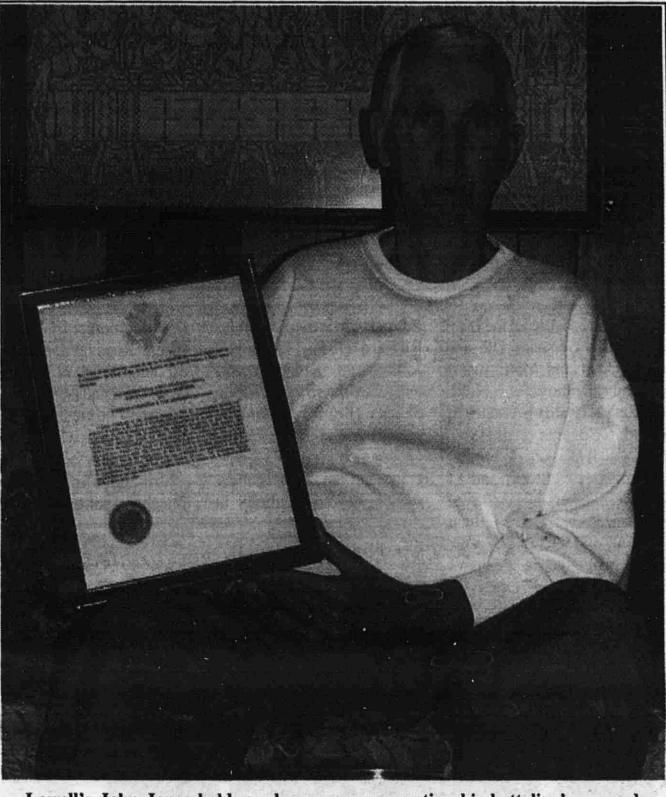
# The Lowell Leager

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Lowell's John Jones holds a plaque commemorating his battalion's seven-day battle in Luxembourg.

#### Heroic battalion's battle honored

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Not long after the Germans declared that the 9th Armored Division's artillery battalion had been defeated, it reappeared elsewhere, thus earning the name the "Phantom Division."

As members of that WWII battalion, Lowell's John Jones and the late Donald Yeiter reappeared in the vicinity of Waldbillig and Savelborn, Luxembourg.

During the battalion's stay from Dec. 16-22 of 1944, it repulsed constant and determined attacks by an entire German Division - outnumbered 5-to-1 with its infantry rifle companies surrounded most of the time.

Clerks, cooks, mechanics, drivers and others manned a 10,000-yard defensive line, supported by responsive and accurate fire of its artillery

Yeiter, Jones and other members of the

battalion were cited for extraordinary heroism and gallantry in combat.

Jones, who served as a supply sergeant, was presented the citation by Betty Yeiter at a Rotary luncheon on Jan. 2.

"Don and I went in together, served in the same artillery battalion and came out together," Jones explained. "Our division was activated from 1942-45. Being in artillery, we were not on the front lines, we were stationed in back. There were several times when shells came in over the top, luckily only two people were hurt."

Yeiter's widow, Betty, who attended a 9th Armored Division Reunion last fall and received the citation, made a copy for Jones.

"I didn't know Betty was going to present that to me at the Rotary meeting. It's pretty special," Jones said.

Jones and his wife, Phyllis have been married for 56 years.

#### Design phase of City Hall/police station project drops another \$800,000 from budget

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The City Hall/police station project will be below \$4.5 million from estimated costs made last fall.

Through some changes that included eliminating the ambulance bay area, squeezing the police station space, and leaving the second floor for future remodeling, Tom Smith of the design firm,

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc., said his staff and the city staff were able to cut about \$800,000 from the cost of the project, bringing it in to about \$4,372, 496.

Councilmember, Charles Myers asked about what Smith meant by "squeezing" the police station space; Smith said they were able to make some areas smaller and cut out the amount of space in the hallway from the City Hall to the police station.

"We worked very closely with chief of police, Jim Valentine on that plan," Smith said.

City manager, David Pasquale said the city already has spent about \$704,625 in property acquisition with a \$500,000 bond paying for most of that, and the rest to be

City Hall, cont'd. pg. 8

## Council looks at changing how city mayor is chosen

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

After the last city council meeting's election for mayor, councilmember, Jim Pfaller said he felt it was time to reconsider how the city's mayor is selected.

"I felt there was some division and positioning taking place," Pfaller said, adding that in the process it left everyone on the council in a difficult spot.

Pfaller said he would like to see the selection process taken out of the hands of the council and be given to the residents. He proposed the council consider changing the charter to read that the person seeking a four-year term who receives the most votes during an election would serve as mayor pro tem his/her first two years of his/her term and then would serve as mayor the last two years of his/her

In the event that the person was not able to fulfill his/ her term as mayor pro tem or mayor, the person who received the second highest number of votes would take the position.

Councilmember, Charles Myers felt the original intent of the charter was to let the selection of the mayor rely on the expertise and experience of the council. In elections, the incumbents are not always the favorites, which could eliminate a good candidate for mayor.

"While the process is uncomfortable, it works the best and I feel should be left the way it is," Myers said.

Mayor Jeanne Shores said she thought something should be done about the mayor seprocess; lection councilmember, Dan Brubaker agreed, but had some concerns about the proposal presented by Pfaller.

"The person with the highest number of votes may not be the best person for mayor," Brubaker said, adding that he would like time to review the proposal and put his legal expertise to flush it out.

Pfaller said he would like to discuss the proposal with entire council (councilmember and former mayor, Mike Blough was absent from the meeting).

Because the change would be to the charter, city manager, David Pasquale said it would require a vote of the people. Brubaker asked how much it would cost to place the charter amendment on the upcoming fall ballot; city clerk, Betty Morlock explained she would have to review that, but being it is a governor election, it could be quite costly.

The council decided to table the matter until its Feb. 19 meeting so as to give time for Brubaker to work on the proposal and city staff time to collect information about putting the change on the 2002 ballot.

#### City opts for sidewalks along N. Hudson, considers new formula for sidewalk construction

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

A group of residents came forth at Monday night's council meeting to raise questions about how the city determines who pays for sidewalk and who doesn't.

The council was considering using Community Development Block Grant funds for sidewalk along the west side of North Hudson Street, from West Main to the city's north city limits, and on the south side of Foreman Road, from North Hudson to Lincoln Lake. The total cost of the project would be \$30,000, which would use most of the \$30,384.78 allocated to the city this year.

"I understand the feelings of the people," said councilmember, Jim Pfaller, who said he, too, had to put in sidewalk and the city later came in and put sidewalk along the rest of his street. Pfaller proposed that CDBG funds be used toward the North Kent Transit program and a portion toward a new

roof at the Graham building.

"I want the sidewalk too," said Evelyn Roudabush, of 961 N. Hudson. "I didn't come down here to stop the sidewalks; I just want everything done fairly."

City manager, David Pasquale said the city decided on the sidewalks along N. Hudson because of public safety. Students from three schools currently walk along the road, creating a very dangerous situation.

Pfaller's proposal failed

with the council voting instead to spend the money on the sidewalks, along with borrowing against future CDBG funds for the North Kent Transit program, \$4,000, and city's portion for the roof, \$10,000.

"I just want it known that I am not against the sidewalks, just against spending future money," Pfaller said, as he cast the only vote against the proposal, which passed 3-1.

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#### INSIDE THE LEDGER

Lowell LMS Students' Art Displayed in LAAC Show, Page 14

#### **OBITUARIES**

CAVANAGH - Rupert Reed away January 18, 2002. He is

Cavanagh, aged 89, passed survived by his daughter

Deborah Hart Vandawater of Grand Rapids, her mother June Hart of Saranac, son-inlaw Paul Vandawater of Lowell; grandchildren Lleah (Jason) Simons of Grand Rapids, Stephenie (Timothy) Karsies of Lowell, Kristin

Thad Kraus

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grandchildren Bailey Sha. Halee Reid, Andie Renee. Hunter AlexZander. AhnnaBella Grace, Alexander Parker Reed; cousin Walton Cavanagh. Funeral services were held Monday at

ELLIS - Doris Ellis, aged 81 lifelong resident of Lowell. went to be with the Lord unexpectedly on Friday, Janu- Manton, formerly of Alto, MI 49518. ary 18, 2002. She joins her went to be with his heavenly husband Robert E. Ellis who preceded her in death in 1991. Surviving are her children and grandchildren Patricia (Phil) VanDuinen of Ada and their daughters, Katy (fiance Eric vived by his children James Mrs. Lasausky is survived by Phelps), Amy and Jamie (Mark) Wiley: Nancy Roth of Lowell and daughter Ryan; Kissinger, Diana (Rick) Vic- (Dan) Evans of Saranac. Joe (Randi) Ellis of Ft. Wayne, tory, Mike (Shari) Kissinger, Penny (Jim) Oswald of Low-Sean and Kristin; Diane (Joe) (Gary) Christian; brothers Jill Bloomquist of Holland: Rinard of Gresham, OR and Richard (Joan) Kissinger, Lillian (Herald) Bosscher of Sandra (Frank) Greenlaw; children; one great-grandson. Cedar Springs and Helen special friend Betty Frank; Following her wishes, there O'Neil of Muskegon; brother 17 grandchildren; 13 great-

Stormzand of Lowell, Joan

(Sonny) Siciliano of Irons;

also many nieces, nephews

and special friends. Doris was

a lifelong member of the First

United Methodist Church of

Lowell (bell choir and

Hutfilz of Lowell; great- UMW), member of the WWII on Okinawa, and American Legion Auxiliary (Clark-Ellis Post 152), Fallasburg Historical Society, Vergennes Club and Card Club for 55 years; she also volunteered for Flat River Outreach Ministries. Funeral Cumberland Manor, Pastor V. Services were held Tuesday Glenn Smith officiating. Me- at First United Methodist morial contributions may be Church of Lowell, Rev. made to Love & Action c/o Gordie Barry officiating. In-Day Star Ministries, 2220 3 terment Bowne Center Cem-Mile Rd., Grand Rapids, MI etery. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

Kissinger Sr., aged 74, of Father Tuesday, January 15, 2002, surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded ell, passed away January 19, in death by his wife Evelyn and son Joseph. He is sur- death by her husband James. R. (Terri) Kissinger II, Jan (Paul) Brower, Dennis Kathryn Kissinger, Vicky John (Judy) Kissinger; sis- of Canada, Mary (Charles) ters Maxine (Steve) Lazar, Craig of Canada; eight grand-

worked for 36 years on the CSX Railroads. James was greatly loved by his family and friends and will be dearly missed. Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Caledonia with Rev. Paul A Milanowski, celebrant. Interment Resurrection Cemetery Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Amicare Hospice, 7985 Mackinaw Trail Dr., Cadillac, MI 49061 and Down Syndrome Asso-KISSINGER - James R. ciation of West Michigan, P.O. Box 8804, Kentwood

LASAUSKY - Elsie F. Lasausky, aged 73, of Low-2002. She was preceded in her children Deb (Kurt) Beimers of Lowell, Rose ell, Warren Judson of Canada. sisters Rose (Wayne) Smith will be no service. Memorial John (Deb) Stormzand of grandchildren. Mr. Kissinger contributions may be made Lowell; sisters-in-law Joyce served in the Seabees in to a charity of one's choice.

> In these times we fight for ideas, and newspapers are our fortresses.

> > **Heinrich Heine**

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## ALDEN

A year without you is so long, But my love for you will always be strong. I wish you were here to laugh, love and kiss. Oh, these things I truly miss. Our souls will always be together, Now and forever. Alden, I miss you so much. Love you with all my heart.

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God, he was strengthened ac-

cording to the promises of

God. Yes, when we declare

High Priest who can sympa-

thize with our weakness, "let

grace to help in time of need"

shame. (vv. 29-31). Total de-

pendence in God and his law.

Just as the old nature is deter-

Christians to defeat, the new

nature in Christ must be de-

termined to trust God's prom-

Timmers, Mackenzie Stiles.

Andy Nowak.

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JANUARY 30: Susan Roudabush, Nicholas Kinsley, Tyler

son, Dianna Rhodes, Lori Smith, Andrea Dewey.

JANUARY 29: Brenda Baker-Kinsley, Kim Call

2) I cling to your testimo-

(Hebrews 4:15).

Rev. Dominic A. Tommy Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist Churches

our ways (despair, discour-Last week I ended my reagement from people who put flection with the need of total dependence on God's Grace us down, defeat, etc.) to the to maintain our progress in Lord, He is faithful to hear our pilgrimage in this strange and act according to the unalterable truth we have before Today, we continue on us. Yes, because we have a

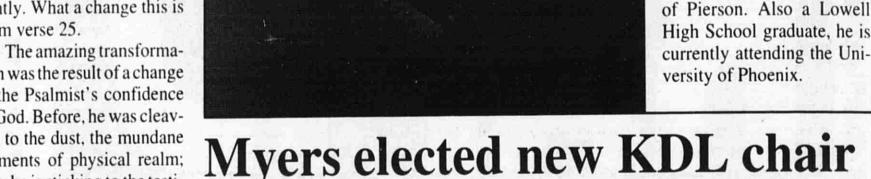
the theme that appeared to be dominant in Psalm 119:25-32. Let's call it Determined De- us therefore come boldly to pendence. Here, the Psalmist is mindful of his own weakness, and the tendency to fall prey to depression and despondency if left to his own sufficiency. But by determined dependence on the sure promises of God's Word, victory is assured. We are weak; God is strong and God's strength is made perfect in our weakness"

Cor.12:9-12). The Psalmist's main points are: 1) My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word. (vv.25-28). Life in the flesh is a continual battle, thus our weakness and propensity to wander from the path of righteousness must be recognized, and the quickening power to live the life of Christ is according to the Word of God that works in us who believe. The Psalmist was at the place where his soul was melting, literally dropping under the load of life. But when that burden

ised deliverance. The life of Christian victory is not ours by default, but ours by claiming as our own the promised blessings of conformity to the right ways of God "Remove from me lying"—no pretense, no self-sufficiency is allowed. Total dependence, absolute vieldedness are required of all whose trust is in God of our salvation.

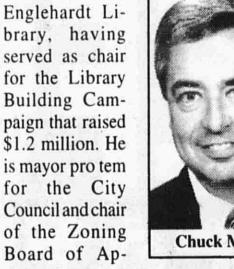
3) The Psalmist declares, I will run the course of your commandments for you shall enlarge my heart (v.32). I hope this will be your prayer as we face the New Year. You and I know that when the heart is right with God and the Holy Spirit has enlarged and energized the inner soul, then the race is run swiftly and confidently. What a change this is from verse 25.

the throne of grace, that we tion was the result of a change may obtain mercy and find in the Psalmist's confidence in God. Before, he was cleaving to the dust, the mundane elements of physical realm; nies; O Lord do not put me to now he is sticking to the testimonies of God. Child of God, your burden will be lifted as you, too, take God at His mined to discourage and bring Word. Choose the way of truth, stick to it, and you will not be disappointed.



The Kent District Library has ties to the Board of Trustees elected Englehardt Li-Charles Myers, formerly the brary, having treasurer, as its new chair- served as chair person. This has a one-year for the Library

Myers, a member of the paign that raised Kent District Library Board \$1.2 million. He since July of 2000, repre- is mayor pro tem sents the city of Lowell and for the City Vergennes, Lowell and Council and chair Bowne townships. He is ac- of the Zoning tive in the community and Board of Ap-



Myers serves on Lowell Rotary and the Board of the Lowell Area Community Fund. He is vice president and banking office manager for Huntington National Bank's Lowell lo-

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cations. Chuck Myers

Vos/

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Christopher Ryan Goggins

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nounced husband and wife

daughter of Kenneth and

Linda Vos, also of Lowell

She is a graduate of Lowell

High School and Baker Col-

The groom-elect is the

son of Ron and Ann

Wittenbach of Lowell and

Patrick and Peggy Goggins

The bride-elect is the

on April 27, 2002.

lege in Muskegon.

#### Killingbeck wins historical society raffle

The Bowne Township Historical Society held a quilt they had been working on since last winter.

The lucky winner was "Freddie" drawing on Dec. 27 for a Killingbeck from Lowell, and her daughter Kim Culbertson, a member of the society, was

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## Viewpoint.. Goggins

by Roger Brown

I don't watch much TV. Even if the thing is on, as in the case of the morning news, I'm not paying much attention. Sure, Katie years. Couric is cute, but I'm just as likely to be reading the ingredients on my Pop Tart wrapper as listening to what she is prattling on about. I guess the network execs didn't have me in mind when they decided she was worth several million a year. Of course, it's slowly becoming apparent to me that not much of anybody has me in mind when making network decisions. Let me explain.

Awhile back I caught myself actually paying attention, sort of, to a commercial promoting one of these TV entertainment shows. The commercial was comprised of fast-paced mumbo jumbo over dozens of quick celebrity shots. I caught myself trying to identify the personalities. I could name perhaps one in ten. Another one percent looked vaguely familiar. The rest could have been crash-test dummies in gaudy clothes.

The next time I caught the same commercial, I was ready. I paid close attention and only confirmed the fact that I am totally out of the loop. The smiling celebrities were still about as familiar to me as people in the witness protection program. My lack of TV knowledge may, in part, prove my daughter's theory about me. She says I am over the hill and am morphing into a Ted Kaczinskilike hermit. My daughter has called me Ted for years, and even has my grandkids calling me "Grandpa Ted." I tell ya, me and Rodney ... we get no respect!

So ... when I ran across the "Nielsen Media Research Ratings" for the week of January 7-13 in the newspaper, I decided to test myself. The results were very "Ted-like."

Number one on the list was "E.R." My wife is a fan of the me, "E.R." means "Exit Roger."

Three ... "Survivor." I must admit, I did watch the last part of the last episode of the first series. My only thought was "good grief... this country is in big trouble!"

Four on the list was the "AFC/NFC playoff." Caught me TV exposure. there. I may have watched a little of that.

TO THE EDITOR

The entire Lowell community is truly blessed for many

reasons. One of our most precious assets that we have enjoyed and

relied upon for many years is the Lowell YMCA. Once heralded

as "the smallest towns in America with an operating YMCA," our

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campaign is to raise funds to help families that normally couldn'

you to participate as a volunteer for this most important commu-

the quality at the high level that we have come to expect.

and donations keep this asset strong.

To the Editor,

obviously wrong. I don't even know whom the heck Raymond is, let alone "love" the guy. Six was "Law and Order." Again, my wife likes the show, but

Number five was "Everybody Loves Raymond." The title is

when it comes on, I'm outa here.

Seven was "60 Minutes." Way, way back before cable TV, I would occasionally watch "60 Minutes." I'd get mad about some government boondoggle they'd expose and nearly kick my TV. I'm currently in recovery. I haven't watched "60 Minutes"

"Monday Night Football" came in at number eight. Again, I'm in recovery and haven't been a fan since the Howard Cosell

In the number nine slot was "The West Wing." For all I know this is a program about the right wing of a goose headed south for the winter. Or, the left wing of a goose headed north.

Rounding out the top ten was "Will and Grace." I'm guessing this is a program about being stubborn with class. I might be

wrong about that. For the sake of brevity, we'll breeze through the next ten on the list. "AFC/NFC Showcase"...might have watched some. "Becker"... huh? "Law and Order: SVU"... nope! "Judging Amy"... Amy who? "JAG"... sorry. "Just Shoot Me"... okay,

Reunion"... good grief! "King of Queens"... please don't let this

program be what the name implies! "NFL Monday Showcase"... not unless they bring Howard back from the grave. And finally, "The People's Choice Awards"... more of those people from the

witness protection program. Wait ... there's more. "The Practice," "The American Music Awards," "Frasier," "Dateline," "Yes Dear," "Providence,"

"Crossing Jordan," "The Guardian" and finally, yet another "Law and Order" spin-off ... "Law and Order: Intent". That's the entire list. If you're guessing I don't have a clue about any of these programs, you're wrong. I do know that Frasier is a guy who used to be on "Cheers" and now has his own show. I've never watched "Frasier," but I do know who he is. So there, I'm not completely

out of the loop. That's the entire list. Thirty programs, out of which I might

show, but I can honestly say I have never watched an episode. To have watched a little football. Just in case you agree with me and also feel there isn't much worth watching on TV, there is some Number two was "Friends." Sorry, a friend of yours is not good news. We're in the majority! Seriously ... the total of necessarily a friend of mine. Again, never watched an episode. households tuned in to the top TV show of the week, "E.R." was a lowly 16.3 percent. The last program on the list was down to 8.7 percent. There may be hope for this country yet ... providing we haven't all had our brains turned to mush from too many years of

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grams that have provided guidance and infrastructure to our We have entered an exciting era for our YMCA. In addition children's future. As our YMCA works hard to meet the needs of to recent community contributions such as the Wellness Center the entire surrounding area, we need to remember that volunteers and Teen Center, this new year brings important steps toward our ultimate community dream - a full facility YMCA. Please help us The most important function of the annual Invest-In-Youth keep our dream growing and our children participating. There are afford programs for their children. Our YMCA has provided such child in need. assistance for many children for many years. Additional funds are

Invest in the future of our children for they will be our leaders also necessary to help keep the cost of programs at a minimum and of tomorrow. Invest in the future of our community and a quality infrastructure build upon Christian principles - our YMCA. As the 2002 campaign approaches, we would like to invite

Sincerely, Rick Seese 2002 Invest-In-Youth Chair - 974-4250

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JAN. 24, 1952

Michigan's #1 industry, auto manufacture, is in serious trouble with unemployment rising. The editor suggests that #2 (tourism) should get more attention from the government.

Lowell may discontinue the office of village marshal and have instead the Chief of Police, who does not have to be a

Rep. Ford notes that Winston Churchill attended Pres. Truman's State of the Union address to the joint houses of

caucus on Feb. 11 and the elections in March.

Motor Sales on Feb. 1.

roads at the Cannonsburg Ski Area when the lot fills up, make a big traffic problem. Herb Elzinga is appointed president of State Savings

Soaring coffee prices due to severe frost in Brazil last year have the brew selling at around \$2.75 a pound. Some people are switching to other beverages.

The cold weather here has greatly increased amounts of

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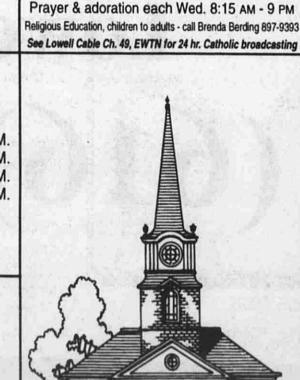
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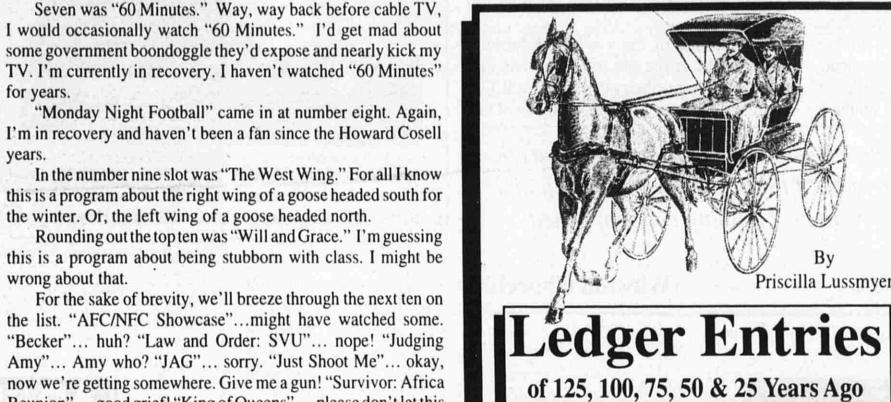
For more information on organ donation contact: United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) at 1-888-894-6361 or at Bank

If you are not currently registered to be an organ and tissue donor, consider giving the gift of life to someone in a time of

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a matter of fact, there is some quality programming that I try not to miss. For example, there is "Win Ben Stein's Money" and uh, er, uh, and um ... Let me think about it ... there must be others. Guess I'll have to get back to you on that.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not totally against television. As



#### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JAN. 24, 1877 This issue is missing; we substitute January 28, 1874.

There are 3,701 miles of railroad in Michigan. Several cases of diphtheria are reported at Ada.

The M.E. Church replaces the old lamps and reflectors th new chandeliers. Cyprian Hooker, 77, is possibly the oldest Mason in

Michigan, having joined in 1818. He came to Michigan in 1827 and built the first frame house in Lowell about 1846. The recent ice break-up caused damage in several places.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JAN. 24, 1901

This issue is missing, as well as every issue until May, 1902; we substitute columns from the first year Ledger Entries was published, 1987-8. 114 years January 27, 1888.

The Great Blizzard of '88 with tremendous snows, high winds and extreme cold, has claimed 235 lives so far, according to the St. Paul Dispatch. Estimates run to 1000 lives lost in the hugh storm stretching from Canada to Texas. Temperatures plummeted as far as 30 degrees below zero here last

A 24-lb., 3 1/2 foot pickerel was caught in Grand River by

Some illnesses reported in the neighborhood news at this ime of year are quinsy, catarrhal fever and creeping paralysis.

#### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 27, 1927

O. J. Yeiter buys the Train's Opera House block from Lowell State Bank for his furniture and undertaking business. Staal's Restaurant and Billiards must move, along with Stone the tailor, Hawley the carpenter, Puritan Cafe and Weaver's

The annual Board of Trade banquet is again voted the best ever, from the City Hall decorations to the Methodist ladies' good cooking to the toasts and singing.

U.S. Police chiefs ask that all autos be manufactured to a many small tasks that can help make a difference for a family or top speed of 35 mph, and that drunk drivers have licenses revoked and go to jail.

Farmers are urged to grow trees at a great labor-saving

village resident.

Citizens are reminded to register to vote before the village

The new '52 Ford will be on display at C.H. Runciman Co.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JAN. 27, 1977 Keiser's Kitchen adds a "real old-time soda fountain."

Many eager cross-country skiers parking along gravel

river ice, leading to fears of big spring floods,

## LHS' January students-of-the-month recognized

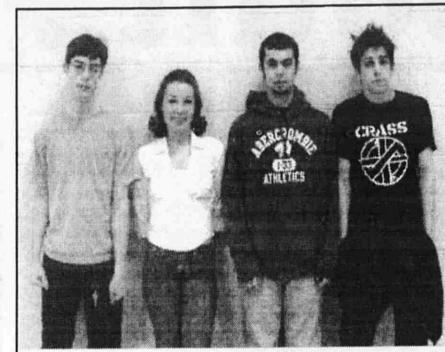
The first Students of the Month for 2002 have been chosen at Lowell High School.

Katie Hettinga was selected by the Math Department. A junior, she is the daughter of Brian and Kim Hettinga of Lowell. Katie's extracurricular activities include fall and winter cheerleading, SADD, National Honor Society, Model UN, Project Pals and International Club. Her favorite classes are math and history. Her teacher nominator says she is a joy to have in class and that her work ethic has put her at the top of her AP Statistics class.

Tim Ross was the choice of the Physical Education Department. A freshman, he is the son of Sherry and Jeff Des Jarden of Lowell and Scott and Sherry Ross of Lowell. Tim was on the honor roll and received a presidential award last

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry on as if nothing ever happened.

**Winston Churchill** 



Students of the Month, pictured, left to right, are Tim Ross, Katie Hettinga, D.J. Armstrong and Adam Buttrick. Missing from the picture is Amy Howes.

year. His teacher nominator says he works as hard as anyone and that if everyone had the attitude that Tim has, the world would be a better place.

Amy Howes was chosen by the Social Studies Department. A senior, she is the daughter of Steven and Linda Howes of Lowell. Amy is involved in BPA and the Art and Drama Club at LHS. She is also employed at Alticor. Her plans for next year are to attend GRCC. Howes' teacher nominator says that Amy exhibits outstanding performance and astute observations in AP Government and Politics.

D.J. Armstrong was selected by the Business Department. A senior, he is the son of Mike and Lynne Armstrong, D.J.'s extracurricular activities include BPA, Bowling Club, National Honor Society and Men's Club. He is also employed at Lowell Lanes. Next year Armstrong plans to attend GRCC. His teacher nominator says D.J. placed first in a regional Business Professionals of America competition in 2001 and also competed at the state and national levels.

Adam Buttrick was chosen by the English Department. A senior, he is the son of Trudy White of Ada. Adam participated in Debate in his first two years at LHS. He plans to attend Central Michigan University next year. Adam's teacher nominator says his incredible capacity for abstract thought, challenging opinions and creative energy make him a joy to teach.

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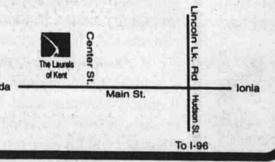
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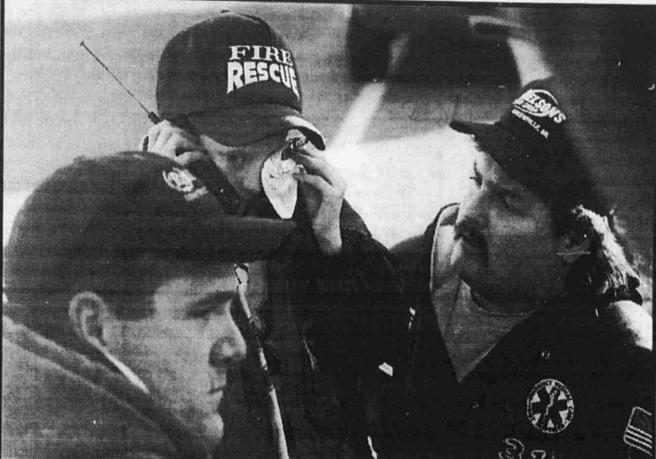


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#### Comfort in Action

Linda Barle's skill as a bus driver enabled her to avert a serious accident of Friday, Dec. 21.

Barle was transporting elementary children from the Lowell YMCA to Greenville for a field trip.

On the way, a driver of a northbound pickup truck crossed the center line into the path of her bus. Barle took to the ditch as opposed to hitting the truck head-on. Barle's work was not complete, however, as she continued to provide comfort and encouragement not only to the children on the bus but also to the driver and young occupants in the truck.

In a letter to the school district's transportation director, Larry Mikulski, Mark Rosenberger, a member of the Grattan Township Fire Department, took a moment to praise Barle for her work.

Rosenberger wrote that it was obvious to those at the scene of the accident on Lincoln Lake Avenue that Barle's skill and expertise enabled her to avoid a more serious accident.

Pictured above is YMCA member, Cody Rocco with emergency personnel. Rocco holds ice on one eye while talking on the cell phone with his mother, Mariann Rocco.

#### COLLEGE NEWS

are included on the dean's list

To be eligible, students must have completed at least a 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 hours of graded class Included in the Lowell

area are: Rvan M. Aksamitowski, Brianne Gallert, Brooke Gallert, Courtney S. Hedlund, Eric S. Howes, Jennifer L. Kitchen, Erin N. Koewers. Laura E. LaHave, Katrina E. Robinson, Shelly R. Staal. Brandy L. Stroo, Lindsey J. Thayer, and Nicole L. Waldron.

From the Alto area are: Jason J. Bishop, Nicole S. Eakins, Mandy Jacobs, Blair M. Mathews, and Jaclyn K. Shurmack.

Beth A. Hoag, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hoag of Lowell, has received recognition of the dean's list for the fall semester at Bradley

A total of 4,716 students University in Peoria, Illinois.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade Western Michigan Univer- point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Bradley University is an dowed, coeducational institution with an enrollment of

the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges, has an-

area are: Adam G. Boot and Katherine L. Sikma.

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earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for fall semester 2001. Students from Michigan numbered 6,735.

Students included on the list from the Lowell area are: Karrie Ruth Akers. Katherine Marie Akers, Jason Allen Alber, Jenny Rebecca Borg, Amanda Marie Brown, Jennifer Vanderko Denhouter, Stephanie Jo Ellison, Mark independent, privately en- Carver Fox, Aaron Chris Kaeb, Benjamin Carl Kaeb, Cara Lin McQueen, Jeremy approximately 6,000 students. C. Moerdyke, Lisa Renee Penninga, Jeffrey Robert Calvin College, one of Pfaller, Scott Willem Vanderende and Christopher Carl Wilcox; from the nounced its fall 2001 dean's Alto area are: Stephanie A. Anderson, Rex Jay Beach. From the Lowell area are: Katie Jean Benham, Eric Erin Fields, Daniel J. Paul Delmar, Elizabeth Huffman, Andrea M. Atkins Fortuna, Joel Freeh Renkema and Seth D. Fortuna, Sean M. Hartley, Renkema. From the Alto Colleen Joanne Nelsen, Joseph Ronald White, Chris Dayton Williams and Jes-

You may view an up-todent maintain a 3.5 grade point date list of honor students have a 3.3 cumulative grade www.reg.msu.edu/deanlist/ deanlist.asp. This web site will not list students who have any part of their records marked

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## City Hall, continued... From Page 1

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TUES: Nachos w/meat & cheese & cornbread or pork rib BQ on bun, peaches & pears, celery & carrot sticks, pudding.

WED: Pepperoni pizza or ravioli & cheese w/bread & butter, corn, pineapple

Shawn & Zach Grandparents are THURS: Sausage, egg & Pat & Lou Williams cheese on English muffin of Ludington, or chili w/soft pretzel, tater Diane Piper of Ionia & tots, frozen juice treat.

FRI: Chicken rings or beef burrito, French bread slice, fresh fruit choice, corn.

reimbursed to the city's general fund through the second

However, the lower costs bring the millage rate to approximately 3.5 mills. The Downtown Development Authority has indicated that for the first year, it would be willing to reduce the millage by a mill and would still have monies available to continue with other projects. The DDA would like to review its contribution on a yearly basis to assure it has the funding it needs for capital improvement projects, Pasquale

"We are working to reduce as much of the burden to the taxpayer as possible," Pasquale said, adding that with all that has been dome to cut costs, he still sees the entire project as

With that in mind, the council went ahead and approved the second phase of the design work, which will include construction documents, bidding and contract administration. These drawings should be available around mid-May, Smith said, adding that after that, the city would have an even clearer picture of how much the project will cost.

The council also approved the hiring of Rick Davis as the construction manager. Davis, who worked on the Englehardt Library, was interviewed by Pasquale, Public Works director Dan Des Jarden, and councilmember, Jim Pfaller. Davis has 20 years of experience in the construction field. He will receive five percent of the cost of the work or \$160,997.

#### Gilmore reconsiders deal with DDA; asks city to purchase portion of property for outside cafe

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Greg Gilmore was honest at the meeting when he said, "I may have shot myself in the foot" about agreeing to run his outside cafe for a trial period of one year with the Downtown Development Authority.

Gilmore went before the DDA with his proposal to purchase some city property that would extend the patio area for the proposed bistro at 201 E. Main by 12 feet from the building and 80 feet from the northwest corner to the southwest corner.

At the meeting, a majority of the DDA members did

support selling Gilmore the

to put a ramp on the front of the building. "I want that security because I want to have that

cap access," Gilmore said.

outdoor seating and handi-The council was also in

Pfaller and Dan Brubaker,

city property and a majority

did support leasing him some

of the city's Riverwalk for

the cafe. However, to ap-

pease everyone, Gilmore

said he did agree to a one-

slept on the idea, he realized

that it wasn't going to work

because it did not give the

restaurant the security of

having the outdoor seating

available along with required

handicap accessibility. To

meet accessibility require-

ments, Gilmore would have

After he got home and

had to excuse themselves from discussion and voting on the matter due to a conflict of interest. Councilmember Mike Blough was absent. So all that mayor, Jeanne Shores and councilmember, Charles Myers could do was listen to Gilmore's case.

Gilmore said he would like to put out on the table the proposal that he purchase the piece of city property to square off his property. He also would like to lease a portion of the Riverwalk, as in his original proposal, and inquired about an outdoor cafe ordinance, which the city currently does city.'

He suggested that he attend the next city council meeting, Feb. 4, with a drawing of how the cafe would be set up along with fencing and ada little bit of a fix since two of the four members, Jim dressing other concerns.

City manager, David

Pasquale said one of the concerns that came up was what would happen if Gilmore Enterprises no longer owned the property, or the restaurant ceased to exist. Pasquale said those concerns could be addressed in some sort of agreement between the city and Gilmore to allow for the outdoor seating along the Riverwalk.

"I am 100 percent behind what Greg Gilmore is proposing," Pasquale said. "I also want to protect our rights, but I feel it is going to be enormously attractive for the

Gilmore said other cities have found outdoor cafes to be a big benefit. He currently pays fees in East Grand Rapids, \$15, and Grand Haven, \$20, for permits to maintain his outdoor cafes.



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## Sidewalk, cont'd... From Page 1

Blough was absent.

said the city does need to

Councilmember, Mike look into developing a formula for the sidewalks so that ev-Mayor Jeanne Shores eryone is treated fairly. Pasquale said the staff wil

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of but often taken for granted.

begin that process before bringing any other such requests before the council.

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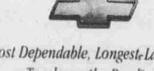
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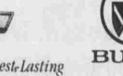
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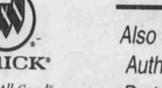
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#### Easing requirements improves participation in food assistance program

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Michigan has experienced a 25 percent increase in the number of applications and participation in the state's food assistance program.

Maureen Sorbet, Family Independence Agency spokesperson, attributes those rising numbers to the easing requirements in getting food assistance.

The agency currently serves 318,565 households which is were aware but chose not to participate in the program. equivalent to 729,020 individuals.

Changes instituted into the program as of July 2001

Accepting fax applications.

· In-person interviews are no longer required for hardship, seniors or disabled applicants.

· A simplified process for reporting income.

The Family Independence Agency is a food assistance program which no longer issues food stamps. The food stamp program still exists, but now benefits are issued through an electronics benefit card (functions like a bank debit card).

Lack of participation in previous years was blamed on people not being aware they were eligible for program benefits. Sorbet adds that many eligible households/individuals

The other part of the equation, according to Sorbet, is many eligible households receive assistance through local shelters, churches, soup kitchens and food pantries.

A Kent County Family Independence Agency information specialist may be reached at 247-6332 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon.

#### **Lowell Folkstyle Wrestling Results**

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			55 lbs	Jacob Sweet	1st	
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#### **TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN**

#### **COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 6, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Thomas Byrne for a special land use for a private road to serve four parcels of land in the A Agricultural District, such lands being located on the south side of Five Mile Road, West of Lincoln Lake Avenue and East of Byrne Avenue and being legally described as follows:

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also includes requested approval of the division of the abovedescribed lands into four parcels, for residential purposes and such other purposes as may be permitted under the terms of the A Agricultural District, and site plan review of the plan of the private road and the lands to be served thereby.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: January 18, 2002

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Summary of the Regular Meeting of the Lowell Board of Education

Held on January 14, 2002

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Jason Craig, Student Council President and Representative to the Board, reported that the students are busy taking exams this week, money has been sent to the various charities from fundraiser activities from last month and there will be another student council sponsored blood drive in February.

REPORT - Physical Education Overview - District physical education teachers were on hand to explain the physical education curriculum. Students - Marcus Fron, Devyn Earls, Kayla Barr and Zach Baum explained about the water safety classes they attended at the Forest Hills Aquatic Center.

REPORT - Middle School Science - Four Power Point presentations were made by 6th grade students - Tyler Barkacs, Drake Chittenden, Matt Eggerding, Nick Lachniet, Brett McMahon, Sara Poelstra, Heather Walendzik and Kaylee Westerhuis. They showed how they are using "technology" while learning about science.

**ACTION ITEMS -**

Accepted the following gifts:

 Holly Oudhoff donation of taffeta gown valued at \$200 to be used by the high school drama department for the

Jamie VanPortfleet donation of wedding dress and veil valued at \$430 to be used by the high school drama department for the musical

· Lowell Showboat Garden Club donation of money to be used by the Wittenbach Center.

• Laurie Mooney donation of craft supplies valued at \$70 to be used by the TOTS program. Mary Moore donation of computer equipment valued at

\$200 to be used by the high school technology VanderZiel Machine Sales donation of computer,

supplies and equipment valued at \$15,350 to be used by the high school technology education department. • A-1 Laser and Die Engineering (Rudy and Lori Smith) donation of plywood and step valued at \$8,812 to be used by the high school technology education

· Estate of Molly Wepman donation of \$500 to be used by the Lowell Middle School Band.

Approved the budget reductions for the 2nd semester of the 2001-2002 school year and adopted the one-time

**CONSENT ITEMS -** Approved/Adopted were: The minutes for the December 10, 2001 regular meeting and the January 7, 2002 board workshop.

 The following payment of bills for December 2001 GENERAL FUND. .\$810,236.13 1990 DEBT FUND. .\$1,025.00 2000 DEBT FUND. ..137.50 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND .\$10,731.12 A. Food Service Fund ..\$7,673.64 B. Athletic Fund. 2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND. .\$46,750.10

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND. High school course description update to include special

education indicators. · Student trip request for the Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club to travel to Beaver Island, MI on June 27 through June 30, 2002.

BOND FOLLOW-UP - Bert Bleke reported that the district will continue to plan for a new elementary school and addition to the high school and will monitor student enrollment and the economic climate.

COMMON CALENDAR - Connie Gillette reported that. the Kent County school district are looking at developing a common calendar beginning with the 2003-2004 school year. This concept will come back for board approval at a

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Bert Bleke showed the audience a trophy that the gymnastics team won and congratulated the group for Lowell's first gymnastics trophy. Bert then thanked the Board of Education for their service to the community, and gave special acknowledgment to bus driver, Linda Barle and her quick response in protecting her passengers during an accident

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Regular Board Meeting Monday, Feb. 11, 2002 • 7:00 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room Please visit our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us We Value: Responsibility • Integrity \* Compassion \* Honesty \* Respect



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## Turning the 'Ben'; Lowell gearing up for tournament run

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell heavyweight, Ben Vaught has spent a large portion of the season rebounding from an illness.

Vaught showed that good health may now be back in his corner in Lowell's 39-16 win over Richmond at the Gary Rivers Memorial Invitational on Saturday

Vaught trailed 4-3 with 17 seconds remaining in his match against Richmond's J.P. Casey when he recorded an escape to tie the match at 4-4 and seconds later took Casey to his back for a 7-4 win.

The win wasn't significant to the outcome of the match, but it was significant to Vaught who has been working to regain all the strength zapped by a month-and-a-half bout with mono.

"It's been tough, but this is a confidence booster," Vaught explained. "I still have work to do, but I plan on being ready for our title run.'

Based on Saturday's results, the Red Arrows may also have found that same track.

"Our journey is gradually leading us to that post-season form," said Lowell wrestling coach, Dave Strejc. "The boys were ready to wrestle today against a very good Richmond club."

The Red Arrows won 10 of 14 matches including the first six against a Blue Devil squad which placed second at the Michigan Duals earlier this year.

"We're disappointed we didn't wrestle our best. I think the boys may have spent everything against Escanaba in the semifinals." Richmond coach, George Hamblin explained. The Red Arrows got stellar performances from their best

and got wins at weights where they were not ex-

"Things go our way in close matches at 135 140 and heavyweight,' Strejc says. "If they win those weights, it's a 3-5 point match.

Along with Vaught's dramatic decision, Lowell got big wins from Kevin Frazier (135) and Jim Kelly (140). Frazier earned a 6-5 decision against Rick Bastien and Kelly followed with a 6-3 decision over Pat

Schweiger. Leading up to those weights, Mike Nearing (112) decisioned Matt Stefferen 9-3; Brandon McKinney (119) decisioned Brian Ranger

11-4; Ian DeRath (125) dominated A.J. Martin 18-2 and Beau

Wilder (130) bested Lee Bertossi 11-2, giving Lowell a 15-0

With wins by Frazier and Kelly, it was 21-0 before



J.J. Wilder wasn't able to pin FHC's Alex Cochrane with the spladle but he did major decision the Ranger 13-3.

Richmond got on the board.

Lowell's Ian DeRath earned a 10-4 decision against Ben Blowers.

Ken Thomas (145) decisioned Bobby Gingerich 6-4; Lance Whitney (152) pinned Braton Fredline 11-2 and Mark Swontek upended J.J. Wilder 8-4, cutting Lowell's advantage Lowell's lead to 29-18. to 21-10.

bleeding with a pin at 54 seconds of the first period against Adam Pradko.

Following Jacob Lott's pin against Jason Murray (189) at 49 seconds of the first period, Lowell led 27-16.

The Red Arrows won the next three matches. Fleet Ben decisioned Mike Poppe (sixth in the state in Division III last year) 7-1. Following Vaught's win, Joe

Mendez (103) pinned Tom Martindale at 3:19 of the second period in the day's final match.

Lowell 42, FHC 18

Lowell improved its league wrestling record to 4-0 with a convincing 42-18 win over Forest Hills Cen-

> "We've had a number of wrestlers in and out of the lineup," Lowell wrestling coach, Dave Strejc explained. "Now it's time to get them all back on the same page and gradually gear up for the post season."

> The Red Arrows began that process with their performance against the Rangers. Lowell won 10 of the 14 matches and was in control throughout.

"It's coming ... the kids are beginning to get into a flow," Strejc said.

No one was flowing better than Lowell's Bobby Gingerich Thursday night. The junior was impressive in his 17-6 win over Rangers' **Brandon Cousins** 

"Bobby really looked good. He wrestled a near perfect match," Strejc said.

Lowell opened the match with wins by Brandon Kinney (119), Ian DeRath (125) and Beau

Wilder (130). Kinney major decisioned Max Doering 21-5; DeRath defeated Ben Blowers 10-4; and Wilder upended Mike Thomas 13-7.

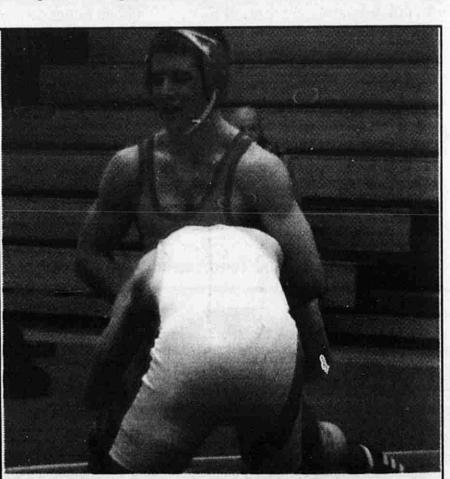
The Red Arrows lost three of four matches from 135-152 with Gingerich posting the only

The Ranger uprising cut Lowell's lead to 15-

The Red Arrows, however, finished the match winning six of the last seven weights. J.J. Wilder (160) decisioned Alex Cochrane 13-3; Mike

Forward (171) decisioned Bobby Janowiak 13-3; Ben Fleet (215) pinned Jes Smith at 1:47 of the first period, pushing

The Red Arrows finished the match with Ben Vaught Red Arrow (HWT) defeating Joe Barron 14-11; Joe Mendez pinning Mike Forward Garret Johnson 1:32 of the first period; and Mike Nearing (171) stopped the besting Scott Carpenter 10-1.



Beau Wilder earned an 11-2 decision in Lowell's win over Richmond at the Gary Rivers Memorial Invitational on Saturday.

Hudsonville and Greenville By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Trevino and Derek Bosch

Lowell was out-re-

Lowell's Sam Oberlin

Fosburg and Mark Biener

at 1-5 in the O-K White and

Lowell finished the week

Lowell experienced an-

other stretch of scoreless bas-

ketball against Greenville.

each tallied eight points.

Greenville 59

Lowell 50

3-8 overall.

Lowell boys basketball team was hammered by Hudsonville Friday night 78- each added 11 points.

The good news is: It's bounded by the bigger Eagle squad 36-15. the type of loss that is put behind a team before it gets on the bus for the ride home. was the only Red Arrow to It wasn't the type of loss score in double figures. He

where the Red Arrows were

In fact, Lowell led Hudsonville 15-14 after the opening eight minutes.

never in it.

But then it got ugly as Lowell was outscored 45-11 over the middle two quarters.

Four of Hudsonville's starters reached double figures as the Eagles netted a season-high eight three point

Kyle Clement led the way This time it came during cruwith 19 followed by Kyle cial moments of the fourth Feenstra with 12; Kyle quarter in the Red Arrow ninepoint loss to Yellowjackets.

"They jumped out to a big lead early and then we bounced back," said Lowell basketball coach, Jeff 19. McDonald. "But then we didn't score for a long stretch finished with 11. Mike of the fourth quarter."

> Lowell trailed 18-6 after the opening quarter before trimming the deficit (29-22) to seven at halftime.

The Red Arrows trimmed it to five to start the final period with a 16-14 scoring advantage in the third quar-

Lowell went the opening 4:33 of the fourth quarter without a point.

"We're just not there yet. We did a real nice job on their great player (Zach Ingles), but didn't do much else," McDonald said. "We make

the kind of effort we need at times, but not consistently." Ingles led all scorers with

Andy McQueen and Mark Catlin led Lowell with 11 points each. Bill Harrison netted 10.

"We backed off after the first quarter on defense, and let Lowell hang around. We're lucky it didn't come back to bite us," Greenville coach, Kent Ingles said. "It was ugly and I don't imagine they thought much of it ei-



Landon Trierweiler goes up for a shot in traffic in action against Hudsonville Friday night.

three games to Rangers

Lowell's freshman volleyball team started out a little

With the help of some great kills from Jessica Visser, the

In game two, Taylor Verdon started with three aces and

Visser, Megan Stubbs and Emily Gerard all played solid

The Rangers overcame five Devon Collins' kills,

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July 15

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October 21

September 16

November 18

December 16

the Township web site at bownetwp.cc.

January 21 February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

three tip kills at the net, leading Lowell to a 15-12 win.

games at the net, putting down Central overpasses.

discombobulated and found themselves behind 13-1 in the

Frosh spikers fall in

first game Thursday night at Forest Hills Central.

Red Arrows battled back before losing 15-10.

defeating Lowell 15-6.

#### Keller, Rangers too much for Red Arrows

Lowell stumbles in losses to

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

No one had to tell Carisa Sayer and Carmen Datema that with two of their team's top gymnasts out, the spotlight would be turned on them.

"They have gained confidence and have a sense of maturity. I have to tell them less," said Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan. "I am not surprised they stepped 9.1.

Without Krystal White and minus Melissa Neubecker for three of four events, Lowell still managed to tally a respectable score in its 137.35-131.45 loss to Forest Hills

"The girls have been pretty consistent with scoring 131," DeHaan explained. "I don't get stuck on numbers. I focus on sticking landings, eliminating falls and things we can control. If the girls take care of those things, our team score will come a 7.95 and 7.5 respectively.

Both Datema and Sayer focused on the task at hand and stepped up in Neubecker and White's absence. Both gym-

nasts contributed qualifying scores in three of four events On the vault, Holly Plattner led all Red Arrows with a score of 9.05. Datema followed with an 8.05; Nicole Gillikir

Central's Christy Keller was the medalist with a score of

and Jenna Dickerman recorded marks of 7.85 and 7.8 respec-

Keller also tallied the top score on the uneven bars with

Plattner was third with an 8.4. Neubecker placed fourth with an 8.3 followed by Katie Blough (6th) 7.9 and Sayer

Plattner earned a personal best score of 8.8 to win the balance beam event.

Sayer scored 8.3 with Datema and Kim Seaman tallying

Keller's 9.55 earned her top honors in the floor exercise Plattner was second with a 9.3.

Dickerman, finishing fifth at 8.5, was followed by

#### **TOWNSHIP** Datema's 8.2 and Sayer's 7.8. NOTICE

## Red Arrow icers shutout by Wayland

The Lowell/Caledonia hockey team lost a tough conference matchup to Wayland this past weekend by a slim margin of 1-0. The Red Arrows were hoping to avenge an earlier season loss to the Wildcats, but had difficulty putting together any consistent offensive flow the whole night.

Wayland scored the game's only goal at 12:54 of the first period, and both teams had numerous chances to score late in the game, but the score remained 1-0. "Wayland did a nice job pressuring us in our defensive zone and we had trouble breaking the puck out at times," said head coach, Paul Jacobus.

"The game was dominated by penalties on both sides the whole night which makes it hard for either team to establish any consistent offensive flow."

Unfortunately for the Red Arrows, senior Chris Rybicki (Caledonia) broke his left arm late in the game and will most likely miss the rest of the season. The Red Arrows' overall record now stands at 3-15-1.

The team plays South Christian this Friday at 9:00 p.m. at Southside Ice Arena and then plays Kenowa Hills Saturday at 9 p.m. at Standard Federal Ice Arena.

#### JV hockey team drops two

Even though the Lowell JV hockey team was not successful in winning either of its games this past week, they skated well against higher ranked teams from Grand Haven and Rockford.

The Red Arrows were ousted by the Grand Haven Bucaneers on Thursday by a score of 6-4. Ted McCoy contributed two goals and an assist to lead the offensive attack for Lowell. Corey Kelly also found the net with assistance from Pat McMahon. Brandon John added an unassisted goal to round out the Red Arrow scoring.

The Rockford Rams defeated the Red Arrows by a score of 5-3 on Saturday. A goal waived off by the officials early in the third period and an empty net goal by Rockford in the final seconds dashed the Red Arrows' hopes of a victory over the higher ranked Rams. McMahon led the scoring for the Red Arrows with a goal and an assist. McCoy and Kyle Austin each added goals with assistance from Kelly, John and Ramsey

The Lowell/Caledonia JV cooperative team has an away game this weekend against Okemos.



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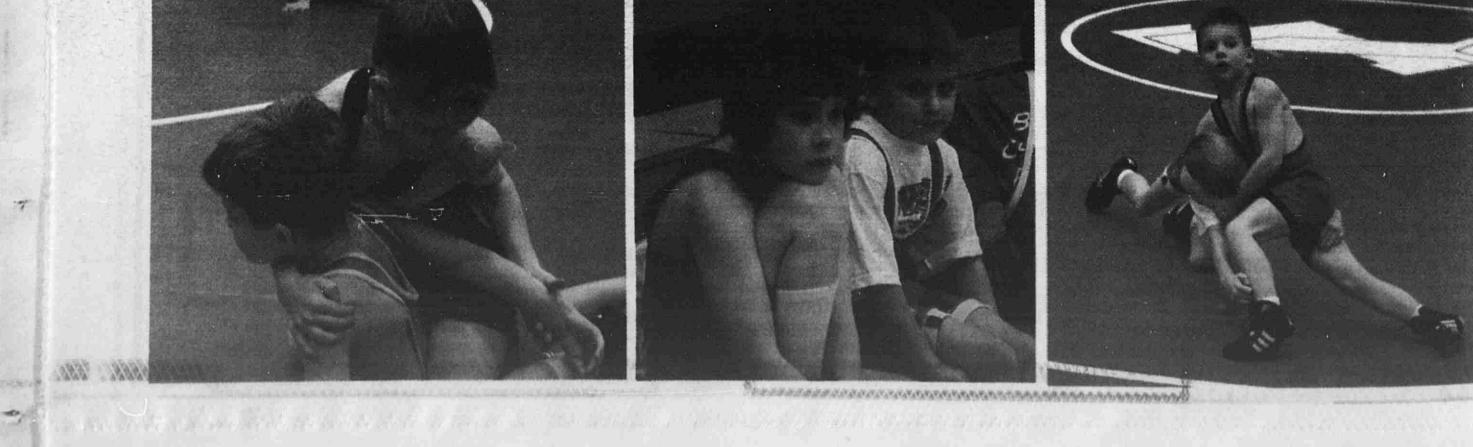
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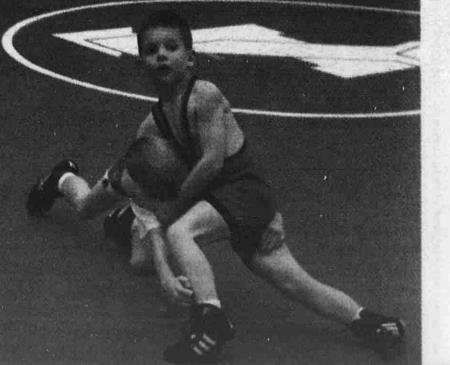
## Next:

As the Lowell wrestlers prepared to do battle with league rival Forest Hills Central, these young Red Arrows envision the day they, too, will wrestle varsity for Lowell.









THURS., FEB. 7: Wrestling

freestyle sign-ups at

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p.m. Bring birth certificate.

**THURS. & FRI., FEB. 7 &** 

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FEB. 9: Franciscan Life

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THURS., FEB. 28: Dead-

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## FEELS GOOD: The position of Lowell Middle School girls trace

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For most, being a middle school coach is used as a stepping stone to a high school position.

That's not been the case for Lowell's Julie Niemela - it's been a career choice.

"It's a fit that has always felt good. If it's not broken, why fix it," Niemela explains.

The Lowell Middle School girls track coach (19 1/2 years) adds that working closely with Kathy Talus, former college teammate and longtime Lowell High School girls track coach, has made it an easy decision.

"I have so much love and respect for Kathy. She has been a mentor to me. Kathy constantly inspires me to be better," Niemela says

Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association honored Niemela for "being better" with its Coach-of-the-Year award. She was nominated by Talus.

"Robin (Briggs -assistant high school girls track coach) and I were at the conference last year and heard other speakers. We both agreed Julie topped them all," Talus explained "Being a middle school coach has been a career choice for her and she has done it with such ease and success."

Middle school girls track is more than physical fitness and winning; it's having fun and enjoying the experience.

Niemela has provided that for a record number of girls. "Julie enjoys the kids, and the kids know that and respect her," Talus explained.

The high school coach passed around a card for high school track members to sign. "They all had a one-liner and a story to tell about their middle school experience," Talus said.

The word has gotten out. For the past 12 years, Niemela's middle school track team rosters have consistently numbered over 100 and her teams have not lost a dual meet during that period.

Middle School girls track coach has been a perfect fit for Julie Niemela, in return she has provided untold youth a rewarding experience, fun and a formula for physical fitness.

"The beauty of the program is all the girls feel they are a part of the team. It's truly one happy family," Niemela says. In many events there are as many as seven heats. Niemela is there with encouragement for one or all of them to exceed their personal goals. "If they all improve personally, the team improves," she says.

Encouragement and passion can also be heard and felt in school. "If I see a girl run bases in gym, I may say to her 'you're pretty quick and/or fast; you should think about coming out for

Niemela has been assisted for the past seven years by Jayne Mathews. "Jayne has provided a balance and has been my right arm. She's kept me going," Niemela explains.

but not as a pinnacle. Her most prized personal accomplishment is earning a full-time basketball scholarship from Northern Michigan

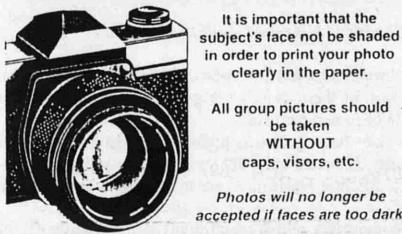
The Coach-of-the-Year award is viewed as a milestone

University as a walk-on. "Living up to what I expect from other people is what's important," she concludes.

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1ST SUN. OF EACH MON.: Family Council of Laurels of Kent volunteer group meets at 3 p.m. to discuss enhancing the lives of residents & staff, promoting more pleasant living and working environment. Public invited.

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Needlecraft Day at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., 1 p.m. following senior meal. Come knit & crochet or learn the craft. Get to know your neighbors. Call Lana at 691-8450 for info.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell **Board of Education meets** at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historica Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

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

FOURTH MONDAY OF **EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

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at the Masonic Center, 119 Rapids. Call 897-9794. EVERY1ST&3RDTUES.: No. 333, Saranac, meets

Lowell Lions Club meets at at Saranac Library. Weigh-6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- ins at 6:45 p.m. rial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

ents of children with AD/ Nazarene Church, 201 N. HD Issues Group meeting Washington, at 5:30 and at St. Luke's Lutheran 7 p.m. Registration begins Church, 32156 4 Mile NE 1/2 hour before meetings. (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. New members invited to Call Linda at 874-5662. For join. Call 1-800-651-6000. teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

with AD/HD Issues Group denominational help for repeater system. meeting at Calvin College pregnant women and ado-Rm. 206 of the Commons lescents at the school: 11 bldg. For information call

\$10; individuals \$3; ages

THURS.: The Alto Lions Nash) at 7 p.m.

2700 E. Fulton.

p.m.; Band: 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. 897-5981 for info.

Parents Supporting Parents-support group at workbooks & other hand-Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics and discussion for parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, EVERY FOURTH WED.: Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in gram with school-age LaLeche League of Ada, freshments served. Cascade & Lowell meets at St. Business meetings are sonal activities. Times 6:30 p.m. for socializing; THURS., JAN. 31: Photos on odd months & program available: 9:45 to 10:45 meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding Senior Class video. Turn in Nagle, F.S.E. at the Fran- women. Nursing children to Ginny Weber; put name are welcome to attend. Located at a church in Ada. Please call 752-8300 for

> eral neuropathy meets at 4 FRI: Walking-exercise program at 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

> > of Ada, 7144 Headley open

1 to 4 p.m. Open other times

CAL MUSEUM HOURS:

SECOND SAT. OF EV-EVERYTHURS.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI ERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 1 p.m.

THURS .: Weight Watch-SECOND THURS. OF EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- ers meets at Lowell EACH MONTH: Genealogy - Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m. SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club @ Lowell High School 9 a.m.

EVERY THURS. - St. social gathering; 10 a.m. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis meeting. LARC sponsors EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults Center, 402 Amity St., non- the 145.27 MHz area radio EVERY FRI. & SAT.: a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: Averill Historical Museum 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- EVERY MON.: Boy Scout EVERY WED.: Pioneer Middle School choir room. 5-17 \$1.50; members are Troop 102, for boys 11 & Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Ever- Info.: 897-1502 after 5 p.m. free.

> grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil- FIRST AND THIRD ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 -Club meets at Bowne Cen- 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 ter Fellowship Hall, corner a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 activities like hiking and WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON of 84th & M-50 (Alden a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

> > OF THE WOMEN EVERY 2ND THURS .: MOOSE: Business meet-N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. ing held the third Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, of each month at 7:30 p.m.

EVERYTHURS.: Saranac COUNCIL: Open Tues. Community and Area Mu- Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m. sicMakers at Saranac High Thurs.: noon-7 p.m.; Sat. School. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. Call Kathy at 642-6316/ SAT., JAN. 26: An improv

LOWELL AREA ARTS

workshop with Mary Jane Pories at Franciscan Life **EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Process Center from 9-3 p.m. Cost is \$75; includes outs. Register with Mary Jane at 458-2476.

TUES., JAN. 29: Wrestling freestyle sign-ups at Cherry Creek from 6-8 EVERY THIRD THURS .: p.m. Bring birth certificate.

> WED., JAN. 30: Lowell Area Historical Museum "Native Americans -18th & 19th centuries" program at Lowell Twp. Hall at 7:30

due of seniors or group shots (if not too small) for on back if you want them

What our contempts doth often hurl from us, we wish it ours again. -William Shakespeare, **Antony and Cleopatra** 

Weariness can snore upor the flint, when resty sloth finds the down pillow hard. -William Shakespeare, Cymbeline

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk

Shop at the Malls: 9:30

a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Eu-

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at

TUES.. JAN. 29: 12:40

p.m. Shop Wal-Mart &

Dollar Store; 1 p.m. Bible

Woodland Mall

#### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walkat Woodland Mall.

TUES .: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall: 1 p.m. Bible Study.

WED .: Varied activities.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Study.

WED., JAN. 23: 12:40 p.m. Lunch at Cafe in the Woods, Woodland Mall.

THURS., JAN. 24: Noon

p.m. Bingo.

FRI., JAN. 25: Noon Birthday Party; 12:40

WED., JAN. 30: 8 a.m. Women's Bkfst.; 12:40 p.m. Shop Family Fare.

THURS., JAN. 31: 12:40 p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart and Sav-A-Lot

## Funding for spring road projects increased

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Concerned that bids may come in higher than expected on the spring road projects, the Lowell City Council approved a request to increase bonding for the projects to \$625,000.

for a work session to discuss options for the reconstruction of North Division Street. By consensus, the council decided a 24-foot-wide pavement with curb and gutter from Grindle to 160 feet north of Avery would be the best option. This would include realigning the road north of High Street to correct the right of way encroachment at

After reviewing this option, city manager, David Pasquale said the cost estimate for the project is about

bond the city seeks would also cover the reconstruction project of Valley Vista, \$290,000, and the engineering for both Valley Vista and North Division is approximately \$75,000.

This brought the entire project cost to about The council met Jan. 14 \$621,000. Pasquale said he would be more comfortable if the city advertised for a \$625,000 transportation bond to cover all the costs.

"Of course, no bids have been received and there's always a possibility of higher costs," he said at the meeting.

The request met with si-

lence from the council, which has focused on keeping costs down on projects such as this and the City Hall/police station. Pasquale said he has heard the comment of "holding the line to construction costs" and felt that by in-\$256,000. The transportation creasing the original trans-

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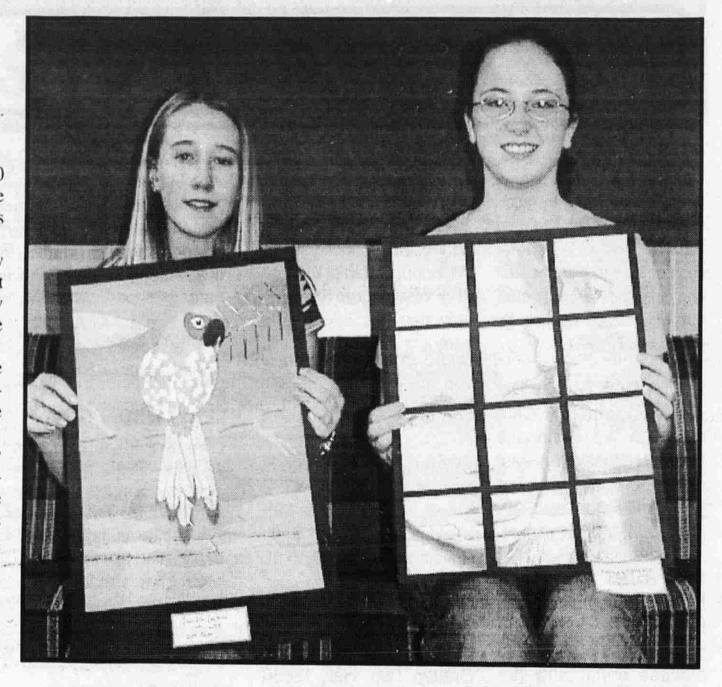
portation bond to \$625,000 would provide the city some flexibility but keep costs

"It allows you to borrow up to \$625,000, but you don't necessarily have to borrow it," Pasquale said. "You are just setting a ceiling."

The council agreed to the increase, which must be advertised for 45 days for the city to seek the bonding.

Pasquale said the city staff and the people it is working with on such projects are trying to keep costs down as low as possible and making every effort to project possible actual costs.

"We have a lot of good experience - we just don't know absolutely for sure [about costs]," he concluded



Paula Lawrence, left, received the People's Choice Award and Danielle Calkins work was named Best Use of Materials at the Lowell Area Arts Council's LMS art show.

#### Art show a display of pride for young artists

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Over 200 pieces of art

sixth, seventh and eighth-Patrick's.

The artwork included clay sculptures, oil pastels, acrylic paintings, pencil drawings,

photo realism and coil pots. "This show provides stu-

dents with an opportunity to were showcased during a display and see their work at week-long middle school art a public art gallery," said show at the Lowell Area Arts LAAC executive director, Loraine Smalligan. "It gives The work was that of them a real sense of pride."

Lowell Middle School art graders from Lowell and St. teacher, Theresa Wasciuk said the work was selected from students' portfolios.

"We spend about two weeks in each area of art that's

represented in the show," Wasciuk explains. "We try to represent each student in the show. The work the students did was outstanding."

Paula Lawrence, eighthgrade, was honored with the People's Choice Award for her photo realism artwork.

Danielle Calkins, seventh-grade, was presented with the Best Use of Materials Award for her cut paper

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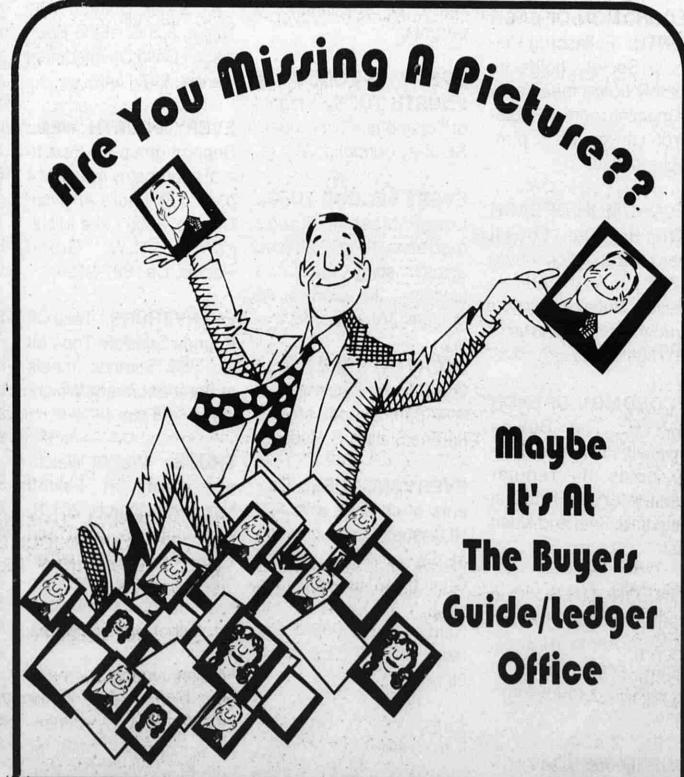
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## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**PROCEEDINGS** CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JANUARY 7,

City Clerk Betty Morlock swore in the newly elected Councilmember Jim Pfaller as well as re-elected Councilmembers Daniel Brubaker, Charles Myers and Jeanne Shores.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by City Manager Pasquale and the City Clerk called Roll.

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

City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk impacted by the terrorist attacks. Betty Morlock, Police Sergeant Steve Junewick, Police Officer James Hinton, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall and Chamber of Commerce Director Liz Baker.

Item #1. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO unteers, including 41 from West Michigan, have an-**TEM.** As required by the City Charter, the election of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem was held by Council for twoyear terms. City Manager Pasquale opened the floor for nominations.

to nominate Michael K. Blough for Mayor.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to nominate C. Jeanne Shores for Mayor.

Nominations were closed. Votes for Blough: 2. (Councilmembers Blough and Myers).

Votes for Shores: 3. (Councilmembers Brubaker, Pfaller and Shores)

Councilmember Shores was elected to the position of

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by PFALLER to nominate Charles R. Myers as Mayor Pro

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER to ratify the nomina-YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Myers was elected to the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

thanked her family and friends who were present, noting how much they are appreciated.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the minutes of the December 17 2001 regular meeting as written.

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

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

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

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (12/17/01)** GENERAL FUND. .\$115,711.32 .. 593.10 MAJOR STREET FUND . 188.53 LOCAL STREET FUND .5,808.81 DDA FUND CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND ...... 7,804.72 .47.65 AIRPORT FUND. .31,937.63 WASTEWATER FUND. WATER FUND . 8,381.63 .4,392.49 EQUIPMENT FUND. .74,973.40 CURRENT TAX FUND

Item #2. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE FROM THE National City Bank

AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR LIBERTY DISASTER RELIEF FUND. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Liz Baker presented a plaque received from the American Red Cross for the Lowell community in support of the Liberty Disaster Relief Fund aiding the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist incidents. The following letter was read into record:

Dear Ms. Baker.

On behalf of the entire American Red Cross organization and the people we serve, please accept our most sincere thanks for the important role played by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in collecting donations for the disaster relief efforts. The \$10,000 contributed by the individuals and businesses in the Lowell area reflects not only the personal generosity, but a remarkable community spirit. All funds have been remitted to our "Liberty Fund," where they are being used exclusively to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the people directly

Even before the full extent of this tragedy was known, the Red Cross had mobilized to bring life saving blood, food, shelter and grief counseling to victims and their families. More than 50,000 Red Cross-trained disaster relief volswered the call for help. Since September 11, they have served 12.6 million meals and snacks, provided safe to approve the continuing resolution to collect the sumrefuge for more than 4,000 displaced persons, and have mer property taxes of 2002 for the Grand Rapids Comoffered mental health and spiritual counseling to more munity College. than 194,000 people. Most important, in the less than YEA: 5. IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH three months they have been able to distribute \$179 million in cash and services to more than 31,000 families - three times as much as all other agencies combined! By year end, we will have distributed \$275 million in direct assistance.

> no financial worries for at least a year, the Red Cross has committed \$229 million to outright grants for food, clothing, utilities, transportation, childcare, mortgage or rent, clarified and all sources of aid can be coordinated. their jobs as a result of the disaster. To date, only 6.4% Commission on December 11, 1991. of the donations have been consumed by overhead cost.

We are very grateful for the help of the Lowell Area Compensation Commission shall determine the salary of Chamber of Commerce in this time of extraordinary need. And, we hope we will be able to count on you to be the salary unless the City Council, by resolution sustain and enhance our disaster relief capability. Only adopted by two-thirds (4) of the Councilmembers elected with your continued support will the Red Cross be able to and serving on the City Council rejects it. meet the next challenge, be it a terrorist attack, a tornado, or a flood right here in West Michigan. Thanks again.

Jon P. Bachelder **Executive Director** 

Mayor Shores thanked those who voted for her. She also Baker stated the Lowell Community contributed \$10,000 with Cherry Creek Elementary School providing \$2,000

> Mayor Shores thanked Baker for presenting the certificate. Shores was proud to say she is from Lowell. When there is a need, Lowell stands behind it.

No further information was provided.

Item#3. ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES OF CITY BANK ACCOUNTS AND DESIGNATION OF **DEPOSITORY BANKS.** The following designations are

a. Authorized signatures:

Mayor Jeanne Shores City Manager David Pasquale Mayor Pro Tem Charles Myers City Treasurer Suzanne Olin Police Chief James Valentine Financial Services Officer Charlene McNab

b. Safety Deposit Box: **Betty Morlock** Susan Ullery Vickie Videan

c. Depository Banks: Comerica Bank-Grand Rapids **Huntington Banks** 

(Grand Rapids) (Grand Rapids)

(Lowell, Ada, Grand Rapids) (Ada, Grand Rapids) Bank One-Grand Rapids (Ada, Grand Rapids) Standard Federal Bank (Lowell) Ionia County National Bank

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by PFALLER to accept the designated depository banks and authorized signatures for bank accounts and access to the safety deposit box during the ensuing year as recommended.

YEA: 4. (Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Pfaller and Mayor Shores)

ABSTAIN: 1. (Councilmember Myers) MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE **COLLECTION OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES FOR** 2002. As recently carried out for the Lowell Area Schools and the Kent County Intermediate School District, Grand Rapids Community College has requested that the City collect the summer property taxes for the district. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects the GRCC's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during the bank deposit before distributing these

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS

ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. REPORT FROM THE LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION. On December 12, To ensure that the families who lost breadwinners have 2001, the Local Officers Compensation Commission held their bi-annual meeting to consider salary adjustments for the Mayor and the City Council. The Commission decided to increase the compensation for the Mayor tuition, funerals and related expenses. More will be from \$30 to \$40 per meeting and a maximum of \$720 to made available in the future, as individual needs are \$1,000 a year. The Councilmembers were to be raised from \$25 to \$35 per meeting and to a maximum of \$625 Assistance is also being provided to the people who lost to \$875 a year. The last increase was approved by the

> Under Section 2-25 of the Code of Ordinances, the each Councilmember including the Mayor, which shall

The determination of the Compensation Commission shall be effective thirty (30) days following the filing with Very truly yours, the City Clerk (January 11, 2002), unless rejected by the City Council.

> Councilmember Myers proposed being paid quarterly, rather than annually. Councilmember Blough disagreed, explaining the compensation is not large enough and would only create additional work for employees at City

Blough stated he would rather minimize the impact. He believed even if the current pay was maintained, the Council would still not be the lowest in the area.

Blough was appreciative of the Compensation Commission and the recommended increase. However, he did not see any added value to the City taxpayers, if the rate was increased.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER to keep the current compensation schedule for the Mayor and City Council. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - 2002-2003 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS - SET PUBLIC HEARING. Kent County has informed the City that an estimated \$30,384.78 in Federal Community Development Block Grant funds is available for various community projects beginning July 1, 2002. City Manager Pasquale recommended these funds be distributed

North Hudson Street Sidewalk westside from West Main to North City Limits, replacing inadequate walk (474 lineal feet) and installing new sidewalk (765 lineal feet)

North Kent Transit assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders.

\$ 4,000

Graham Building-assistance for new roof, total estimated cost \$40,000; encourage Lowell and Vergennes Townships' Block Grant contributions. CDBG -\$10,000

In consulting with Tom Tilma of the Kent County Community Development Department, the City may borrow ahead in next year's allocations to meet these established needs.

Thus, Pasquale recommended a public hearing be held at the next City Council meeting of January 21, 2002.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to set a public hearing for January 21, 2002 to consider the Community Development Block Grant -2002-2003 Allocation of Funds.

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

Item #7. 201 EAST MAIN - GILMORE ENTERPRISES - REQUEST TO PURCHASE AND LEASE CITY RIVERWALK PROPERTY. City Councilmembers Brubaker and Pfaller abstained from discussion due to conflicts of interest.

Gregory Gilmore of Gilmore Enterprises was present to make a request of the City and provide an update on the status of the building located at 201 East Main Street.

building had just been completed. Currently, the company is in the process of applying for one of two available traffic. The second situation is whether there are two, No further information was discussed liquor licenses. One is awarded for DDA's and may be three or five curb cuts. This is a steep graded hill with no issued by the State. The second license is being purchased from one of their other establishments and could be transferred to the 201 E. Main Street location.

He anticipated the license to arrive sometime in April or poor drainage. Blough noted the drain which runs west May. Regardless, he believed the restaurant would be open for business in May. He did not believe it would take long to renovate because there is a solid shell to work

Gilmore noted the small area he owns outside the building. However, it would not allow enough room to have outdoor seating. Therefore, he was hoping to either purchase or lease additional property from the City. This dent. would also allow the business to square off the lot line and always have the ability to seat patrons outside. Gilmore also explained his desire to have an easement with the City, allowing even more additional seating in the riverwalk area. A removable barrier would be erected around the seating area. The area would also need to be approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission as well as the Police Department.

At the very least, Gilmore asked for the permission for an easement or to lease the areas, if a sale is not possible. This would allow the business to utilize the outdoor area and have approximately 40 to 50 seats available on a seasonable basis.

Gilmore noted he would work with the surveyor to outline the exact measurements as soon as some guidance is received from the City. He also wanted to ensure the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) had sufficient

Councilmember Blough believed the business would provide a focal point or destination to the historic district.

Blough endorsed the idea of receiving input from the Lloyd Ritzema of 829 Shepard Drive stated it is difficult DDA. However, he wanted the Authority to be aware of the fact the City Council supported the business. Councilmember Myers concurred.

By general consensus, the Council agreed to have the DDA review. Pasquale said this would be reviewed at the DDA's January 17 meeting.

Gilmore Enterprises. Gilmore responded no. The only suffered from the heavy construction equipment. issue which would be different is the ownership.

Gilmore also noted the City's property would be needed for the ADA handicap access into the building.

No further information was provided.

Item #8. SHEPARD DRIVE HOUSING DEVELOP-MENT - REVIEW. Holwerda Builders has initiated work on the east side of Shepard Drive constructing four single-family homes. In order to update the Council, the following issues were reviewed:

Zoning: The properties involved are zoned R-1 Residential District. This requires a lot width of 75 feet and 9,750 coordination of the job site and keeping workers out of square feet of lot area. All lots conform as well as the residents' driveways. housing sites setbacks.

Driveway access: On September 17, the Council granted access easements for the three northernmost sites contingent upon DPW review. The drawing provided initially designated in general locations. These were approved by the DPW.

Sanitary sewer: During construction, sanitary sewer was disturbed to a neighboring resident. This has been

Keith Hammersma of Holwerda Builders stated there was never any intent to have one shared driveway. It just happened where two drives fell on the paper on the lot

Councilmember Blough stated whether there was any intent or not, this was handled in September. meeting minutes indicated the motion was to curb cut. Now, the City is in a situation where a decision of the attorney has placed four piercings. Lloyd Ritzema of 829 Shepard Drive stated there are actually five, noting there is one original plus four new ones.

Blough explained several situations happened to involve Gilmore explained demolition of the entire interior of the everyone in this discussion. The first was an unfortunate situation with a cement truck which got stuck and blocked running along the rights of way. This makes it extremely hazardous for residents when traveling up and down during the winter months. The third concern involves the off the hill, next to 803 Shepard Drive. The end of this culvert was plugged during construction. The fourth involves some type of unknown lease easement which has to do with the utility pole. Unfortunately, the developer approached one of the residents without enough their own expense. This of course does not make for a good relationship between the developer and the resi-

> Blough stated if it comes to a safety issue, a variance was given for a waiver to the sidewalk requirement. If sidewalks are needed, the City should work with the developer. If trees need to be taken down in order to have a good right of way, then possibly the City might look to the developer in the interest of good community harmony to remove some trees at the developer's cost.

> Blough mentioned there was also a question about the value of a walnut tree, which was taken down by the developer. He was unsure if the tree was on City property or not, but questioned if compensation of the tree ought

> Blough believed there was much for City staff to review. He suggested having to ask for a resolution on all of these issues at the January 21, 2002 meeting.

> Blough inquired what the City residents wished to see. Ellen Ritzema of 825 Shepard Drive stated the sidewalks were an issue for her. She believed there was a safety issue when simply driving up and down Shepard Drive.

traveling up the hill in the winter. He has had to back down many times and try again to get up the hill. Coming approximately one year. down can also be treacherous.

Hammersma noted there will only be four new homes on Shepard Drive. The company builds attractive developments. He noted it is a sparsely populated road.

Myers asked if it would make any difference in the Laurie Summerfield of 802 Shepard Drive was frustrated construction of the patio if the City leased or sold it to with the situation. She believed Shepard Drive has

Shores asked if trucks are parked in the area overnight. The citizens responded yes. Hammersma stated Holwerda is currently in the process of pouring the walls. He would bring the parking issue to the workers' atten-

Blough suggested the builder and residents sit down together and resolve the issues. He reviewed the following items which weigh heavy on the residents minds: (1) the safety issue relative to sidewalks, (2) trees and landscaping - some individuals do not wish to have trees removed, (3) minimize the number of curb cuts, (4)

Mayor Shores stated the builder and residents should set a time to discuss the matter. She suggested Public Works Director Dan DesJarden review the trees. She also felt Chief Valentine should review the safety situation, noting Shepard Drive has never been in very good condition.

Dirk Ritzema questioned the sewer culvert which runs under Shepard Drive by Jones' driveway (803 Shepard). The first driveway plugged up the access to the sewer and water. Hammersma responded an extension will be placed on the culverts where a drive travels through. He noted water would run through there.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned the status of the easements. It appears the City granted access easements for the three northernmost sites, contingent upon DPW review. He asked if there was actually a written easement, which specifically identifies the locations. Pasquale responded the easements are in the process of being written. Survey descriptions of the three lots identify where the access drives are located in each of the three northern lots. Brubaker inquired if this was reviewed and approved by the DPW. Pasquale responded ves. Brubaker suggested the Council review the document before it is executed and recorded.

ING AND SIDEWALK EASEMENT FROM THE LOW-**ELL AREA SCHOOLS.** As part of the recent downtown improvements project carried out by the DDA, the boat launch was moved from Avery Street to just south of Unity High School. Though the new site is within the High Street right of way, parking in the riverwalk areas is within Lowell Area School's property. Thus, an easement is

information and wanted the resident to move this pole at The documents were prepared by City Attorney Richard Wendt and reviewed by School Boardmember Peter

City Manager Pasquale recommended approval of the

ITWAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER to approve the resolution accepting the public parking and sidewalk easement from the Lowell Area Schools for boat launch access. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #10. CITY HALL - POLICE STATION PROJECT SCHEDULE - REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO REVIEW. As requested by Council, a schedule has been provided concerning the City Hall-Police Station project. Currently, the City is considering to vacate the City Hall/Police Station in June, 2002 to initiate construction. After discussions were held with the architects, it was found to be more efficient if the entire building was vacated during construction. The City is in the process of negotiating a relocation site. An announcement will be made shortly as to where the City Hall/Police Station departments will go. The construction is scheduled to begin in June, 2002 and will take

The next step needed is to approve amendment #2 with regards to the construction contract. The amendment establishes the fee for the balance of the design work, including construction documents, bidding and contract administration. The original fee was \$450,000. However, because the City is providing a construction manager through Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTC&H) the fee has been reduced to \$426,000.

to support a Recreation Park Master Plan being it

LEGAL EASE

Jonathan David



Dear Readers:

The State Bar of Michigan recently issued a warning to the public regarding will and trust kits. I felt the information provided in the warning important enough to reproduce it verbatim in this column:

The State Bar of Michigan has issued a warning to the public: Be careful about purchasing estate planning documents from will and trust "kit" companies engaging in direct solicitation. Complaints from Michigan residents who were harmed by the claims of these companies have prompted the Bar to air a series of public service radio ads across the state during the weeks of Oct. 29, Nov. 12 and 26th. The risks of buying "services" from these companies include loss of Med-

icaid eligibility, increased tax exposure, and expensive delays

protect the public from those who victimize vulnerable persons who are in need of a lawyer. If we can prevent just one person from being harmed, we will consider our efforts to be successful," said Bruce W. Neckers, president of the State Bar of Michigan.

The companies that consumers are warned against offer "cookie cutter" documents and solicit people in person through direct mail and other means. These "one size fits all" plans run a significant risk that a buyers' estate plan wishes ultimately will not be carried out. Often, after purchasing documents, people are persuaded to move their investments into high-risk vehicles that generate large commissions for the agents.

services, like drawing up a will or trust or any other legal document that determines what happens to assets, is a licensed Michigan attorney.

- on legal fees.' The use of a salesperson. The ethics rules governing
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• A "first step" in the program that is anything other than

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The State Bar's radio campaign is a joint effort of the

Estate Planning Section and the Elder Law and Advocacy

assisted in the development of the ad and the State Bar will be

coordinating future efforts on the issue with AARP. For more

information contact Victoria Kremski, the State Bar's Assis-

tant Regulation Counsel at (800) 968-1442 or call the Attor-

ney General's Consumer Affairs Division hotline at (517)

Section. The American Association of Retired Persons also

a one-on-one meeting with a licensed attorney.

No permanent local office.

estate planning kit

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## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

City Manager Pasquale recommended the Council ap- with the leadership of the Planning Commission in conprove the document.

Councilmember Blough was unsure about recommend- YEA: 5. ing payment to FTC&H at this time. After much work over NAY: 0. the six to eight months it became apparent FTC&H had brought in budgets, which far exceeded what was originally discussed. In fact, 5.3 million dollars was well to place before City residents. He was unsure if this was the right financing formula and if enough had been cut out list of the current budget, features and a schedule of the project reducing this to a 3.5 mill financing plan.

Blough also suggested a few more project managers be interviewed from FTC&H to ensure the right one had been chosen.

Councilmember Pfaller inquired if the design phase was placed for bid. Pasquale responded proposals for the preliminary design services were taken.

Brubaker requested a breakdown of the fee for the construction manager and how it is calculated.

Pasquale listed the following items for discussion at the next meeting: (1) estimated cost; (2) review of the financing formula to reduce to 3.5 mills at maximum; (3) review the construction management fee and how it is calculated; (4) interview other FTC&H project managers.

No further information was provided.

Item #11. CITIZEN COMMENTS. In November, 2001, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall asked for Council concurrence on a future master plan for Recreation Park. At that time, he was asked to go back to the Parks and Recreation Commission to review what the Commission had established for a Master Plan. indicated a direction change to the baseball diamond and a Farmers Market near the intersection of S. Hudson and Bowes Road.

Hall requested the Council's concurrence in starting a Master Plan in tandem with the Kent County Youth Fair. The plan would take the City into the next 30 years.

City Manager Pasquale noted Hall received concurrence from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Hall stated a verbal agreement has also been received from property owner Jim Reagan concerning the inclusion of his property in the study. The Reagan property abuts on the Kent County Youth Fair property on one side and Stoney Lakeside property on the other.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to support a Recreation Park Master Plan being initiated

junction with input from the Parks and Recreation Commission and Kent County Youth Fair.

ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

outside the scope. The City has worked very hard over Item #12. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember the last 6 months to cut almost 1 million dollars out of the Brubaker stated the Flat River Outreach Ministries (an estimate. As of today, an itemized detailed list of the organization operated by local churches) has a building Second, the schedule for financing has a first year thrift shop and emergency services are being operated. too high a millage rate to be added on top of existing mills was provided to individuals in need. He noted more than 143 families were served throughout the year.

of the budget. Therefore, Blough suggested a detailed It was also noted the organization is in desperate need of volunteers. Interested parties should contact Nancy Church at the facility.

> Brubaker also commented on the issue of fundraising. He suggested the Lowell Area Community Fund work together with other fundraising organizations so that these groups are not competing against each other.

> Brubaker raised concerns about such little information being received with regard to the Accounts Payable list City Manager Pasquale explained all bills are brought to each meeting, in case there are questions. Also, if there are questions concerning an individual payment, the City Treasurer can always be contacted.

> Brubaker stated the Compensation Commission did a great job. He suggested the Council provide a consensus before the Commission meets again. Pasquale noted by ordinance, the Commission meets every two

Councilmember Myers stated he was contacted by an interested party concerning the purchase of the VFW Hall. Pasquale responded the City will place the building C. The Michigan Municipal League Legislative Conferup for sale in the Spring.

Commissioner Pfaller stated he wishes to discuss the election process for Mayor at a future meeting. He had some ideas, which he would like to discuss at the next

Mayor Shores noted the skating rink at Richards Park is up and running. There are many individuals working on the rink.

Shores also thanked everyone for their support in running for Mayor. She stated the Mayor's vote is no more important a vote than any other on the Council. She will do her best to represent the City.

She noted former Mayor Bill Thompson encouraged her years ago to run. She thanked him for his encouragement and faith in her.

Pfaller stated he would be willing to sit on the Committee with Pasquale and DesJarden to review the Fishbeck CHIMOLE CINEIDISES, CHIMOLE (ESPONDECTIO) THE ONLY SUBJECTION OF THE Construction Management issue:

Item #13. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following: A. The following letter was read into record:

Dear Showboat Corporation, President and members,

This letter is to inform the Showboat Corporation, City of Lowell and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce of my resignation as a member of the Showboat Board of Directors as of January 7, 2002.

finalized estimated cost has still not been provided. near the First United Methodist Church. A food pantry, When I was asked by Ray Quada to be a member, it was with the understanding that as soon as the Showboat increase in millage of 3.7 mills. Blough believed this was Last year, approximately \$27,000 in emergency services Corporation's debts were satisfied, the Showboat and calliope were given to the City. The City gift of the calliope to the Lowell Area Historical Museum and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce manage and oversee the Showboat. The Showboat Corporation then would be terminated. It has been almost two years and I have served as long as I have agreed to serve.

> I believe the Showboat is again a proud statement of our community and in very good and caring hands. Because of the above conditions, I respectively request that this letter be read and recorded at the next City Council meeting and the next Lowell Area Chamber meeting as well as the Lowell Showboat Corporation meeting.

> > Respectively Submitted, Ivan K. Blough

The Council will hold a work session Monday, January 14, 7 p.m. at the City Hall to review upcoming street improvement projects. Dave Austin of Williams and Works will provide a presentation.

B. The following meeting minutes were provided:

 Light and Power and Cable TV Boards meetings of October 22 and November 19, 2001.

ence is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 at the Lansing Center. Interested Councilmembers should contact Betty Morlock for attendance.

Item #14. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Shores stated David Pomper and Jim Sowle are eligible for reappointment to the Airport Board. City Manager Pasquale noted each are interested in being reappointed.

By general consensus, the Council reappointed David Pomper and Jim Sowle to the Airport Board with the terms expiring in January, 2005.

Shores noted there are two vacancies on the Planning

Commission.

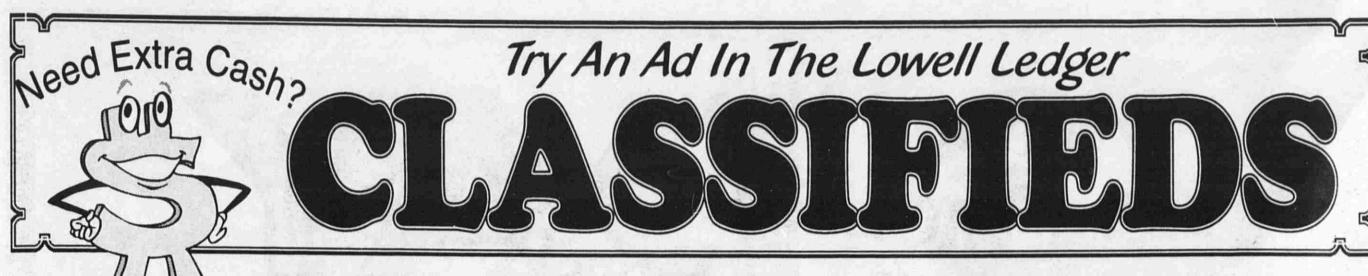
IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, January 21, 2002

C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

issue which would be different is the ownership.





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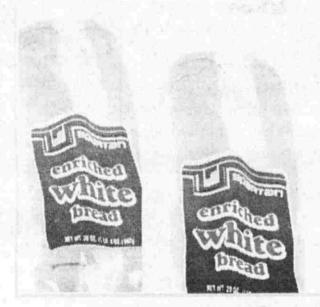


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