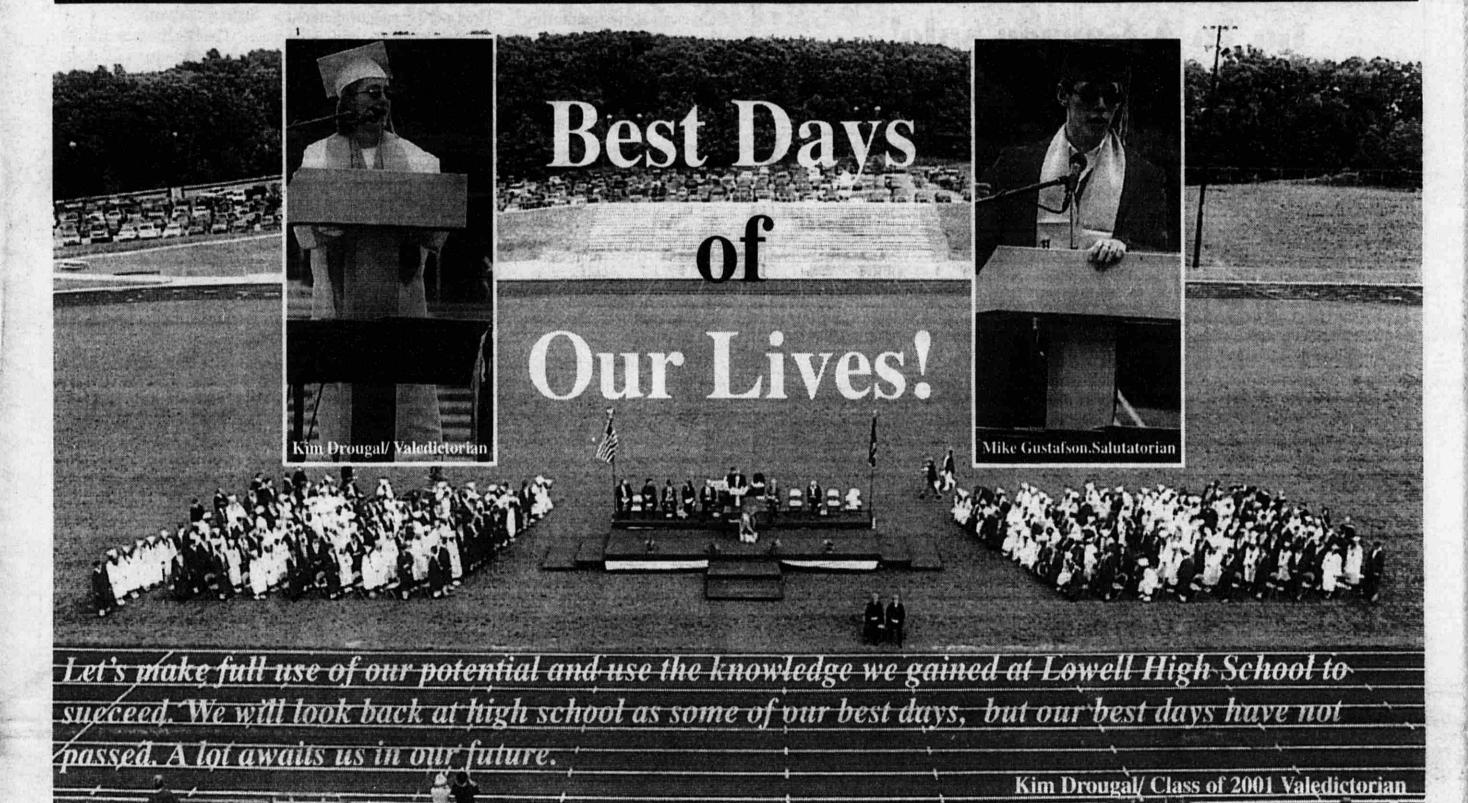
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By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Their best days have not yet passed, but Sunday's 123rd commencement is one the graduates from the 2001 Lowell High School class aren't likely to forget.

Prior to carrying out one final assignment, the 252 graduates were reminded of leadership, service, nurturing their dreams, truthfulness and daring themselves to do something they might not otherwise do.

"Let's make full use of our potential and use the knowledge we gained at Lowell High School to succeed," said class valedictorian, Kim Drougal. "We will look back at high

school as some of our best days, but our best days have not passed. A lot awaits us in our future."

Class salutatorian, Mike Gustafson shared a day from his journal which dated back to his freshman year.

It was a Michigan/Notre Dame football Saturday and Gustafson was watching the game with friends.

"As the game started, Troy (Gillan) suggested that every time there was a punt, one of us had to streak out to the mailbox and back," Gustafson recalled.

Succumbing to peer pressure, Gustafson took his friend up on the dare. "I wish our neighbors, driving down the road, hadn't seen a scrawny kid dive into the bushes." Gustafson explained.

The class salutatorian encouraged fellow graduates to practice being truthful and to accept the everyday challenge and dare to something that they might not otherwise do.

Class president, Heather Posthumus compared her classmates to a garden of blooming dreams. "Each one of our gardens has been nurtured along the way by family and friends. After today, we start a new garden... challenge yourself and don't be afraid to grow exotic flowers."

Lowell High School principal. Scott Vashaw recognized the Class's Top 10, and presented John McKay and Andreea Iancu with the principal's award, which recognizes exemplary strength, fortitude and courage.

Also honored during the commencement were Foreign Exchange students Marta Garrido Alonso, Spain; Monika Baumanns, Germany; Juan Felipe Caicedo Chaux, Columbia; Laura Davalos, Mexico; Dimitar Minchev, Bulgaria; and Ilija Vadjon, Yugoslavia.

In his customary short address to graduates and parents. Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke shared a two-line poem - the first line was for the parents and line two was for the graduates.

"Quit your yakking and start packing; and never stop exploring," he said.

Vashaw also recognized the school's maintenance and custodian crew, Lowell Athletic Boosters Club, Lowell athletic director, Barry Hobrla and the many volunteers who worked late into the night to assure that the stadium would be ready for graduation following the Division IV state track meet which was held at Lowell on Saturday. More pictures, pg. 9

Williams addresses Spartans and state of college football

Michigan State football coach, Bobby

Williams spoke to Lowell Rotarians on

Wednesday.

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The opportunity to play in rivalry games with Notre Dame, Michigan; and Penn State attract a lot of high school seniors to Michigan State Univer-

Michigan State head football coach, Bobby Williams wants to change that.

sity.

"I don't want players to come here to play in those games, I want them to come here to win those games," he said.

Williams prepares for his second full season as the Spartans' head football coach.

"Summer is a busy time - it's a time to work on fundamental techniques and conditioning - becoming bigger, faster, stronger," Williams explained. "It's also a time to get excited about the upcoming season."

Factors which give reason for expectation include new, promising young players (e.g., Charles Rogers, Josh Shaw) and the return of junior running back T.J. Duckett. "T.J. is in the best shape he's been in," Williams said about his back who will

get a look when All-American honors are handed out for the 2001 season. He also has an outside shot for Heisman Trophy consideration. "A lot of that will depend on how quick of a start T.J. gets off to," Williams explains.

Williams told a Lowell Rotary luncheon crowd on Wednesday that he believes the MSU football program is ready to take that next step in development.

The MSU coach noted that the first units on both sides of the ball have been solidified.

The one position that needs to be resolved is at quarterback. The Spartans have two-three players who Williams thinks can do the job.

"Last year I felt we showed that competitive spirit, but we were not able to finish," Williams said.

Prior to replacing Lou Saban for the 2000 Florida Citrus Bowl, Williams served as the MSU running backs coach (1990-99); Kansas receivers coach (three months - 1990); offensive backfield coach at Eastern Michigan University (1985-89); running backs and defensive backs coach at Ball State (1983-84); and a graduate

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Kessel "Nana," aged 81, passed away May 31, 2001 Surviving are her two children Joan Lancaster of Grand Rapids and Tom (Judy) Kessel also of Grand Rapids: two grandchildren Amy (Pat) Fultz of Fayetteville, NC, and Lisa (Brent) Noskey of Lowell; great-grandchil-

KESSEL - Mrs. T. Gladys

Zachary, Grant and Carter Noskey. Funeral services were held Monday at the Metcalf and Jonkhoff Chapel, Rev.

dren Amber and Tori Fultz, Melody Johnson officiating Interment in Rosedale Me. morial Park. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Holland Home

OBITUARIES

Middle school mentoring program a cooperative effort

The Lowell YMCA. Middle School and Lowell deliver an at-risk mentoring program for middle school

progress to date and now are seeking motivated adults to volunteer as mentors," said Will Welsh, Lowell YMCA executive director.

fied 20 middle school students as at-risk. They are defined as youth who tend to be unwilling to accept adult direction, need immediate gratification, lack some remage of self-worth.

"These youth are good kids who need a little extra help from a caring adult role model," Welsh explains. "They can use encouragement with their academic and social skills, and would benefit from "We've made good one-on-one time and attention

Adults in the Lowell area interested in volunteering for the new at-risk mentoring program may call Welsh at the The program has identi- YMCA (897-8445) to receive more information and an application to Big Brothers Big

Aspects of the program will include YMCA memberships for the youth and menspect for authority figures, tors, whole group activities and may also have a poor including a trip to Camp

Manitou-Lin, parent support group meetings and thorough training for the mentors through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. The Big Brothers Big Sis-

ters organization will match youth from the middle school to screened and trained adult volunteers. Adults who enjoy having fun with a child would like to make a positive impact on a child should consider applying to

Volunteers need to be at least 20 years of age or college enrolled. They can be single, married, parents, and employed or retired.

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LASSO 2001-2002 Soccer Tryouts Saturday, June 16th

at the Grand River Riverfront Park

(west off Alden Nash on Grand River Dr.) In the event of rain, tryouts will be held in the Lowell High School Main

Lasso

Tryout Times

Boys @ 9:00 AM (ages 12-13) Girls @ 11:00 AM (ages 12-13) Boys @ 1:00 PM (ages 8-11)

Girls @ 2:30 PM (ages 8-11)

Player tryout time is based on actual age of player as of July 31st 2001 (example: a U14 eligible player would be 13 years old on July 31st 2001)

Players must register ½ hour prior to scheduled tryout time.

Players must bring own ball, shin guards, cleats, water or sports drink, and a pair of gym safe shoes. (Tryouts may be moved to the High School in case of bad weather)

Players must bring a 1" square photo.

U13-U14

U13-U14

U9-U12

U9-U12

STOP READ THIS CAREFULLY-New players to LASSO must bring a copy, that can be kept by the club, of the players birth certificate.

Parents must be present for the entire tryout process.

LASSO (Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization) is a traveling soccer club that competes in the Grand Valley Soccer League. LASSO's mission is to provide the player with potential, interest and commitment, and a place to develop through quality instruction and competitive game experience.

Make Up Date: Tuesday, June 19th 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Dale Hanson at (616) 897-5045 LASSO Info Line (616-246-6078) or www.lassosoccer.org

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Children's & College Pastor Jason Grear Lowell Christian Life Center

I recently talked to a friend who is earnestly seeking God's direction at the beginning of his career path, He does not have a desire to be involved in full-time ministry such as pastoring or missionary work. He actually would very much like to work in some kind of job where he can play with big toys such as boats, helicopters, off road vehicles, assault rifles, and anything else that is either off road or very fast.

That sounds like an easy enough decision to me, "Join the military." You don't have to be a right wing fanatical Christian to become a navy seal. In fact, most people don't understand how much pressure guys like that face. If a guy like that were to go to church once a week and pick up his Bible once in a long while, that would make him pretty fanatical right there. Right???? Wrong.

My friend may very well ioin the military, become a navy seal, and a well-respected soldier. However, JUNE 8: Barbara Brown, Mark Essich. there is something that he learned years ago that will always keep him "beyond the

"...what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and to keep the Lord's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good." (Deut. 10:12-13.)

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of your interests, abilities, personality, hobbies, status

in society, or the career path you are on. If you were to take those things away and any other temporal thing that makes up "You," then what are you left with? Would your life be one that follows the Deuteronomy' First, fear God. Do you

fear God? If you do, then why do you keep on in the sins that He has told you to turn from over and over. Second, walk in all of the Lord's ways and love Him. How many ways? All. The only way you will find out what are all of his ways is to take a look in Scripture. Trust me. you won't be able to do this in one sitting, but a good place to start would be Exodus 20 and Matthew 5-7.

From there, try reading

Zachary Beachum, Ray Kennedy.

Jessie Hunt, Josh Felling.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 7: Amber Metternick, April Metternick Vezino,

JUNE 9: Dimpna Hill Brown, Kristina Parish, Doris Plummer,

JUNE 10: Jim Stone, April Decker, Courtney Tulppo

JUNE 13: Holly Gregersen, Vivian Hoskins.

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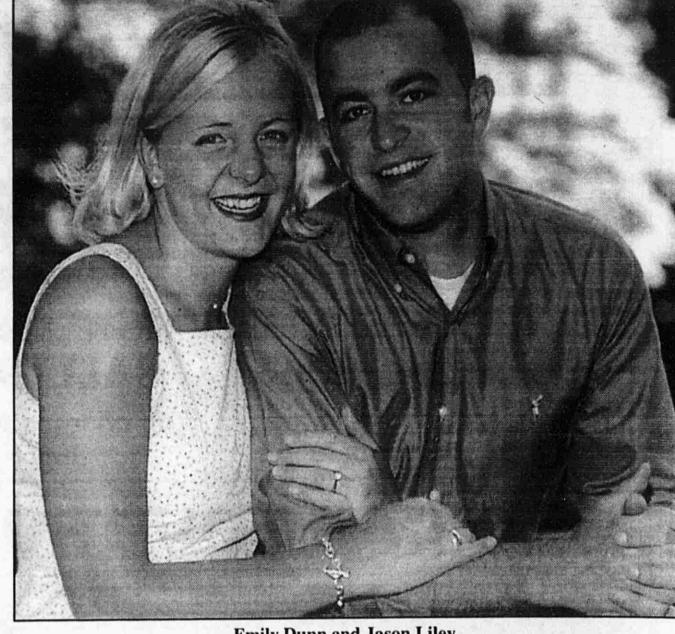
JUNE 11: Joseph Vezino, Jeanne Boss, Terri S. Fonger:

JUNE 12: Benjamin Zoodsma, Jenny Engle, Noah Green

the entire Bible. If you allow it, I guarantee you it will change your life. Third, is to serve Him with all of your heart and all of your soul. That does not mean you have to go out and become a pastor, but it does require that if you become a navy seal, construction worker, nurse, banker, stay-at-home mom or whatever else you do, that you must do it with all of your heart and soul as unto the

Whatever talents you have and will develop, use them for the work of building an eternal kingdom that will not burn up at the end of this world. And fourth, keep the commands set forth in Lord's commandments and statutes. Would the Lord like for you to cheat your boss? No, of course not. How about white lies? No way. Adultery? No. Bitterness? Not if you are a child of the King.

Let me appeal to you, "Don't be a lukewarm Christian." God has something to say about Christians who want to live the "average Christian Life," so because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth." (Rev. 3:16) Live "above the norm."



Emily Dunn and Jason Liley

Dunn/Liley

Emily Dunn of Lowell and Jason Liley of Brighton are planning a July 14, 2001 wedding at St. Patrick's Church in Parnell.

Parents of the bride-to-be are John and Ina Dunn of Cascade Township.

The future bride is a 1997 graduate of Lowell High School and is attending Central Michigan University. She will student teach in the fall.

The future groom is a May 2001 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is the son of Charles and the late Wendy Liley of Brighton.

AREA BIRTHS

Rick and Emily Hamilton of Wyoming would like to announce the birth of their

son, David William Hamilton. He was born Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at St.

Mary's Hospital weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

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.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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9:45 A.M

.. 11 A.M

.6:00 P.M

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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Viewpoint..



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 7, 1876

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

"Jackson has a brass band composed of ladies, four of whom are of the Barrett family. They go heavy on the Barrett

Railroads are offering bargain fares for the Centennial in Philadelphia

Jerome Dugs of Grattan says that the hops crop will be very good this year, and that hops acreage is increasing in Michigan. Kent County has 21,314 school children between the ages of 5 and 20. The county schools will receive \$10,657 in primary school interest funds, 50 cents per child, from the

Johnny Howard speared a 22-pound turtle last week.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 6, 1901.

This issue is missing; we substitute ads from June 20, 1901 The City Bank (Hill, Watts & Co.,) says that one dollar is sufficient to start a savings account.

A.D. Oliver of the People's Store says, "Keep your eye on our Kodak Department and if it gets tired, come in and get a pair of glasses and rest it - a perfect fit guaranteed." Both R. B. Boylan and R.D. Stocking are closing out their

"Broken lines of men's and youths" spring and summer suits are on sale at Coons', some at half price.

E. V. Abell Co. has a sale on ladies' shoes, including the French Kid Button Hand Turned and a Ladies plump Dongola.

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

has oil in the leaves, which on contact with the skin causes a light blistering effect as well as surrounding redness. Contrary to popular belief, the condition is not infectious, it is purely a reaction to the offending oil.

When exposed to the oil, it will produce its effect on any skin touched. The oil is not only on the skin but is also on our clothes, car seats or furniture; therefore it is imperative that the fabrics are cleaned if there is a chance that the object has been exposed; otherwise there is risk of ongoing irritation from

Treatment depends on the severity of the exposure. An isolated case can be treated with antihistamine cream over the counter or a medium potency topical steroid prescribed by a physician. When the exposure involves a wide area, oral steroids may be required to control the symptoms and get the area resolved.

Overall, poison ivy is more a nuisance than anything else, but the skin condition it causes can take up to three weeks to completely disappear.

tage of another individual that he or she perceives as more

vulnerable. The goal is to gain control over the victim or over

the bully's social group. Bullying behavior harms both the

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 3, 1926

Lowell plans a Homecoming for the first three days of August. One event will be an open-house at the new brick school building that replaces the old wood building.

Gould's Garage moves to a larger, better-lit, fireproof building on Main Street.

Charles Oakley is caught by the Game Warden and fined \$10 for unlawful fishing in Flat River.

Northern Ice Co., phone 289, will save you 10 cents a hundred pounds; only 30 cents.

When the ink bottle runs dry, fill it with water and add about two inches of lead from an indelible lead pencil to dissolve; makes good ink substitute.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 7, 1951

Plant petunias for when the Showboat "comes 'round the

The new high school junior band, with director Charlene Koch, made its first appearance in the parade on Decoration

Dr. John Phelps hits a doe, badly damaging his car, says the

The district forester recommends that the pine sawfly, now hatching, can be controlled by spraying with either lead of our district: arsenate or DDT.

Munroe's Food Market is giving out chances, one for each dollar-purchase, on a brand-new Thor wringer washer from Roth's Appliance.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 3, 1976

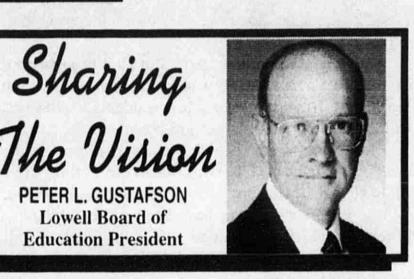
Olive Bieri receives her high school diploma from school board member Blanche Mullen, at the age of 71.

The Memorial Day observances have a Bicentennial flavor (as does almost every event this year), with drummer boys, Uncle Sam's, Betsy Ross and Revolutionary War apparel. Retiring school board member Blanche Mullen has felt

like Susan B. Anthony, having been only the third woman to serve on the board (Grace Walker in the 20's, Gladys Doyle in

Lowell High senior Anita King paints an 8' by 10' mural of a school bus on the wall of the bus garage lounge.

A pictorial article traces development of the Strand Theatre from playhouse-picture show-office building to movie house with the largest screen in Michigan, and the stage for the graduating class of '35.



Congratulations to the 2001 graduates, and to all of the students who have completed another successful school year in Lowell. We are proud of all that has been accomplished by our young people.

Like our students, the Lowell Schools also received a year-end "report card" in the form of Standard & Poors' just released evaluation of our district. This program, endorsed by Gov. Engler, involves a detailed assessment of every public school district in Michigan by S&P, an independent rating agency that analyzes and reports on financial data and other

I am happy to report that we received an excellent grade on our report card. Here are some highlights of S&P's rating

"Relative to other K-12 School Districts in Michigan. Lowell Area Schools achieves well above average student results with comparatively low spending. *** The district's spending (the tax dollars we receive from the state) is moderately below the state average and lower than the average group of peer districts with similar demographic characteris-

The district's Performance Cost Index (PCI) for MEAP composite passing scores is among the lowest in the state. indicating a very favorable return on resources.***

Among Lowell's strengths cited by S&P are our "exceptionally above-average MEAP composite passing rate." "well above-average graduation rate" and "well below-average dropout rate" as well as our "well below-average administrative expenditures per student."

In other words, S&P reports that Lowell is doing an excellent job educating our students with less tax dollars and lower overhead - that is, fewer available resources- than many other districts similar to ours. As a community, we can be rightfully proud of this assessment. The board of education looks forward to doing even better as we kick off a new school year this fall. In the meantime, enjoy a safe and happy summer. Warm weather cannot be too far off!

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone who assisted my daughter and me on Thursday, May 24 when we were involved in an accident on Vergennes and Parnell.

In all of the commotion, I did not get any names. I hope that all who were involved see this and know how grateful we are for all of your assistance, kind words and comforting that you

A special thank you to the woman and man who stopped immediately and helped us get out of the car. Also, many, many thanks to all of the emergency personnel who responded so quickly and were so wonderful with my daughter and me during a very scary situation. She loves her hug-a-bear and it gave her something to hold tightly in all of the confusion.

> With sincere thanks and gratitude. Renee Brogger

More specific signs would be unexplained injuries, torn clothing, missing belongings, or repeated requests for more money. It is important to help children deal with the bully. We need to teach our children not to be easy targets. Ways

we can help are to start with posture, voice and eye contact. may become anxious or depressed. Finally he may identify These communicate a lot about whether one is vulnerable or not. Practice with a mirror or videotape can be helpful to the child. Advise your child to avoid isolated places where no one can see or hear him. Children are less likely to be bullied if they

> In the school setting, often the focus is on the child being bullied or the bully himself. One resource in the school besides the adults which is often overlooked is the entire school population. If the entire student body is taught to stand up to other students and to tell bullies to stop when they see them picking on friends, it is likely that there would be fewer incidents of bullying in schools.

> If you have tried to help your student from being bullied and bullying situations keep occurring, it is important to let your child's teacher know what is happening. Get as much information from your child as possible and reassure your

POISON IVY SEASON

The summer season is here and with this comes outdoor

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sible for many aggravating cases of contact dermatitis. The ivy

BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

One of the most common forms of violence our children experience is bullying, and much of it takes place in school. The most effective deterrent to bullying is adult intervention. Yet many adults believe that bullying is an insignificant issue. Often we don't advocate enough for children who are bullied though we would advocate for an adult who complained of the same behavior from a co-worker.

Bullying involves a situation in which someone takes advan- or sports.

victim and the perpetrator. If a child experiences chronic intimidation, he or she may learn to expect this from others. He and become a bully himself. This behavior is also harmful to the bully. A bully becomes more likely to surround him or herself with friends who promote aggressive behavior. Bullies consciously pick weaker, more vulnerable victims. They tend to bully when authorities are not around. The motive of a bully is to gain control over others. There are a number of reasons that a child or adolescent becomes a bully, he or she

good adult role models. If a child sees a parent bullying him or each other, he may regard this type of behavior as simply the way one should act. Sometimes it is difficult to know if your child is a bully or

may need to cover his own feelings of inadequacy or may lack

is the target of bullying. It is important to keep open communication with your child. Some non-specific signs that your child may be the target of a bully are falling grades, physical Misconceptions abound about what bullying really is. complaints on school days, and lack of interest in schoolwork child that his teacher will know what to do.

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Planning commission nixes idea for Flat River wake ordinance

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

a wake ordinance along the portion of the river that runs through the city.

Planning commission chair, Jim Hall brought forth the idea of creating a slow-no wake ordinance similar to that of Vergennes Township after a few residents approached him with concerns about the speed of boaters on the river.

"I have been approached the past couple of years by a couple of people who felt it was worth considering," Hall said, adding that their concerns centered around bank erosion. Hall said he understands there have been some problems along Riverside and Lafayette streets with bank erosion as well as in front of the library, which is scheduled to get a steel wall to help prevent erosion.

Within the city, the Flat River runs from the Grand River to the Attwood property located just before Vergennes Township. Vergennes Township has had a slow-no wake ordinance on its section of the river since 1994, which Hall presented to the commission as a possible outline for the city's.

Not all of the planning commissioners felt, however, that there really was a need for such an ordinance.

"Many of the people who use that river are fishermen or seating and unlimited food boaters," said Hall.

Planning commission member, John VanderWilp added year's menu includes chicken

that he had checked with the local police who indicated that Boaters using the Flat River will not have to worry about the number of complaints on the river have not been high. "I believe the people [who use the river] are courteous to the other people's property.'

VanderWilp said there are maritime laws which govern everything that a boater can do: from how close they can get to the shoreline to how close they can get to another boat. As for the Lafayette area, VanderWilp said a wake would be very small by the time it hit the shore because of the distance and

the fact it had to go through a lily pad. Creating this ordinance. he felt, would be redundant.

"Erosion is a natural part of the process of the river." VanderWilp said. "I don't feel we need to waste our time looking into this type of ordinance."

With lack of support for the idea, Hall declared it a dead issue with the planning commission at this time, making no plans to work on such an ordinance in the future.

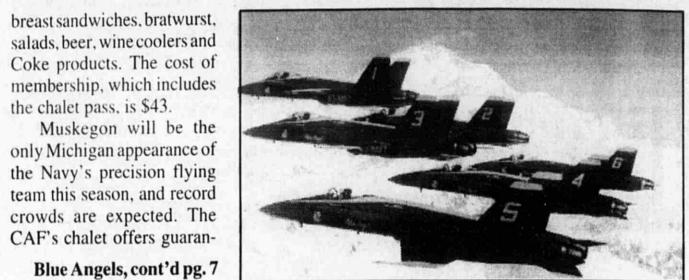
Muskegon Air Fair, July 7 & 8

The West Michigan Wing of the Confederate Air Force invites all aviation enthusiasts to join the organization and receive a free chalet pass to the Muskegon Air Fair, July

Muskegon will be the only Michigan appearance of the Navy's precision flying The chalet pass includes team this season, and record air fair admission, flight-line crowds are expected. The CAF's chalet offers guaranand beverage service. This

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the chalet pass, is \$43.



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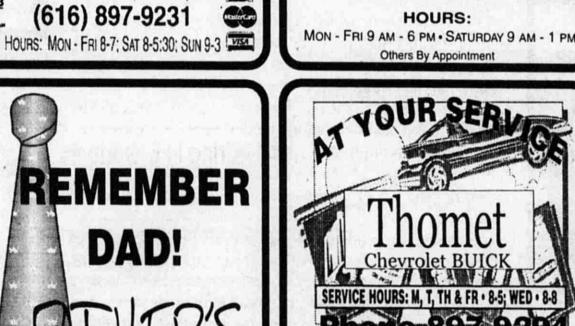
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Too many variance requests to reduce usable floor area has commission changing ordinance

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

When the Lowell Planning Commission approved another variance for a house that didn't quite fit the minimum be changed.

on High and James streets, planning commission member Clark Jahnke presented the commission with a plan he be- "as is." lieved would solve the problem: Revise the current zoning regulations for residential housing.

"I believe by doing this, we might have a revitalization of some of these lots that might not have happened before," Jahnke said.

When he began looking at the issue, his first thought was that a new zoning regulation would need to be created. But after about seven months of study, he decided that what really needed to be done was to modify the wordage for zones R1, R2, and R3, all of which deal with single-family housing.

In the R1 zoning, Jahnke recommended decreasing the minimum usable square footage from 1,500 to 1,000 with 700 of that being required on the ground floor. In the R2 and R3 zones, Jahnke recommended the minimum requirement be the Army's A-10 Attack Airreduced from 1,000 to 850 with 700 of that being on the craft, the Navy's "Top Gun" fully restored B-17 "Texas

ground floor in R2 and 500 of it being on the ground floor in usable floor area requirements.

Several commission members were pleased with the recommendation that the planning commission place it on the usable floor area, it became apparent that something needed to agenda for a public hearing and review it at its next meeting. The change would affect all districts zoned R1, R2, and

After reviewing the city ordinance and a group of homes R3. It would only change the usable floor area, nothing else, which means that current lot sizes and setbacks would remain

"While I reviewed the usable floor area along James Street, we have had requests from other areas," Jahnke said. referring to allowing for the minimum usable square footage to be reduce so that a smaller home could be constructed. Of the 12 homes Jahnke looked at, only three meet the current Council for its approval.

On James Street, there are two Habitat for Humanity homes and one HUD home, all of which have made variance requests to reduce the amount of usable square footage. These requests are what made the commission decide that perhaps there needs to be a change in the ordinance.

"Variances should not be granted when the nature of the variance is of a recurring nature," Jahnke said as he read from a prepared statement about his proposal. "Variances that are granted in a recurring nature indicate a need to modify the

After the planning commission has a formal public hearing and review of the proposal, it will be presented to the City

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assistant at Purdue (1982).

Williams addressed a number of issues.

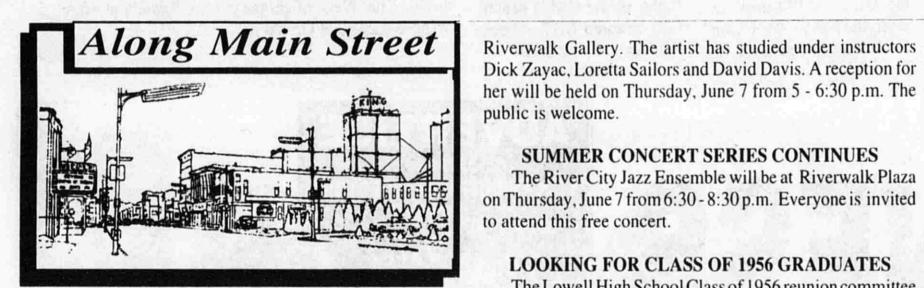
Bowl Championship Series (BCS) vs Playoff:

I think we're on the right track with the BCS. I believe anything beyond 13-14 games is too much for college athletes. With a playoff, fewer teams participate and more teams lose

Paying student athletes:

I don't think it can be done because of gender inequity, and to distribute funds would be difficult because a few of the major sports bring in a lot of revenue and the smaller ones NFL. lose money. Football players on scholarships at MSU get an education, tutorial help, health insurance and equipment that costs the university about \$45,000 a year per player - an argument could be made that players are getting paid.

College Football games on Friday Night:



CELEBRATE LOWELL EXHIBIT

Celebrate Lowell is now at Lowell Area Arts Council until July 14. The exhibit is celebrating the artworks of local artists (age 18 +).

Contact the LAAC at 897-8545 for information and

NEW GALLERY WITH LOCAL ARTIST

The watercolors of Lowell resident Mary Bommarito wil be on view in the Lowell Chamber of Commerce's new

Master land use plan determined cost prohibitive

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Planning commissioner chair, Jim Hall's idea for creating a Master Land Use Plan for the city went to the wayside last week when the planning commission learned of the cost.

mission received a quote of \$12,000 - \$15,000 to put together the future land use plan.

"A Master Land Use Plan would be nice to have to refer

Master Plan does provide some details on plans for future use of different areas in the city, which many municipalities utilize versus creating a Master Land Use Plan.

ships have such plans and felt it would provide "some ideas on what we might be looking at 25 years down the road." He presented his suggestion to the planning commission in April, which asked to get a quote on the cost of such a project.

Planning commission member Clark Jahnke said he believed the commission should always keep in consideration future use of land when making any decision about projects; Hall added that he felt the commission was visionary enough to see what was going and to make those plans.

rather what we should control it into.

At its meeting last week, the planning commission decided to pass on the Master Land Use Plan for now. Instead, the current Master Plan.

refer to, but I don't know if it's worth it.

After contacting designer Steve Langworthy, the com-

to, but I don't know if it's worth it." Hall said after hearing the Lowell city manager, David Pasquale said the current

Hall came up with the idea after seeing that local town-

"We see what is taking place west of downtown," Hall said. "I wonder what is going to happen east of downtown or

Hall requested that commissioners write down their thoughts on different areas of the city; in so doing the commission would work from those ideas along with the suggestions of A Master Land Use Plan would be nice to have to

Planning Commission Chairman Avery said.

I am opposed to that. Friday nights should be left for high school football. Most university presidents and athletic directors are also opposed. Friday night is our opportunity to get out and see high school players. Saturday games provide the opportunity to get high school players to come see us.

Percentage of MSU football players who graduate and the percentage of players who make it to the NFL:

The percentage that make it to the NFL is very low. Each year roughly 250 jobs open up in the NFL and about 4,000

Less than 3 percent of the college players play in the

Last year 14 of 20 MSU senior football players graduated; the year before that 19 of 26 graduated. I would like for the graduation rate to be 100 percent. We're making progress - and I sell education first. In fairness, though, players should not be stripped of the dream to play in the

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

on Thursday, June 7 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited

LOOKING FOR CLASS OF 1956 GRADUATES

is trying to locate the following persons: Ardith Green, Judy Moore, Carol Sawyer and Linda Tutt. If you have any infor-

mation, please call Lil (676-2385) or Kay (281-3746).

The Lowell High School Class of 1956 reunion committee

The River City Jazz Ensemble will be at Riverwalk Plaza

Minority coaches in the College Football:

I think the problem is information and knowledge. Something has to be done so that college athletic directors and presidents know who the minority coaches out there are. In the NFL, owners don't know the assistants.

College football coaches' most important challenge:

If a coach graduates all his players and loses every game. do you think he will be around very long? I don't necessarily like it - but the single most important challenge for a college football coach is winning.

Introducing Williams to Lowoll Rotarians was MSU football student assistant Bill MacPherson. The Lowell graduate called Williams a fierce competitor, a natural leader whose caring, confident perosnality makes players want to play well

CHAMBER HAS NEW ART GALLERY

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has a new art gallery - the Riverwalk Gallery, located at 113 Riverwalk Plaza. Their first show will be on display Thursday, June 7.

VISITORS NIGHT AT VEEN OBSERVATORY

Tour the James C. Veen Observatory, located at 3308 Kissing Rock Rd., every 2nd and last Saturday through October and visit the moon, planets, galaxies and other celestial objects through powerful telescopes with local astronomy

For the month of June, you can visit June 9 and 30 between 9 and 11:30 p.m. if the sky is clear. Adults \$2; children to 18, \$1. Call Starwatch at 897-7065 for additional information.

School Election June 11:

Voters will vote on renewal of Non Homestead mills; one board seat and two Grand Rapids Community College trustee seats.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

o attend this free concert.

Lowell Area Schools registered voters will be asked to renew the district's nonhomestead property tax.

The millage will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills against non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue-per-pupil foundation

Approval of the renewal will enable the district to continue to collect approximately \$2.3 million for operating purposes. The renewal is for a period of five years.

Another voting issue is the board seat of treasurer James Reagan. The incumbent is running unopposed. District voters will also

vote to fill two six-year terms for Grand Rapids Community College trustee seats. Those nominated for the trustee positions are Margo Anderson, Lynne Case Hernandez, Terri Handlin and John Romero.

Monday, June 11. The polls

will open at 7 a.m. and close

The voting precinct sites are Runciman Elementary School, 300 High St. (Precinct I); Old Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road (Precinct II); Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell

The school election is Avenue (Precinct III.

Avery lends helping hand to volunteer relief mission

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It was Cathy Avery's first trip, but it made a lasting

Avery was one of 32 Amway/Alticor Corp. volunteers and retirees who made their way to Campbell Island to help victims of the flood clean up their damaged homes in

The group left on Thursday, May 24 after a day at work and returned on the early morning of Monday, May 28.

In between, they stripped homes of soggy drywall, damaged carpet, warped cabinets, hauled out other household items damaged by the waters of the Mississippi, shoveled mud from basements and living rooms; other homes had to be stripped down to their studs.

"We were able to help 20 homeowners during our short stay," Avery said. "We were able to get a lot done. Many of the people we helped were staying in motels until their homes were ready for residency again."

This is the seventh year Amway/Alticor has sponsored an employee volunteer relief mission by providing the vans and gas for their trips. This year's trip was coordinated by United Way of the Quad Cities Area and the American Red Cross of the Quad Cities Area.

The group of volunteers ranged in age from 27 to 63. Their days started with breakfast and a van ride to their site. "We worked from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day," Avery explained. They rested their weary bodies in the evening on the floor at the Palmer College of Chiropractic Alumni Auditorium. "We slept on air mattresses and in sleeping bags,"

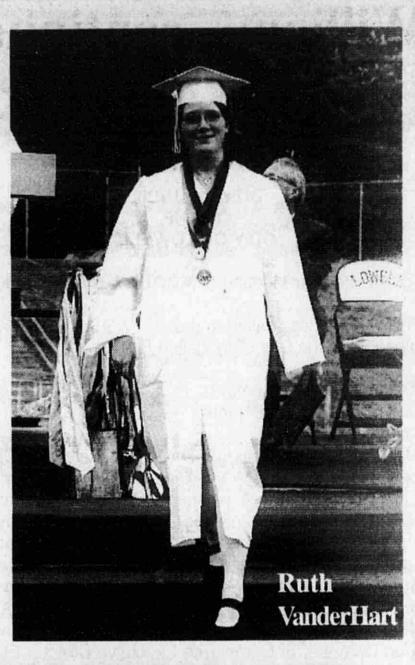


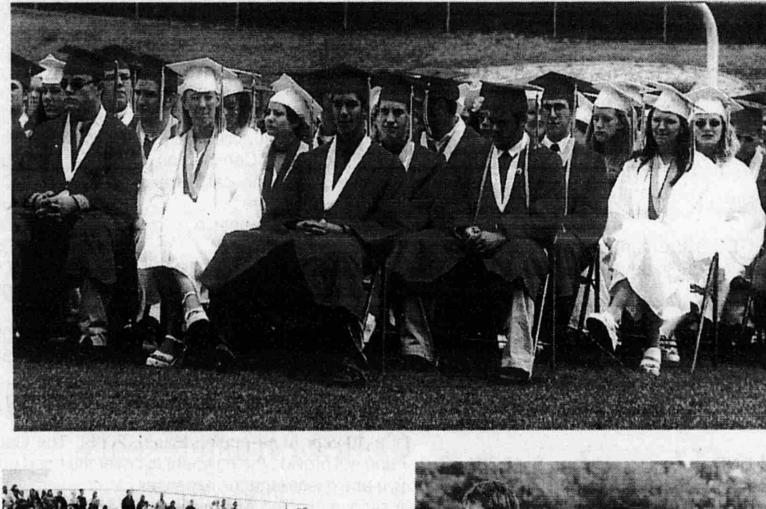
Cathy Avery, bottom right, made her first volunteer mission with Amway/Alticor Relief Mission.

The Saranac woman learned of the volunteer mission through a meeting at work. "They asked for volunteers and I decided it was something I wanted to do. It was my first trip, but it won't be my last one. I enjoyed being able to help the victims of the flood. When there's another relief mission, I will go again," Avery concluded

2001 LHS GRADUATES

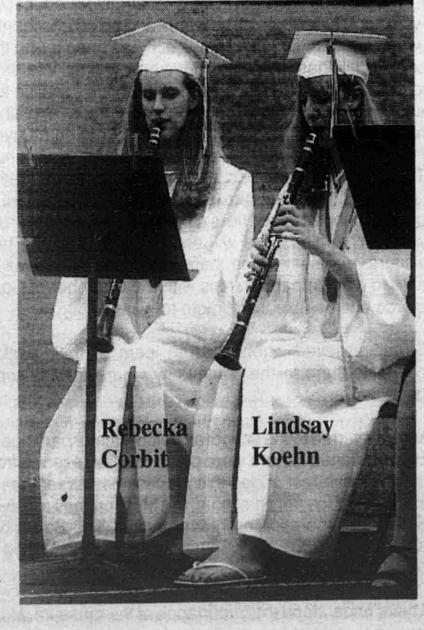












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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MAY 21, 2001.

Blough and the City Clerk called Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Brubaker, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Blough. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Chief of Police James Valentine, Police Officer James Hinton, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall, Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Manager Tom Richards, Lowell Light and Power /Cable TV Boardmember David Austin, City Treasurer Suzanne Olin, Assistant Finance Director/Investment Officer Char McNab, Lowell Area Historical Museum Boardmember Judy Straub, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Elizabeth Baker and Lowell Youth Fair Boardmember/Ground Maintenance Ron Wenger.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2001 regular meeting as corrected.

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (05/21/01)

GENERAL FUND	\$115,334.53
MAJOR STREET FUND	1,392.07
LOCAL STREET FUND	141.72
DDA FUND	4,861.49
AIRPORT	5,012.50
WASTEWATER FUND	38,552.46
WATER FUND	4,382.68
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,227.60
LEE FUND	100.00

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 903 N. HUDSON - DAVID STEFFEN - SETBACK VARIANCE FROM A MAIN BUILDING FOR A PRO-POSED GARAGE - SET PUBLIC HEARING (6/4). Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Myers stated David Steffen wishes to have a 24' x 36' garage constructed to the rear of his property located at the northeast corner of North Hudson and Foreman. The proposed accessory Hall. building will be 7 feet from an adjoining house, which intrudes onto the Steffen property. According to Section 4.08F.1. of the Zoning Ordinance, a 10-foot distance must be kept. Therefore a variance was requested.

The Planning Commission will provide a recommendation at its May 29, 2001 meeting. A public hearing needs to be established for the June 4, 2001 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BLOUGH to establish a public hearing on June 4, 2001 to consider a request from David Steffen for a setback variance of 7. feet from a main building for a proposed garage at 903 N. Hudson, under Section 4.08F.1. of the Zoning Ordinance, a 10 foot distance is required

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

Item #2. 2001 - 2002 BUDGET - PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING. City Manager Pasquale presented the 2001-2002 Budget to the Councilmembers. The Council will conduct the first of two public hearings on the budget. It is expected the document will be approved at the June 4, 2001 meeting.

General Fund: The budget has planned expenditures In addition, the Capital Campaign has now generated (including transfer to Other Funds) of \$2,189,596.55. A millage rate increase of 1.75 is proposed raising the total from 13.85 to 15.60. This is the first increase since the increase the operational funding from \$5,000 to \$20,000. 1993-94 budget. A fund balance of \$305,425.00 is shown. Straub understood this was a substantial increase. How-

The additional 1.75 mills would generate \$156,373.25 in General Fund revenue. Of this, the Downtown Development Authority may capture an additional \$21,016.17 leaving a net increase in tax revenue of \$135,357.08. With bond payments for the library and City Hall/Police Station project totalling \$132,000, this provided for a tight General Fund budget.

\$25,470.00

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor The General Fund includes:

Council

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	Elections	5,335.00
	Assessor	37,136.00
	Attorney	10,000.00
	General Office	136,261.00
	Treasurer	173,231.00
	Planning Commission	6,800.00
	(now includes compensation)	
	Police	807,534.00
	Fire	156,150.00
	Ambulance	3,000.00
	City Hall	31,100.00
	Cemetery	81,186.00
	Eng./Bldg. Inspection	6,100.00
	Dept. of Public Works	160,975.00
	Sidewalks	13,691.55
	Refuse	85,000.00
â	Parks	121,110.00
	Showboat	7,330.00
	Library .	49,458.00
	(offset by a \$7740 contribution by the	
	Historic District Commission	2,800.00
	Lowell Area Historical Museum	11,275.00
	Senior Neighbors	1,500.00
	Chamber of Commerce	3,000.00
	Unallocated	27,000.00
	Transfer to Building Authority	47,000.00
	Transfer to Local Streets	8,600.00
	Transfer to City Hall	
	Construction Fund	85,000.00
		\$2,189,596.55

Building Authority. The Building Authority bond payment for the library is \$44,370 for the fiscal year (6th year of a 10-year bond ending March, 2006). The General Fund will provide the payment to cover the bond obligation and miscellaneous expenses.

A second Building Authority bond of \$500,000 was sold in September 1999 for acquisition costs related to the City Hall-Police Station project. Principal and interest payments amount to \$84,870 for the fiscal year. Upon proceeding with construction, a second wrap around bond will be issued.

Water and Wastewater Funds. No increase in the water and wastewater rates have been planned.

Lee Fund. A new park sign at Creekside Park (\$5,500). tree replacement at various park sites (\$1,000) and a fence for out of play at the Recreation Park Ballfield (\$3,388) have been proposed as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Blough noted a copy of the proposed budget has been available at the Englehardt Public Library and City

During public comments, Judy Straub of the Lowell Area Historical Museum thanked the Council for its past support. She noted the Council has supported the museum for the previous four years in many ways. In particular, a general operating fund of \$5,000 per year has been

Straub stated the museum would open in September There is a vision to have it become an active and integral part of the community's historical education and recreation. If this is to happen, there needs to be an increase in the number of hours of operation and programming. In turn, the overall budget should be increased. The board wishes to hire staff in order to increase the hours of

Straub noted partnerships would be created with the school system

Straub stated the community is behind the project. A number of years ago, the Lowell Area Community Fund held a forum. Historic preservation was the single most sited move of how the residents wanted this money to be

Straub noted there were in excess of 4,000 volunteer hours with approximately 900 objects donated to the

over \$200,000 which indicates a strong support from the community. The Board is hopeful the City Council will

ever, the Museum is supported by the community, making it good business sense for Lowell. A recent research project indicated for every one dollar a community spends on historic tourism, three dollars comes back to the community.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned the Capital Campaign. Straub explained it is approximately \$203,935. The Lowell Area Community Fund contributed the first \$60,000. The remaining amount has been generated from individual pledges and donations, as well as some block grant monies from the City, Vergennes and Lowell Townships. Currently, the funding has slowed, but with the assistance of Lowell Cable TV, a commercial will be made and placed onto the airwaves. A total of \$225,000 needs to be generated for Phase One before the museum can open.

Blough inquired what the research indicated concerning other communities who have historical museums and how these were supported by its community. Straub responded communities such as Ada, Grand Rapids, the Tri Cities area and Muskegon receive approximately 50 to 90 percent of the funding through their local unit of government. Communities such as Ionia and Greenville do not receive any funding through the local governments. However, there were very large benefactors which left large sums of money for the museums.

Councilmember Myers noted Grand Haven also receives funding from their local government.

Myers inquired if Ada had a paid director. Straub was unsure. She noted Ada receives \$500 per month from communication towers. One tower generates \$1,000 a month with the proceeds directed to the Historical Society. There is also another allocation from the general

Pasquale noted the DDA could also be a possible source

Blough asked City Treasurer Sue Olin to explain a portion of the proposed budget and how it relates to the museum. Olin responded currently the Museum received \$5,000 in July.

Actually, the budget for the year is almost \$11,000. She explained the City also pays for the utilities and mainte-

Straub stated the museum will be reimbursing the City \$1,200 per year with the new lease.

Pasquale noted an amount of \$475 has been budgeted for insurance for the year. He said there would be the \$5,000 contribution toward the museum, \$1,800 for utilities, \$4,000 for maintenance

Blough asked if the City anticipated \$1,200 of income in this budget from the Historical Museum. Olin responded it is shown as revenue.

Myers questioned if the City could review the \$60,000 budget before a decision was made. Straub responded

Councilmember Brubaker inquired how they plan to keep the museum interesting. Straub responded there will be partnerships with the school system. This will ensure every student, as a part of his local history education, would come through the museum and be able to identify whom the founding fathers were. It has been found that once a child has visited the museum one time, interest is lost. Therefore, there is a need to keep history alive and exciting by exporting the program. Straub explained recently, eight third-grade classes have been studying Indian history. These kind of programs need to continue. There has also been discussion of providing exhilarating items such as a railroad engine, car and caboose. In addition, once phase two is completed, the exhibit areas will be changing. This will encourage and excite new visitors. Hopefully, once there is paid staff, they will be able to provide partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce and be able to promote tourism.

Straub believed when children learn of their past, i connects them to the community where they become good stewards.

Myers referred to the school as being a major participant. He questioned if there were plans to seek revenue from them. Straub responded this process has already beenstarted. For the very first time, the Museum has received \$1,000 for operation program funding. The Board has also met with the surrounding townships in hopes of receiving funds.

Myers understood the importance of the museum. However, he wanted to review the budget to determine where

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such an increase could be derived. He did not believe enough information was provided in order to make a decision.

Blough suggested the Museum Board submit the proposed budget before the next meeting for review.

Blough complimented the City staff on the budget lay out.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Blough pointed out the explanation page relative to the taxable value total of over 89 million dollars. It indicates approximately a 7.1 percent increase from the previous year. The document pointed out under proposal A this has limited the City's taxable assessments to the cost of living increase of 3.2 percent. While the property values are higher, the new land placed under these limits along with substantially reduced school millage and increased sales tax by 2 percent (from 4 to 6 percent) under the proposal. Blough explained the proposed budget would DesJarden responded it would not be ready at that time. WASTEWATER FUND increase the City tax rate with a millage of 15.6 mills per thousand dollars of valuation. This is up from 13.8 mills. Because it is below the rate of inflation, there is no need for truth in taxation hearings to take place.

Blough also noted under Public Act 198, this Council, as well as the previous Council's, have 2.9 million dollars approximately, (nine parcels, representing three firms) set aside in exemption facility certificates for industrial tax abatements.

Pasquale explained these industrial properties are levied at a 50 percent level for the additions.

Brubaker inquired if the City gives out a standard 12 the success of these programs. years of abatement. Pasquale responded 12 years maximum can be received based on a policy the Council years of abatement under the policy.

Brubaker questioned the average age of the abatements. Pasquale responded a list would be provided at

Myers noted the taxable value increase of 7.1 percent He questioned the amount listed for State Shared Revenues of 9.14. Pasquale explained there are anticipated State Shared Revenues and then there is an actual amount.

PUBLIC SAFETY-POLICE

Blough noted the previous year's budget was approximately \$643,000 for personal services. The fund anticipates a \$40,000 increase in personal services for next year. Chief Valentine explained there is a change in level of service. This is due to the School Resource Officer position. What is not shown would be the revenue received from the Lowell Area Community Fund. This funds a permanent part-time position to offset the hole in the schedule due to the officer assigned full time to the schools. The permanent part-time position was implemented the beginning of April. There are three months out of the year which have been budgeted for the position. The balance will be paid by the Lowell Area Community Fund starting in July for the next fiscal year.

Pasquale noted last year's budget reflected the last year Equipment Fund for purchasing new equipment. of the "COPS" grant. Blough guestioned what kind of revenue was created to offset \$40,000. Olin responded approximately \$19,000.

Blough asked if the statement in the budget should be new irrigation system being installed. amended to reflect a level of service change. Valentine responded he would consider this a level of service change because the department is expanding.

Myers noted this is the only City job which has employees working 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He stated 35 percent of the Police budget is dedicated toward benefits. Myers asked if it included benefits. Pasquale responded yes.

Myers noted there is a minimal amount of vehicle lease expenditures. He referred to the list of tems which are to be added this year. It includes eight bulletproof vests, office equipment of \$1,000 and computer equipment of \$2,000. He believed the capital expenses were minimal. Pasquale noted Valentine is reviewing the possibility of leasing two additional cars.

PUBLIC SAFETY - FIRE AND AMBULANCE RUNS Pasquale hoted the amount of Capital Expenditures in Lowell. the Fire Department which will be undertaken are not different than what was experienced over the last few years. Olin noted there is much growth in the townships.

Myers questioned the ambulance services. He noted

Pasquale explained over the past 12 years, \$3,000 has Road. Pasquale noted as soon as South Hudson is been provided to Lowell Rockford Ambulance. Myers said in addition to the \$3,000, a space has also been set The third project of \$30,000 is to reconstruct M-21 aside at the Look Memorial Fire Station. Pasquale mentioned the space was purchased by Lowell Rockford Ambulance.

PUBLIC WORKS - PARKS AND RECREATION

Cemetery - Councilmember Shores inquired if the expenses for gravesites had been reviewed recently. City Clerk Morlock responded Cemetery Sexton Don DeJong has had contact with other municipalities concerning rates. This is being reviewed because the City is extremely low.

Public Works Director Dan DesJarden noted he and DeJong have been working on this for approximately eight months. Blough inquired if this was a proposal DesJarden wanted to bring for the next meeting

Public Works and Sidewalks - Blough noted this budget still proposes a modest \$2,500. The City will continue to pay 25% of the cost of owner initiated new and replacements sidewalks. He asked if this could potentially be relieved from the budget. Myers did not believe this would be possible, if the City wanted to encourage a sidewalk plan. Blough noted the plan has been encouraged for a number of years with few residents taking advantage of it.

Blough noted the different ways other communities fund new sidewalks. Some require improvements be made when a property has been sold. He suggested looking at

Brubaker questioned if the contribution from the City of adopted. He noted a company can gain points and thus 25 percent went toward an individual building a new house. Pasquale responded no. However, if an individual wishes to replace his or her sidewalk, the City Capital Improvements. would participate.

Shores noted the City has participated in this program for

Refuse - Blough stated the City Residents pay \$0.60 per bag while the City contributes \$0.30. The City also provides a cost for residential recycling at \$2.50 a month. Waste such as grass, leaves and branches are provided, with residents paying \$0.25 a bag and the City providing the remaining \$0.55. The total is a net cost of approximately \$41,500 per year.

Myers questioned if the recycling of \$2.50 a month was based on the number of bins given out.

He asked if it has ever been determined how many have not been returned when an individual sells their home. Morlock responded City staff has been trying to keep

Olin noted the City receives a bill of \$740 per month from Pitsch Companies for the recycling.

Parks - Blough noted the line item of \$20,000 for equipment rental. Olin explained each department pays a rental fee for equipment. This in turn goes into the

Lawn Maintenance - Councilmember Green said the City is paying \$14,000 to Horizon Lawn Maintenance. It may be increased due to the amount of rain and also the

LIBRARY FUND

Blough questioned if the surrounding townships participate in library revenues. Olin stated the City pays for all building expenses. She noted the Kent District Library

Myers asked what portion of the budget when toward non-profit funds. Pasquale responded it is approximately \$66,000. There are expenditures of 2.189 million dollars

Blough felt the museum should be nurtured. When such facilities are created, a true commitment is being made to the Downtown Central Business District.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Shores stated the Chamber does a great job promoting

MAJOR STREET FUND

Blough noted the three major projects. The first is the South Hudson Street improvement. A portion of this has been funded in next year's budget. The second project there has been a 12-year commitment at \$3,000 a year. totals \$130,000 which upgrades a portion of Bowes

completed, the project would begin sometime in July. between Valley Vista and West Street. Pasquale noted grant funds have been received for two of the projects making up 80 percent of the cost.

LOCAL STREET FUND

Pasquale noted there is little money available for Local Streets. These are received for Local Streets and mostly used for maintenance. Pasquale noted Gee Drive has been reclassified as a Major Street.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Pasquale noted there would be a substantial amount of work completed throughout the downtown area throughout the next few months. This includes reconstruction of three parking lots and the Riverwalk extension.

Blough inquired regarding a \$20,000 sanitary main upgrading program shown under this section. Pasquale responded this is a continuing program each year. Blough questioned if there was a return on the investment. He inquired why the City must invest \$20,000 each year. DesJarden explained the manholes have to be rebuilt.

WATER FUND

Blough noted the Capital Improvements in the proposed budget. This includes a dock enclosure for \$75,000. Pasquale explained both Water Distribution Supervisor Bob Robinson and Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan were asked to provide a list of proposed Capital Improvements. Regan had proposed a dock enclosure. There is an overall amount of \$60,000 budgeted for both the plant and the distribution system for improvements. Obviously in this case, there is no way these can be funded. However, Pasquale did want to show these are the priorities provided by both areas for

Blough stated the recently passed Capital Improvements program did not list such programs.

Pasquale explained this is an enterprise fund. There are water revenues which have to remain within the Water Fund. The monies cannot be used to build roads or be used in the parks. It has to be specifically for the Water Treatment Plant or water mains.

Myers commented on the suggestion from the last meeting for a Main Street identification of where the Chamber of Commerce is located. He wanted it to have a historical sign to fit into the downtown area.

Blough recapped the meeting noting the question on the Sidewalk Fund, Refuse Fund and Capital Expenditures on the Water Fund. Blough also sought any additional funds which may be found for the Historical Museum Pasquale noted the museum would provide a budget for him and the Council. Information would also be provided concerning tax abatements.

Myers stated the detail of the budget was helpful. He suggested a list of boardmembers and terms be included in the budget.

Brubaker asked if the DDA has been approached for funding of the Historical Museum. Pasquale responded yes. There is a meeting on May 24, 2001 at noon.

Councilmember Green referred back to the idea of \$3 coming back into the community for every dollar spent. He agreed it may be appropriate for some funding to come from the Museum. However, he believed this was something which needed to be thought over.

Green inquired what the bond payment would be for the streets if Gee Drive were taken out. Pasquale responded the maximum bond could be \$1,265,000. A 15-year bond would cost approximately \$85,000 a year. This would take care of Gee Drive, Valley Vista and North Division. Pasquale noted Valley Vista would cost \$261,000 and North Division \$212,000.

Green questioned when the bond on the library would be completed. Pasquale responded 2006.

Green referred to the \$20,000 in the Street budget which is being spent every year on preventative maintenance Eighty percent of the City streets were created within the same year. These are now 25 years old with a 20-year life expectancy. He felt the City should be ready for this and we needed to look ahead.

Green suggested this item be discussed at the next

Pasquale noted a cost for the reconstruction of North

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Division and Valley Vista would also be included for the next meeting.

There was no further discussion.

Item #3. CONSIDERATION OF LOWELL SHOWBOAT AGREEMENT. At its December 4, 2000 meeting, the Lowell City Council received the Showboat as owners from the Lowell Showboat Corporation II. A resolution and agreement recognizes this transfer and identifies Myers was unsure. responsibilities as owner; particularly in regard to maintenance and insurance. The Lowell Area Chamber of Brubaker stated this is not an ordinance, but a contract. Commerce is responsible for scheduling and coordinating events on the Showboat.

Chamber of Commerce Director Liz Baker and City Manager Pasquale had several discussions. It was also be amended. reviewed by City Treasurer Sue Olin.

Baker referred to "Events Scheduling" and stated, "The Chamber shall coordinate necessary public safety personal for each event, and make sure the cost is agreed upon by the City and the Chamber". She questioned if the statement could read, "The Chamber shall coordinate necessary public safety personal with the City as needed Lowell Youth Fair Boardmember/Ground Maintenance for each event".

served, sold, possessed or consumed on the Showboat," be deleted.

Assistant Finance Director/Investment Officer Char McNab explained the insurance agent indicated the City would have to purchase a liquor policy. If it were carried tent was allowed, the festival had been moved to out for one event, it would be a minimum of \$300 for the one day. If it was purchased for the entire summer, then it is based upon sales. The application would include an anticipated amount of sales.

Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall suggested the liquor license or insurance be purchased by the individual or group holding the event.

Chief Valentine stated the City ordinance does not allow alcohol in a public facility.

Councilmember Brubaker said the Showboat Board did not impose this condition and did not believe it was wise to limit the use. He commented on the Calder Plaza in the City of Grand Rapids which has numerous festivals with big attractions. The individual or company using the property is responsible for the additional insurance, if

Brubaker noted the Lions Club is interested in having a "Vegas Night" fundraiser. There has been discussion of having a beer tent at the event.

Pasquale wanted to be consistent with the other ordinances concerning City facilities

Myers inquired if a "hold harmless" clause in the contract would help. Brubaker felt it may. However, he was unsure of the ordinance. The "hold harmless" clause would work only to the extent the organizer of the event would be held responsible. Pasquale stated the organization would have to acquire an insurance policy providing the City as a co-insured. The limits would have to be raised to an appropriate amount, if problems arise.

understood there are times when the Chamber wants to go ahead and use it in as many ways as possible. However, it is the City's boat. It would be different if this was sold to the Chamber.

Councilmember Shores considered this a park and believed the same restrictions should be held. She was concerned about the liability

Councilmember Myers felt there should be some ability to have alcohol as long as the City is fully covered. He believed this would make the area more viable for the Chamber.

Blough believed in order for this to work the City should not think of the Showboat as a stand-alone venue. In order to make this a viable downtown area where festivals are being held, it needs to come into conjunction with the facility paying a portion of the role and businesses which derive their normal income from serving alcoholic beverages. Ideally, downtown businesses would benefit from having such festivals. He believed the former White Lowell. Swan Restaurant needed to become a viable bistro with a liquor license. The Showboat could then be used as part of the backdrop to the festival. This would allow individuals who wish to consume alcohol, do it within a

legally licensed business, while individuals, who do not wish to consume alcohol, can also view the festivities.

Blough believed this was more complex than the City was ready for at this time and suggested clause "D" be

Councilmember Shores believed the agreement was

Once it is signed, the future Council can not change their minds without altering the contract.

Pasquale stated the contract City and the Chamber could

Blough noted the agreement is between the City of Lowell, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Showboat Corporation II.

Myers suggested a clause such as "conditions for alcohol consumption on the boat may be negotiated".

Ron Wenger felt the City needed to be flexible when Baker also requested that item D, "no alcohol shall be trying to promote activities. He believed the area had to be controlled and referred to fairs with beer tents. Each are licensed by the State and in a fenced area. All individuals entering have their ID's checked.

Wenger noted the opportunity for Lowell to hold the Irish Festival at the Fairgrounds. But, due to the fact no beer Muskegon. The City missed the opportunity of having six to eight thousand people in the community.

Brubaker commented on such an idea of a restaurant having a wine and cheese tasting party on the Showboat.

Valentine noted the ordinance addresses the possession and consumption of alcohol in public places. Blough suggested removing item "D" out of the contract and then refer to the ordinance before making a decision.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN than 4.5 percent. to adopt the Lowell Showboat Agreement as written.

Shores clarified the amendment to the motion.

Blough stated the motion would read "to accept the agreement as amended removing the previous item "D" completely (reference to no alcohol consumption) while re-lettering "E" to "D".

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #4. RESOLUTION REGARDING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES BY LIGHT AND POWER AND RE-QUIRING PAYMENT FOR ELECTRICITY USAGE. Mayor Blough stated the Council received a letter from the joint committee composed of City Manager Dave Pasquale, Councilmember Dan Brubaker, General Manager of Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Tom Richards, and Boardmember of Lowell Light and Power Dave Austin.

Councilmember Brubaker stated the committee reviewed the Charter provisions concerning payment in lieu of Councilmember Green had no problem being limited. He taxes, how these have historically worked and could be done in the future. The Charter states the City shall be charged and pay for light and power used at the same rates as are and would be charged and paid by other customers. When speaking of payments to the City it states "the Board of Light and Power shall annually pay the treasurer for the use and benefit of the City, an amount in lieu of taxes in recognition of the compensation for the benefits received from the City in the use of the City streets and other public facilities". There was some concern with the historical approach used, which simply is the City does not get charged for electricity or power. Except for the payment in lieu of taxes the current policy makes it difficult for accounting purposes, particularly for Lowell Light and Power because it is not known how much will actually have to be provided to the City.

> The Committee believed this affected the accountability of Lowell Light and Power and its ability to bond for improvement. Much data from other communities had been reviewed and almost all had different types of arrangement than what is conducted by the City of

The committee examined different methods for accomplishing payment in lieu of taxes

A proposal was made of a payment in lieu of taxes by Lowell Light and Power to the City of Lowell equal a 4.5 percent of the gross revenues from Lowell Light and Power. This would be paid on a monthly basis. The City would be invoiced for all electrical use, maintenance, and construction of electrical facilities used by the City.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Greg Ruggies, Holland

Ruggies of Holland.

MOTION CARRIED

may be activated in the future.

was. Olin responded under \$100.

to close the Improvement Fund.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

or camping grounds.

their next meeting.

additional revenues.

ABSENT: 0.

Leonard Auto Sales, Plainwell

Cruiser, the following bids were received:

1995 Chevrolet Caprice Police Cruiser.

City Manager Pasquale recommended the Council ac-

cept the purchase bid of \$1877 from Greg Ruggies for the

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS

to accept the purchase of the bid of \$1877 from Greg

Item #6. CLOSING THE IMPROVEMENT FUND. As

noted in City Treasurer Sue Olin's memo, the Improve-

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN

Item #7. RV PARK PROPOSAL. Planning Commission

the Moose and Rogers properties south of Front Street.

approximately 17 acres each. He wanted to pursue this

on behalf of the City for the use of an RV park and picnic

Hall believed the parcels had potential. The concept has

been endorsed by the Planning Commission and has

been presented to the Parks and Recreation Commis-

sion. An endorsement from the Kent County Youth Fair

has also been received. This would extend the use of

their property for additional parking and activities. Hall

Hall requested the Council set aside three years to allow

intention of spending City funds, but may earn the City

Councilmember Shores inquired if this was the property

on Front Street. Hall responded the property is located on

Front known as the Moose property and the Rogers

Hall explained he would start out with a marketing study

Councilmember Green stated at this point in the Parks

Master Plan, all that is stated for the area is the possibility

of a playground on the Moose property and an arboretum

type of a nature trail on the Moose property. There is

nothing in the Master Plan at this point for those proper-

Green noted the Parks and Recreation Commission will

be considering in next year's budget to upgrade the

Master Plan. If the Council proceeds with this action, this

Hall noted in order to receive State funds, this site must

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES

to endorse and encourage Planning Commission Chair-

man James Hall developmental concept for a three-year

period regarding an RV Park in the Moose and Rogers

be incorporated into the overall Parks Master Plan.

and then provide a pre-engineering plan.

ties. It is just allocated for future use.

will be kept in mind for that period of time.

\$1877

\$1620

Street lighting was another issue discussed. Under the policy, the City would be responsible for paying Lowell Light and Power for the work and maintenance carried out through the streets.

Lowell Light and Power would be invoiced for water and wastewater use. Currently, this is not done.

In developing the proposed policy, the Committee reviewed information received from the American Public Power Association and the Michigan Municipal Electric Association regarding what other municipalities do. While there are many different systems, the most common is for the City to receive a certain percentage of the growth revenue. When national rates were reviewed, 4.5 percent was slightly low. However, when reviewing the mid-western and local rates, 4.5 percent was toward the middle or high end.

One benefit to this system is as rates increase, thus raising the 4.5 percent the City would receive from the gross revenues.

The Committee believed this would provide a better accounting mechanism and provide both entities with a means of accounting for the actual cost of the electricity used and yet still providing the City with its own electrical

Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Boardmember David Austin proposed this take place on a monthly basis. The revenues would be reviewed and a check of 4.5 percent forwarded.

Austin noted the Committee also reviewed the costs and what the City has paid for electric use which can be metered and also made estimates which can not be metered. This was added up and determined to be less

The Committee requested a five year term on the arrangement allowing for an opportunity to revise or renew. Austin said the Committee met three times and worked very well together. A brief review of the conditions and circumstances is recommended annually.

Myers inquired if the 4.5 percent was locked for five years. Brubaker responded yes, unless there is an an-

Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Manager Tom Richards believed the Committee did a good job working together and finding a middle ground. He pointed out the Charter is specific this is a payment to the City for the value of what Light and Power receives from the City. It is not intended to be perpetually a balance between what the cost of electric services are to the City.

Pasquale was in agreement with the comments. The committee structure worked very well. It was a long-standing issue. There had been an opportunity to address these issues. Every one of the committee members deserves many thanks on behalf of the Council Richards did most of the major research.

Blough asked Olin how this kind of cash flow would work relative to the budget. Olin believed this would greatly impact the existing budget. She had a concern regarding the repair of the streetlights and who would be responsible for payment. Olin questioned what the charges would consist of. Richards responded it would include all electric construction and maintenance. Basically, all services provided by Lowell Light and Power are included. In considering what the cost to the City will be, the Committee not only considered what the City's electric usage was, but also the estimated usage of security lights and an estimated cost of maintaining both security lights and downtown decorative street lights.

Blough asked if Olin needed to assemble some different items before this can be passed. Olin responded this could be incorporated into the budget before the next

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by MYERS to adopt the resolution providing for the payment in lieu of taxes by the Board of Light and Power and requiring other City departments pay the Board of Light and Power for electricity usage in the form as set forth in the presented resolution. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

Item #8. MONTHLY REPORTS. Councilmember Myers noted the spring season brought 519 potholes to the City

properties

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED

streets, which have been filled by the Department of Public Works.

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Item #5. AWARD OF BID - SELLING 1995 CHEVROLET Myers also noted there were 14 fire calls made in April. CAPRICE POLICE CRUISER. An advertisement solicitwhile only four were in the City of Lowell. ing bids for selling the 1995 Chevrolet Caprice Police No further comments were received.

> Item #9. CITIZENS COMMENTS. Police Chief Valentine stated the Memorial Day Parade route has been changed because of construction on South Hudson Street. It will start at the First United Methodist Church, west on Avery Street, north on Monroe and then directly to the Cem-

Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Liz Baker informed the Council the Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series is underway beginning on May 31, 2001 to August 2, 2001. The concerts will be held every Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The bleachers have been put in place on the plaza. The Lowell Music Boosters will be the volunteer staff.

The merchants have agreed to stay open until 8:00 p.m.

Baker also stated the 4th of July celebration will take ment Fund has not been utilized for several years. At the place Friday, July 6th. A parade would begin at the First recommendation of the auditors, this fund should be United Methodist Church and end at the Fairgrounds. There will be activities at the Fairgrounds, while the closed, thus saving auditing fees. If necessary, the fund fireworks location will be from Stoney Lakeside Park.

Councilmember Myers inquired what the fund balance Lowell Street Market Days are scheduled to take place on July 27 and 28th. Baker asked for permission from the City Council to use the sidewalks.

> IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES Pasquale reported on the following: to allow the Lowell Street Market Days to be held on the City sidewalks on Friday and Saturday, July 27th and 28th, 2001. YEA: 5. NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0. Chairman Hall stated the City has two parcels known as MOTION CARRIED Baker also noted the Riverwalk Festival will be taking

place on Saturday, September 1, 2001. A new project is 21, 2001 being organized to raise funds for the Chamber. The Chamber wishes to seek permission to use the Historic B. The Kent Youth Fair is applying to the Lowell Area Street lamps and possibly put fence posts on the west-end of town. The Chamber wants to sell corporate ducks which would line Main Street from one end to the other. The ducks would be placed three weeks prior to the

has also asked the Chamber to endorse the concept at Councilmember Shores asked how many ducks would be placed on Main Street. Baker stated the Chamber's goal is to have 100 ducks.

him to proceed with the property. He noted there is no Mayor Blough suggested giving consensus, contingent on no objection from the Historic District Commission. Councilmember Brubaker raised signage issue con-

> Shores asked if the ducks could be placed near the trees rather than on the posts. Baker responded this could be reviewed further

Blough proposed the Chamber review this with the Historic District Commission and solicit input from a few members of the Planning Commission. Once this is completed, he suggested Baker return to the Council with a solid proposal detailing exactly what the Chamber's

Baker noted the "duck race" will be moved to the Grand River instead of the Flat River.

Brubaker questioned how the concert series would be funded. Baker responded three separate grants have been acquired through the DDA, Michigan Association for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Lowell Area Community Fund. A request is also being sought from the Look Memorial Committee

Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Brubaker received a comment from a citizen who lives in the Valley Vista neighborhood. He had concerns regarding the leaf bags sitting near the curb throughout the month and asked if the bags could be picked up more often. Pasquale responded City staff has been trying to inform residents of the schedule for leaf pickup. A number of weeks have been set aside in the spring and fall where the bags are picked up weekly. Now, from May until early September, it is once a month. The City could have the bags picked up more often, but it would cost DATE APPROVED: Monday, June 4, 2001

Councilmember Myers questioned how far west the Downtown Historic District goes. Pasquale responded it stops at the Graham Building on the west.

Myers stated he also received a citizen comment concerning a new home construction in the 500 block of Jefferson. There was some damage done to the road, which creates added noise when a truck travels through the area. DesJarden responded this is being worked on currently. He added the DPW would repair the area, if it is not carried out shortly.

Councilmember Shores stated she was upset the other day when she noticed a garage sale sign taped to one of the light posts. She did not want to see this started again. Shores said there would be rolls and coffee served at her home before the Memorial Parade for any of the Councilmembers walking in the parade.

Mayor Blough presumed the Lowell Light and Power Board was also going to pass a resolution adopting the program. Brubaker responded he attended part of the meeting and the resolution was adopted.

Blough commented the Council and City staff participated in a Mayor Exchange program recently with the City of Saugatuck. Blough thanked the staff as well as a number of businesses who participated in the exchange. It was extremely informative. The City staff has much knowledge in operating the municipality. The facilities are kept in great condition as compared to facilities in other communities. The Council from Saugatuck came into a number of our facilities and complimented the staff on the condition of the facilities. On behalf of the City. Blough thanked everyone who participated.

Item #11. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager

A. The following meetings minutes were provided:

Chamber of Commerce meeting of April 11, 2001

Grand Valley Metro Council - Transportation Policy Committee meeting of March 21, 2001

Community Recreational Committee Meeting of March

Community Fund for assistance to provide a vinvl rail fence along South Hudson Street by the Fairgrounds. The grant application requests \$8,550.

C. The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday. May 29 starting at 9:30 a.m. Because of road construction, the parade will start at the First United Methodist Church, proceed west on Avery, then north on North Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery.

Item #12. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Blough noted he has a list of participants to work on the Officers Compensation Commission. However, he wanted to withhold these individuals, pending clarification on the terms of service, which vary from three to five years. These individuals only meet once every two years.

These will be presented at the next meeting.

Blough noted the openings for the Planning Commission as well as other Commissions. Any individual willing to serve should submit their name to the City.

Blough requested the endorsement from the Council which would allow him to appoint Councilmember Shores as a representative to the Lowell Area Community Fund for a business meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how the Lowell Area Community Fund is perceived among other Lowell Area groups, how can the fund maximize its impact and how can the community fund maintain a healthy presence. This will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2001.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to appoint Councilmember Shores, the representative, to attend the Lowell Area Community Fund business meeting on June 14, 2001.

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 10:18 p.m.

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

COMNGEVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- Community Building. ing Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac areas. We prefer and to be submitted by mail. but will accept notices by come. phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. just east 897-6325 or 248-2423. of Montcalm Ave. To check corded message. Guests 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Forest Hills Presbyterian in Ada. Please call 752are welcome.

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7- parents. 8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH 7:30 p.m. MONTH: Fallasburg Hismonthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

SECOND MON. OF EACH at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

Post #8303 meets at

Troop 102, for boys 11 & during the school year in gational Church basement. the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills Masonic Temple. that can last a lifetime. For 868-6481

Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mo- Bowes Rd. Home Park

Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Flat River LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members wel- ent seasonal 'activities.

AD/HD at Calvin College,7-River Snowmobile Club 9p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at

> on odd months & program dues, no weigh-ins. meetings on even months.

of Columbus #7719 meet- p.m. ings at St. Mary School,

torical Society holds its EVERY SECOND TUES .: Nazarene Church, 201 N. Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8 Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

MONTH: The Lowell EVERY1ST&3RDTUES. Board of Education meets Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- pregnant women and adoents of children with AD/ SECOND MON. OF EACH HD Issues Group meeting From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on at St. Luke's Lutheran Mondays from 5:30 - 8 Headley is open from 1 to 4 Church, 32156 4 Mile NE p.m. Phone 897-9393. (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info.,call Linda at 874-5662. FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama For teen group info., call

Sarah 281-6588.

MON. OR TUES .: Cub EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults skills. Meetings held at 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. with AD/HD Issues Group Lowell Middle School choir meeting at Calvin College room. For information call Rm. 206 of the Commons 897-1502 after 5 p.m. bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY OTHER WED .: Club meets at Bowne Cen-EACH MONTH: American 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. ter Fellowship Hall, corner Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 Girls Club - Calvary Chris- of 84th & M-50 (Alden tian Reformed Church. Nash) at 7 p.m. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

EVERY1STMON.: V.F.W. EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Ever-V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. green Missionary Church, 2700 E. Fulton. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Call 897-5894 for details. up or completing the 5th- WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. meets at Lowell Congre- Post, 307 W. Main St., Low- Gochenour. Sponsor

> EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Parents Supporting Partries.

infor call Terry Cavanaugh, EVERY SECOND WED .: Center offering a variety of colors of Mary Bommarito G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's topics and discussion on view in Chamber of Club meets at 12 p.m. in geared to parents of chil-TUES .: Take Off Pounds the community room at dren all ages. Call Schneider Manor, 725 897-7842 for time.

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1ST TUES.: Adults with 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colthe Franciscan Child De-897-7842.

Board Room at 300 High Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. St. Business meetings are (at 36th St.) No fees, no

Open to any interested EVERYTHURS .: Take Off Historical Society meets at EVERY SECOND & at the Saranac Public Li- at 7 p.m. FOURTH TUES .: Knights brary. Weigh-ins at 6:45

> THURS.: Weight Watchers meets at Lowell Washington, at 7 p.m. Reg-p.m. istration is 1/2 hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis MHz area radio repeater Center, 402 Amity St., non-system. denominational help for lescents at the school.

club examines theater-related topics, creative and Noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & personal development Fri., 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.

FIRST AND THIRD month at 8 p.m. THURS .: The Alto Lions

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church,

EVERY THURS.: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary #8303 meets at

ents is a support group at Franciscan Life Process

Two times available: 9:45 EVERY THIRD THURS.: to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at leen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to Center, mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children meeting dates and times 1ST TUES.: WINGS Par- EVERY WED.: Overeaters are welcome to attend. Our ent Group meetings from Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at current location is a church 7524 for more information.

> SECOND THURS. OF EV ERY MONTH: The Ada Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, the Averill Historical Mu-No. 333, Saranac, meets seum of Ada, 7144 Headley

> > SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - The Alto Family Tree Club meets at Alto Public

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club meets at the west end of Lowell High School. 9 AM social gathering; 10 AM meeting LARC sponsors the 145.27

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historica Museum of Ada at 7144

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. - Wed..

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Mon. of each

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues. Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m. Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat. 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

THURS., JUNE 7 Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor to hear SECOND Tammy DeBaar, director of Wittenbach Center. Hostesses: Dorothy Byrne, Mary Phyllis Lessens. Food items to be collected for EVERY THIRD THURS .: Flat River Outreach Minis-

> THURS., JUNE 7: Water-Commerce new Riverwalk Gallery. Reception from 5-

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EVERY FOURTH WED .: EVERY THIRD THURS .: SAT., JUNE 9 & 30: WED., JUNE 13: Snow United Methodist Church at Rd.) Visitors Night from 9- serve a family Swiss-steak 11:30 p.m. if the night is dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults, \$7; children ages 5-



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the Bowne Township Board and will become effective June 21, 2001.

amended.)

Wall to test what she learned at Lowell tennis programs

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Roger and Bonnie Wall have never run a kids' summer tennis program before.

So naturally, they looked for advice. They got it from explained. She was one of one of the country's eminent tennis instructors. Dennis VanderMeer.

They traveled down to Hiltonhead, South Carolina where Bonnie enrolled in two programs - Tennis University III (a program on how to teach

"Originally I was only going to take the first one, but it was so good I enrolled in the teaching kids tennis program too," Bonnie Wall said

The Lowell tennis coach left with certification from the United States Professional Tennis Registry. "We were tested on the court on each phase of the program," Wall among roughly 25 instructors. "There were instructors

representing 13 countries at

one hour aday, for five weeks.

Camps for kids (ages 7this program," Wall added. 12) will run from 9-10:30 a.m.; VanderMeer started his teenagers (13-18) will take the program, teaching people to court from 10:30 a.m. until teach tennis, 25 years ago. noon Monday through Thurs-Wall will take what she learned from her six-day visit in Hilton Head and manage

"In this camp we will break down the different summer programs which bestrokes, teaching them in easy, gin June 18 and run through thorough but precise steps. We will recognize errors in swings The kids (ages 5-10) and provide non-threatening camp will run from 9-10 a.m. corrections," Wall said. Monday through Thursday,

The cost is only \$40. "There

will be no more than four kids

on any one court at a time."

program will focus on a num-

ber of activities created to help

kids learn how to grip a tennis

racket as well as racket con-

The low participation

price was made possible through a grant received through the Lowell Area Fund (Englehardt)

The Lowell coach said the The adult summer tennis program will be offered from June 18 through July 20 every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6 until 7:30 p.m. There will be no more than six players on a court.

Wall will also offer an inner city play camp (optional) on Friday for ages 8-18 years old from Friday, June 22 through July 21.

Helping Wall run the camps will be her husband. Roger and Lowell student tennis players Ryan Phillips. Collin Vincent, Gavin Vincent, Katie Gunberg, Jenny Gunberg and Kristina Goulish (Forest Hills).



Please stop by to hike our new trail addition. This trail will take you through a mossy. carpeted meadow, a ridge low diamond- shaped trail along the creek and back through the pines. Although there are trail maps available at the trailhead, they are not

Mike Lincolnhol, a sci ence teacher at the high school, used this as a class project. His students used aerial photos of the area, determined the terrain and

To find this trail, stay straight in the pines rather

than turning right at the yel-

flectors and follow the trail as it loops out and back east to FYI...for those of you who

markers. Look for the red re-

are tired of the dandelions taking over your yard: Dandelions can be controlled by applying calcium and compost in the fall. A good source of calcium is gypsum or soft rock phosphate. Or, if you prefer, you can dig out the roots of the dandelions and brew dandelion coffee.

turn the area to native grass

seedings . . . the county conservation district is a good source for native grasses and information about them. Look for such seeds as Indian grass, big and little bluestem, and switch grass. These grasses are all native to Michigan and at the Wittenbach Center, we are practicing what we preach by planting the above list of Michigan grass seeds as well as native wildflower mixes.

Look for the new growth along the road in the next few weeks. The grasses you currently have in your lawn are likely European.

IN THE SERVICE

Jason L. Simmer has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty. Simmer will report to Fort

Knox, Ky., for basic training. He is the son of Clifford Fenlong of Lowell and Barbara J. Hendrick of Sheridan.



Bommarito, one of many closet artists, featured at LAAC's Celebrate Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus

well Ledger Editor

Mary Bommarito's fancy for art fed her decision to take watercolor painting course, taught by Loretta Sailors,

Lowell" show through July14.

through the Lowell Area Arts Lowell" exhibit at the Lowell

Mary Bommarito's work can be viewed at the Lowell Area Arts Council's "Celebrate

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Bommarito took the course back in 1999. Not quite two years later, her work will be among the 30-plus artists

Area Arts Council.

"I never imagined that I might someday share my with others, work Bommarito explained. She featured in the "Celebrate credits David Davis for help-

ing to push her in that direction. She also looks to him for critiquing her work.

"My family looks at my work, but they are not always real honest," Bommarito explained. "My husband tells me he has to sleep at night."

Bommarito's art tends to reflect landscapes and floral type work. The piece she is most fond of, however, is one that is more abstract. "I generally go toward realism. One of her pieces in the show titled "Husk and Feathers," is not the detailed artwork she normally does. " wouldn't say it's abstract but it's different for me," she

The exhibit, Celebrate Lowell, will feature visual art by local artists (ages 18 and older) from the Greater Lowell community, including the communities of Saranac, Alto and Ada.

In addition, the exhibition will present poetry, creative writing, and scripts written by children and adults

who participated in the Lowell Area Arts Council's creative writing contest

Celebrate Lowell runs from June 5 through July 14 with a public reception on Sunday, June 10 from 1:30 -

"The artwork being displayed comes from people who don't do art all the time,"

explained LAAC executive director, Loraine Smalligan "The show gives these artists a chance to share ideas and network with one another."

The show also provides the Lowell Area Arts Council volunteer gallery committee with names of new artists and possible ideas for future

CITY OF LOWELL MECHANIC

The City of Lowell will be accepting resumes until June 15, 2001 for the position of Mechanic for the City of Lowell. Salary negotiable depending on experience.

Send resumes to Lowell City Hall Attn: Dan DesJarden 301 E. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2001-02 BUDGET AT THE **NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD** OF EDUCATION OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS.

DATE OF MEETING:

Monday, June 11, 2001

PLACE OF MEETING:

Runciman Administration Building Board Room - 300 High St., Lowell, MI

HOUR OF MEETING:

7:00 P.M.

TELEPHONE NUMBER

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE: 616-897-8415

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES ARE LOCATED AT:

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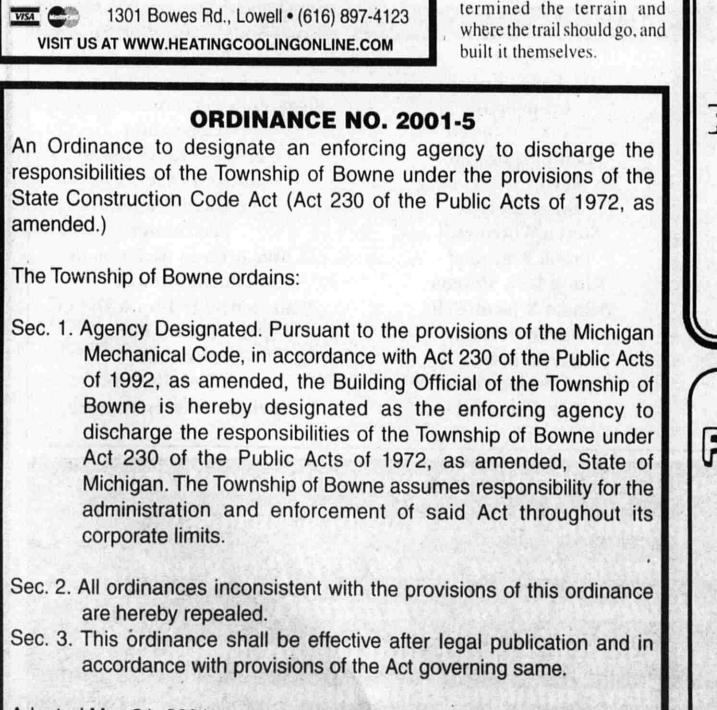
A COPY OF THE PROPOSED 2001-02 BUDGET INCLUDING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION **DURING NORMAL BUSINESS** HOURS AT:

Runciman Administration Building 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Public discussion on the proposed 2001-02 budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The Board may not adopt its proposed 2001-02 budget until after the public hearing.

> Patrick Nugent Secretary, Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools



Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk

Bowne Township



Museum gets operational fund increase; city declines on opportunity to raise millage rate

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will get its increase in operational funds. City residents will not see an increase in their millage rate, but will see an increase in trash and yard waste bags.

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell City Council approved a \$2.2 million budget for 2001-2002 after an hourlong discussion about changes to be made to the budget. The bringing those people into the community, he added. budget goes into effect July 1, 2001.

One area that received the most attention was the 400 percent increase in operational costs for the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Councilmember Chuck Myers said he would like to see that as a start up, costs with the museum eventually not relying on the city for the monies.

"You will have an opportunity to review this annually and can decide yes or no," said city manager, David Pasquale city which, he added, holds true for any such operations that the city helps support e.g., Senior Center or Lowell Area Arts Council.

Councilmember Don Green said he did not have a prob-





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LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP REZONING HEARING**

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001 at 7:00 P.M.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell.

The following change of zoning will be considered:

Mark and Earlina Velting have requested rezoning of property located at 12000 Cascade Road (PP# 41-20-28-200-007), Lowell, Michigan, from the current zoning classification of Agriculture (Ag1) to Light Industrial for the purpose of light industrial use

The original application and the township zoning map may be examined at the Township Hall during regular office hours. 897-7600 for further information.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

lem with the amount as long as the city is contributing a "fair" running the last six to eight. share" to the total.

"We do get a benefit with more people coming into the central business district," he said.

Mayor Mike Blough supported the increase as well, stating he felt with such strong backing from the city, it should encourage others to help maintain the museum in the community. The museum also provides a destination point for people,

Blough's concern centered on the Downtown Development Authority's contribution of \$132,000 to help cover the bond payments for the library and the City Hall/police station project. Blough said while appreciative of the offer, he wondered if that money could not be better served on other projects. He also wondered if the DDA was just delaying the inevitable, a millage increase to help cover projects for the

"I don't think we are facing the real needs of the infrastructure," Blough said, adding that he felt the city should look seriously at the roads

Roads were an issue in the upcoming budget with the city deciding to bond for \$500,000 to reconstruct Valley Vista Drive from W. Main to Donna (\$261,860) and N. Division Street from E. Main to Grindle (\$230,796). Pasquale said the city's street funds would contribute about \$15,000 per year toward the payment of the bonds with the general fund picking up the rest of the table, approximately \$45,000.

Also on the possible chopping block was the sidewalk contribution the city gives to residents for putting in new or repairing sidewalks. Staff recommended keeping the program while Green said he could agree with that as long as the city developed a mandatory policy requiring sidewalks be put in or repaired when a home is sold. He thought by instituting that and eliminating the sidewalk contribution by next year would help to encourage residents to put sidewalk in.

"I don't know if anyone would believe us that we are really eliminating the contribution," Blough said, adding that while the program was intended for only five years, it has been

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Finally, to help with costs for trash removal, the staff recommended and the council agreed to raise the price of trash bags from \$6 to \$7 for a package of 10. Also yard waste bags would increase from \$5 to \$7 for a package of 20. Pasquale said the increase will hopefully encourage residents to recycle - that cost is paid entirely by the city.

Spartan Foods launches joint advertising venture

On Sunday, June 3, gro-four area store. In some comcery stores owned by Grand Rapids-based Spartan Stores, Inc. and its supplied stores launched a new, joint advertising venture that promises to bring a number of benefits to consumers, namely more advertised specials at lower

On June 3, the familiar insert consumers are used to receiving in their local newspapers took a very different look in many communities throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Instead of advertising specials available in a single, local grocery store, many of the inserts will carry information on specially priced items in two, three or

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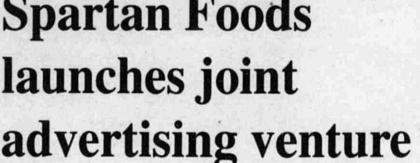
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Spartan Stores, Inc. has been supplying independently owned, neighborhood grocery stores with national brand and private-label products since its founding in 1917. In January 1999, Spartan Stores, Inc. began to develop its own retail network of stores. The company now owns and operates 102 neighborhood markets in Michigan and Ohio under the banners of Ashcraft's Markets. Family Fare Supermarkets, Food Town, Glen's Markets. Great Day Markets and Prevo's Family Markets. Spartan Stores also owns and operates 25 deep-discount drugstores in Michigan and

Michigan, Spartan Stores, Inc. (Nasdaq:SPTN) owns and operates 127 supermarkets and deep-discount drugstores in Michigan and Ohio, including: Family Fare Supermarkets, Great Day Food Centers, Prevo's.



munities, the only noticeable change in the insert will be the design. By advertising together, the 102 grocery stores owned and operated by Spartan Stores and the more than 350 independently owned stores it supplies, earn buying power

> with suppliers. The buying power that this program gives allows Spartan Stores, Inc. to purchase products at lower prices and to pass those savings on to customers. Shoppers at some stores may also benefit from a greater number of items being offered.

Spartan Stores will design, produce and distribute the new joint advertising in addition to purchasing the newspaper space and broadcast time for the ads. This frees up personnel at participating stores to focus more time on customer service and store operations. The program also allows for the reallocation of dollars to store improvements or additional advertising.

By offering more sale items at lower prices, neighborhood markets will be able to compete more successfully. Individual store success helps to preserve locally owned, neighborhood gro-

The new Spartan Stores' program is an important part of the company's larger strategy to strengthen the competitiveness of the neighborhood grocery store while developing its own highly successful retail stores.

Based in Grand Rapids,

Catholic Central bats Lowell around in district championship

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Solid hitting by Catholic Central and a porous Lowell defensive effort spelled defeat for the Red Arrows in a Division II baseball district final at East Grand Rapids on Saturday.

"We weren't as sharp as we've been throughout the season. I think some of that had to do with playing just one game in the two weeks leading up to the district, said Lowell coach, Tim Antel. You win championships by making no mistakes or just a very few. Central played well and hit the ball solidly all

The Cougars rapped out 12 hits as they scored runs in five of the first six innings. Catholic Central tallied three runs in the first, one in the third, two in the fourth, three in the fifth and three more in the sixth.

Lowell trailed 6-4 after four innings and scored a run in its half of the fifth to cut the deficit to one at 6-5. "We're right there going into the bottom of the fifth inning. Antel explained. "We just couldn't hold Central in

Antel used four pitchers in trying to slow down the Cougar offensive. Dave Rozema, 4-3, started and Nick Kuzmin, Bill Harrison and Wade Gilchrist followed in relief.

Eric Gruber and Ken Vandenberg led Lowell at the plate with two hits apiece. Harrison was one-for-two with a sacrifice.

Lowell (19-10) advanced to the district final with an 8 7 win over East Grand Rapids in the district semifinal To do so, the Red Arrows

survived some fielding mis takes and a gallant Pioneer comeback effort in the seventh inning. Lowell led 8-3 when Eastrallied for four runs in the seventh and had the tying run at second with one

Rozema was called in relief to put out the fire. The Red Arrow senior struck out both batters he faced to secure Lowell's win.

Brad Eldridge started and picked up his eighth win of the year. He walked one and struck out five.

Lowell trailed 2-1 entering the fifth inning before rallying for four runs in the fifth to take a 5-2 lead. The Red Arrows added three critical runs in the seventh to stretch their lead to 8-3.

Jake Baum was two-forthree at the plate with an RBI Josh Brown knocked in two runs, finishing the season with 42 RBI - a school record.

Vandenberg was credited

Baseball, cont'd. pg. 20

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD **JUNE 11, 2001**

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 11, 2001.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected one (1) member to the board of education of the district for a full term of four (4) years ending in 2005.

THE FOLLOWING PERSON HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCY:

James E. Reagan

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 8, 2001

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the regular school election:

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL NON-HOMESTEAD AND NON-QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY TAX

This millage will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills against nonhomestead and non-qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation guarantee.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, exempting therefrom homestead and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2001 to 2005, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect the millage is approved and levied in 2001 is approximately \$2,300,000 (this is a renewal of millage which expired with the 2000 tax levy)?

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE **REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular school election on Monday, June 11, 2001, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the Community College District residing in this school district.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected two (2) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2007

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

SIX-YEAR TERMS (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2)

Lynne Case Hernandez Margo Anderson John E. Romero Terri A. Handlin Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

before 4 p.m. Friday, June 8, 2001.

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the City of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: Old Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 3

Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes in Kent County, and Keene Township in Ionia County.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

I, Kenneth D. Parrish, Treasurer of Kent County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of April 16, 2001, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, is as follows:

By Kent County: 2001 to 2009 Incl. 2001 to 2005 Incl. .25 Mills 2001 to 2003 Incl By Grattan Township: 1.00 Mills 2001 to 2003 Incl. 2001 Incl. By Ada Township: .25 Mills 1.25 Mills 2001 Incl. 2002 to 2006 Incl. 2002 to 2006 Incl 2000 to 2004 Incl. By Vergennes Township: .50 Mills 2001 to 2002 By Cannon Township: By Bowne Township: 2001 to 2008 Incl 1.7911 Mills By the School District: None

Date: April 16, 2001

Kenneth D. Parrish Treasurer, Kent County

, Nancy Hickey, Treasurer of Ionia County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of April 16, 2001, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, is as follows:

1.0000 Mill Library Expires 2017 By Ionia County: By Boston Township: By Campbell Township: 1.5 Mill Emergency Service Expires

2-31-01 2.0 Mill Fire Truck Expires 12-31-03

By Keene Township: By the School District: None

Date: April 16, 2001 Nancy Hickey Treasurer, Ionia Count

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By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It was 2000 all over again for the Red Arrow softball

For a second consecutive ball," Lowell softball coach. season, Lowell beat up East Grand Rapids during the regular season only to suffer a disappointing loss to the Pioneers in the district semifi-

Ericka Seitz no-hit Red Arrow batters en route to a 2-0 win over Lowell.

Not unlike its 1-0 district win last year, the Pioneers By Thaddeus J. Kraus scored all their runs in the first Lowell Ledger Editor

A passed ball on a strike out, a bunt, a couple of errant throws and an RBI single against Lacey Capen.

The Lowell starter pitched well enough to win. Capen allowed two runs on two hits. She retired 15 of the last 16 batters she faced. On most days that would be good Ryan Conlan. enough for a win.

not solve Seitz. Other than walks in the first and third

innings, the Red Arrows did not have a base runner.

son at 14-19. East Grand Rap-

the district final 6-0. "I told the girls before the "East played error free game they needed to play erand Seitz strikes out eight," ror-free softball and hit the Rodenhouse said. "They are

Bob Rodenhouse explained. In leading up to the dis-"We didn't do either today." trict, Lowell swept Lakewood Lowell finished its sea-

Amanda Eickhoff col-

ids lost to Catholic Central in

lected five hits in the double-

Capen earned the win in game one and Jacque Benedict picked up the victory in game two.

Tara Kimble and Noelle Dewey each had two hits in game one and Jade Wilder recorded two hits in game

East Grand Rapids' Lowell soccer team edges Greenville; falls to Rangers in district final

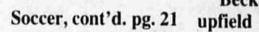
Lowell girls soccer team needed some luck and big plays if it had any chance against perennial power, Forest Hills Central Saturplated both Pioneer runs day in the district final at Forest Hills Central.

> The Red Arrows used a defensive alignment which called for four defensemen, five midfielders and one forward and they marked up on the Rangers' two best players.

"We were playing for a tie and trying to frustrate Central," said Lowell soccer coach,

For the first 25 minutes, his Lowell club Lowell, however, could did a pretty good job. Then the Red Arrows were bitten by some bad luck.

"Central had a corner kick. It looked as though the ball hit the side of the net. Kelly (Fitzpatrick) lifted the net to grab the ball and that's when Central's players declared to the refs they had scored. Prior to that they had shown no emotion associated with a goal." Conlan said. "The refs then stepped in and





Becky Bosserd leads Lowell's attack

Baseball, cont'd... From Page 19

Lowell 6 Creston 5

Brad Eldridge was sharp through four innings as Lowell finished its regular season with non-conference win over the Polar Bears. Community Walkways
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Dave Rozema and Josh Brown pitched two and one innings respectively in relief.

Brown was also 2-for-4 with two RBI and a home run.

Rozema also collected two hits and knocked in a run.

The Red Arrows tallied two runs in the third, one in the fourth, and three in the fifth. Creston scored their runs in the fifth (three) and sixth (two) innings.

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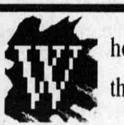
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ORDINANCE NO. 2001-6

An Ordinance to designate an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibilities of the Township of Bowne under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act (Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as

The Township of Bowne ordains:

Sec. 1. Agency Designated. Pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Plumbing Code, in accordance with Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1992, as amended, the Building Official of the Township of Bowne is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibilities of the Township of Bowne under Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, State of Michigan. The Township of Bowne assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout its corporate limits.

Sec. 2. All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and in accordance with provisions of the Act governing same.

Adopted May 21, 2001

This Ordinance duly Adopted on May 21, 2001 at a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board and will become effective June 21, 2001.

Date: May 21, 2001

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk

Attest: Peter Gibson **Bowne Township Supervisor** Bowne Township

Lowell's Ford third in state in high jump

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CLEANING? Soccer, cont'd... From Page 20 Melissa McClain said it was a goal - taking first half when a Cori Drenth Tyler Morlock their players' word for it. I'm **Aubrey Quiggle** not sure if it was or wasn't, Lindsey Quiggle but if the refs didn't see it, it's John Rasch

unfortunate they gave Central the goal.' The Rangers tacked on a second goal right before half to take a 2-6 lead at halftime. Central scored two more goals in the second half in defeating Lowell 4-0 in the district championship. "The girls played hard the

entire game and made Central work which makes a statement about the direction our program is headed," Conlan Lowell advanced to the

championship with a 2-1 win over Greenville in the district The Yellowjackets scored

the game's first goal 14 minutes into the opening half.

Lowell controlled play early on, but Greenville took advantage of one of the few times it possessed the ball in Lowell territory.

Lowell tied the game at the 32-minute mark of the

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four years. She was our lead-

By Thaddeus J. Kraus

finished out its season Satur-

track meet at Forest Hills

senior was third in the high

jump with a height of 5'4". It

was her best finish at state.

place performance.

Lowell Ledger Editor

meets leading up to the state

Lowell girls track team jump, but also scored points day in the Division II State discus," Lowell girls track coach, Kathy Talus said. Ford set a school record

ing scorer this year. She com-

peted, not only in the high

Nine Lowell girls com- in the high jump earlier this peted in the state meet, but season when she cleared 5'6only Kristi Ford placed. The 1/4'

While Lowell did not place in any other events at the state meet, it did manage ."Anytime you can per-

Wojciakowski, Natalie Kent and Leslie Crowley stopped "Kristi has had a great the clock in a time of 4:12.8.

shot on goal was bobbled by

the goalie and then rolled

The Red Arrows scored

the game's winning goal with

15 minutes left in the game.

Becky Bosserd drilled one

past the Greenville goalie

just under the crossbar from

about midfield and then

drilled a great shot," Conlan

said. "The girls did the things

they needed to do down the

stretch to secure the win

against Greenville."

"Becky dribbled in from

The 800-meter relay team

into the net.

26 yards out.

time of 1:47.7. Running for Lowell were Krystal White, Wojciakowski, Kent and Crowley. White ran a personal best in the 300 hurdles, stopping

just missed placing with a

the clock in 47.7. White also competed in the 110 hurdles but did not make the finals.

Crowley also competed in the 400-meter run but did not place and Nicole Gillikin did not place in the pole vault.

peted in the 400-meter run in the Division II boys track meet but did not place.

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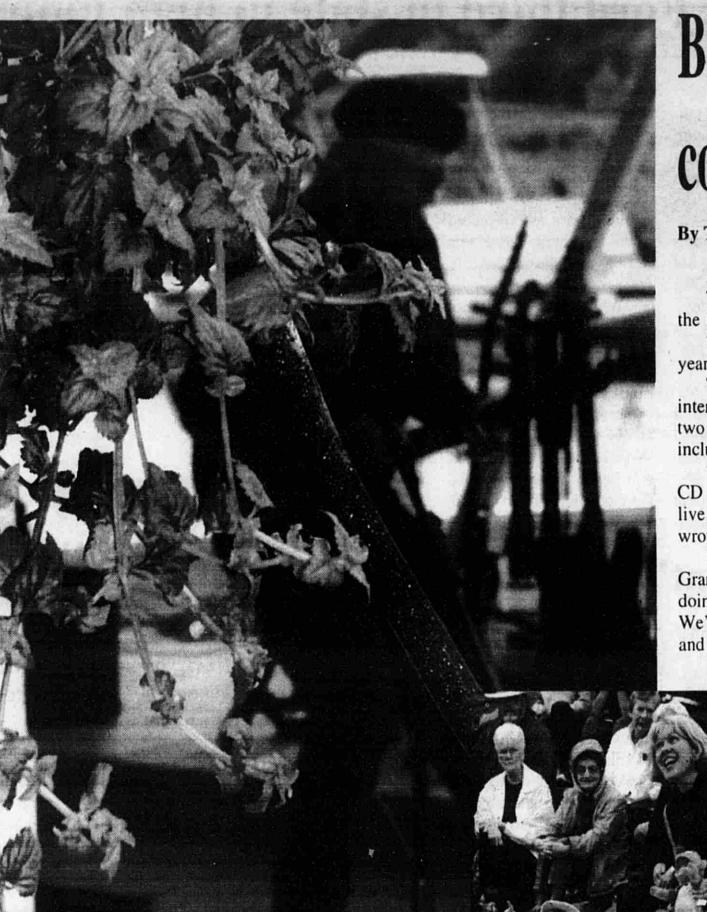
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Blues man, Jimmie Stagger steers concert series off to "Rock'n Start"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It had been nearly 10 years in between visits to the Showboat for Jimmie Stagger. The blues artist returned with a different band and a new CD Thursday night as he opened the 10-week Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series.

"The last time I performed on the Showboat was at an all day blues-jazz festival (about 10 years ago)," Stagger explained. "It was a day filled with sunshine and rain."

The opening week of the concert series was missing sunshine but the cloudy skies and intermittent rain drops, however, did not deter roughly 150 Stagger/blues fans as they enjoyed two hours of music from the Grand Rapids artist. A number of songs came off his latest CD including the signature piece titled "Slim Jim."

"What separates this from my first CD is the music on this one is live (or live as it can be)," Stagger explained. "I wrote a lot of the music and lyrics."

Stagger was born and raised in Grand Rapids. "I've been playing and doing gigs in this area for 35 years. We've ventured out to New York City and other places, but no matter where

you are, people just want to hear good music. If they're digging it - then it's a good time," he said.

The Stagger perormance marked a new chapter in the Showboat's role in the

Lowell community. Gordon Gould, who contracted the artists for the 10 weeks, called the next chapter "a natural and legitimate next step" for the Lowell landmark. As for the Stagger concert, "It's been a long time since the Showboat rocked in this manner.

Those in attendance concurred vith Gould.

"This type of venue is what the city envisioned five years ago. This is the way the Showboat should be utilized. It's nice to see the vision

come to fruition. said Lowell mayor, Mike Blough.

Jim Hall, plan-

ning commission chairman, who pushed for the Showboat to be moved closer to Main Street, called the opening week of the summer concert series "wonderful and long overdue." "Having the Showboat here is a wonderful asset for the

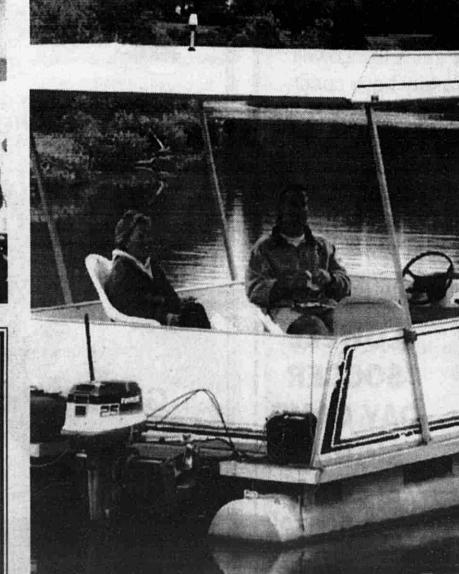
community. The setup here is much more inclusive. People feel like they are a part of it," Hall said. "I'm not sure what they paid Jimmy (Stagger), but it was money well spent."

Phil Gless, of Rockford, called the Riverwalk a great venue for the concert series.

Lowell's Mark Reynolds added, "I love it and I'm looking forward to the other shows."

Ivan Blough called the evening a "great start" and "with some sunny nights, it will get even better.".

The second concert in the summer series will feature the River City Jazz Ensemble. The show will start at 6:30 p.m. and













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Showboat concert features big band sounds of River City Jazz Ensemble

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

- Big band music will never die for it is the only true American music.

The River City Jazz Ensemble has been playing that big band sound for over 20 years.

The 12-piece band led by its founder, Henry Swart, will take Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series patrons through two hours of swing, jazz, ballads, broadway, polkas and even rock Thursday night at the Lowell Riverwalk Plaza. The twohour concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

The band is accompanied by vocalist, Amy Forslund.



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River City Jazz Ensemble

"We enjoy the rich heritage of the many favorite dance tunes, and are always updating the music library to keep fresh with the many different sounds of today," Swart

While the ensemble is rep-

resentative of some of the best musicians in the area, none of its members are full-time musicians. They come from a broad spectrum of the community - from school teachers and pharmacists to church musicians and businessmen.

"We enjoy playing and entertaining," said Swart, whose big band playing days began in Battle Creek. "Myself and a buddy of mine used to travel to Battle Creek

every weekend to play in a big band. Gradually, as big bands became more and more popular, we decided to start our own band."

Ten years ago, The River City Jazz Ensemble played approximately 75 times a year; it has cut back to roughly

"A lot of the players who started with me have left. They've been replaced with

younger musicians. I dare say that the band which will be playing on the Showboat is the best band I've had in the 20-plus years," Swart explained. "The band does a good job at what it does."

The River City Jazz Ensemble has played at receptions honoring Presidents Bush, Ford and Reagan, and it played at Gov. Engler's Inaugural Ball.

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