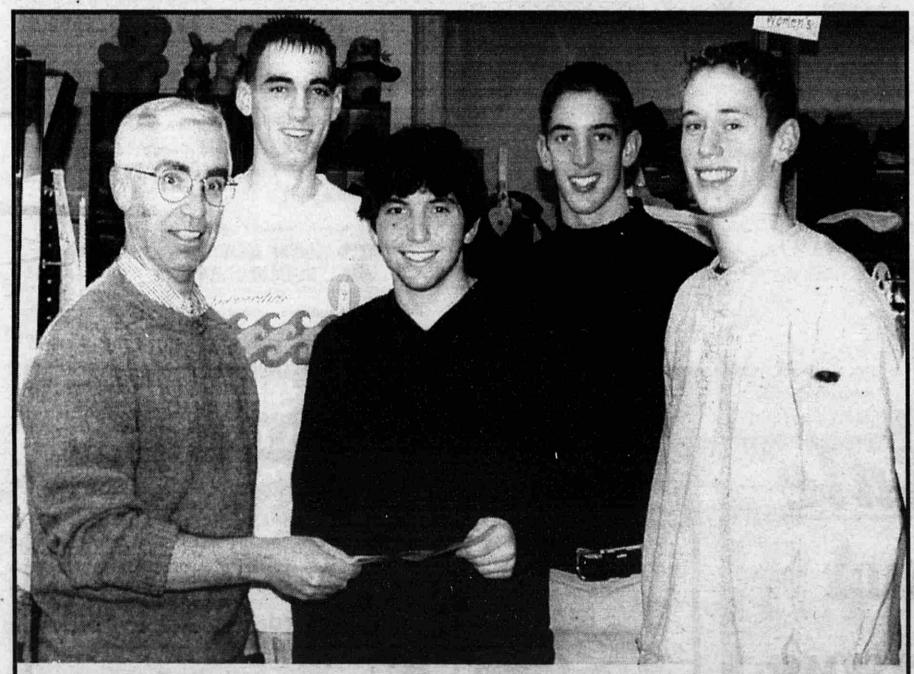
The Wittenbach Agriscience Center will be hosting, in partnership with MSU sportfishing and Trout Unlimited, a kickoff event for a junior sportfishing group on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 6 - 9 p.m.

The workshop on flytying and tackle-making is free but all interested students and parents should pre-register no later than Jan. 18 by calling Tammy DeBaar, center director, at 987-1002.

WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL COMPETITION

Entry forms for the 15th annual West Michigan Regional Competition held at the Lowell Area Arts Council are available by calling 897-8545. The exhibition, which includes prizes and awards, will run from Feb. 25 - March 31.

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LHS Men's Club Donates to Thrift Shop

The Lowell High School Men's Club raised \$525 through their Dec. 8 Bachelor Auction. The dance and dinner on Saturday, Dec. 16 for the young ladies who purchased a date at the auction, was catered by Lowell High School English teacher, Shelley Swift. The administration was a little skeptical at first, but things were done in a tasteful manner," said Kyle Hines, LHS Men's Club member. "Things went really well." The club's advisor is Steve Kampfschulte; Laurie Summerfield served as the auction's mistress of ceremonies. The proceeds were donated to Flat River Outreach Ministries. Presenting the check to Roger LaWarre was Hines, middle, and Mike Gustafson, right. Back row, left to right, are James Bosserd and Matt Trierweiler. LaWarre said the money would be used for the purchase of food and energy services.

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OBITUARIES

with his Lord and Savior on December 22, 2000. Mildred Callihan, his wife of 48 years, preceded him in death. Sur-

CALLIHAN - Charles Callihan, Lloyd (Barb) LeRoy Callihan, aged 74, of Callihan, Charles (Dana) Lowell, went home to be Callihan; also four daughters Charlene (Terry) Dawson, Sharon (Garald) Croshaw, Cindy (Maurie) Stanard, Sally (Doran) Loftus; 22 grandchilviving are his wife of three dren and eight great-grand-

years, Glenda Young and four children. Also surviving are stepchildren; five sons James one sister Dorothea Dull of (Goldie) Callihan, Gary Hastings and one brother Ken-(Joyce) Callihan, Tim (Liz) neth Callihan of Caledonia. A The Lowell Ledger (USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$1250 a year in Kent County \$1750 a year outside the county by the Lowell Ledger Publishing Company, 105 N. Broadway St., Lowell, MI 49331 Thad Kraus Roger K. Brown **Publisher** Editor (616) 897-9261 lieu of flowers, memorial con-

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memorial service was held at South Boston Bible Church on December 29. Donations may be made to the Mel Trot-

COPRON - Wayne Dexter Copron, aged 71, of Jenison, passed away unexpectedly of complications from a long illness on December 26, 2000. He was born October 27, 1929 estate and was active in the Presbyterian Church. She is and worked as a truck driver survived by four children Sufor Kroger for 35 years, drove san (John) Gleason of Alto, school bus for 13 years for St. Kathleen (Peter) Gates of Peter & Paul School and Buffalo Grove, IL, Martin loved fishing, hunting, bowl-(Michelle) Hale and ing and boxing. He is sur-Constance Alcorn, both of vived by his loving wife Grand Rapids; six grandchil-Lorraine; children Richard and Lorraine Copron of dren. Funeral services and committal were held Decem-Hudson, Robert and Karen ber 29 at the Ofield Chapel. Copron of Jenison, Pamela and Charles Grubham of In lieu of flowers, memorials Lowell; grandchildren to Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. Brooke, Beth, Daniel, Ana, Jordon, Britni, Kim, Kurt, **HEYDENBURG** - Audrey Laura, Chucki; two great-H. (Palmer), aged 93, went grandchildren; several brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, through Heaven's Gate December 15, 2000. Waiting for nieces, nephews and many her on the other side were close friends. Funeral service those who preceded her: huswas at Cook Memorial Chapel on December 29. In band Arthur, daughters Joyce

FLETCHER - Vivian L. Fletcher, nee Crum, aged 76,

tributions may be made to

American Lung Association.

passed away December 27, of Grand Rapids, passed away 2000. She was preceded in December 26, 2000 at Luther death by her husband Walter Home after a long illness. Mitchell and son Larry Born November 27, 1924 in Mitchell. Mrs. Mankel is sur-Detroit, she graduated from vived by her husband of 25 West Branch High School in years, Kenneth; children Bar-Ogemaw County, MI. She bara Heyboer of Grand Rapresided in Grand Rapids for ids, Joy Yancy of Flagstaff, over 50 years and ran the AZ., Linda Mitchell, Gloria Westwood Motel for 21 years (Charles) Rissi, Val Mitchell until 1995. She also sold real all of Grand Rapids, Kathleen

(John) Sullivan, Peggy (Garth) Snyder all of Ada. Donna (James) Cody of Saranac; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her cherished dog, Pudgy. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Lowell, Pastor John Prominski officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Soci-

COLLEGE NEWS

Lowell High School senior Kate Gunberg has been named a finalist in the 44th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

She is among the top 1,030 students from 14,171 students in Part I of the competition. The test was given at 323 high schools throughout Michigan.

Part I is a multiple-choice

exam with 40 problems. Gunberg and the other finalists competed in Part II on Dec. 6. This exam consists of five challenging problems to which students must provide written explanations for their claims and mathematical proofs of their results.

Albion College will host a grading session in January to score the students' work on Part II. Mathematicians from 73 colleges and universities that comprise the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America nine great-grandchildren and will volunteer their time and 11 great-great-grandchildren. expertise toward the annual project of the Michigan sec-

The students with the top 100 scores on the two parts will be invited to an awards MANKEL - Eva Helen day program next March at Mankel, aged 82, of Ada, Albion College.

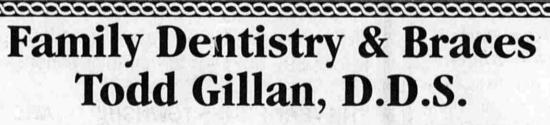
The top 50 students will be presented with scholarships ranging from bronze awards of \$540 to the first place gold medalist of \$2,500.

This national mathematics competition takes place in early June and is held simultaneously at the campuses of Penn State University. University of Iowa, and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Albion College student David M. Barry is a new member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Service.

The Ford Institute is designed to give exceptional students a chance to broaden their education through concentrated study in areas of government and public service, regardless of their major. Students participate in a city government simulation and complete course work concerning political science, history and ethics.

Barry is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Gordie and Susan Barry of Lowell and a 2000 graduate of Lowell High





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Beth Marie (Heydenburg)

Christian. Surviving her are

daughters Arlene (Roy)

Eckert of Sand Lake, Yvonne

(Roger) Wynsma of Arizona,

and sons A. Jack (Rozanne)

of West Olive, Keith (Vir-

ginia) of Lowell, Douglas

(Nancy) Heydenburg of

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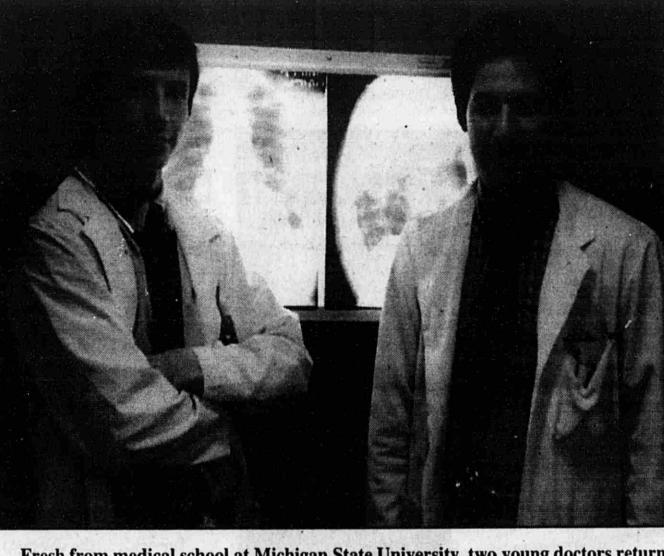
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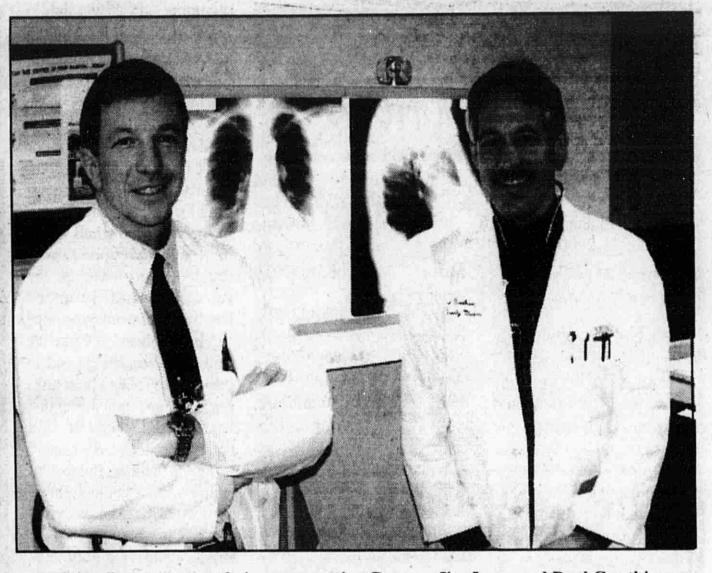
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Fresh from medical school at Michigan State University, two young doctors returned to the Lowell area to start their own practice. Doctors Jim Lang and Paul Gauthier are celebrating 20 years in Lowell. They recently moved into their facility at 2550 West Main St.

Local doctors open new West Main medical facility

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The new Lowell Family Medical Center has given Metropolitan Hospital a presence in the Lowell community and with it has provided Lowell osteopaths, Paul Gauthier and James Lang with a new home for their independent practice.

"We're leasing building space from Metro, but we employ our own staff," Gauthier explained.

This is a hybrid approach for Metro. The hospital provides outpatient service centers in other communities, but this is the first time it has leased space to local practitioners.

"This provides us with a lot more room and will keep us fully functional for the next 20 years," Lang said. Lang and Gauthier renovated a small house into the

Lowell Family Medical Center, 147 N. Center, 20 years ago (Aug. 1980). Services which used to require a trip into Grand Rapids

can now be attained locally. Physical therapy, X-ray, ultra sound, dexa scan (bone density) and mammography services are now available in Lowell "The move will enable us to provide more conveniences

for our patients and obviously the aesthetics have also been enhanced," Gauthier said.

In addition, the facility has a community room which can be used for diabetic education, hypertension screening and health education with a video set up available for classes.

Physical therapy is now available for patients recovering from accidents and surgery. "There will be a physical therapist here three days a week," Lang explains. "More when

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Paul Gauthier, DO

Never bear more than one trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have. -Edward Everett Hale

Gauthier and Lang employ osteopaths, Jonathan Meier and Kevin Miller, and Larissa Hollander (PA.C).

"The clinical floor was designed by us for optical patient use," Gauthier explained. "The girls on the staff and our lead clinical supervisor did the decorating."

An open house will be held on Thursday, Jan. 25.

On Sunday, December 17th we lost our precious baby girl Jenna Rose and Heaven gained a "very special" angel.

During the worst days of our lives, you wrapped us in your arms and showed us you cared; for this we will always remember the wonderful things you have done for the family. We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has been here to support us when we have needed them the

To the Rockford Ambulance and Bowne Township's Fire Rescue (who wouldn't give up on her), officer Harry Kooistra (Kent Co. Sheriffs Dept.) who stayed with us throughout this awful time, Medical Examiner John Connelly, Reverend Roberta Holmes (Christian Life Center) for the funeral and grave service, David Gerst Jr. (Gerst Funeral Homes) for keeping us together during the difficult process of making arrangements, Christian Life Center (for the luncheon), SIDS Alliance (who tried to help us understand why), Rev. Greg Freed (Elmdale Nazarene Church), Sister Colleen Ann Nagel (Franciscan Sister) and to all the family and friends who have sent prayers, cards, flowers, visitation, phone calls and who were there for us, we cannot begin to thank everyone enough.

Her death has touched everyone who met her and we thank each one of you for your help to get through this difficult time of loss. You will not soon be forgotten.

> Thank you all, Dave, Donna, Jessie, Justin, Jordan Warren, Louis & Louise King

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board will meet the third Monday of every month at the Township Hall located at 10381 Bailey Dr. at 7:00 p.m. Phone 897-5671 for further information.

THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD **MEETINGS FOR 2001 ARE SCHEDULED** AS FOLLOWS:

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By Gordie Barry, pastor 1st United Methodist Church

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good health, 91%; being able to stand up for yourself, 89%; In a New York Times surbeing able to communicate vey, a series of values and feelings, 78%; having faith in priorities was given to people God, 75%; having children, and they responded as to what 71%; having a fulfilling job, was "very" important. As 70%; bbeing a good neigh-Christians, we are always bebor, 68%; being financially ing tested and challenged by secure, 65%; being married, what our priorities should be as individuals, as parents, as 62%; being religious, 56%; having enough time for youremployers; the list goes on. self, 52%; being involved in I share with you the list the community, 35%; having

> physically attractive, 18%. We are reminded time and time again by scripture and the witness of Jesus and all the disciples and witnesses

a lot of friends, 28%; being

your actions, 97%; being in

portant to us - and that "us" can be defined in many ways: for each of ourselves, for our households, for our work place or school, for our community. If someone were visiting Lowell and caught you on the street and asked you to tell them what does Lowell and the way people restand for and what are the values we wish to live out and Being responsible for

live by, what would you say? In the gospel of Luke we find Jesus' teaching, and in one of many places he is talking about and explaining just what the Kingdom of God means and is like. So he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in sight of others; but God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God." (Luke 16:15)

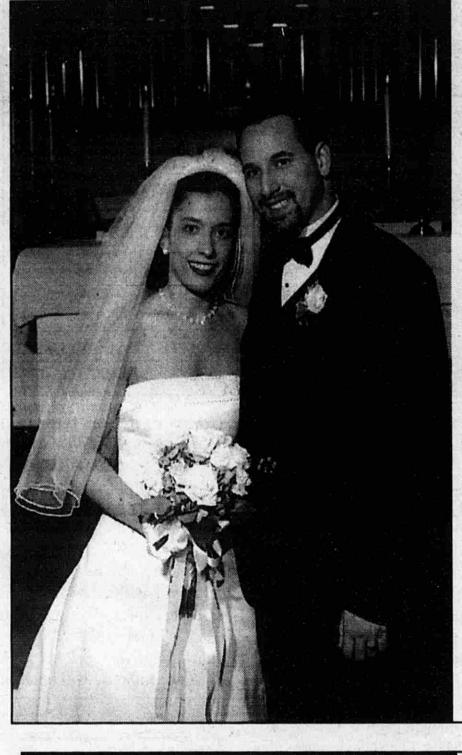
Find a quiet place in your home or wherever works for you. Quiet yourself down and place all your lists of "things to do" aside ... Relax - be still - feel your breathing - listen quiet your mind and all the

that have come through his- things you want or have to tory as to what is important do. Reread this lesson about what God knows in our hearts. and what is not. What is im-Is this acceptable or do we need to make some changes in our lives?

What is most important for you? What are you willing to stand up in public and defend? Where is your passion? What would you say to a visitor to our community? What

would this visitor see if they followed you around for the

Have a blessed week of walking a little closer in God's presence.



Briggs/ Menendez

Marc Alan Briggs and Megan Christa Menendez were united in marriage on November 11, 2000 at Emmanuel Bethel Church in Royal Oak.

The groom is the son of Rick and Carol Briggs of Lowell.

The bride is the daughter of Ross and Cheri Menendez of Royal Oak.

Maid of honor at the afternoon ceremony was Rachel Menendez, sister of the bride.

Best man was Travis Briggs, brother of the groom. The couple will reside

in Lansing where both are elementary school teachers.

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JUANITA BAKER-CZAPEK IN CELEBRATION OF HER **65TH BIRTHDAY!**

On Saturday, Jan. 6, 2001 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Schneider Manor - 725 Bowes Rd. Our family invites you to celebrate the love,

laughter and wonderful times spent with her! 465)***60***60***60***60* HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JAN. 4: Nicholas Knonenwetter, Donna Johnson, Nita Baker-Czapek. JAN. 5: Ryan Sauber, Craig

JAN. 6: Don Green, Mary JAN. 9: Jordan Potter, Helen

Ellen Miller, Bob Kinsley, Bobbi Jo Young. JAN. 7: Lois Seese, Helga Wester, Bob Leyman, Karen

Guastavino. JAN. 10: Mary Jo Vezino, Alvin D. Brenk I, Jared Felling, Mike Barnes.

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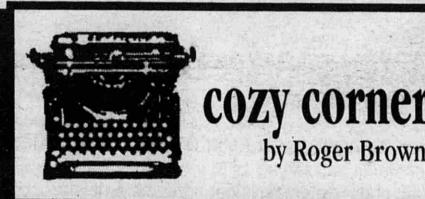
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Viewpoint...



In last week's column about Christmas Day here in the Florida Keys, I didn't realize I was being prophetic. The column was written early on Tuesday after Christmas. In it, I told of watching my neighbors who were out and about with their new playthings as I assembled the table saw I'd gotten for roller blades, etc.

noon? No, the new table saw wasn't the culprit. I had been explanation. It also takes awhile to tell. using it for certain aspects of the project of the day, but sorry to say, it wasn't even a power tool that got me. It was a simple asks about my bandaged hand, I simply say, "Barracuda." If hammer being swung by a strong arm, directed by a weak mind they don't swallow the one word fish tale version, I then bore that was temporarily altered by a bit of a hissy fit. I'll try to them with the details of what really happened. By the time I'm explain.

those of you unfamiliar with this product, it's not much fun to the wound. I then grabbed a big wad of paper towel as a work with. It's flimsy, it must be matched piece to piece like compress and simultaneously hollered for Terese. Even though wallpaper, the edges have to be trimmed if you want a finished look, screw holes must be drilled, etc. Couple all this with the years of marriage, she knew from the tone of my voice that I'd various angles involved in a stairway, and I was operating in hurt myself. Her first thought was, "The moron cut himself on the extreme outer limits of my carpentry expertise and pa- the table saw I bought him."

fit over the edges of the lattice. You cut the corners at 45 material. The policy is, the more a blunder costs, the more degrees (except under a stairway where the angles can be any columns I'm entitled to get out of it. I don't have a final bill yet, which way) and frame the latticework much like a picture. The but I'm sure even what the insurance doesn't cover will accident happened when I had tacked a nearly full sheet with warrant at least one more column. all the edging in place. I stepped back for a look, and didn't like a piece of treated lumber in the upper right corner. I had cut the room and maybe share some thoughts on how a married guy piece (with my new table saw) to fill the corner and support the can milk an injury like this. Happy New Year! lattice. It had split when I nailed it in place, but I thought some

core commitment to quality education for all students. This

month, the Board of Education and administrators will con-

vene a special weekend session to take a fresh look at our

Vision for the Lowell Area Schools, and to discuss ways in

HARD WATER FISHING

was glad to learn about all the good reasons why a person

should include fish in his or her diet. If what the nutritionists

are saying is true, then we should head for the store and pick up

a batch of fresh fish. Wait just a minute; the price sticker says

six bucks a pound. The only one in our house that eats that well

is our beagle. (Vet says he needs a special diet.) However,

don't be discouraged. I have a solution for beating the high cost

one doesn't need to travel far to find a lake that has fish in it.

Many of these lakes are accessible to everyone, so why not get

out for some fresh air and catch a mess of bluegills or perch for

dinner? The great thing about fishing during the winter is that

Looking at a state or county map of this area will reveal that

of fresh fish-go out and catch your own.

I recently watched a program on healthy eating and

OUTDOORS

PETER L. GUSTAFSON

Lowell Board of

Education President

mance based school district.

By Dave Stegehuis

caulk and paint would cover it. More of it showed than I thought, and I made the decision to replace it. Hence the hissy

As I wailed away at the doomed, triangular shaped piece of lumber, the blows loosened the screw holding the upper corner of the lattice and trim in place. The trim popped out just as I was coming down with a mighty blow. The vertical piece of PVC trim (cut at a precise angle) was now where my hand was headed. The trim made a good impersonation of a punji stake as it entered the heel of my hand below where my thumb hooks on. Of course, this is a very important part of the human body. Our opposable thumbs are what make us knuckleheads capable of gripping tools and doing things like this to ourselves. The end result was an "L" shaped wound, rather deep, that was about an inch and a half by an inch on the sides. I Christmas. I made a wise crack about a busy emergency room dropped the hammer and took a look. Two thoughts came to at the local hospital because of all the scooters, skateboards, mind. One was, "Oh boy, that's gonna take some stitches." The other was, "Get down off the ladder before you pass out, take Guess who ended up at Fisherman's Hospital that aftera tumble, and really hurt yourself." I realize that's a lengthy

To avoid having to recite the details every time someone through, I'm sure they wish they had bought into the barracuda I was enclosing an exterior stairway with PVC lattice. For story. I rushed into the house where I ran some cold water over I only said something like, "Terese, come here," after all these

It's about here I have to remind you readers of my policy The trim I mentioned is also PVC plastic that is molded to regarding the cost of the blunders that end up as column

Next week I'll tell you all about my visit to the emergency

young people climbing the educational ladder, from phonetics,

to reading, to early math, to reasoning, music, art, English,

history, math, science, foreign language, career skills training,

advanced high school studies and a host of other subjects too

public schools based on five accountability standards: 1

MEAP assessment of all students (80% participation required):

plary, high, moderate and low); 3. Annual improvement in

meeting the educational needs of young people in a changing

most of the lakes are frozen, and if the ice is safe, one can walk

essentials: a short glass rod with reel and line, a float, a few tear

drop jigs or hooks, a scoop to keep ice out of the hole, a depth

finder (a small weight with a clip on it), and a bucket to carry

all this stuff. The bucket can also serve as a seat. I have seen

bubble-pack kits with everything but the bucket sold for about

twelve dollars. There will usually be open holes if the lake is

being fished very hard, otherwise, you will need an auger to cut

Letters, Letters, Letters..

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ibel or invasion of privacy.

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It is possible to catch fish through the ice with simple and

numerous to mention.

to where the fish are.

is to enter the new Millennium with sharpened focus on our for gender and ethnicity; and 5. School improvement plans.

political debate at the national, state and local levels, and Schools the best they can be in 2001. Happy New Year!

Priscilla Lussmve Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JANUARY 5, 1876: THIS ISSUE IS MISSING. WE SUBSTITUTE JAN. 4, 1871

Portions of the Main Street sidewalk are rough, icy and dangerous, from lack of shoveling.

Many fires are reported, here and in neighboring towns. A meeting of the state Pomological Society (fruit growers) was held in Grand Rapids yesterday

Deer hunting is good, the new Masonic Hall is a pleasant place, and calico parties are in fashion.

"The good old custom of making Christmas and New Years' presents seems to be growing more popular every

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **JANUARY 3, 1901**

M.N.Hine of Lowell is traveling to Georgia (by rail) and reports what he sees, compared with his trip some years ago. The next event in the Epworth League lecture course is

Efforts to change the presidential inauguration date to warmer weather again get nowhere.

House-to-house hairdressers are becoming popular in cities, where they visit once a week: washing is done once a rightly so. The future of our great nation lies in the hands of the month, with other treatments in between (singeing ends, brush-

The Ledger advertises "Twentieth Century Printing."

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO DECEMBER 31, 1925

In the coming months, the State Department of Education will implement new accreditation standards for Michigan The new Cascade-Ada hydro plants will have automatic controls operated from a central station by telephone. Coded telephone numbers will perform the operations from the Ada 2. New categories for MEAP academic achievement (exem-

Claude Thorne purchases the Regent barber shop from N.R.F. Johnson and asks for business.

Our New Year's resolution for the Lowell School District student MEAP performance; 4. Minimizing achievement gaps Various politicians, mainly from St. Louis, are caught in a It is our goal in Lowell to remain ahead of the curve in conspiracy to withdraw 30 thousand gallons of prewar whiskey (WWI)from the Jack Daniels distillery in St. Louis (Pro-

and technologically advanced world. The new accreditation Pres. Coolidge pushes for speedier funding of the Great standards are likely to spark lively debate about the role of which we can foster continuous improvement in a perfor- standardized testing in public education, and about the best Lakes-Mississippi River connector, thus making possible a Chicago-to-New Orleans inland waterway. ways to improve student learning. We do not have all of the Education will continue to occupy center stage in our answers, but we are committed to making the Lowell Area

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 4, 1951

The village is redecorating the second floor, stairway and lobby of City Hall.

Mrs. Rosalie Young will open the Children's Center in her home on Jan. 8, for child care for working or shopping parents. Social Security for farm help kicked in on January 1. inexpensive equipment. All that is really needed are some

Household workers on farms are also included. Lieutenant Richard Doezema describes Korean War hardships in a front page story.

Soapy Williams wins the contested and very close elec-

tion, and now is a Democratic governor amongst a sea of

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE DECEMBER 25, 1975/JANUARY 1, 1976

Since this was the issue that straddled Christmas/New Years, we'll report ads this time. Attwood Corp., Ball Floral, Fairchild Oil, Erb Lumber,

King Milling, Hahn's Hardware, Deer Run Golf Club, Lowell Light & Power, Reedy Realty, Showboat Automotive, Jimmy's Grill. Rickert Electric were advertising then too. You could buy a three-bedroom farmhouse with 3 acres for

\$27,500 and sofa and chair to go in it for \$135. However, lots of people made under \$3000 annual wages.

Remember the Strand Theatre, Anderson's Shoes, Dick & Owen's Barbers, Dev Machine & Tool, Shady Acres Farm, Highland Hill Dairy. Mel's Bar. Clark Plumbing & Heating. Wepman's Clothing, Lowell CutRate, Western Auto?

..8:30 A.M

...9:30 A.M

..9:50 A.M

..11:00 A.M

...3:30 P.M.

.. 5:30 P.M.

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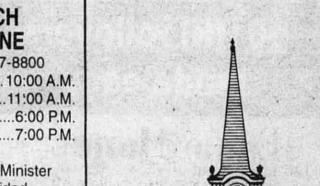
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IMON: Italian dunkers w/meat sauce & cheese stick or egg, ham & cheese on a bagel, peaches,

TUES: 2 hot dogs on buns or grilled cheese sandwich w/tomato soup, pears, baby carrots & dip.

WED: Chicken nuggets w/biscuit or bacon cheeseburger on cherries apricots & whipped potatoes, cookie.

Pasta Bar THURS: Spaghetti, rotini, sauce, veggie sauce cheese sauce, garlic toast fresh vegetables, fruit choice.

FRI: Pizzá wedge or chicken salad croissant fruit choice, peas.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, DECEMBER 18,

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and the Clerk called Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Blough.

Absent: Councilmember Brubaker.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief James Valentine, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden and Airport Manager Mayor Blough reopened the public hearing to allow Jim James Sowle.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2000 regular meeting as corrected.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (12/18/00)

GENERAL FUND	\$90,080.10
MAJOR STREET FUND	\$1,441.64
LOCAL STREET FUND	
DDA FUND	
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FU	JND \$76,385.00
AIRPORT FUND	\$147.41
WASTEWATER FUND	
WATER FUND	\$60,789.81
DATE PROCESSING FUND	\$606.54
EQUIPMENT FUND	\$1,317.73
INVESTMENT FUND	
CURRENT TAX FUND	\$4,438.03
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Item #1. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - PRO- Myers believed the amendment change was not only an HIBITION OF PARKING OF ALL VEHICLES OVER aesthetic move, but also a safety factor. He felt large ONE TON IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS - RECOMMEN-DATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION - PUBLIC **HEARING.** As addressed in a memo written by Police Chief Jim Valentine, the present zoning ordinance was Blough was in agreement with Myers. He believed large unclear whether all vehicles over one ton are prohibited from parking in residential areas. In particular, buses were not specifically mentioned.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to open the public hearing regarding the proposed ordi-

Police Chief Valentine explained the proposed amendment would enable the ordinance to be more workable for unforeseen types of vehicles which fall in excess of a one ton capacity. In particular, this came before the department over a school bus issue. Valentine stated the zoning ordinance does not give a definition when referring to trucks. In turn, the department referred to the Michigan Vehicle Code for specific vehicle definitions and discovered school bus and buses have a stand-alone

City Manager Pasquale noted the Planning Commission reviewed this and held a public hearing and has recommended the amendment on a 7 to 1 vote

erty taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned Jim Sowle of 770 Lincoln Lake inquired if his one-half ton pickup would be included in this amendment. Valentine during the bank deposit before distributing these monies. responded one-half, three-quarter and one ton rated pick up trucks would not fall under this particular ordinance.

Steve Dovle of 706 Riverside Drive supported the amend-resolution passed.

City Clerk Betty Morlock also noted Doyle's written response concerning his support of the amendment.

Mayor Blough questioned if any written or verbal comments were received during the Planning Commission receting. Pasquale responded no.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Councilmember Myers asked if a one ton designation would be shown on a vehicle title. Valentine responded the Police Department would refer to the manufacturer's rate of capacity for pick up trucks. Any vehicle other than a pick up truck, the department would refer to the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating.

Myers questioned how RV's would fit into this. Valentine responded RV's would be covered under another section for storage.

and Sharon Leverence of 213 Jane Ellen to comment on the issue. The Leverences raised concerns regarding the storage of RV's. Valentine responded the ordinance amendment would change nothing concerning RV's. This is strictly a section of the Zoning Ordinance which would cover parking or trucks and other large vehicles. The Leverences indicated they had misunderstood the notice.

Councilmember Green questioned if a bus was referred to as personal vehicle, if it was not being used to transport people. He referred to a local church bus and asked if it would be acceptable for the bus to be parked in a resident's driveway, while being cleaned. Valentine did not have the exact wording of the ordinance. However, he did not believe this would be considered parking or storing by what a reasonable individual would refer to.

Green stated he was opposed to the amendment.

Councilmember Shores inquired why a Planning Commissioner voted against the amendment. Pasquale responded the Commissioner did not indicate a reason.

Blough questioned if there were other related ordinances Valentine responded there are overnight parking and RV storage ordinances.

Green clarified an individual who drives a bus for a NAY: 0. private school would not be able to park the bus at the residence if this amendment was passed. Valentine responded this is correct.

vehicles parked on City streets could cause safety prob-

vehicles parked on City streets would cause problems such as site and aesthetic issues with having to plow around the vehicles in the winter. He also felt the ordinance was a bit ambiguous and this would clear it up.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to approve the zoning ordinance amendment which prohibits the parking of all vehicles over one ton in

YEA: 3. (Councilmember Myers, Shores and Blough) NAY: 1. (Councilmember Green) ABSENT: 1. (CouncilmemberBrubaker) MOTION CARRIED.

Pasquale noted the amendment would be effective 10 days after publication.

Item #2. KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT-COLLECTION OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2001. As recently carried out in previous years, the Kent Intermediate School District requested the City collect the summer property taxes for the district. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects the KISD's prop-

Thus, Pasquale recommended the current policy for collecting KISD summer taxes be maintained and a

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to pass the resolution concerning the collection of the 2001 summer property taxes for Kent Intermediate School

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. ASSESSOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

Jim Marfia has served as City Assessor since January. 1988 under an employment agreement. It is proposed such an agreement be extended two years with a change in the compensation schedule. In 2001, Marfia's salary would be \$28,800 per year (from the present \$27,690). This will increase to \$29,952 per year in 2002. The raises amount to approximately 4% per year. Mileage for business travel would be provided at the current IRS rate.

The remainder of the contract stays the same. Marfia will continue to have office hours all day on Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

City Manager Pasquale stated he continues to be quite pleased with Marfia's performance and recommended the Council approve the agreement.

Councilmember Myers inquired if the Wednesday and Thursday work week was 16 hours. Pasquale responded yes. Myers questioned if Marfia ever worked beyond the 16 hour work week. Pasquale stated additional hours are spent during Board of Review. Marfia also has a personal computer which allows him to do some work at home. However, the hours accounted are hours spent in the

Myers questioned if there is any type of formal review. Pasquale responded reviews are completed annually.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the two year contract with City Assessor James Marfia with a salary of \$28,800 the first year and \$29,952 the second year as proposed.

Mayor Blough questioned if the City provided the laptop computer. Pasquale responded no.

Myers asked if Marfia worked for another community. Pasquale responded yes, City of Belding.

MOTION CARRIED.

Blough questioned how many years Marfia has worked for the City. Pasquale responded 13 years next month.

Item #4. DONATION OF PROPERTY- 19.86 ACRES NEAR INTERSECTION OF DIVISION STREET BRIDGE AND GRAND RIVER DRIVE - CHARLES THOMAS. Realtor Rick Seese was present on behalf of property owner Charles Thomas, who wished to donate 19.86 acres of river frontage property near the northeast section of the Division Street bridge and Grand River Drive.

City Manager Pasquale noted the Parks and Recreation Commission has had the opportunity to review the request at its December 9, 2000 meeting and has unanimously recommended to the City Council that the land donation be accepted for future park development. The land is nearly 20 acres and abuts the Grand River. For the most part, the property cannot be developed residentially or commercially. In reflecting upon it, the Commission did view opportunities for park development. Pasquale noted there was also some discussion concerning possibilities for the YMCA

Based on current assessment of \$19,300 for the property, the City would lose \$267.30 per year in tax revenue

Rick Seese, representing Charles Thomas, stated Thomas was a longtime former resident of Lowell who has moved away. However, he still maintains and owns Metric Manufacturing. When Thomas approached Seese about possibly marketing the property, Seese suggested the possibility of donating the land.

Councilmember Green stated the Parks and Recreation Commission is very excited to have this opportunity. He noted the donation on the northeast side of the Flat and Grand rivers, which was received last year. Green stated the City would own the land from there to the Hudson Street right of way. He said the City owns much land along the Grand River and with wanting to preserve green space, wet lands and river property, the Commis-

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recommends the City accept the property.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to accept the donation of property of 19.86 acres near the intersection of Division Street bridge and Grand River Drive from Charles Thomas.

Councilmember Myers questioned if the previous use of the land would in any way require an environmental survey. Seese was unsure of the land usage except for Blough also questioned the July 2, 2001 meeting and it being used as access property from the old City Service Corporation. Pasquale stated he was unfamiliar with any type of developmental use on the property.

Blough stated there have been no environmental issues concerning the surrounding area.

Myers thanked Seese for making the recommendation. YEA: 4. NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. ACCEPTANCE OF \$70,000 LOAN FROM THE MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION FOR AIR-PORT IMPROVEMENTS. At its December 6, 1999 meeting, the City Council authorized submission of an \$80,000 loan application to the Michigan Aeronautics Commission for airport improvements. During the past month, the State approved a \$70,000 loan representing 90% of the project costs involving taxiway construction and air easement acquisition.

Airport Manager James Sowle explained approximately \$20,000 will be allocated toward providing taxiways. Currently, these are just turf and become muddy in the wintertime and are barely usable in the springtime. The their own zoning as it relates to airports and protect the ABSENT: 1. remaining amount of funds would be used to hire a area around the facility. consultant who will determine the safety hazards. Once completed, the consultant would make a recommendation to the Aeronautics Commission and request assistance in clearing up any hazards at the airport.

If the consultant's recommendations are approved, the entire \$70,000 can be rolled into a 90/10 grant. When completed, the airport would pay back \$7,000.

City Manager Pasquale stated the Airport Board has the airport very quickly. As the Airport Manager he has been working very diligently over the last few years in had two more notices from the FAA concerning requests terms of seeking air easements to assure there are in the area. He stated the current zoning relocates towers proper glide slopes into the runways. Also, the board has to certain heights, but does not protect the airport from an airport safety. Pasquale noted most of the improvements are safety oriented.

The Airport Board is also reviewing the submission of a sponse from the Planning Commission. grant application to the Englehardt Fund to extend runway 6-24 and finish the taxiway project. The extensions are being completed within the boundaries of the current airport. Sowle explained the land has never been developable previously, because of the wetland area at the end of the current runway. By obtaining the permits (which have already been carried out) the wetlands can be filled and mitigated with other lands on the airport. This will take stress off the current runway. Sowle stated most individuals will choose the new runway because the winds are predominately from the southwest rather than from the northwest nine months of the year.

surrounding area. With these many students and all the other activities, the board is very interested in the safety of those flying and the residents who live in the vacinity of the airport. Sowle noted there would be a significant advantage to extending the short runway.

Councilmember Myers questioned if the 5.5% interest rate was locked. Sowle responded yes

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to authorize the \$70,000 loan from the Michigan Aeronautics Commission for airport improvements. Terms will be finalized at a future date using the discretion of City, Manager and the Airport Board YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Item #6. APPROVAL OF 2001 CITY COUNCIL MEET-

sion is very excited about this opportunity and strongly ING DATES. A schedule of meeting dates was provided.

Mayor Blough noted the first meeting in April was over Spring Break. City Manager Pasquale recommended moving the Council meeting dates to April 9 and April 23 and then scheduling the Planning Commission meeting to April 30, 2001.

By consensus, the Council agreed.

questioned if there would be a quorum. By consensus, the Council did not believe this meeting date needed to be changed.

Councilmember Shores asked if the City offices would be closed on Martin Luther King Day (Monday, January 15, 2001). City Manager Pasquale responded no. Shores questioned why the Council meeting was delayed until Tuesday. Myers stated this was his suggestion and wished to honor the date.

Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments we received.

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Airport Manager Jim Sowle stated the Airport Board has received a number of requests concerning communication towers. He has since learned much about towers and their regulations. The Federal Air Regulations have many rules which must be followed. However, as it relates to tall towers, there is them of the denial. no enforcement policy. The reasoning is the Federal Government does not want to be involved with the takings of property. Therefore, it has delegated this to the State. The State of Michigan has determined there is a regarding the river main crossing. need for regulations, but did not wish to take this on YEA: 4. either. Therefore, the local governments must create

Sowle noted his suggestion made to the Planning Commission stating the Airport Board is willing to prepare airport zoning recommendation based on criteria the State considers reasonable. Items such as location of schools, current towers and populations around the airport would be included.

Sowle explained the tower situation is growing around been reviewing the extension of runways to promote individual installing a tower directly off the end of a

Mayor Blough stated the Council would look for a re-

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Green wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New

Councilmember Shores questioned the status of the skating rink at Richards Park. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden responded it is now open. He noted Ron Wenger and Perry Beachum have been working on this.

Mayor Blough noted the antennas recently installed on the Cable TV tower. He believed the projects which take place on City property, particularly in the parking lot Currently there are 40 to 50 student pilots from the areas and in the main street venues, are projects which should be better coordinated with the Central Business District store owners. Blough understood this recent project was implemented by Lowell Light and Power. However, he did receive a few comments from concerned business owners. Blough explained the construction company utilized a portion of the parking area during a high volume time period. This did not allow the patrons to park close to the store.

> Blough requested all City departments, including Lowell Light and Power, come forth and communicate these projects with the local business owners.

Item #10. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. Engineer Steve Nichols was present on behalf of DATE APPROVED: Tuesday, January 2, 2001. Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTC&H) concerning the water main river crossing. He stated the river crossing is not going as well as planned. Nichols

explained the contractor drilled providing a hole under the river with approximately a 2-inch steel pipe. An 18 inch diameter reamer then is drilled a hole similar to a small tunnel across the river. The contractors placed the pilot piping and began to pull it back through the hole. They reached approximately 360 feet across the river when a blockage was encountered. At this point, the contractors are not certain of the best option. There has been discussion of going back through and trying to ream the hole again with either the same size tool or a slightly larger one. Another option would be to drill another pilot hole and actually have a second location where they cross the river. As a result of this, a one month extension of time on the contract has been requested. Nichols reminded the Council there would be additional engineering costs, if the extension were to be granted.

Mayor Blough felt the Council was gracious enough to have allowed a previous extension request. He noted the clause in the contract of \$1000 a day in liquidated damages which Nagel Construction would be responsible for if the deadline was not met. Blough stated there would be no incentive for the Council to offer any type of extension, especially in light of FTC&H having additional

Blough noted he would support a motion to not extend the contract. Nichols stated if that is the wish of the Council. he would write a letter to Nagel Construction informing

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to deny the extension request from Nagel Construction

MOTION CARRIED.

2. The Year 2000 has been busy for the City, full of accomplishments. The following were the major

 completion of the bridge railing project by the old Lee's Landing site

 through the Downtown Historic District Commission, the downtown has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places

•completion of a Streets and Sidewalks Master Plan purchase of a portion of the Runciman School and VFW properties for the City Hall - Police Station project.

· refurbishing of the Water Treatment Plant including the upgrading of the filters completion of a report of the Citizen's Advisory commit-

tee for the review of Lowell Cable TV completion of extensive renovation of the Light and

Power and Cable TV offices in process of completing Flat River water main crossing initiating a study to rerate the Wastewater Treatment

adoption of a Communication Tower ordinance

3. The following meetings minutes were provided: Airport Board meeting of November 7, 2000

 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of November 19, 2000

 Downtown Development Authority meeting of November 16, 2000 Chamber of Commerce meeting of November 8, 2000

 Community Recreational Committee meeting of November 21, 2000

4. The work session with Virchow Krause is now scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2001, 7 p.m. at the Light and Power offices.

City offices will be closed for Christmas on Monday. December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 (same as Light and Power/Cable TV). Also, the offices will close on Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day (Light and Power/Cable TV will be closed on January 1st and

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 2, 2001.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Michael K. Blough, Mayor Betty R. Morlock, Clerk



VARSITY SOCCER FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, Jan. 6, the Lowell varsity soccer team will be collecting refundable bottles and cans as a fundraiser from 1-

SENIOR PICTURES NEEDED

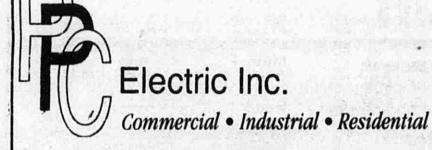
Parents: Pictures are needed by the end of January of your son or daughter for the Senior video. Put name and tel. # on the back of the pictures along with a SASE and drop them off in the drop box in the high school office.

WINTER ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

The Lowell Area Arts Council winter arts classes begin Jan. 29. Offerings for ages 8-14 include acting, watercolor painting, woodcarving, clay creations, drawing, and book illustration and design. Ages 14 and up are offered oil painting, pastel painting, drawing, clay sculptures, waterpainting and mixed media. Call 897-8545 for more information.

Lowell Lions Club offers Saturday storytime

Volunteers from the Lowell Lions Club will present a Saturday storytime for children ages six and under and their families at the Englehardt Library on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. Cookies and punch will be served. A storytime hour will also be held on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. For more information, contact the Englehardt Library at 897-9596.



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LOWELL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS' EXHIBITION

On display at the Lowell Area Arts Council (149 S. Hudson St.) from Jan. 9 - 27 are two- and three- dimensional artworks created by students from Bushnell, Alto and Cherry Creek Elementary schools. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 - 5 p.m.; Thursday from 12 - 7 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. An opening reception is on Jan. 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

LHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING The Lowell High School Athletic Boosters will hold their

regular meeting one week later than usual on Monday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

> HOMAGE- TRIBUTE TO LORETTA SAILORS, A STUDENT EXHIBITION

The Lowell Area Arts Council is pleased to present a student exhibition as a tribute to watercolor instructor, Loretta Sailors. The exhibition is on display at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main St. in Lowell from Jan. 2 - Feb. 6 during regular business hours. For more information call the LAAC at 897-

Seminar to educate individual land owners on preserving open space

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The Vergennes Township master plan addresses the desire of its residents to pre- too, can preserve open space. serve its rural character.

A grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund will enable MSU Extension of Kent County to conduct a multiple week training seminar for Lowell area citizens.

The grant will aid the Lowell Area Citizen Planner Leadership Development Project in its charge to increase awareness and leadership capacity of participants in the areas of land use planning and environmental decision-making.

One way this is currently being done is through developers' request to set aside open space as new housing projects are being built.

The seminar will arm individual landowners - of both large and small acreage - with the knowledge of how they,

The seminar will be designed to meet the needs of the community through a project design team of Lowell area community members. "The program will be an interactive experience for citizens and decision-makers interested in learning about land-use planning," said Mari Stone, Vergennes Township

Topics to be addressed in the program include:

· Land use and resource conservation

 Sustainable development Land use planning practices, policies, and law Organization and com-

munity leadership

· Community and issues conflict management

MSU Extension plans to

ary. Citizens interested in participating in the project Instructors of the program will be professionals from the should contact David Guikema, director of Kent/ West Michigan community, MSU Extension at (616) 336-MSU Extension agents and MSU faculty members, as well 3265, or Kendra Gunter, as land use experts from project coordinator, at 458-

launch the seminar in Febru-

The program will be an interactive experience for citizens and decision-makers interested in learning about land-use planning.

> **Mari Stone** Vergennes Township clerk

Healthy Living Is the Healing Remedy Lifestyle Seminar Series LOCATION: Collins Elementary Gym, 4368 Heather Lane (Forest Hill & M-21)

January 7, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

"None of These Diseases," by Dr. Bruce Hyde, MD

Bruce R. Hyde, MD serves as Medical and Lifestyle Director at the Battle Lifestyle Health Center. Dr. Hyde is a 1986 graduate of Loma Linda School of Medicine, emphasizing Lifestyle Medicine.

January 14, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

"Rx: Healthful Living is the Healing Remedy," by Dr. Bruce Hyde, MD

Dr. Hyde also served in the U.S. Air Force, in Emergency Medicine. Consistently for over 10 years, Lifestyle Medicine has been his underlying commitment in medical practice, resulting in the blessing of seeing so many restored to health. Dr. Hyde has a special interest in diabetes

January 21, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

"In the World but Not of It - Overcoming Heavy

Metal Toxicity," by Jann Gentry Glander

Jann Gentry is the Vice President for Public Affairs at the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center. Jann's special field of health interest is in environmental toxicities. She has recovered from heavy metal poisoning using natural methods and is eager to share her story with others.

January 28, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

"Networking for a Healing Solution," Amiable blending of

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Englehardt presents winter storytime series

The Englehardt Library presents the winter storytime 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, series, featuring stories, songs, 22 and 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19 crafts and other book-related fun with a different theme each week. The program is for ages Feb. 1, 815 and 22, and March 3 to 6, and registration is re- 1.

Douglas P. Reed enlisted

in the United States Air Force

Delayed Entry Program

(DEP), according to SrA

Timothy Rosenau, Air Force

recruiter.

Storytime takes place at and 26, and at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, 18 and 25,

Reed is a 2001 graduate

Upon graduation from

of Lowell High School and is

scheduled for enlistment in

the Regular Air Force on July

17, 2001.

IN THE SERVICE

For more information or to register for the storytime series, contact the Englehardt Library at 897-9596.

duty station.

the Air Force's six-week basic training course near San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the electronics area and be assigned to an Air Force

Westhouse/ Schmaltz

Mary Lou Westhouse and Mark Allen Schmaltz both of Lowell, are engaged and planning a May 5, 2001 wedding.

The bride-to-be is employed by Old Kent Financial Corp. Her parents are Abram and Lucille Westhouse of Moline.

The future groom is employed by Crown Lift Trucks. His parents are Duane and Barbara Schmaltz of Low-



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City winds up another busy year full of activities

Editor's Note: The complete story highlighting city accomplishments during the year 2000 follows. Only part of the story appeared in the Dec. 27 edition of the Lowell Ledger.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Another year has passed and the city has several milestones of accomplishments including the purchasing of property for the City Hall/police station project.

"We were able to lay the foundation for the development of the City Hall/police station project which in turn will have an impact on future projects," said Lowell mayor, Michael Blough

The project was something the city has been working on for the past several years. For 2000, it became more of a reality when the city purchased part of the Runciman School property and the VFW Hall for the expansion of the building and the development of new parking.

But the City Hall/police station project was not the only accomplishment of the city for the year 2000; there was also the upgrading of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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"Again, this is laying another foundation for the city as the initial work on the plant will have an impact on the residents of Lowell along with the plant's other customers," Blough

The refurbishing of the plant, including the upgrade of filters, was designed to help provide better service and increase capacity as the entire community of Lowell grows.

Another tool that will be used for the city's growth is the development and completion of a Streets and Sidewalks Master Plan to aid the city in determining which areas need immediate attention. The plan will also help the city foresee future road and sidewalk projects.

Other accomplishments that Lowell city manager, David Pasquale mentioned included the placement of the Downtown Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places, completion of a report of the Citizen's Advisory committee on Lowell Cable TV programs; the initiation of a study to re-rate the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the adoption of a Communications Tower Ordinance. Still in progress is the water main/Flat River project.

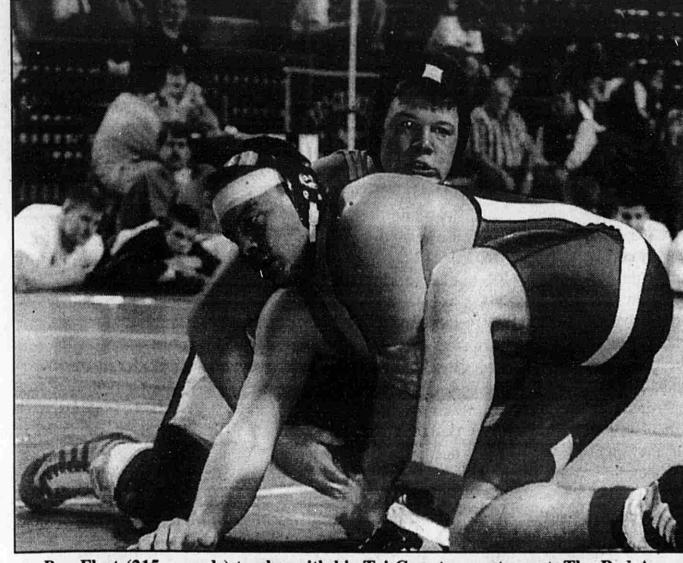
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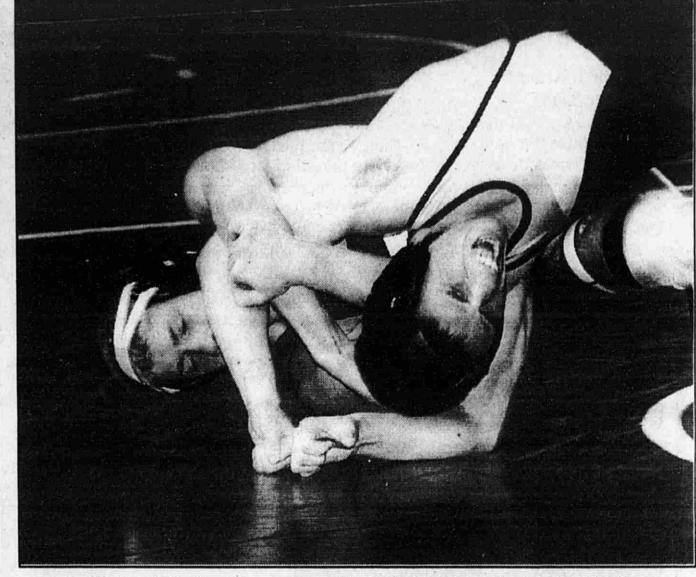
"I am very happy with the efforts of the city staff to work in conjunction with different organizations around this area," Blough said, adding that this cooperation was key in the completion of so many quality projects.

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> Michael Blough **Lowell Mayor**



Ben Fleet (215 pounds) tussles with his Tri County counterpart. The Red Arrow posted a decision in Lowell's 46-28 win over the Vikings.



Lowell's Ian DeRath grabs control early on in his win against Eaton Rapids.

Eaton Rapids quiets Lowell in the finals at Grandville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Scott Warriner and Dave Strejc did not overplay Eaton Rapids' 39-24 win over Lowell in Grandville's Frederick-

Tate dual wrestling tournament Thursday. "We have some work to do to get where we expect to be," Strejc explained. "There is still time to correct things."

The Red Arrow wrestling coach made reference to his club's 14-point early-season loss to Eaton Rapids a year ago. "Didn't we come back and beat them in the state semifinals last year?"

Warriner, while very pleased with his club's performance, was guarded about the victory. "We know we can do better and we know Lowell was short a few wrestlers today."

Lowell got into the finals by roughing up Cedar Springs (60-12) and then defeating a strong Tri County squad 46-28.

"We wrestled real well in our first two matches. After having a war with Tri County, we were beat up a little. When you're already beat up and wrestle a team the caliber of Eaton

Rapids, you're going to pay the price," Strejc said.

The Red Arrows won five of the first eight matches and led 24-18 going into the match at 152. The Greyhounds won that match and the five that fol-

lowed in earning a 15-point win. "Going in we thought 152, 171 and 189 were key matches

and we were able to win all three," Warriner explained. "I also thought 119 was a key match, but Lowell won that one." Red Arrow Ian DeRath decisioned Austin Carmody 10-6.

That followed David Kropf's pin at 103 and Brandon Kinney's 12-2 decision over Nate Smith at 112 pounds. Three matches in, Lowell had itself a 13-0 lead. The Greyhounds broke through at 125 with a pin at 5:52 Lowell falls to 4-3.

of the third period against Red Arrow, Matt Muha.

John Mendez, 130, answered with a pin of his own against Lewis Kidder at 1:28 of the first period, extending Lowell's

Eaton Rapids closed the gap to one (19-18) with pins against Beau Wilder (135) and Jim Kelly (140).

Caleb O'Boyle, 145 pounds, posted Lowell's last win of the match with a decisive 21-3 victory over Sean Grant.

J.J. Wilder (152) lost 9-4; Tim VanLaan (160) lost 12-6; Matt Oesch (171) lost 3-2; B.J. Frasier (189) lost 12-7; Ben Fleet (215) lost 4-2; and Ben Vaught (HWT) was pinned at 1:36 of the first period.

"Our upper weight wrestlers did well earlier in the day. but were out toughed by Eaton Rapids. We're not in peak condition," Strejc said. "It's time to dig in and see if the boys want it. One step at a time. We've been working on technique. now comes conditioning. It takes both to win a state title."

The win improved Eaton Rapids' record to 8-0 while

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Precise Engineering, located at 683 Lincoln Lake Ave. S.E., Lowell, in the NE 1/4 of Section 34, parcel #41-16-34-299-001, i requesting a Special Exception Use Permi Amendment to construct an addition to their existing building and to construct a new building with an addition planned for 2003 to allow for expansion of their business.

The complete application and site plan is available for public inspection at the Township Offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Middleville sinks Lowell from the foul line in overtime

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Both Middleville and Lowell were determined early the two clubs moved to the on to decide the game from foul the three-point line.

The Trojans and Red Ar-

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line to decide the nonconference contest

Middleville (2-3) won in rows combined for 9 three overtime 67-64. Trojan

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pointers in the opening eight standout Brian Yaezel sank four foul shots in the final 30 By game's end, though, seconds of overtime to sink

Country

Yaezel's performance at the line in overtime redeemed

29 from the line. Lowell was the Middleville forward for a 10-of-22. "We knew he was one of missed foul shot to win the the better players. He's diffi-

cult to defend. You put a forward on him and he beats you from the perimeter. Put a guard on him and he goes into the post," said Lowell basketball coach, Pete Bush. Middleville hit on 80 percent of its three point shots in

seconds to play.

with 24 points.

Yaezel finished the game

Middleville was 20-for-

the first quarter. "We knew Middleville would shoot a lot of threes, but we didn't expect them to be that successful," Bush said.

Sam Oberlin, Andy

contest in regulation with two Curtis and Dave Rozema led Huskie run separated Forest Lowell with 14 points apiece. Hills Northern from Lowell Lowell (1-4) trailed 22in an O-K White high school 17 after one quarter of play basketball game. Northern led 15-11 after

and 21-20 at halftime. Middleville took a 36-33 one quarter of play but the lead into the fourth quarter. Huskies' momentous second Lowell outscored the Trojans quarter built a 37-18 half-15-12 over the final eight mintime lead. utes to send the game into

overtime. The Trojans ern in the second half 36-32. outscored Lowell 9-6 in O.T. Sam Oberlin led all Low-"We responded well in ell scorers with 13 points and overtime, but a couple of Dave Rozema added 10. tough calls didn't go our way

Daane Griffeth and Mark and we didn't do the critical Steekstra led the Huskies with things at the key moments 12 points each.

Lowell outscored North-

The loss dropped Lowell to 0-2 in the league while the Huskies improved to 2-1 in

going to Evan Dorough. The

next goal was scored by

Dustin Hofert with assists

credited to Jordan Schaefer

and Josh John. Lowell lost 8-

Civic Center in Cadillac will

be the site for the next game

Sunday of that week, the

Wayland Wildcats play the

Red Arrows at Michigan

The Wexford County

Red Arrow JV hockey team shuts out Okemos

A 22-7 second-quarter,

needed to win," said Bush.

FHN 69

Lowell 54

The J.V. Red Arrow don John also scored in the He can also hockey team beat the Okemos

goal. David Maylone was in goal for Lowell, stopping all 14 shots. Lowell's scoring came from Jordan Schaefer in the first period with an assist from Ramsey Charrouf and Josh John.

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Dustin Hofert scored in Mud Dogs. Lowell's goals the second period with Josh

second period with Trevor VanPortFleet and Evan Dorough being credited with Lowell had 32 shots on the assist. Brandon John · found the back of the net again in the third period, with the assist going to brother, Josh

The Summit in Lansing on Saturday, Jan. 6. On was the site for Saturday's game on Dec. 23 vs. the Holt came in the first period from National Ice Center. The puck John getting the assist. Bran- David Blair with the assist drops at 6:30 p.m.

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Please call John Knight at the Franciscan Life Pro-

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is fishing. Clip on the depth wind up to the desired depth, and lock the reel. Then, hand

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to keep some parts of my life simple, I still use a couple of glass ice rods, a hand auger. and sit on a wooden box made from a desk drawer. This outfit has served me well for

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MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- 800-651-6000. meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more infor-

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> TUES .: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at

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St. Business meetings are to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to LaLeche League of Ada, on odd months & program 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Col- Cascade & Lowell meets at meetings on even months. leen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; Open to any interested the Franciscan Child De-meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children

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ment Village. Phone EVERY THIRD THURS .: sity soccer will be collecting refundable register or for more info. bottles and cans as a fundraiser from 1-4 p.m.

School Athletic Boosters meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge; not Jan. 8 as previously scheduled.

SAT., JAN. 20: 3 dimensional paper making workshop w/Alice Breese at Franciscan Life Process Center from 9:30 - 4 p.m. SAT., JAN. 6: Lowell var- Cost: \$50 per person. Call John Knight at 897-7842 to

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PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, January 22, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main St. Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

to consider a special use permit request from Stephen Childers of American Tower Corporation for the construction of a 250-foot high communication tower at 2051 Bowes (parcel 41-20-03-385-016) which is zoned Industrial and a special use permit is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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WED.: 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

a.m. Armchair Exercise.

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Woodland Mall.

WED., JAN. 3: 8 a.m. TUES., JAN. 16: 12:40 Men's breakfast; 9:30 a.m. Blood pressure.

THURS., JAN. 4: 12:00 WED., JAN. 17: 10 a.m. p.m. Dance, West Side

FRI., JAN. 5: 12:40 p.m. Shopping at Meijer.

TUES., JAN. 9: 12:40 p.m. Travelogue "The White House.

WED., JAN. 10: 12 p.m.

p.m. Shopping at Meijer.

TUES., JAN. 23: 1:30 p.m. Tour of Lowell Middle School. FRI., JAN. 26: 12:40 p.m.

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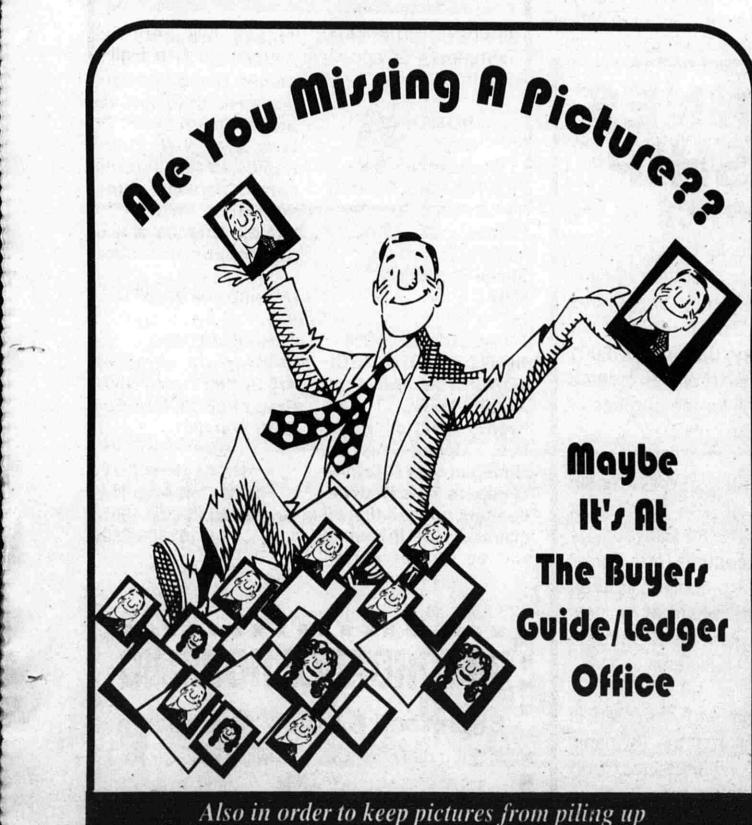
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MSU senior studies correlation between anxiety and student drinking

When Tom Friedrich, a psychology senior at Michigan State University, was looking for a research project for his honor's thesis, he wanted to find a challenging project that would help him grow as a researcher.

So when he was offered the opportunity to work with a faculty member through a dean's assistantship, he jumped at classes. It's been the capstone of my education. the chance.

Dean's assistantships are awarded through the College of Social Science. The award, which was given to 11 students this year, pays approximately \$2,800 for the academic year.

Friedrich, son of Ken and Judy Friedrich of Lowell, will use the money to fund his study of the correlation between anxiety and how often college students drink.

"It's a lot of work and it can be stressful," Friedrich said. "It's a juggling act, but it's getting easier and it's rewarding."

The dean's assistantship provides students an opportunity to research in the social sciences while working closely with

the faculty. Recipients must spend at least 10 hours a week working on a designated project.

Friedrich sad the assistantship is a positive experience because it gives students a hands-on opportunity to learn.

"It's great," he said. "I've been able to apply all my

Neal Schmitt, chair of the department of psychology, is Friedrich's faculty adviser for the project. He said he supports Friedrich's research because he is a capable and competent student and researcher.

"I admire that he has got a lot of initiative," he said. "He gets things done and he's timely. He doesn't wait for me to do the work."

Schmitt said Friedrich's research has the potential to be printed in a scientific publication. Even if the work never gets published, Schmitt said the experience Friedrich will receive

"Research experience is central to putting together a successful graduate school application," he said. "This project is almost a master's degree in many college programs.

Friedrich said what he enjoys most about the assistantship is working with Schmitt and other faculty members.

The research practice also will be extremely helpful in the future, Friedrich said. He plans to apply to graduate school to study labor and industrial relations, human resource management or organizational design and development.

"This project will help me get into graduate school because it's taught me a lot of analytical skills. And the research experience will give me an edge, also," Friedrich said.

Chairpersons and directors or their designates nominate students from their academic unit for the dean's assistantship. Recipients are then chosen based on a written research proposal, their academic record and support from a faculty ad-

Township vacates office; awaits mold, toxin sample results

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Bowne Township officials' annual Christmas party was held at township hall ... old historic township hall.

Located on 84th Street, it now serves as a temporary new

Township officials were forced to move from their offices at 6059 Linfield S.E. when mold and alpha toxins were

detected by Environmental Health Resources through the testing of office walls, carpet and upholstery.

"We were all complaining of dry throats and watery eyes," said township clerk, Sandy Kowalczyk, "Now we know why."

The mold and toxins could have eventually led to bleeding lungs and respiratory problems.

"It will be approximately a month before we get results of some of the samples which will tell us when and if we can move back into the building," Kowalczyk explained.

Ideally, township officials would like to fix whatever the problem is and then move back in.

If that is not possible, the township will look to the DDA for funds to build a new township hall

"We'd tear down the current hall, and build a new one." Kowalczyk said.

EATING HEALTHY IN 2001

It's a matter of what you put in your grocery cart.

Sticking to your resolution to lose weight by eating a well-balanced diet this New Year's may just be a matter of what you put in your cart at the grocery store. To get started, throw out your list and get ready to make a few changes to your grocery shopping routine to eat healthier in 2001.

Gradually break away from your normal shopping routine by beginning to look for products you don't always purchase instead of shocking your family with a completely new set of foods, says Holly Noble, registered dietitian, M-Fit Health Promotion Division at the University of Michigan Health System.

"Just open your eyes to the rest of the products that you don't normally buy," says Noble. "People get into a routine and they tend to buy the same products and they don't realize that there might be a healthier choice that is not only better for them, it might even taste better."

Start by rolling your cart down the fish, meats and poultry aisle. There are a variety of choices you can make in the meat and seafood departments that fit within healthy eating guidelines.

"When you're looking at the fish counter, any choice is going to be better than a high saturated fat meat," says

The American Heart Association recommends eating a fish meal at least two times every week to replace the red meats that are higher in saturated fat. Fish provides Omega-3 fatty acids that have been shown to help prevent heart disease. Plus, fish is an easy dish to prepare because it only takes about 10 - 15 minutes to bake.

Two 3-ounce servings of lean red meat or fish should be included in a healthy diet every day. Lean red meat is very versatile and can be prepared as a healthy dish by baking, broiling, grilling, steaming and stir-frying.

To find the healthiest cuts of meat, Noble recommends looking for meats with the words "loin" or "round" on the label and to limit buying high-fat meats like sausage, prime rib and spare ribs. The leanest cuts of meat will have little marbling throughout or fat around the edges.

If you're hunting for meats that are lower in fat, chicken and turkey are great choices. You also can lower your calorie intake from chicken and turkey by removing the skin after baking, says Noble.

vitamins, minerals and also are a good source of fiber, take does not mean lower calorie." a stroll down the fruits and vegetables aisle.

"In the produce area, from fruits to vegetables, there's a lot of different colors and they all provide different nutrients," says Noble. "So when you're shopping you want

to try to put a rainbow of colors in your shopping cart.'

The deep purple color in blueberries has anthocyanin that may protect against heart disease, while the orange color caused by the beta-carotene in sweet potatoes can help prevent

When purchasing lettuce, color is a major nutritional determinate. The deeper the lettuce color, like in spinach and romaine, the more nutritional benefit it has compare to a lighter-colored lettuce such as iceberg.

Noble recommends eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day by making them a part of every meal and using them as a nutritious and filling snack between

But don't forget to leave some room for carbohydrates like pasta, rice and grains in your diet. Carbohydrates should make up a large portion of a diet because they provide nutrients such as B vitamins, foliate and fiber. However, it's important to remember to properly balance carbohydrates with other foods.

"The problem with carbohydrates some people have is they don't always know when to stop," says Noble. "Add vegetables to your pasta dishes to add a little more bulk. You can also choose whole wheat products that will fill you up, as well as giving you more nutrients."

Likewise, brown rice, which is a healthier choice than white rice because it contains more fiber, can also be mixed with vegetables to extend the recipe and make it more filling.

Fiber also is one of the key ingredients to look for when buying cereal. Cereal is a good option for breakfast because it provides essential vitamins and minerals, in addition to fiber. To get the greatest nutritional benefit from cereal, there should be at least 2 1/2 grams of fiber per serving.

"If your favorite cereal doesn't have 2 1/2 grams of fiber, you can also try adding a small amount of bran cereal to your store: bowl," says Noble.

Just like cereal, everyone has a favorite snack. But there are a few things to consider when buying snacks to fit into a edges. healthy diet.

"Everyone enjoys snacking from time to time and you don't have to eliminate that from your diet," says Noble. "There are lower fat alternatives like baked snacks, some crackers that are lower fat and some cookies that are lower in For a colorful assortment of foods that are full of fat. But you do need to watch out because sometimes lower fat

> The best way to eat any kind of snack is in moderation, of course. To do that, Noble says to moderate your portion size putting some of the food onto a plate or in a bowl rather than eating right out of the bag or box.

Like snacks, there are a wide variety of choices down the bread aisle and it's not always easy finding the healthiest loaf. Not all brown breads, for example, are packed with fiber and whole-wheat flour.

"You really need to look at the ingredient label and make sure that the first ingredient is either whole wheat flour or oat flour because some of the brown breads are just enriched wheat flour with added caramel coloring," says

Labels are also a shopper's best resource when buying dairy products. Dairy that is lower in fat or fat-free is also generally lower in calories, but the nutritional value remains the same. It's best to try a variety of lower fat products since many brands differ in taste and texture to had out which one you prefer. Low-fat cheese— a blend of several different cheeses has been greatly improved during. the years to taste and melt better when cooking.

The only obstacle you may face down the dairy aisle is deciding between butter and margarine.

"The margarine and butter debate still goes on, but the bottom line is that butter is a very high source of saturated fat which is known to lead to heart disease if consumed in excess," says Noble. "You want to look for (margarine) that has 2 grams or less saturated fat or you could also choose the margarine sprays which are calorie-free, fat-free but still give you some of that flavor."

But in the quest for a healthy diet in 2001, remember you do not have to eliminate any of your favorite foods from your grocery cart even if they may not be full of nutritional benefits. The easiest ways to maintain a healthy diet is balance less-nutritional foods with food that have a variety of health benefits.

Suggestions for selecting healthier foods at the grocery

· Look for lean red meat with either "loin" or "round" on the label that has little marbling and/or fat around the

· Don't let carbohydrates control your diet - add vegetables to your pasta or rice.

• Eat snacks in moderation - even low-fat or fat-free snacks may have extra calories.

• If your favorite cereal is lacking fiber, buy bran cereal and add a little to your bowl.

For more information, visit the following Web sites: U-M Health Topics A to Z: 20 Positive Pointers to Manage Your Weight www.med.umich.edu

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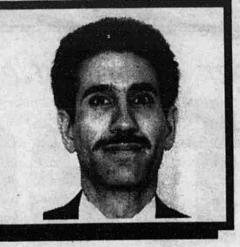
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LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: Last year my wife and I set up testamentary trusts with a lawyer that we have known for years. One of the reasons we set up the trusts was so that the survivor of the two of us, as well as our children, would not have to deal with having to go through probate when we died. I was recently reading a magazine article, however, and that article indicated that in order to avoid probate we have to re-title our assets into the trust. Is this true? If so, why weren't we told this at the time we created our trusts?

JONATHAN SAYS: The magazine article you read is correct in that setting up a trust does not in and of itself cause an estate to avoid probate. In order to have your estate avoid probate, not only do you need to create a living trust, but once the trust is created, you have to physically

change titles on assets so that when you are done the trust actually owns those assets. This is what is known as funding a trust.

In your question you indicated that you and your wife had set up testamentary trusts. If this is true, then you created the wrong type of trust if probate avoidance was one of the objectives you had in mind when you created the trusts. A testamentary trust is part of a last will and testament and it does not go into effect until after you die. Consequently, it is not the type of trust that is able to receive assets during your lifetime; it only receives assets after your death and after the completion of pro-

The type of trust that is required to be used for probate avoidance purposes is a living trust, which is created during your lifetime and is effective upon its creation.

I would go back to the

lawyer who drafted your documents and find out if in fact the type of trusts you and your wife created were testamentary trusts and not living trusts and if so, why, given your objective of avoiding probate. If, on the other hand, you discover that you actually created living trusts, then you should tell your lawyer that you would like to now fund your trusts for the purpose of avoiding probate. He or she will then review your asset holdings with you and your wife and discuss the details of how to go about re-titling those assets into the names of your trusts.

DEAR JONATHAN: My father has had several heart attacks and about a year ago he gave me his power of attorney to act for him if he can't act for himself due to any further health problems he experiences. I don't believe the document was prepared by a lawyer. I think it is something that he got off the computer. I just want to make sure that this document will be honored in the event my father has any further health problems. I raised this issue with my dad and told him that he should have a lawyer prepare this on his behalf but he felt the document was adequate. What do you think?

JONATHAN SAYS:I cannot give you any opinion as to the adequacy of the document without actually seeing it. However, if it is simply a general power of attorney and not a durable power of attorney, you could run into problems upon your father's disability or incompetence. This is because under a general power of attorney, an agent's authority terminates upon the disability or incompetence of the principal. With a durable power of attorney, however, the agent's authority continues unabated even upon the disability or incompetence of the principal.

In order to make a general power of attorney a durable power of attorney, special language has to be in"This power of attorney shall not be effected by the disability of the principal" or "This power of attorney shall become effective upon the disability of the principal" or similar words showing the intent of the principal that the authority conferred shall be exercisable notwithstanding his disability.

Another potential problem with the power of attorney that your father created is that it isn't going to help in the event he needs medical treatment. Under Michigan law, your father needs to create a separate durable power of attorney for health care in the manner provided by law which allows him to appoint another, called a patient advocate, to make medical care decisions on his behalf. Neither a general power of attorney or durable power of attorney will accomplish this purpose.

I recommend that you advise your father to meet with an estate planning attorney who can prepare both a general durable power of attorney and a durable power of attorney for health care which conform with Michigan law, which will allow you to act on his behalf in the event of a medical problem or otherwise. At the same time, the lawyer can explain to your father what other types of estate planning documents might benefit him.

Think safety and fun on trails this snowmobile season

A 25 percent rise in snowmobile deaths last winter despite a shortened season has officials urging snowmobilers to make safety and fun equal goals on the trail this winter, says AAA Michigan.

Forty snowmobilers lost their lives in 39 accidents between December 1999 and February 2000," says AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager, Jerry Basch. That's 22 percent more than the 1998-99 season.

"So far this winter, at least five snowmobilers have died. These tragic incidents do not have to occur," Basch says. "Most can be prevented by following known safety rules and reducing the high risks that lead to crashes."

As of early November, Michigan leads the nation with an estimated 300,000 registered snowmobiles, say State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials.

"That figure fluctuates through the season as machines are registered or sold, but this year's early snow is prompting more snowmobilers who are taking to the trail for the first time, and they need to know and obey the rules to have safe fun." Basch says.

Those rules include new regulations prohibiting motorists with suspended automobile driver licenses from operating a snowmobile, and assessing driving points against snowmobilers convicted of drunk or impaired operation.

Basch says common factors in last season's fatalities include:

- Speed. Law enforcement officials say it's a contributing factor in nearly all fatal crashes. Many of today's machines are capable of exceeding 100 mph," Basch says. "Combine speed with driver inexperience or other factors and it is a deadly combination."
- Alcohol. Fifty percent of last winter's deaths involved alcohol.
- · Inexperience. The average age of those killed was 33 and all but three were male. The youngest was age 14, the oldest 72. Eleven fatalities occurred during collisions with a fixed object such as a tree or a sign; 14 missed a curve or lost control and were thrown from their sleds, while four hit other vehicles or snowmobiles. Five snowmobilers drowned crossing dangerous ice. One fatality involved a pedestrian. The cause was not determined in five.
- D a r k n e s s. Twenty-seven fatalities occurred in darkness. "At speeds above 40 mph in darkness, snowmobilers run the risk of 'overdriving' their headlights, which are not nearly as powerful as a car's," Basch points out.

The DNR and 47 law enforcement agencies statewide will patrol roads, special events and approximately 6,100 miles of snowmobile routes this season. In addition, three Upper Peninsula regions and counties in Northwest Lower Michigan are earmarked for special trail patrols.

Snowmobilers can contribute to keeping the trails safe by following these rules:

- Avoid alcohol. It slows reaction time, reduces vision especially at night, impairs judgment and causes body temperatures to drop, increasing the possibility of hypothermia. Last winter, half of all the fatalities involved alcohol.
- Dress for the trail. Full-face helmets protect best against injury from twigs, flying debris and frostbite. Wear a snowmobile suit, boots and mittens and facemask in extremely frigid weather or on long rides.
- Always travel with a buddy. Tell someone where you are going and when you'll return. Take frequent breaks to avoid fatigue.
- Pack a first-aid kit, compass or portable GPS or cell phone, waterproof matches, survival blanket, tool kit, rope, extra ignition key and high-energy foods.
- If you must cross a road, stop, look and listen, then proceed. Even then, never assume the way is clear.,
- Stay on marked trails.
 Be alert for fences, culverts, wildlife, ditches, stumps, posts, dry spots and hidden wires.
- Never assume ice is safe on lakes and rivers. Stay off rivers, where currents vary thicknesses. Never travel single file on ice.
- Keep your machine in top condition. Take your keys when parked and secure it and your trailer with a chain and trailer lock when unattended.
- Drive at a safe speed.
 Never exceed a speed that would cause loss of control or hinder your ability to stop within a clear distance.



Showboat's Board of Directors, left to right, Mike Sprenger and Chuck Myers and Ivan Blough present Lowell mayor, Mike Blough with a check for roughly \$6,000. Through an agreement with the Showboat and the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, the city is now the steward of the boat. The money will be used to help with maintenance and insurance costs.

