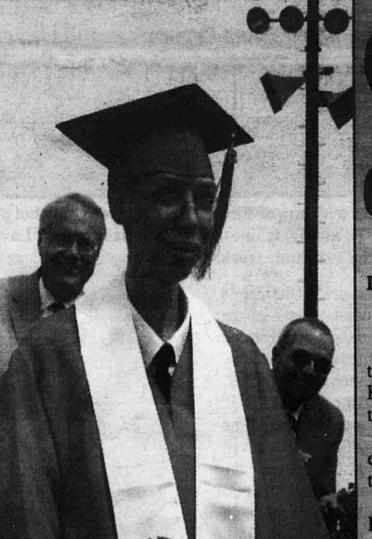
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define Class of 2002 By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Schools' vision speaks of knowledge, skills and character. The class of the 124th Lowell High School Commencement "is testimony that through their work, we have been successful," said Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw. "Collectively and individually, this class has exhibited good character."

Along with knowledge, skills and character, the graduation ceremony celebrated "hip and fresh"; saluted strength, courage and fortitude; delivered laughter and gratitude, helping to shed a tear or two.

In his last address to a Lowell graduating class, superintendent, Bert Bleke reminded graduates, "The future is yours to dream; and yours to determine," he explained.

In a special presentation, Vashaw recognized Tyler Duckett, Philip Moerdyke and Ryan Markel for their embodiment of strength, courage and fortitude.

Moerdyke and Duckett are both cancer survivors.

Markel, battling with inoperable cancer, was showered with a heartwarming standing ovation initiated by his classmates. "It was incredible. My classmates have been very supportive," he said after-

Added Vashaw, "It was great to see just how much it meant to the class that Ryan was there."

Class valedictorian Melissa Schloop thanked her family, friends and church for their support and reminded her classmates to keep their old friends while they embrace the friends their future brings.

Shelby Tomczak, class salutatorian, encouraged fellow graduates to try their hardest and to be happy in their pursuits. "High school is the fastest four years of our life and the beginning of the rest," she said.

In addition to Schloop and Tomczak, other members of the Top 1 to be recognized were Kelsey Scheider, Erin Weber, David Johnson Zachary Stauffer, Jennifer Wagner, Michael Kinney, Daniel Thaler an

In the ceremony's lighter moment, class president, Ben Vaught and student council president, Jason Craig spoofed Vaught's attempt to write a song about graduation day. With Craig's encouragement, Vaugh offered a rap version, which involved class participation, "Your son,

eager to make a mark on the beginning of the rest of their life.

# **Lowell School Board** election Monday

••• Incumbent and two challengers vie for two full terms.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

An incumbent and two challengers will vie for two, four-year terms on the Lowell School Board at Monday, June 10th's Lowell Area Schools regular elec-

The two board seats up for election are currently held by board secretary, Pat Nugent (four years) and board president, Pete Gustafson.

Nugent will seek re-election while Gustafson will not, after serving eight years on the school board.

Challenging Nugent for one of the two seats will be Peter Haefner and James Van Buren.

The polls will open at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. Precinct I is at Runciman Elementary; Precinct II, Old Bowne Township Hall (8240 Alden Nash Rd.); and Precinct III, Vergennes Township Hall (corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell).



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# Cooper Woodland Preserve dedication, Thursday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The Cooper Woodland Preserve will provide yet another natural area to be used by the Lowell Area Schools and

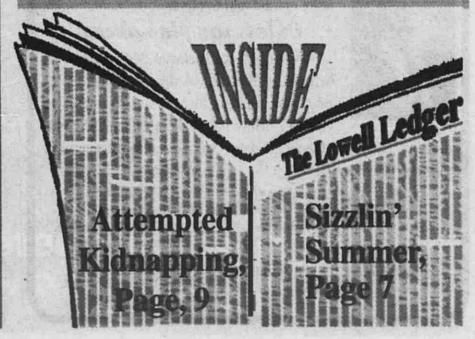
Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation on Thursday, June 6, will hold a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the preserve from 5:30 until 6 p.m.

Dick and Shirley Cooper donated 34.7 acres of land at the northeast corner of Alden Nash and Foreman to the foundation for the purpose of preserving it in its present state. The foundation will lease the property to the school for wildlife education opportunities.

The preserve is flat with sharp drop-offs to the north and east. "It is a fine wooded area for walking and viewing nature. It's a mature wooded area with full-grown mature trees that shade out the underbrush," said foundation president, Marsha Wilcox.

Cooper noted that the school owns property to the southeast of his and that he would eventually like to see a walking/bike trail extend from the Wittenbach Center across his property to the school property. From there it would extend through the park to the Grand River and along the river to Lowell Charter Township's Grand River Riverfront

The dedication ceremony will include comments from speakers, Peter Wege, Dick Cooper, Mari Stone and Pete Gustafson. Refreshments will be served.





# **OBITUARIES**

Simard of Auburn, Maine; one with committal at Rest Hason Larry and Rose Blanding ven Memorial Gardens. Meof Greenville; one sister morial contributions may be Carolyn and Jim Brown of made to River Isle Golf Asso-Benton, Ky; two brothers John ciation, 1014 Baytree Rd., BLANDING - Gilbert C. U.S. Air Force during the and Alice Blanding of Lowell Bradenton, Fla. 34208 or "Mike" Blanding, aged 72, Korean War. He was a mem- and Tom and Katie Blanding Braden River United Methof Bradenton, Fla., passed ber of the American Legion of Englewood, Fla; three odist Church, 5858 44th Ave. away May 27, 2002 in and a past worshipful master grandsons and one great- E. Bradenton, Fla., 34203. Bradenton, He was born Janu- of Masonic Lodge 96 of grandson, Memorial services ary 27, 1930 in Greenville. Greenville; Moose Lodge of were held at Manasota Chapel, LOCKE - Wayne A. Locke, "Mike" was a graduate of Bradenton and Greenville, Griffith-Cline Funeral Home aged 56, of Grand Rapids, Lowell High School Class of and Braden River United in Bradenton with the Rev. passed away Friday, May 31, Church, Guy Weatherly officiating. 2002 at the Metropolitan Hos-Belco Industries, Belding. Bradenton. He is survived by Cremation has taken place. A pital under the Hospice of

one daughter Lori and Steve in Greenville at a later date,

Mr. Blanding served in the his wife Eula of Bradenton; memorial service will be held Michigan care following a lin-

gering illness. He was born friends at Adam's Park on August 26, 1945, in Apartments in Grand Rap-Lakeview to Wayne A. and ids. He was preceded in death Dorothy Jean (Sedore) Locke by his father Wayne A. Locke and graduated from White on Feb. 7, 1945; his mother Dorothy Jean Williams on Cloud High School in 1963. Feb. 5, 1995; his step-father Wayne moved to the Grand Rapids area in 1964 and had Robert G. Williams on Aug. been a Die Cast Maker. He is 13, 1990. Graveside memosurvived by his sisters Judith rial services will be held Sat-A. (Charles) Sprik of Sparta, urday, June 8, at 2 p.m. from Candace J. (Howard) Keith the Big Prairie Everett Townof White Cloud; his brother ship Cemetery in White Robert E. (Nancy) Williams Cloud. Friends may consider Hospice of Michigan Grand of Lowell; seven nieces and Rapids for memorial contrinephews; eight great-nieces and nephews; his many butions.

# Early 20th century Lowell High School athletic star dies

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Elmer Layer dominated the from the subject. "You can

He was not only a foursport athlete... Layer was a greatest athletes, died Sun-

four-sport star. While his ac- day, May 26, 2002 at County "C" football champilost just two games. complishments spoke loudly From 1927-30, Lowell's of his talent, Layer shied away 90 years old. who came before or after til I'm gone," was his common refrain.

Layer, one of Lowell's ell to a 10-0 record and Kent hit .421 as a junior. During

Cumberland Manor. He was onship

local athletic scene like few save the stories about me un- the late 20's were many, and most of them featured Laver. As a senior, he led Low-

As a sophomore center, The sports clippings from he averaged 17 points a game for Lowell's basketball team. Elmer, playing third base

for Lowell's baseball team. his baseball tenure, Lowell

Layer's most brilliant numbers, though, arguably

came in track and field. He literally carried Lowell to a state championship in

gave generously," Doyle said. "Years ago he began collecting afghans. He'd wash them up and then donate them to area churches. He probably gave away 200-500 afghans."

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Above: a picture of Elmer Layer throwing the shot put in 1928. To the right: one of two first-place medals Layer won in the 1928 state track meet.

1928, scoring 15 of the team's 15 1/2 points: firsts in the discus and shot put and placed third in the javelin.

He tossed the shot 45' 6" and threw the discus 127' 2" which not only bettered the state Class C record by seven feet but also surpassed the Class A mark of 127 feet.

"Elmer was a heck of an athlete," remembered Norm Borgerson.

What Borgerson remembered most about Layer was the great childhood memory he provided for him and a handful of other boys.

"When I was about 14-15 years old, Elmer used to load up five or six of us boys in his Ford and take us to Michigan State home football games," Borgerson explained. "Back then, ticket takers were more liberal, so when we got there tion to big time college footgrateful to him for that memory. It's something I'll to the bank." never forget."

Charlie Doyle recalls "that '36 Ford" burning as much oil as it did gas.

was gruff. He wasn't that at all. He was a nice man who



When his health permit ted, Layer also kept a beautiful yard. "People thought it was another park in town,' Doyle explained.

Layer was also financially adept. "He was conservative with his investments but knew what he wanted to do," said Huntington Banks, Chuck Myers. "I enjoyed my visits with Elmer. We always made \$1 sport bets. It was at halftime, we'd get in for always for the fun of the game free. It was a great introduc- and the exchange. The few times I won, I'd call to reball for us. I'll always be mind him to bring my dollar the next time he came down

Layer was a member of Friend and lunch partner, the U.S. Army during World War II and a retiree of the city of Grand Rapids.

He is survived by his wife "Some thought Elmer Helen; his children Cara (Dobson), John, Christine, Jordan, Teresa and other relatives and friends.



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Authority and the unwillingness to submit to it are possibly the single greatest reason the church is failing to meet a lost world. The world watches and watches and rarely sees change, because believers want a savior, not a master. Men and women of the authority God has placed the church and their children utterly hate the concept of submission. Yet God's school of the spirit, His University, is called Submission University.

As an athlete vou will grow very little, if any, by practicing with your equals or with those of lesser skill. You grow by training with those who are better, your superiors, those who can rule over you. Yet when it comes to real life, the issues that matter the most, we don't see Plan? the need for superiors.

Have you ever watched a submission match? They will do almost anything. At some point one of the guys has ended up in a chokehold and the air has stopped flowing to his brain. We all know his brain needs some air to maintain what little intelligence he has. He knows it too, and so he finally taps out, quits, gives in and "whala" he has air

You see, God doesn't lose submission matches. When we resist and rebel, we cease

to grow. We simply cut off our air supply and our potential to grow. We are saying in essence "God, you don't know what you're doing and I won't submit to it, and that, my friend, is the very reason Lucifer is no longer in heaven. That is why God equates rebellion with witchcraft. It is not a phase . . . it is a sin.

So how do we deal with in our lives? Because how we deal with it will change the course of our lives forever. How we deal with authority will either make us the kings of tomorrow, or cripple us for a lifetime - we will either become the leaders of the future, or the leaches of society. You see, your fulfillment of God's destiny for you lies in your response. Will you have the wisdom and foresight to say "yes" to the Master's

Port Huron and Dean and Pat

Bredwell of Potterville.

Bryan and Kate Bredwell of Lowell are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Leah Madeline Ketchum Bredwell. She was born on May 15, 2002 at 7:12 a.m. weighing 9 lbs. 5 oz. and measuring 21 inches. Proud grandparents are Jim and Alice Ketchum of

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The Alto Girl Scout Troop #002 collected 50 lbs. of pop tabs for the Western Michigan Ronald McDonald House. They delivered them to the house and received a tour. The troop was then treated to a dinner at McDonalds in Lowell. For reaching 50 lbs., their troop leader Susan Merriman had to do the chicken dance at McDonalds.

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# Viewpoint...



Jamison/

Caralyn Jamison and Tom and

Karen Jamison are pleased to an-

nounce the engagement of their

daughter, Nicole to Mark Oswald

The couple are planning

One's first step in wisdom

is to question every-

thing—and one's last is

to come to terms with

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**Oswald** 

cozy corner by Roger Brown

I'm here today to tell you folks about the dangers of glue. Specifically, Super Glue, Crazy Glue and the copycat imitations on the market from Elmer's, 3M, Duro, etc. They are in the family of "instant" glue and were all the rage back when first developed. I'm talkin' way back when Saturday Night Live was still funny.

one drop on a football helmet sticking it firmly to the crossbar on a set of goalposts . . . with a football player in the helmet! The poor guy was hanging from his chin strap while the cameraman got his shot. And they tried to tell us sniffing glue was dangerous!

# TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you in regards to my husband Eddie who has been a chaplain in the American Legion for many years and felt bad the day of the parade because no one called to tell him he wouldn't be in the parade this year and give the Invocation downtown or at the cemetery

He should have been recognized and thanked for the many years he stayed in it; he was faithful and always was there when they needed him. Also I was always there to throw the flowers in the river.

Sincerely, Nora Belle Rash

To The Editor,

Cherry Creek Elementary to adopt "Politically Correct" classroom parties and celebrations

An announcement was recently made in the Cherry Creek Connection newsletter regarding classroom celebration/party changes. This newsletter came home with my son the Friday of Memorial Day weekend. I am outraged by these changes and the timing of the newsletter. I believe it was apparent to the staff that these changes were controversial and they intentionally sent this newsletter out on a holiday weekend hoping to lessen the community response because everyone would be too busy to read it or care. Do I know this to be fact? Of course not. I just think it is very suspicious and at the very least bad timing.

To quote the newsletter:

"Classroom parties and celebrations are truly an integral part of a child's school experience and will not be eliminated. However, in this ever-changing, diverse world, and in an effort to keep our celebrations enjoyable and safe at the same time, we at Cherry Creek will adopt some renaming and minor modifications effective next year."

Halloween Parade/Party (modification) - This will be referred to as Fall Celebration and will be held in the afternoon of Oct. 25th versus Oct. 31st. There will be no parade or costumes, but there will be other fun-filled creative activities for children.

Christmas Party (Rename) - Modify wording to Winter Celebration, and will not be centered around a Christmas theme.

Valentine's Day Party (Name Change Only) - Modify wording to Spring Celebration. This activity will vary from classroom to classroom, just like in the previous years. Many classes will still have, "Valentine's on or around Feb. 14th and will just refer to it as more of a centralized "Spring Celebra-

Unfortunately, political correctness is beginning to affect the Lowell School system. These changes are absurd. Since when does the opinion of so few have an effect on so many These "themes" are part of American history. The newsletter refers to an ever-changing world. "Hello" this is the United States of America and we are Americans. These have been American traditions since this country was founded and I don't want to see them changed in school or anywhere else.

This is all part of a disturbing trend in this country towards the "vanillazation" or "sterilization" of everything and everyone. Can't celebrate Christmas in public schools because we might offend the people of non-Christian faith or people of no faith at all. Don't forget separation of church and state. Valentine's Day and Halloween have roots in paganism and both have religious and superstitious overtones. Bad stuff.

To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 11 closing exercise, at Train's Hall Monday evening.

ads said Super Glue was developed for the space industry. I'm not sure what N.A.S.A. would have used it for. Perhaps they

N.A.S.A. likes to take credit for stuff like this. They think it makes us feel better about the gahjillions of our tax dollars they spend if they can foist some miracle products off onto us. I think N.A.S.A. is also responsible for (or claims to be) Velcro, Post-It notes, panty hose, Chia Pets, shag carpet and the Veg-O-Matic.

While we're on the subject of glue ... here's a little known fact for you. In the Gene Wilder and Mel Brooks classic film "Young Frankenstein," a horse whinnies in the soundtrack every time Frau Brucher's (Cloris Leachman) name is spoken. I took German in the ninth grade, but am only guessing at the second knuckle, my left index finger was firmly affixed to the These glues were promoted with wild ads on TV showing spelling of Brucher. Of course I would be only guessing at the neighboring middle finger. A few of my generous drops had spelling of any German word.

The fun fact to know, and the joke here, is that Brucher means glue in German. Get it? Glue? Glue factory? Horse whinnies? Oh well, "Young Frankenstein" probably isn't near the top of your all-time top one hundred list of movies. I were seriously stuck. Cute. thought it was funny.

Let's get back to the the subject at hand. Which was . . . oh yeah . . . instant glues. Despite all the wild claims on the Probably not even serious enough to get me one of those great packaging, I've yet to find any materials that the stuff will actually bond. There is one exception, and that is human skin. That stuff will stick parts of you, to other parts of you, in such a way that you will soon begin to think you were born with your finger stuck to your nose.

try to read the warning? At my age, and with my eyesight, I'm cuts me off? Just kidding. lucky to find the tube in the junk drawer, let alone try to read birth defects, brain damage, heart disease and fat content. The traffic. Just kidding. stuff flies off the shelves anyway.

instant glue because I recently did something stupid with the a new set of four at the hardware for less than the cost of a tube stuff. I hate being so predictable.

pad off the bottom of a table leg. It was the type with a plastic

Ledger Entries

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

The editor suggests that citizens pass the hat to give the

Thanks to the red ribbon movement, Lowell's saloons

Plans are drawn and construction ready to begin on a

The editor was so impressed by Mr. Whittlesey's Decora-

church for South Boston, gothic in style with a 75-foot steeple.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 5, 1902

The Ledger lashes out at "Brer Davy" (Davidson) of the

Clayton Ladner of Vergennes is engaged to both Miss

Village Council orders new sidewalks in view of the \$354

The fifth and sixth grades of Central School will present

Ethel Pasco of Lowell, 1261 S. Division, and Miss Essie Joyce

damages it has just paid Hettie Morgan following her fall and

tion Day address that he brings it in full on the front page.

lamb with seven legs.

Cornet Band some more music books.

have decreased from nine down to five.

and publishing unintelligible articles.

injuries on a defective sidewalk last winter.

Priscilla Lussmyer

I could be all wet on this, but it seems like some of those disc glued to a bolt that screws into the table leg. I broke the pad off and needed to glue it back to the bolt. When I inquired about glue, my son handed me a tube of Crazy Glue from the glued their million dollar toilet seats down in a zero gravity junk drawer. (At this point in the story you should imagine the music from "Jaws" when the shark is about to attack.)

I held the little plastic disc (about the size of a quarter) in my left hand and applied a few generous drops of glue. With my right hand I inserted the bolt, wiggling it to be sure it was seated properly. I then waited for the prescribed "bonds in seconds." I'm very much into instant gratification, which must explain my lifelong attempt to find something this stuff will actually stick together in seconds.

The metal bolt had not stuck to the plastic pad. I may as well have used Vaseline, WD-40, Jergen's Lotion or Pennzoil.

My fingers were a different story. From the tip to the oozed out of the plastic disc when I inserted the bolt.

When I say firmly affixed, I mean firmly affixed. Since the knuckles on these two fingers don't line up exactly, I couldn't even bend them. One was acting as a splint for the other. They

Fortunately I'm right handed, and having two fingers on my left hand stuck together would not be a huge handicap. parking spots. Tying my shoes would be difficult. My left index finger is one of the three fingers I use when typing. Other than that, no big deal.

I did have a concern about driving in today's frantic traffic with these two fingers stuck together. How on earth would Sure, there are warnings printed on the tube. Did you ever another driver know what I am trying to signal him when he

Fortunately, with the help of a utility knife, I was able to what's printed on it. Besides, true Americans don't pay surgically separate my Siamese fingers. There is now a little attention to printed warnings. Every pack of cigarettes, bottle skin grafted from one to the other, but I was able to type this of beer or bag of chips is labeled with warnings about cancer, column and you can watch for my signal if you cut me off in

That's pretty much it. Just be careful with that stuff. Oh, In case you haven't already guessed, I'm writing about and the table leg leveling device, pad . . . whatever. I bought of instant glue. Let that be a lesson to us all. Throw the broken While helping out at my son's house, I broke the leveling junk away and replace it. Forget the glue . . . it's dangerous!

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 9, 1927

The Board of Trade, Board of Education and contributing groups sponsor a summer playground activities program with two employees to oversee day programs for children and evening activities for adults.

Twenty-eight seniors will receive their diplomas next Wednesday evening at City Hall. Two others are not certain

Postmaster N. E. Borgerson urges people to send letters of appreciation to Capt. Charles Lindberg in preparation for his triumphal reception in Washington DC, following his solo

flight across the Atlantic in April. To save both food and ice, be sure to tighten latches and hinges on the refrigerator before warm weather.

Farmers in 35 states can now receive market reports by

### **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 5, 1952**

There are 71 seniors who will receive diplomas from C. H. Runciman at Commencement tonight. Newell toy air guns are a popular item among kids at the

Mare Island, California military base, according to the Wm. 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 6, 1877 Huffmans of Lowell. Thomas Daniels of Keene owns an active and healthy

Francis Campau's registered Holstein cow establishes a new record in lifetime milk production.

The new brick Michigan Bell Telephone building on

Hudson, north of the theatre, will be started next week. A deer has been spotted, walking through the Marshall

garden and Oswald Bieri's farm, both just outside Lowell in

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **JUNE 9, 1977**

The Main Street planters are in place with a tree in each one. The Chamber of Commerce has received donations for Lowell Journal, accusing him of harassing the Village Council one-half and seeks more. Donor plaques will be placed on

City Council discusses purchase of land for a Main Street-Lowell's A. W. Weekes is seeking re-election to the state

> Switching from the well system to the new treated water supply on Bowes Road will not be smooth, due to extra-cold winter weather and a dry spring, reducing iron-flushing at-

> The 14th annual tent meeting week at the corner of US 16 and the Lowell I-96 exit, sponsored by area churches, is set for the week of June 19.

Longfellow's poem "Hiawatha" in dramatic form as their A many-page flier from Belding's new Covered Village comes with this week's issue.

The group will perform dinner special each week)

will provide refreshments and

be moved to the Lowell Fair-

grounds featuring Alive &

Well and the Great Lakes

The July 4th show will

from 7 until 9 p.m. on Thurs-

been hired to provide sound

for this year's shows.

day, June 13 on the Riverwalk. food.

Legitimate Sound has

Lowell Lions Club (brats,

sloppy joes, barbecued pork,

pizza) and St. Mary's (plate

REGULAR



# Knights Donate "Tootsie Roll Drive" Funds

During their annual Tootsie Roll Drive, the Knights of Columbus collected \$525. This year's drive was one of the coldest weekends the Knights had to collect, with temperatures dropping into the 20's both evenings. Pictured: Joseph Sejat, Grand Knight from St. Mary's Council, delivers a check to Pam Thomas, Lowell's director of educational support services.

"The school district is appreciative of the money given to it by the Knights of Columbus. The funds will be used to purchase communication devices and computer software for special education children with limited communication skills. This donation will provide a wonderful enhancement to help these children," said Thomas.

# Commission gives YMCA preliminary approval on building site

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The local YMCA got the ball rolling Tuesday night for

money for the 43,460-squarefoot building it plans to build at Stoney Lakeside Park.

Representatives from the its capital campaign to raise YMCA and Parks Construc-

Becky Fletcher-someone you should know

tion presented the Lowell Planning Commission a preliminary drawing of the building, which the commission

The building, according to city manager, David Pasquale, falls under the city's public facilities district. Under the ordinance, the building does meet the requirements for setbacks and parking. Missing from the preliminary plan was a landscaping schedule and lighting layout, Pasquale said.

"My problem with it is that basically it sliced in half the parcel down there, so that any activity on the west side, people will have to walk past chair, Jim Hall, who was the only member to vote against the preliminary plans.

Lowell Township resident, Kurt Parks, of Parks Construction, said earlier plans were made to get the building to move further west to be adjacent to the Lowell Light and Power; however, it just didn't work out.

The group has made an effort to keep the area as open

approved pending review of a as possible, smoothing out any indent to allow people to walk around the lake and fish in the area. Currently the indent is too steep, making it difficult

> Hall said he hadn't seen where the group had tried that option. YMCA representatives said they would be happy to show Hall the other plans so he could see why it didn't

for fishing and other activi-

Commission member, John VanderWilp said having come from an area in which such a facility was a big part the thing," said commission of the community, he viewed

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 6: Daniel Thaler, Jessie Stephens, Mark Newhouse. JUNE 7: Amber Metternick, April Metternick, Zachary Beachum, Ray Kennedy. JUNE 8: Barbara Brown, Mark Essich.

JUNE 9: Dimpna Hill Brown, Green.

Kristina Parish, Doris Plummer, Josh Felling. JUNE 10: Jim Stone, April Decker, Courtney Tulppo, Gus Geldersma.

the YMCA project as an as-

ing for kids in the summer or

the winter," VanderWilp

"It is a nice new build-

The commission asked

The people at the meet-

ing indicated that before the

YMCA could go forward

with fundraising, it would

need to have some building

conceptions in place.

set for the area.

the building.

JUNE 11: Joseph Vezino, Jeanne Boss, Terri S. Fonger. JUNE 12: Benjamin Zoodsma, Jenny Engle, Noah

# OPEN HOUSE

Schneider Manor **Community Room** Saturday, June 8 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to join us in an open house to celebrate the completion of our newly remodeled Community Room.

We would like to thank the following for making this project possible

Schneider Trust Fund • Lowell Area Community Fund \* Leo Pfaller • Kraig Haybarker Jelsma Painting & Decorating • Davis Electric Perry Beachum • Canfield Plumbing • Barb Zandstra Joyce Crout • Dick Bewell • Norma Spicer Leo Haybarker and Dan Biggs

> Thank you, everything looks great! Schneider Manor Board of Directors



# Fonnmhor opens sizzlin' summer concert series

band are Curtis Tramel (vo-

cals, bouzouki, guitars,

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

bodhran and other instru-Lowell's Showboat ments); Natalie Beversluis Sizzlin' Summer Concerts is (violin, vocals), Richard a week away from the start of Koontz (flutes, fifes and bones), Aaron Miller (drums, its 10-week musical entertainbodhran and percussion), and ment gala.

This year's opening head-Rick Stubbs (bass and guiliner is Fonnmhor, a Celtic music group with some American influences which separate them from other Celtic groups that have become American entertainers with some Celtic influences.

Fonnmhor recently was awarded two 2002 WYCE music CD.

Pasquale said the prob-

there is nothing on the books,

which could cause businesses

not in the historic district to

ask why they can't have such

complaints were coming

Baker asked where the

The city would need to

fall. Baker said she had hoped

to get something done sooner.

but she understood the situa-

The planning commis-

sion charged Baker, Pasquale

### Jammie Awards - the best CD SCHOOL of the year and the best world Members of the Celtic ELECTION

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF **LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS** KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD **JUNE 10, 2002** 

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002.

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

At the regular school elction there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2006.

> THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN **NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:** Peter Haefner **Patrick Nugent** James Van Buren

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2002.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS: PRECINCT NO. 1

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

PRECINCT NO. 2

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

PRECINCT NO. 3

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

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

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

**Patrick Nugent** Secretary, Board of Education

### that with the final plan, the Businesses in the downhave spent several years getgroup bring with it the landtown historic district are tryscaping schedule and lighting to attract customers. The ing plans; Hall asked for a city is trying to keep the area 3-D view of the backside of looking nice.

over whether or not sandwich-board-type signs should be allowed in the city's historic downtown.

Liz Baker, executive director for the Lowell Area Dam Store have their sign. So other business owners who proached the Lowell Planning they have their sign. Then next Commission Tuesday night about relaxing the city's sign rules, thus allowing the sandwich-board signs. Baker couragement of commission chair, Jim Hall, who said he objected to the "tacky" signs.

city's sign ordinance, along with city manager, David Pasquale, said that could be

but felt the chamber could

opposes the signs because they

"I have a problem with sandwich-board signs will be

over an ordinance in Marshall a city with a similar historic downtown as Lowell, and to come back with some recom-

The problem lies in the commission member, Clark

ting businesses in compliance lem could get complicated if

mendations. Until then, non-

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Becky Fletcher has only been employed for 18 months as a second shift custodian at Cherry Creek, but since she moved to Lowell three and a half years ago, she's beer impressed by the value system the community and schools advocate. Prior to coming to Lowell, Becky worked 18 years for the Grand Rapids schools as lead custodian at Sigsbee Elementary School.

As a mother of two adult children and the grandmother of three, Becky places high value

on the Lowell school system where students, parents and teachers work together to provide a safe environment for Lowell children.

Becky feels very strongly that every employee of a school district has an impact on a child. Her job title may be "custodian" but she is as much a part of a child's education as the teacher in the classroom.

Becky lives her philosophy. She has sources that donate clothing and she makes sure they get to needy children. She has used her clothing source to make sure a student was appropriately dressed for a symphony performance. Becky has supplied birthday treats for a student who had none to share with classmates. She rewards students who keep their school clean. The list of examples of her generosity is endless but they all have the same theme-to help children feel safe and successful while they are at school.

Becky would like to trade in her second shift job for one on the first shift. Then she could have more of a chance to be in contact with students. You see, Becky does more than provide a clean and safe building for Lowell students; she makes the school feel like home

Her caring for students is a part of her daily routine. "This job is more to me than a paycheck. I know I make a difference."

Becky Fletcher-someone you should know.

For more information about Lowell Educational Support Personnel, call Vicki Fredline at 897-6287.



**Fonnmhor** 

# Proposed ordinance allowing sandwich-type signs may be considered

fact that Hopkins and the city Jahnke.

with the current sign ordi-

nance. By relaxing the rules,

Hopkins is concerned that

commission member, Eliza-

"My worry is this," said

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

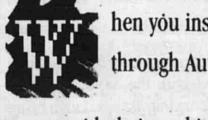
Arguments are brewing things could get out of control

police its own.

beth "B.J." Thompson, "so from; Hopkins said from a we let the Beaver Store, the number of sources including Chamber of Commerce, ap- the dime store wants one and have been forced to get in and pretty soon we have our change its ordinance; changes beautiful sidewalks that we have spent all this money putting the lighting on and the brick in and she is decorating them with pumpkins. We've tion the city faced. got it all loaded with signs and

Thompson said she also and Hopkins with looking Zoning inspector, Doug walk - part of the reason the Hopkins, who enforces the signs are currently not al-

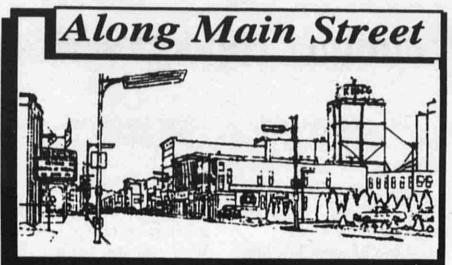
> having an ordinance, and we allowed in city limits. are going to ignore it," said



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### MICHIGAN ARTIST AT RIVERWALK GALLERY

Kathleen Mooney, a Michigan artist, has an exhibit at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce through July 12. A reception will be held Saturday, June 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The show is called "Fire and Water - Worked Surfaces." Call 897-9161 for viewing.

### FALLASBURG CUBS ARE REGROUPING

The Fallasburg Historical Society is looking for people to play baseball with the Fallasburg Cubs. Call 897-7161 if you are 17 or older and interested in playing organized baseball.

### MUSIC THERAPY CHILDREN'S CAMPS

The Franciscan Life Process Center will be offering summer camps both for children with special needs and for their siblings. Music, art/crafts and outdoor experiences will be included. Call Sister Mary Margaret at 897-7842 ext. 317 to find out dates and to register your children.

### **HELP US FIND GRADUATES OF 1972**

Lowell High School class of 1972 will be having a reunion on Aug. 3 and need your help in locating the following

Deb DeVries. Steve McKewin, Warren Judson, Cheryl VonEhr, Bob Yalacki and Brian Whittemore. Call Karen Ford at 897-7700 for any info. on the listed people or to reserve your

Athletic physicals for girls, grades 10-12, will be held on Wednesday, June 5 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the high school locker rooms. Bring a physical card with you, filled out and signed by a parent for the doctor to complete.

The Lowell Education Foundation and Lowell Area The Preserve, just east of Alden Nash on Foreman Rd. There is a short hike to the site. The public is invited.

playground behind Runciman Bldg. Rain location: in the gym. Bring a sandwich for you and your child. Drinks and

# Election, continued ... From Page 1

At a board forum, Nugent, Haefner and Van Buren were ment of curriculum, maintaining and improving the levels of

Identify the critical issues facing the district.

Nugent: The number one issue the district currently faces compete, establishing programs which will help bring stu-

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### ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

### DEDICATION HELD AT "THE PRESERVE"

Schools will dedicate The Cooper Woodland Preserve on Thursday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place at

### TOTS ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual Tots on Track for School Picnic and Bus Ride will be held Thursday, June 6 from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at the dessert will be provided. Call 897-1232 to register for this free

### LOOKING FOR CLASS OF 1971 MEMBERS

The Lowell High School class of 1971 is having a reunion on Saturday, Aug. 3. Please call Maureen (Kennedy) Kissinger (897-8423) if you have any info. on Amy Lake, Sharon or Sheila Blossom, Merry Manigold, Matt Musial, Marcia Sandy, Dan Krauss, Sue Seese, Jim Richard, Elaine Dykstra, Jack Mettenick, Nancy Baldwin or Mary Del Rivette.

student achievement, finances, and growth management.

is hiring a new chief (superintendent). Others are improvedents into district educational excellence.

Van Buren: Declining operating funds, identifying different ways to fund education, new ideas to better help Lowell

Haefner: School funding, growth, leadership (superintendent search) and working toward the benefit of the district.

Profile of new superintendent:

Van Buren: Dynamic, someone who gets along with people, and who knows how the system works in regards to

Haefner: Lowell needs someone who has experience in the educational field, is driven by challenge and who can lead the community and the district into the future.

Nugent: An educational leader with leadership skills, a visionary, someone who can position Lowell for the present and future, able to make things happen and move Lowell to the next level, maintain community relations with public, and provide curriculum oversight.

### What makes a good board?

Nugent: Sustainable board leadership, working in an environment of trust so that board members feel they can speak , and that it reflects the community's values, has a common vision and set of goals.

Van Buren: One that has a common goal and mission, and diversity - board members with expertise in different

Haefner: Accountability, brings about results, works together toward the betterment of district and community, a common mission, and works together to educate kids the best it can.

### What experience do you bring to the school board:

Van Buren: I have experience in industry which I would bring to the board, bringing different ideas to the board which others have not necessarily been trained to do.

Haefner: I bring financial knowledge and expertise to the table and I'm committed to helping the Lowell community.

Nugent: I am proud of my board experience and of the current board's record. I have experience in education (have taught nine years at West Catholic High School) - I live education every day, and I'm dedicated to the Lowell commu-

### WORKSHOP/LUNCH ON HEALTH INSURANCE

An informational workshop on Health Insurance and Long-Term Care will be held at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, June 6 at noon. Seating is limited: call Speerstra Insurance at 897-9259 to RSVP.

### CALLING ALL PAST/PRESENT GIRLS TRACK PARTICIPANTS

There will be a gathering of girls track participants, past and present, on Sunday, June 9 from 2-4 p.m. at the LHS track (weather permitting) to recognize coach Kathy Talus, Held in LPAC if inclement weather. RSVP to 897-0532.

### A COMMUNITY FAREWELL TO LOWELL'S SUPERINTENDENT

Lowell Area Schools and the Lowell Education Foundation will host a community farewell for Bert Bleke on Thursday, June 20 at 7 p.m. at Lowell High School. Tickets are \$3 to attend the dessert reception and program and are available at all school buildings as well as at the central office through June 14. Call Pinky McPherson at 897-7203 to reserve your spot. A Book of Letters will be put together for Bert; if you would like to contribute (1) 8 1/2 x 11 page, send it to Rose Hartley at the central office, 300 High St. by June 14.

### PICK UP YOUR APPLICATION FOR JULY 4 PARADE

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for entries in the July 4 parade. Floats, bands, animals, cars; kids, decorate your bikes and join in. Call Liz at 897-9161 for an application.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE STOCK MARKET

Edward Jones Investments will offer a program on June 13 from 6-7 p.m. at 2050 W. Main. Chris Godbold, representative, will talk about the "bull market." Call 987-9515 to register or for more information.

Van Buren: I've viewed different districts, I'm openminded, easy to approach and would be available to talk to those I serve, and I can help provide direction for the district.

### Do you have an agenda?

Haefner: Just continuous improvement.

Nugent: Educational excellence and financial integrity.

Van Buren: Fairness in representation, continuing the programs that have worked in the past, and bringing to light

Involvement in other organizations and community

Nugent: I'm a member of the FFA alumni, president of the Grattan Historical Society, planning member of the day bridge walk festivities in Grattan and active in St. Patrick's

Haefner: I'm the past president of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, and I am active in the Lowell Area Historical Museum

Van Buren: I've been in the Lowell community for four years. While in the city of Wyoming, I was involved in the Jaycees, helped start up a Big Brothers program, raised funds to establish E-units for Wyoming and the Grand Rapids Police Departments, helped raise money to establish burn centers, and helped create an advisory center for poison

### What differentiates you from the other candidates running for the school board?

Haefner: I have spent 12 years working in municipal government finance. I've worked with the Wyoming state auditor; the city of Muskegon on burglary issues. I also bring an auditing and consulting perspective.

Van Buren: I offer different ideas and a different perspective - from a business sense of mind. With academies, charter schools and parochial schools, Lowell is competing with other schools. It's no longer just education, but the business of education. Schools have to compete as a business - and identify different methods of funding. I will push for a plan which tells where we want to be in 10 years, so that when change is necessary it will be more of an adjustment/natural thing than a hardship. A 10-year plan gives you parameters.

Nugent: I have a better understanding of school issues than when I started four years ago. I have lived in Lowell all my life and am a graduate of Lowell High School. My experience on the board provides me with a look at what's going on in the school district.

# Lowell suspect arrested in kidnapping attempt

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A 17-year-old suspect from Lowell was arrested Friday in Lowell Charter Township on charges of attempted kidnap-

Kent County Sheriff Department patrol units responded to an attempted kidnapping complaint on Burroughs Street, SE near Chloe (private street).

out near the street when the suspect stopped and exited the vehicle.

According to the report, he approached the young boy, reaching out and commenting, "Get in the car." The boy ran with his vehicle. away crying and the girl left yelling for help.

A neighbor involved with Neighborhood Watch had already made a call to the Sheriff's Department on a suspicious vehicle being in the area. Before patrol units could reach the area, another citizen called in about a vehicle stuck in a ditch with a description that matched the broadcast put out on A 10-year-old girl and her seven-year-old brother were an attempted kidnapping incident.

The Michigan State police were first to locate the suspect

After conducting an investigation, the subject was arrested for the kidnapping offense. The suspect admitted to being under the influence of

hallucinogenic mushrooms.

Information on the suspect is being withheld until his arraignment in 63rd District Court, Cascade.

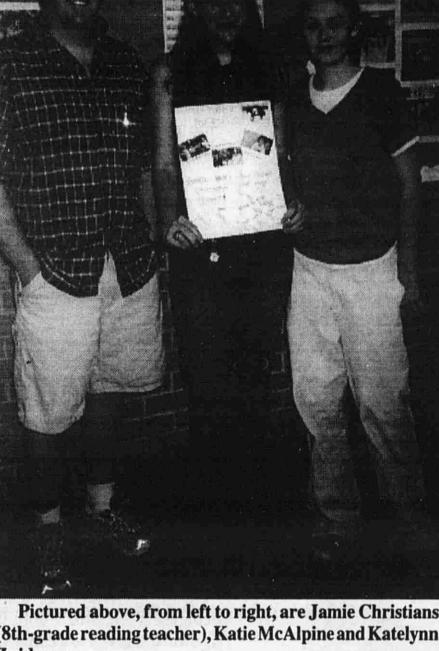
# **Project turns** service-related for 8th-graders

It started out as an advocacy project in Mr. Christian's eighth grade reading class. Kristen McAlpine and Katelynn Zuiderveen decided to research developmental disabilities as their topic area and then sought out service-related opportunities, to roll up their sleeves and get involved. They volunteered for a day to help out at Special Olympics this year, hosted by Calvin Col-

The girls then became aware of an interesting meeting about a start-up program uniting horses with special needs children, called Therapeutic Horseback Riding. The girls attended the meeting, sponsored by the YMCA, and learned about the benefits for special needs children, from those having physical and mental im-

pairments to emotional impairments. Therapeutic horseback riding can strengthen muscle groups in the body, offers opportunities for bonding, and connecting with both the animal and the volunteers working with them. It also promotes the building of self-confidence and a sense of accomplishment of the special needs child, in learning to safely manage a large animal while in a supported environment.

Katelynn and Kristen distributed applications and in-



(8th-grade reading teacher), Katie McAlpine and Katelynn

tion teachers in the district who teach children, ages 8- supplies to help get the pro-14. The girls agreed to post fliers for volunteers (must be program needs lumber to build 14 years or older) for the ses- a wheelchair ramp, English at Camp Manitou-Lin. As helmets, to list a few. Donamany as three volunteers per rider can be required depending upon the child's physical needs. The girls also put up posters around the school and are asking all middle schoolers to join in, by bringing in empty pop cans and

formation to special educa- bottles. Redeemed funds will go towards buying needed gram up and running. The sion that will run Aug. 19-24 tack and saddles, gel pads and tions from the community of equipment, supplies or volunteer time would be welcomed. For more information contact Ardith Turpin, Horsemanship director, at 795-9163

# Several issues on commission's special meeting docket

public water and sewer; that

extending the maximum dead

end road length; amending

minimum typical pavement

The planning commission

will review the requests and

make a recommendation to

which has set a public hearing

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Next Monday night, the Lowell Planning Commission plans to tackle changes in the cross section to allow for 22residential floor area and a foot surface with valley gutdeveloper's variance request. ters; waiving of sidewalks; and

The commission voted to amending street lighting to hold a special meeting June allow each homeowner to fur-10 to review recommenda- nish and place a light at the tions about the ordinance entrance point of their drivechanges when Sundry also way asked about variances on its rezoning request at the end of a two-hour public hearing Having just received the the Zoning Board of Appeals

requests, the commission and city staff had not had time to review what Sundry was ask-Sundry is seeking several

variances include waiving of

on the matter for June 17 at the city council's regular The commission decided variances for the upper por- to add the Sundry request, tion of its property at 751 which would normally have city. VanderWilp plans to Grindle, known as the Phillips been presented at the regular make recommendations property, to proceed with con- June planning commission struction on that site. The site meeting, June 24, since it was would contain nine homes already meeting on the issues

proposed suburban residential and residential R-1 district changes. Building inspector, Doug

Hopkins noticed that the residential floor area requirements did not match with the building code. He believes the definition was more for commercial use, thus he recommended that the city use the building code as the stan-

Commission member, John VanderWilp has been reviewing floor areas for suburban residential and residential R-1, following a proposal made by Sundry Development which had him take a look at the size of houses in his area and the about changes in the floor area for those districts.

The commission special meeting is at 7 p.m.

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under the current zoning of of the city's definition of resi-

suburban residential. The dential area floor space, and

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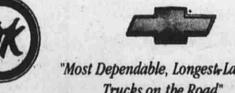


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# Women's Club **Fuels this Boat**

Lowell Women's Club outgoing president, Betty Yeiter (2000-02), far right, and incoming president, Kathryn DenHouter (2002-04), second from the left, present checks to the Lowell YMCA, the Flat River Outreach Ministries, Lowell Area Fire Department and the Lowell Area Historical Museum. The Lowell Women's Club made a \$1,000 donation to YMCA executive director, Will Welsh; \$1,000 to Roger LaWarre, Flat River Outreach Ministries; \$500 to Judy Straub, executive director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum; and \$100 to Frank Martin, fire chief of the Lowell Area Fire Department. Lowell Women's Club spokesperson, Marj Harding said the club also awarded \$3,900 in scholarships to Lowell High School senior girls.



# **Museum Earns** Community **Achievement Award**

The Lowell Area Historical Museum was selected for a Michigan Week 2002 Community Achievement Award. The award is given to a community or community project that brings together a number of people or clubs and societies to accomplish something that could not be done by smaller groups. The museum received one of six awards that were given out in the state of Michigan.

Michigan Week is a unique annual celebration that began in 1954 and quickly became the largest mobilization of grass roots boosters trumpeting Michigan as a wondrous place to work and live. This year's theme i Michigan Week 2002: Celebrating Michigan's Diversity.

Accepting the award from Marge Greiner, left, of the Michigan Historical Society, on behalf of the city of Lowell were Judy Straub, executive director for the museum; Liz Baker, executive director of Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce; Jeanne Shores, mayor of Lowell; and Dave Pasquale, city manager of Lowell. The award was presented during a luncheon reception sponsored by the Marshall Rotary Club at Win Schuler's restaurant.

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# continued...From pg. 5

To The Editor,

I really don't think the kids at Cherry Creek Elementary School are paying that close attention. I believe there are a couple of parents out there with a bit too much time on their hands. I seriously doubt that principal, Maureen Dorough just woke up one morning and said, "You know we really need to change the names of the parties." I believe she has a few more important things on her plate.

To the parents that find these party themes so offensive, please lighten up. You are in a very small minority and you can't expect everyone at the school to accommodate your vision of how it should be. Why don't you ask your children what they think about the party names and themes? If both you and your children find them so offensive, then perhaps you should keep them home those days or - better yet, move! I hear this political correctness rubbish is rampant in Califor-

Whether you agree with me or not, please take a moment and write a letter to principal, Maureen Dorough and cc: the interim superintendent of schools Jim White. Encourage your kids to write too. To me this is a very controversial subject and Ms. Dorough really needs some response from the "majority" of the community before implementing these changes.

Her address is: Principal Maureen Dorough Cherry Creek Elementary 12675 Foreman Rd. Lowell, MI 49331

Interim Superintendent of Schools Jim White 300 High Street Lowell, MI 49331

> Thanks. Ed Hawks

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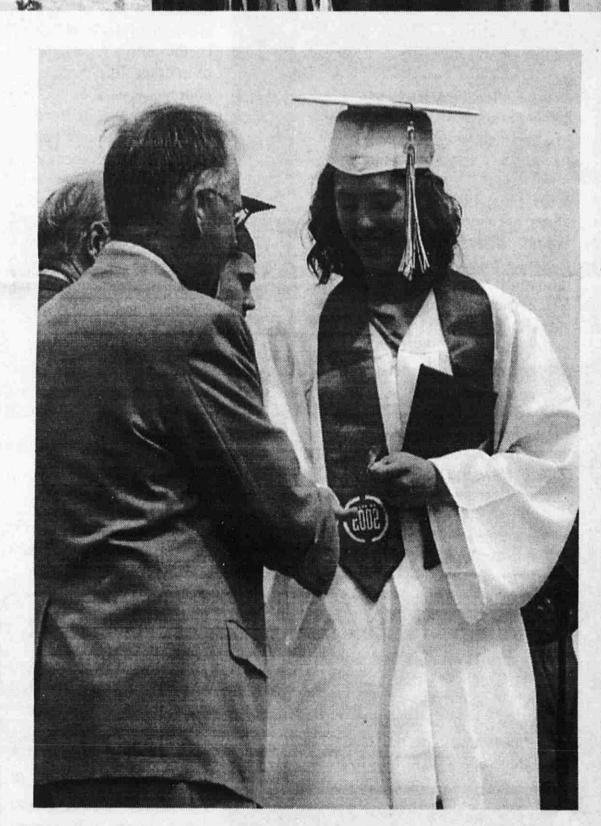
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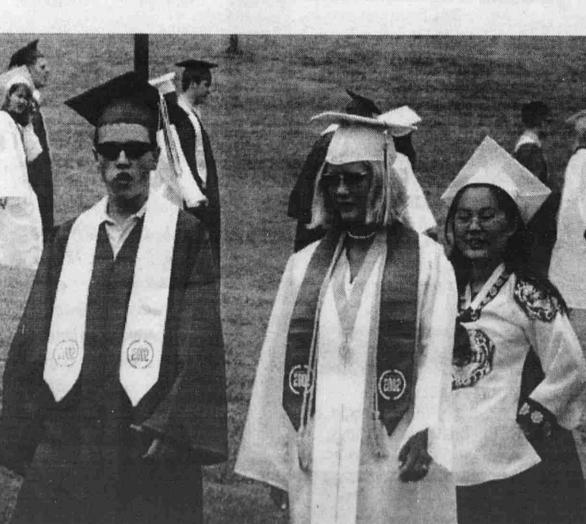
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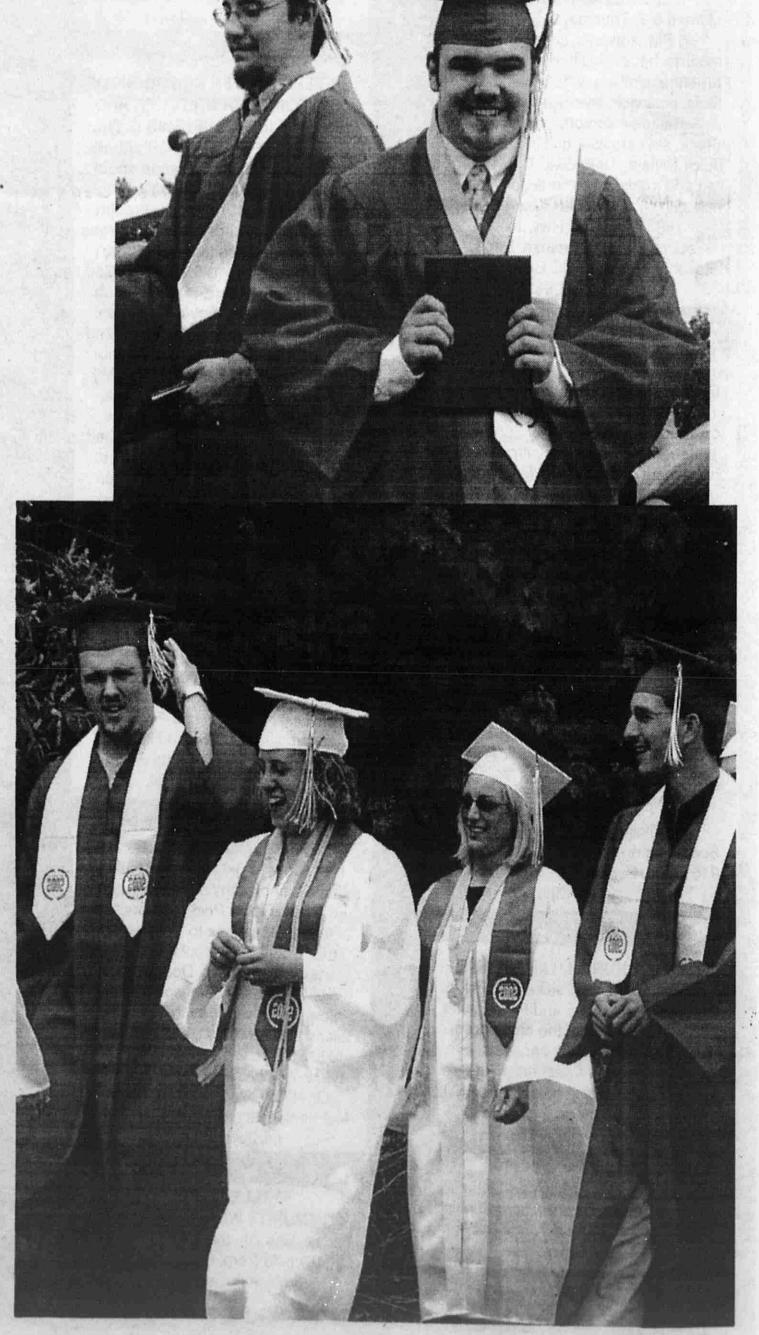
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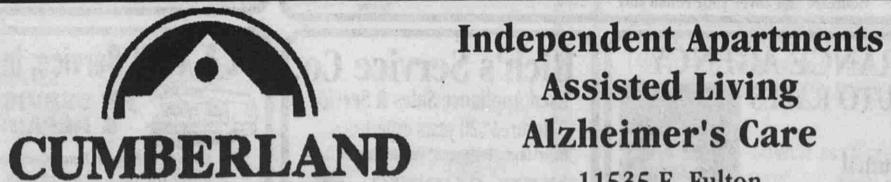


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# Rams rock Lowell in baseball district semifinal

defensively and hitting the ball well over the last four games

of the regular season," Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel

explained. "You just can't make that many mistakes against a

Both clubs rapped out eight hits. Six of the Rams' eight

Brad Eldridge (9-4) pitched the entire game. "For as many

pitches as he was forced to throw because of errors, Brad

By Thaddeus J Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Riding a four-game winning streak, Lowell's basebal team entered district play on Saturday with momentum. It left Greenville (district site) disappointed by its performance in an 8-2 loss to Rockford in the semifinals.

Lowell's chances of victory unraveled with seven errors "What makes it hard to stomach is that we'd been playing well

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minimized what Rockford could have done to us," said Antel. "Rockford made plays and we threw the ball all over the place." With the loss, the Red Arrows finished their season at 17-

team as solid as Rockford."

runs were unearned

Lowell centerfielder, Bill Harrison and Eldridge each

were awarded post-season honors. Both Red Arrows were named to the O-K White honorable mention all-conference team. Harrison was also invited to represent the O-K White in the John Bos All Star game on June

In nonconference action leading up to Saturday's district game, Lowell defeated Hastings 12-1 and Byron Center 8-3. Brad Eldridge picked up his ninth win of the year as he limited Hastings to one run on four hits while striking out seven and walking one.

Andrew Benedict and Adam Kuzmin each collected two hits and scored two runs against the Saxons. Benedict also swiped two bases and knocked in a run. Eldridge had one hit but tallied four RBI.

In its win over Byron Center, Lowell used the strength of four arms in defeating the Bulldogs. Ryan Nugent started with Brian White, Adam Kuzmin and Wade Gilchrist pitching in relief. Kuzmin got the win. All the Red Arrow hurlers pitched

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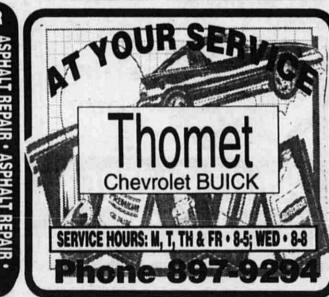
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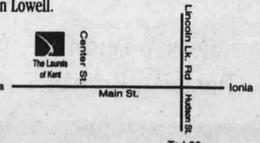
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Growth of LHS soccer program parallels with careers of Wagner and Horsley

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

man season of varsity soccer. sity soccer for Lowell.

"My freshman year were," Horsley recalls.

games to relieve the frustration I was feeling." The trials that come with

being a freshman on a varsity team of a program that is in its second year was not unique to Horsley and Wagner.

vered, worked hard and found been special to observe for to that you could just kick the Rvan Conlan.

not only been good athletes, Horsley explains. players and leaders; they are

tice and in games has served through the system.

Horsley was named to the league's honorable mention team in each of her first three years and was named to the her senior year.

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has earned her O-K White all-Jenny Wagner and Laura conference honors in each of ment. Horsley remember their fresh- her four years of playing var-

wasn't fun - but the people I almost did not go out for soc- a 3-0 win before losing in the was playing soccer with cerherfreshman year and had not played since the fourth Wagner adds, "It was grade. "I played in fourth frustrating. I used to run after grade and didn't like it. Laura talked me into it my freshman year after missing the first before," Horsley explains. day of tryouts."

East and Central is a long way The way they have perse- YMCA soccer.

success, if not unique, has you work more on skills. Prior can't do that at the varsity

As a freshman, Horsley also great people," Conlan set Lowell's single-season said. "They've also been good scoring record, netting 14 role models for the younger goals. "The goal that broke the record (11) came in a 9-1 Their hard work in prac- loss to Zeeland," she said.

The Red Arrows took as a valuable role model for their lumps against Zeeland younger players coming up and Hudsonville in the opening four years of the program.

That changed this year. Lowell defeated both the Chix and Eagles.

Lowell defeated Zeeland lar season play and then shut level.

Wagner's improved play out the Chix 3-0 in the O-K White Conference Tourna-

The Red Arrows broke through against Hudsonville Not bad for someone who during the regular season with tournament to the Eagles 2-1

> "That was the hardest loss for me to take, because we had just beaten them the week

Lowell's soccer program The Red Arrows learned has not caught up with Cenplaying varsity soccer against tral and East, but for the first time in its young program it removed from summer appears to be making progress.

Lowell lost 2-1 to Central and 6-0 to East during the regular season. The 2002 season is the first in which Lowell varsity soccer coach, ball around and have fun. You Lowell's record was overall .500 (10-7-1). The most wins "Laura and Jenny have level — they yell at you," in a single season prior to this year was five (1998 and 2001)

On Thursday night, Lowell made a program statement as it gave the Pioneers 9defending state champions) all they could handle before losing 2-1 in the district semifi

"I think the program has made progress," Conlan said "We now have players coming through the program with soccer experience."

And two departing seniors who have shown them what it all-conference team in this, 4-3 in overtime during regu- takes to compete at the next duty performance, job knowl-

nificant self-improvement. and other specific achievements and notable accomplishments. Gravelyn is a nurse with

Laura Horsley and Jenny Wagner were significant pieces in Lowell girls soccer program's first winning season.

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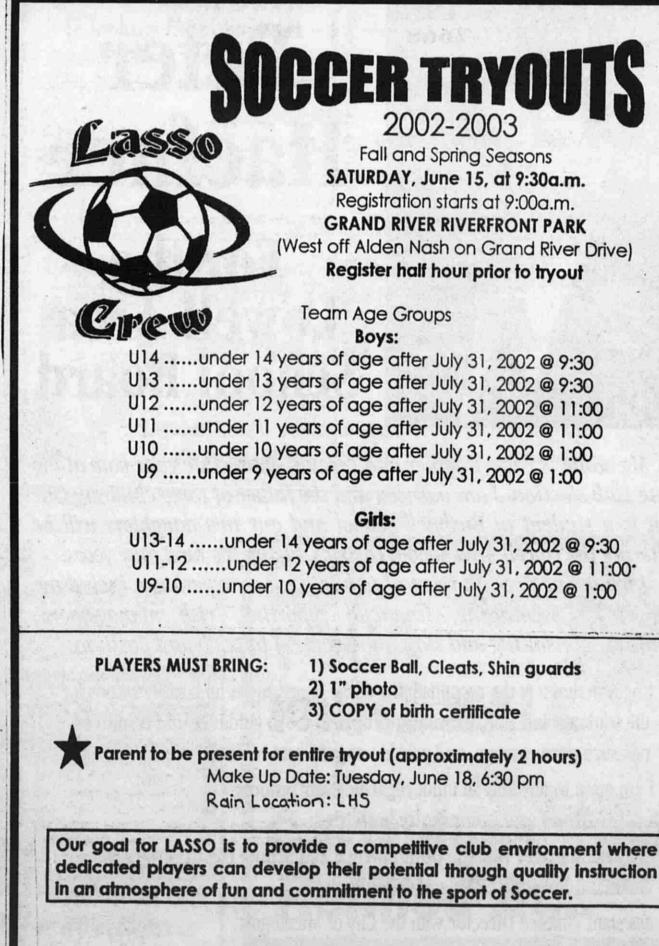
Fort Polk, Leesville, La. He is the son of Gary and Miavam Gravelyn of Alto and a 1996 graduate of Caledonia High School.



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The LASSO U-14 boys soccer team took first place in the

Sunday's championship game had LASSO playing an-

Grochowalski was named tourney MVP and received

game ball for his tireless contribution. Coach Chris Barlow

credits competing in the tough "A" bracket in GVSA for

preparing for tournament play and beyond. After going 0-3

# Improving Red Arrows show heart in 2-1 loss to Pioneers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls soccer team disrupted East Grand Rapids' attack and nearly its march toward a second straight state championship in its 2-1 district semifinal loss at East Grand Rapids

"I am so proud of what I just watched these girls do," said Lowell soccer coach, Ryan Conlan. "This team has gotten better as the season has proceeded. The girls got better each game."

Facing a more talented

soccer team, Lowell used speed and heart to disrupt the high-powered Pioneers. "We expected Lowell to

play well. They have been playing great soccer toward the end of the regular season," said EGR assistant coach, Damian Nicey. "Anytime you play a team facing elimination, they are going to

The Red Arrows scored the game's first goal at the 20:47 mark of the first half. Amanda Rau kicked one past EGR's goalie, who had come 15-20 yards outside the box.

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Rau split two defenders and then punched one past the keeper and into the Pioneer

Lowell maintained the one goal advantage until the mark of the opening half when Pioneer Arielle Subar lofted one over the head of Lowell keeper, Kelly Fitzpatrick.

The game remained tied with less than 10 minutes to play in the contest when Jennifer Smith found the Lowell net off a free kick.

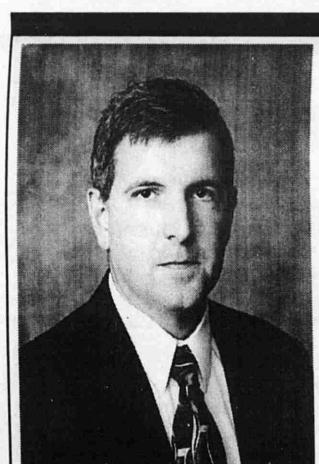
East outshot Lowell 15-6. The Red Arrows mustered up a couple attacks over the final few minutes, but were unable to slip one past Pioneer keeper, Caroline Boyninge.

"The girls were taking the game to East late in the game. We had some scoring chances," Conlan said.

Fitzpatrick tallied 10 saves. "She had an outstanding game. Kelly didn't just sit in front of the net; she came out aggressively and got the ball," Conlan said. Lowell finishes its sea-

son at 10-7-1. I will do anything from fixing a flat to a complete bike tune up.

Lowell's Becky Bosserd, above, leads a Lowell attack against East Grand Rapids. Red Arrow keeper, Kelly Fitzpatrick, left, recorded 10 saves against the Pioneers.



# Peter Haefner

# For the Lowell Area **School Board**

My name is Peter Haefner and I would appreciate your vote at the June 10th election. I am married and the father of three children. Our son is a student at Bushnell School and our two daughters will be entering the Lowell Area School District during the next four years.

I will bring over 12 years of public finance experience including: budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, risk management, auditing, consulting and staff management to the board position.

- I believe that it is the responsibility of the board to set high expectations for the students and staff, provide appropriate tools, guidance and resources, measure performance, and provide appropriate rewards.
- · I am open to any and all input regarding our schools. Qualifications and community activities:
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- Assistant Finance Director with the City of Muskegon
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# **VOTE FOR** PAT NUGENT LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD **MONDAY, JUNE 10**

### **BOARD EXPERIENCE:**

Board Member for four years (Secretary 2 years)

### **EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:**

- Certified teacher with nine years experience
- Master's Degree in Education
- Very familiar with issues such as curriculum, technology, accreditation and testing

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

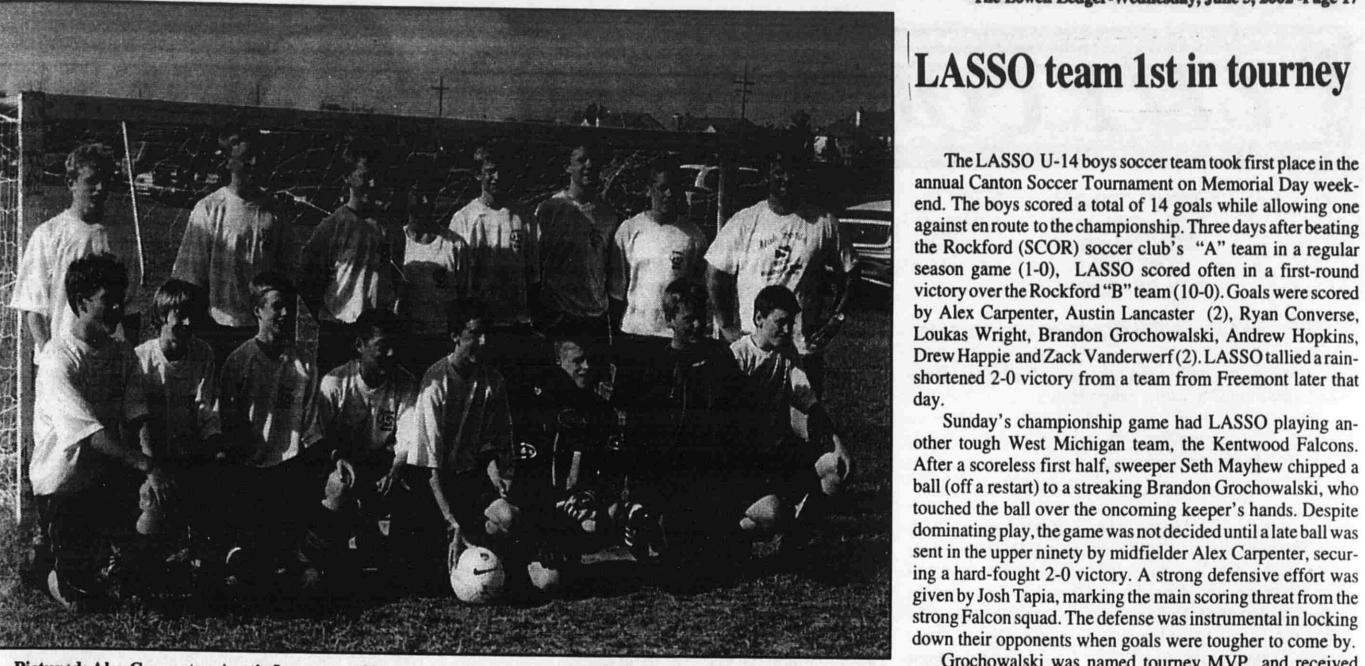
- Lifelong Lowell resident
- Valedictorian of Lowell Class of 1989
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- Lowell Ag Supporters (FFA)

# Pat Nugent stands for:

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the first three weeks of regular season play, the boys finished Not pictured but on the GVSA team: Ben Hanson, Nathan Meendering, Chris Barlow, Gary Osborne and Kory strong, going 5-1-2- their last eight games.

Red Arrow girls tipped up by Rams in district semifinal

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Missed opportunities last three innings came in the early came back to bite sixth. Shelby Tomczak was Lowell's softball team late in its 3-2 district semifinal loss to Rockford Saturday at went to third on an error with Greenville.

'We had scoring opportunities in the first three innings but could not come through with a hit," said Lowell coach, Bob Rodenhouse,

With the score tied at 2-2. Rockford turned a single, a bunt and a bloop single into right field into their third and game-winning run in the sixth



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big brother, Bradley and big sisters, Kyrsten and Lauren

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unable to bring her home. Lacey Capen took the Eickhoff (1). tough loss, allowing three runs

on four hits.

Lowell scored two runs on four hits against Rockford. The hits came off the bats of one out. Lowell, however, was Tara Kimble (2), Jacque

Benedict (1) and Amanda that has played out pretty

son at 14-18.

"It's been a fun year. One

much like I thought. The I thought we would," Lowell finishes its sea- only thing that surprised me Rodenhouse said.

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

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MAY 20, 2002.

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

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

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Planning Commissioners Alan Mathews and Dan Pipe, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall, Police Officer James Hinton, City Treasurer Sue Olin, Financial Services Officer Char McNab, Lowell Light and Power Boardmember Norm trucks to swing out into oncoming traffic. Borgerson, Airport Manager Jim Sowle and City Attorney Richard Wendt.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER that the minutes of the MAY 6, 2002 regular meeting be approved as written.

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

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

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

<b>BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PA</b>	YABLE (05/20/02)
GENERAL FUND	\$86,504.91
MAJOR STREET FUND	1,808.61
LOCAL STREET FUND	4,849.99
DDA FUND	1,545.37
WASTEWATER FUND	4,794.27
WATER FUND	4,902.34
EQUIPMENT FUND	533.31
CURRENT TAX FUND	3,842.75
LOOK FUND	1,500.00

### Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

901 Grindle - Alan and Jayne Mathews - variance to allow a 33 foot width at the front yard setback so an additional lot can be created - public hearing. Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Dan Brubaker stated in November of to split their lot at 901 Grindle to allow an additional house. Alan and Jayne Mathews now wish to purchase the back lot and are applying for the same variance.

The current frontage is 150.71 feet, while the back lot line has been measured across at 419.21 feet. The Mathewsi want to have the north 33 feet of the frontage split to allow a driveway to access the proposed 5.56-acre parcel.

With the property zoned Suburban Residential, 165 foot Austin referred to the proposed sidewalk on the south lot width is required. Thus, a variance has again been petitioned.

At its April 29, 2002 meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended (with Matthews' abstention) to grant the variance. Also, the Commission recommended that the entrance drive be paved to the highest point (approximately 70 to 100 feet from the Street) as ans. determined by the Director of Public Works.

Boardmember Shores attended the Planning Commission meeting. She noted all Commissioners were in agreement.

City Manager Pasquale stated there was some discussion regarding the paving of the driveway. Shores noted this would be worked out between Mathews and Public Works Director Dan DesJarden.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to grant the variance request petitioned by Alan and Jayne Mathews at 901 Grindle to allow a 33 foot width at the front yard setback.

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

MAN - NORTH HUDSON INTERSECTION WIDENING PROJECT BY DAVID AUSTIN. David Austin of Williams and Works referred to the presentation the Council Blough suggested the size of the trucks be restricted or received from Ed Swanson of Wade Trim and Associates regarding what could be done within the existing right of way to improve the west side intersection of Hudson and Myers asked if the restrictions on left turns for trucks Foreman. Subsequent to this, Austin's firm had been involved with street design throughout the City including Valley Vista, Division, Bowes Road and M-21. City Manager Pasquale had asked Williams and Works to perform a survey of the intersection and then take the earlier concepts and lay these out on the existing survey. The formal design of the intersection improvements have not been completed yet because Williams and Works wanted to bring the issue back to the Council to show what impacts there would be on the existing survey.

Austin explained the situations reviewed involve trucks taking a right hand turn onto Hudson. Currently, there is a large power pole at that intersection which forces the

The other conflicting turn is trucks coming from the north and turning right onto Foreman. Trucks, not taking the turn wide enough, jump the curb, braking pavement and sidewalk in the area.

Austin noted Foreman Road is 30 feet wide from curb to

Austin referred to the report provided by Ed Swanson The report indicated the radius should be increased at the southwest corner with a slight taper. By doing this, the power pole located on the corner needs to be removed. Austin stated this allows for improvement. However, it does not eliminate entering into oncoming

Austin noted the power pole forces trucks not to jump the curb. When removed, there will be a similar situation to what is on the north side.

There is a slight improvement coming from the north and turning right onto Foreman. However, it is very minimal

A sidewalk has been proposed on the south. This is part of a separate Block Grant project.

Austin stated the improvement would require a very small part of the sidewalk to be located on private property. Therefore, an easement is necessary.

Austin illustrated the magnitude of what would have to happen to allow the trucks to turn. When turning onto Hudson, the radius would be increased and would create a larger easement. The increased radius would also 1996, Robert and Traci Mullins were granted a variance increase the distance between curbs, making it a further distance for pedestrians to cross. The existing curb on the north side would also need to be moved back and would create a large easement.

> Councilmember Blough asked if it would be possible to prohibit right hand turns proceeding south. Austin responded Police Chief Jim Valentine would have to consider this alternative.

> and noted there is room for the sidewalk within the right of way.

> Shores inquired if the sidewalk area could be used for roadway to make it wider. Austin stated eliminating the sidewalk would not provide additional room where it is crowded. Pasquale wanted to allow room for pedestri-

> Blough questioned the setback dimension from the existing side of Delores Alexander's house (820 N. Hudson) to the point of the proposed. Austin responded approximately 30 feet.

Councilmember Myers asked if the Wade Trim study required additional easements. Austin stated the study was not based on an actual survey. Pasquale noted there is a small easement for the sidewalk.

Austin stated the traffic turning right onto Hudson enters oncoming traffic. The proposed improvement does not eliminate this.

Myers was concerned about placing the sidewalk so close to the curb.

Blough believed the size of the trucks was the real problem. Reconstructing the intersection does not solve considered priorities. the problem.

Item #2. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE FORE- Brubaker had concerns about removing the pole and then creating a similar situation on the northwest corner.

an alternative path to the industrial sites be found.

could be enforced. Valentine believed it would be

Blough noted the other alternative avenue involving Alden Nash and Foreman was discarded because of safety concerns. Valentine stated Foreman is not an all season road. He also said the safety traffic engineers from the Kent County Road Commission are not concerned about the intersection of Foreman and Alden

Brubaker inquired if there was a cost estimate on the optimum radius. Austin responded approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000, depending upon contingencies. This does not include consideration of utilities, particularly the water main under the area. He believed the road should be investigated underneath, if it is torn up. Austin noted there are some smaller water mains shown in the master plan and should be enlarged for the future if the road is opened.

Brubaker questioned the cost of acquiring property. Austin did not have an estimate for the 3 by 9-foot

Shores asked for the history of accidents on the corner. Valentine responded accidents have occurred at the corner. Some were truck related and consisted of vehicles being rear ended when stopped on Hudson and making a turn. The majority of the accidents involve individuals disregarding the stop sign. Most include regular cars and pickup trucks.

Pfaller asked if it would be difficult to enforce if trucks were to be restricted from the street. Valentine responded most likely the individual stopped would never be seen again. Enforcement action would probably have to be taken in order for individuals to understand

Pfaller questioned the process to make the route known. Valentine stated factories have posted notices on their property asking vehicles to use the Foreman route.

Blough inquired regarding the bus traffic. Valentine stated buses do not have a problem when turning south from Foreman. Their problem is proceeding south bound trying to make a right turn heading west on Foreman.

Blough considered the possibility of trucks using Godfrey Street. He noted the road would have to be improved. Pasquale stated Godfrey is currently a county road. Valentine mentioned the industrial park is currently under construction. He was unsure if this is an extension of

Shores suggested ceasing the issue at this time and pursue the traffic and speed issues on Foreman.

Blough believed there needs to be an alternative.

Valentine was unsure how practical the Godfrey route

Brubaker asked if there was any plan to make Foreman an all season road. Valentine responded the Road Commission has no intentions of improving the road because of the horizontal curves. There would have to be some major realignment to bring the road to proper specifications.

Pasquale stated the staff would continue reviewing the situation again and provide any proposals to the Council.

By consensus, the Council decided not to pursue widening the intersection of Foreman and Hudson at this time.

Item #3. ADOPTION OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVE-MENTS PLAN 2002-2007. Every year, the City staff assembles a priority listing for improvements involving streets, public facilities, airport, water distribution and parks. The Planning Commission is asked to review these. The Airport Board also provides a recommended list, as does the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Street Capital Improvements

Gee Drive, Bowes, Foreman, Grindle and Sibley are

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Capital Improvements

Works Storage Building, Cemetery Building, the City Hall- Police Station project and then an outdoor skating rink are detailed.

Airport Capital Improvements

The Airport Board wishes to bring the airport to general utility status in order to qualify for State grants. The number of items mentioned within this priority list also aid in the general utility status.

Water Distribution

Supervisor Bob Robinson has provided a listing of various water main improvements to assist with looping and

Parks Capital Improvements Program

The Parks and Recreation Commission has recommended paving the parking lot on the east side of Stoney Lakeside Park, begin work with the newly designated park on the east side near the Division Street bridge, starting initial clean up, grade the road and also consider a name for the new facility.

Councilmember Pfaller questioned if the 12" main on Foreman was considered when tearing up the intersection. Pasquale responded the main work would be much more extensive than any work being done at the intersec-

Councilmember Blough inquired about the priorities. Pasquale responded the number one item is the City Hall Police Station project, followed by road improvements. Other priorities include Gee Drive, Bowes Road, Foreman, Grindle and Sibley.

Pasquale stated the airport is moving along well under the direction of Manager Jim Sowle. He has an excellent rapport with State officials. The Board is doing its best to personal property tax revenues. Land and buildings (real ensure the improvements are being carried out. There is property) will appreciate in value. a need to improve the safety and make the airport more attractive.

Pfaller inquired if the improvements were all self funded. Pasquale responded yes. There is a steady flow of income thanks to the hangar rental revenue.

BRUBAKER to adopt the Capital Improvements Plan for 2002-2007 with the provision that the top priority list be added to the plan as follows: 1) City Hall - Police Station; 2) road improvements of Valley Vista and Division; 3) road improvements for Bowes, Gee, Foreman, Grindle and Sibley and 4) Airport.

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

Item #4. 2002 - 2003 BUDGET PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING. City Manager Pasquale thanked City Treasurer Sue Olin and Financial Services Officer Char McNab for the amount of time involved in preparing the budget. This is not a small task. It is important to Attwood is not in the DDA, the General Fund would remember there are a number of different funds, which have a number of different revenue sources and expenditures where one fund is unrelated to the other. Pasquale explained when reviewing the Street Fund, most of the money comes from State shared revenue. Whereas, when reviewing the Airport, the revenue comes from hangar rentals.

Pasquale stated this is the first of two public hearings. The second hearing will be held on June 3, 2002, at which time the Council will consider a motion to adopt the budget.

General Fund. The budget shows a taxable value of \$95,419,694, an increase of 6.8% over last year. Of this, \$12,525,898 is allocated to the Downtown Development Authority, leaving \$82,893,796 to the General Fund.

The budget is tight and provided many hours of review. Several issues account for this as follows:

• \$47,000 Library Bond payment which is covered by the General Fund. Previously, the DDA provided coverage. The bond will be paid off in March, 2006.

•\$495,347 is expected to be derived from State Revenue Sharing or \$52,553 less than last year's projections.

• \$15,000 has been allocated for a first year lease bond payments on the library. Also, the DDA will be Showboat payment (3 years total) to purchase a new fire pumper asked to consider added contributions to the General

 \$7,930 is allocated for a lease payment to purchase a Improvements to the Water Treatment Plant, Public newpolice cruiser. Two were requested. None had been bought last year.

> Several allocations have been deferred: Lowell Area Historical Museum (\$20,000) •Fire Station roof repair (\$32,500) and Foreman Building roof (\$34,500).

Of major importance, \$290,000 has been provided for first year payments of a \$4.8 million dollar bond related to the City Hall - Police Station project. An allocation of \$83,000 (equivalent of one mill) is shown from the DDA as well as \$30,000 granted by the Lowell Area Community Fund for the clock tower and \$20,000 from the Look Memorial Fund. This reduces the millage required to 1.89 mills raising the overall total to 15.74. Final calculations will be attained after construction bids are received as well as financing rates of the bond issue.

A planned unreserved fund balance is projected at \$318,450.99, meeting City standards. Total expenditures amount to \$2,439,778.46.

Lee Fund. Planned expenditures include the east side parking lot of Stoney Lakeside Park (\$9,300) and initial start-up of the new park off Grand River Drive (\$3,000).

Water and Wastewater Funds. No increase in the water and wastewater rates are proposed.

With regard to the recent closure of Newell and the employment reduction at Attwood, Pasquale stated neither would have an effect on the 2002-2003 budget Property tax assessments were calculated as of December 31, 2001. Thus, no change in revenues has been assured.

As for 2003 - 2004, the impact will be felt from loss of

Newell shows with the loss in equipment, there will be a loss in City revenue of approximately \$15,900 for the

Because Newell is in the Downtown Development Authority District, the DDA would lose approximately \$6,500, IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by while the General Fund would lose \$9,400. Since the DDA was adopted, all the increases in values which have been attributed to Newell have been captured by the DDA. With losses, then there is a split.

> Attwood is eliminating their plastic injection molding business. They have personal property, which was worth over 34 million dollars at time of purchase. But with personal property there is depreciation. Last year, Attwood had personal property of approximately 7.7 million dollars in value after depreciation. A total of \$107,000 was paid to the City. Attwood provided a listing of remaining equipment valued at \$4,567,691.36 after eliminating plastic injection molding. The true cash value after depreciation was \$862,300. This provides personal tax revenue of \$11,942.85 or a \$95,761.67 loss. Since

> Combined, the Newell and Attwood revenue losses would be \$105,199.75 at the current millage rate. This will be somewhat offset by gains in the real property values. Assuming a 4% increase, \$43,243 would be increased. Providing approximately \$20,000 to the DDA, the remaining \$23,243 will be allocated to the General Fund. This leaves the loss at \$81,956.75 or a little less than one mill.

> Attwood has indicated the company fully intends to have the space which is vacated to be leased, so that there will be other businesses there. When this would happen and how much value it would be is unclear.

> When reviewing commercial and industrial revenue most are within the DDA district. However, there are still opportunities for additional gains within the General Fund through residential growth.

Issues to review include:

 In working with City staff, consider any reductions aiding the General Fund

 Seek assistance from the Lowell Area Community Fund, Look Memorial Fund or the Downtown Development Authority to cover the three remaining \$47,000

Fund since the Authority received a minor loss.

 Cooperate and actively assist efforts to fill the Newell and Attwood vacated spaces. Attwood has stated its intentions to vigorously pursue the leasing of its space. Any positive movement by the end of the year will help.

Councilmember Myers referred to the Public Works, Parks and Recreation Section concerning the City Hall. It states "this activity includes cleaning services (\$1,000) on a contractual basis, heating/air-conditioning maintenance, public utilities (\$10,000) and miscellaneous repairs to the City Hall building." Myers questioned if this was related to cleaning the City Hall facility and is the \$10,000 for heating/air-conditioning and public utilities for the City Hall as well. City Treasurer Sue Olin responded this relates to the City Hall/Police Station building. Utilities would still have to be paid for even though the facility will be under construction.

Pasquale noted the cleaning costs have been significantly reduced. Olin said the utilities have been lowered

Blough believed the contractor should install their own meter and pay for the utilities. Olin stated she would check with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber concerning the utilities.

The Council reviewed the following topics:

Administrative and General Government

Blough questioned why \$4,000 is allocated for conferences and conventions. He believed this could be cut down to \$2,000.

Blough also inquired about the value of being a member of the Grand Valley Metro Council for \$1,500. Pasquale responded the City is currently a member of the Transportation Division of the Grand Valley Metro Council. This has been very helpful for the City when seeking grants. The City has received monies for the upgrading of S. Hudson through participation in the organization. Blough inquired if this was contingent upon being a member of the Grand Valley Metro Council. Pasquale responded no. However, it is very helpful to be kept aware of programs. He believed it was vital to remain informed about transportation programs within the area

Public Safety

Blough commented on a conflicting set of statements One area reports "one leased new cruiser." However the next sentence states "because of budget constraints no new cruisers are being proposed for lease or purchase." Pasquale noted the statement would be elimi-

Fire/Rescue

Blough stated one of the largest expenses is the personnel cost for fire and rescue. The amount budgeted is \$100,000. He questioned what the actual amount was over the last three years. Olin stated the actual amount for fire salaries of on call/volunteer was \$92,694 last year, while \$6,617 was for social security. Olin would provide the two previous years at the next meeting.

Blough referred to the statement "since 1988, the City has contributed \$3,000 toward the establishment of a local ambulance service." He asked if the City was under obligation to donate \$3,000. Pasquale stated the City is not under obligation. This has been carried out each year in support of the ambulance. It is a relatively small amount in comparison to what the community receives

Blough asked if all their costs were covered by contributions by other governmental agencies or is the public charged. Pasquale stated the ambulance charges the

Blough wanted a report from Rockford Ambulance concerning how many other governmental agencies are giving contributions on an annual basis.

Sidewalk Fund

This program has been in process for several years at 25%. The City has budgeted \$2,500 for continuance for a number of years. Blough believed all residents have had a chance to participate in this and inquired if the \$2,500 should be taken and used elsewhere.

Blough noted the budget mentions nothing regarding

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funds being allocated for maintenance. Olin stated she shows \$500 for maintenance, \$2,500 for utilities, \$1,890 for insurance and \$100 for miscellaneous.

Street Fund

Blough stated one item listed as being a planned project includes the widening of the west side of the Foreman -North Hudson intersection for \$40,000. Pasquale stated the project would be excluded from the budget. He noted the \$40,000 could only be used for street improvements.

Councilmember Pfaller had a few questions related to the 1.89 mill increase. He understood the DDA has Each are billed monthly. committed \$83,000 for the City Hall - Police Station project this year. What would happen next year if the money was not provided. Pasquale stated it would be helpful for the Council to provide some direction to the DDA in terms of expenditures.

Pfaller questioned what type of increase was included for health care costs. McNab responded there is a 15% increase projected. The new costs do not go into effect successful in leasing vacated space. until January.

Pfaller asked if revenues were received from the Lowell Area Community Fund to finance the School Reserve Officer. He inquired what would happen to the position when the funds are eliminated. Valentine responded the department would look to the school for funding. Pasquale noted the position would be eliminated if no funds were received.

Pfaller guestioned the 30% increase in personal services for the Parks Fund and a 15% decrease in other services He saw this as a conflict. McNab explained this could have been how the wages were allocated. She had reviewed the DPW employees for the last year to determine where the majority of the work was. The percentages, along with the health care and pension costs were reflected accordingly.

Pfaller commented on the library millage. He stated it is almost .9 of a mill and in return the City is only getting \$7,700 back. He asked if this was equal throughout the district. Pasquale explained the contract indicates the City receives one dollar a square foot per year for maintenance. The library floor area is 7,741 square feet. Therefore, the City receives \$7,741. Myers added the City also receives staffing, inventory and programs as well as many other activities for the library.

Councilmember Brubaker inquired about the agreement with Light and Power concerning the payment in lieu of taxes. Olin stated Light and Power payments come in on the revenue side and then each department has a line item for public utility expenditures, which includes electric. Olin noted to date, the City has received \$156,950 of Light and Power's revenue and the City has paid an electric usage for all departments, not only the General Fund, of \$136,131 but then \$3,300 in repair and maintenance to street lighting.

Judy Straub, director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, commented on the letter from the Board requesting the City Council make the museum funding a priority, even though it has a tight budget. This is their first year operating and are already making plans for next year. The museum has been able to hire a staff person. This allows fundraising, fund development and program planning. Straub noted museums can not exist and be an active and integrated part of a community without support. Most support comes from general budget allocations or property taxes.

Myers stated the residents of Lowell recently received a credit of \$25 toward memberships from the YMCA for use of the parks. Myers asked if the museum could provide something similar to the citizens. Straub stated she would give this some thought.

Straub noted the museum has approached both Lowell and Vergennes Townships. Although each has been terrific in supporting the museum with Block Grant allocations, no contributions have been made toward operational funding.

Shores noted she received several phone calls and a letter from individuals this past week asking them to make every effort and consider allocating funds to the museum.

Straub stated the museum is a facility the community can be proud of. A State community achievement award for enhancing the image of a community has just been won. Shores thanked Straub for her comments.

Howard Acheson heard there was a 15% increase in medical expenses. He questioned the actual dollar total and the amount for wage increases. Pasquale responded there is a 3% wage increase. Acheson suggested reviewing the medical coverage available. Pasquale noted this is being done.

Acheson questioned if the expenses shared by Lowell and Vergennes townships for fire services were figured in the budget as income. Pasquale responded yes. Olin noted each township pays the actual cost for the run.

Acheson asked if there was any thought of charging the employees more for the medical benefits. Pasquale stated part of the problem is there are several employees who are under a contract.

Shores noted there would also be a difference in next year's budget if Newell is occupied and if Attwood is

Blough stated construction bids for the City Hall - Police Station will be opened soon. The issue will then become clear about any potential additional funds. Blough stated if \$290,000 is too much for the budget, then perhaps the scope of the work still needs to be cut down for the City Hall - Police Station.

Pasquale explained funding for the project would be financed through additional millage plus contributions from the DDA and the Look Memorial Fund.

Blough also referred to City staff salary, 75% of that comes from the General Fund and the rest of the funds take a certain percentage. Blough questioned what ees. The following bids were: drives those percentage allocations. Pasquale explained allocation is reviewed over a number of years. For Overbeck Construction Co., Inc. himself, as well as several other positions, the City tries Provide an additional \$2,000 allowance to allocate the amount of time an individual spends within activities related to the particular fund. Blough noted the Capital Improvement Plan indicates the streets as a high •Architectural Building Restoration, Inc. \$39,831.00 priority. With this, one might expect more of the City Manager's time to be devoted to street activities. Therefore, why wouldn't a larger percentage be spent from the Total Costs Street Fund and less in the General Fund? Thus, this would free some General Fund monies. Olin explained only 10% of the transportation monies received can be spent on administration. Olin noted the Local Street Fund requires a General Fund contribution.

Blough requested additional information as to exactly Inc. how much money is allocated from each fund and what the restrictions are relative to the allocation toward administration for each of the funds.

Pfaller requested a breakdown of separating the City Hall and Police Station after the bids

Brubaker questioned where the City would look for an additional \$20,000 if needed for the museum.

Shores stated she supports the museum 100%. How- area ever, the City never locked into donating \$20,000 a year. Maybe an amount less than \$20,000 would be more

Pfaller commented on a few deferred expenditures in-He believed it was important to maintain these buildings. A larger expense could be created in the Huntington Bank. future, if repairs are not made. Public Works Director was repaired in 1982. It is in need of repair now. DesJarden believed if the City is spending several thousands of dollars on a new police department and City Hall, it YEA: 4. should emphasize with the tax payers that the City is also NAY: 0. taking care of the buildings we have now.

DesJarden noted water is coming in on one side of the Fire Station and it is taking a toll on the south wall.

Pasquale stated as part of the next agenda, answers will be provided to the questions, which have been posed by the Councilmembers.

Pasquale noted another public hearing would be held on June 3, 2002.

No further information was provided.

Item #5. DEMOLITION OF 310 AVERY. City Manager Pasquale informed the Council that Roger Cahoon was no longer interested in moving the house located at 310 Avery. Because of the need to proceed with the City Hall No further information was provided.

- Police Station project, bids were sought for demolition. Of the five invitations given, two bids were submitted as

Pitsch Companies (Grand Rapids)

Melching Demolition & Dismantling(Wyoming) \$6,670

\$6,350

After reviewing the bids, Dan DesJarden and Pasquale recommended Pitsch Companies be awarded the demolition of 310 Avery for a cost of \$6,350 allocated from the City Hall - Police Station Construction Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the bid of \$6,350 from Pitsch Companies for the demolition of 310 Avery allocated from the City Hall - Police Station Construction Fund. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON BANK INVOLVING TEMPORARY OCCUPANCY OF CITY HALL - POLICE OFFICES. At its April 8, 2002 meeting, the City received a lease offer to temporarily occupy approximately 4,830 sq. ft. of 414 East Main Street owned by Huntington Bank for office space while the City Hall - Police Station project is being completed. Two options involved either the City paying for all necessary improvements or have the Bank perform this task and charge a monthly lease payment. By consensus, the Council chose the first.

Three contractors visited the site and discussed the needed improvements with Huntington Bank employ-

\$23,655.00 if architectural drawings are required.

525.00 Option - add: electric strikes Architectural drawings 4,035.00 \$41,406.00

\$43,150.00 Parks Construction Services, Inc. \$4,315.00 Architectural drawings (10%)

Pasquale and DesJarden reviewed both bids and recommended the bid of Architectural Building Restoration,

Pasquale explained there would have been a cost of \$60,000 that would have been spread over two years. The City would have been paying \$1,500 a month over two years. The bank would then be performing those improvements or the City could seek bids and try to receive a better offer.

Blough asked if the City would be cohabitating with the bank. Pasquale responded yes, however, in a separate

Pasquale noted because there were discrepancies with the Overbeck bid and meeting the necessary specifications. Overbeck has withdrawn their bid.

cluding the roofs on the Fire Station and Foreman Build- A final recommendation will be provided upon review of all bids by Public Works Director Dan DesJarden and

Dan DesJarden explained the Foreman Building roof IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to table the issue until a final decision is made on the City Hall - Police Station project.

> ABSTAIN: 1. (Myers) MOTION CARRIED.

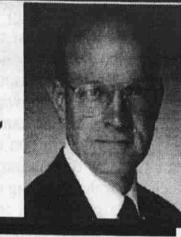
Item #7. REPORT OF THE SALE OF THE \$2,505,000 WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS. City Attorney Richard Wendt stated on May 8, 2002 the City sold water revenue refunding bonds to pay off three different series of bonds which are outstanding including the 1976, 1993 and the 1994 bonds.

The last time Wendt came before the Council was when a resolution had been authorized which provided a target for a cash savings of at least \$100,000. The market got considerably better since the previous meeting. When the City went to the market on May 8 and then sold the bonds, a gross savings of just under \$125,000 and a present value of \$77,411.21 was realized.

PETER L. GUSTAFSON

Lowell Board of

**Education President** 



The ancient Greek philosopher Plato observed that "nothing endures but change." As I complete my tenure on the Lowell Board of Education - the last several years as board president - these words echo from the ages.

It has been a great privilege to serve on the board of education since 1994. I have enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with board colleagues, to share thoughts periodically in "Vision" articles in the Ledger, to partner with our talented administrators and teachers, and to interact with parents and fellow citizens. It has been a particular honor to work with our fine superintendent, Bert Bleke, who is moving on to the leadership role in the Grand Rapids Public Schools. The Grand Rapids schools are crucial to the vitality of the entire metropolitan area of which Lowell is a part, and we wish Bert the very best in meeting this new challenge. We owe Bert a tremendous debt of gratitude for what he has accomplished here; his leadership provides a firm foundation for continuing success in the years to come.

The conclusion of my board service is, of course, tinged with nostalgia. When I joined the board, my own children were in elementary and middle school. They are now in college.

Much has changed in Lowell in recent years - yet the core values remain All of us want for the young people of Lowell the very best education we can provide for them, and we all recognize the vital importance that our schools play in helping to develop kids. and direct young minds in positive ways. The hopes and expectations of our students were reflected in the faces of the high school graduates at commencement this past Sunday afternoon, as was the case for the 123 graduating classes before them, and will be so for countless new generations of Lowell

- for the support you have provided to me and to the school district during the past eight years. We know that you support

# **KDL** summer reading starts soon

spend some time in the library this summer and to sign up for Summer Reading Club which begins Monday, June 10. This year there are separate divisions for children, teens and families, each with great prizes for those who reach their reading

our district with your taxes. We know that we owe you our best effort to manage those dollars wisely, and to put them to work for the benefit of students in our classrooms. We know that in all that we do, the guiding principal must be what is best for Our district is blessed with a wonderful group of board members who will continue to strive for progress in the coming months and years. And we will find an excellent new superintendent to fill Bert Bleke's admittedly large shoes. In short, looking forward, the district will be in very capable hands. I have every confidence that the Lowell Area Schools will

Let me conclude by thanking the community – each of you continue to improve as we move along into the 21st century.

Kent District Library (KDL) invites children of all ages to

The Summer Reading Club is for children entering grade 5 and younger. They can set their own reading goals; everyone who signs up for the club may enter their name in a drawing for some fun prizes. This club is sponsored in part by WOOD TV8 and Meijer.

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# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Item #8. APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING SERVICES Brubaker referred to Jim Sowle's comment regarding Whereas, injury prevention and the appropriate use of AGREEMENT WITH URS FOR PREPARATION OF abstaining from discussions. His general rule is if there the EMS system will help reduce national health care AIRPORT PROPERTY MAP. City Attorney Richard is a question, it is better to abstain than to vote. Brubaker Wendt explained this is phase one of a four-phase explained he has abstained from voting recently be- Now, therefore, the City of Lowell, in recognition of this project for the airport. It involves the preparation of an cause he is a co-owner of a law firm. If his firm represents event do hereby proclaim the week of May 19-25, 2002 airport property map which identifies the boundaries of someone who is appearing in front of this board, they are as the airport and the runways which are located in proxim- paying money to his firm. City Attorney Richard Wendt ity to those boundaries. The project will also locate eight was in agreement with Brubaker concerning him abstainair easements which will eventually be acquired so ing. certain trees can be removed or trimmed making the airport safer.

This is a contract for engineering services to complete phase one, being fixed for \$25,000. The funds are Mayor Shores commented on the Mayor Exchange Day available through a low interest loan from the State.

Councilmember Brubaker inquired what General Utility Status provides. Airport Manager Jim Sowle responded basically being eligible for funds from the State. At the current time the Airport Board, through Airport users, funds the airport and all the improvements. At the point where General Utility status is reached, the Airport Board can provide 10% and the State would provide 90%.

BRUBAKER to approve the contract with URS for prepaservice; and ration of an Airport Property Map. YEA: 5.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #9. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #10. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Howard Acheson while construction is taking place.

Jim Sowle stated frequently he reads in the paper where boardmembers abstain because of a conflict of interest. When he has served on Township Boards or Township Planning Commissions he was advised, by legal countors, administrators, and others; and sel, the only reason one could abstain from a vote is if the official personally would financially benefit from the vote. The fact a person might have to vote on a matter which is related to one's employer takes second precedent to responsibility as an elected citizen. He asked the City Council to review this.

the proposed street project near his house. He was not informed about any of the activity on the road. Stauffer was disappointed with the City. He also had a concern regarding the location with the road. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden noted letters were sent to every resident along N. Division concerning the project. The letter stated if a resident wanted more information, his office could be contacted.

Item #11. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember

Delores Alexander suggested the candidates speak las on the agenda rather than first.

with St. Joseph. It was a very good experience.

Shores also commented on the request from the Kent County Emergency Medical Services Incorporated and read the following proclamation into record:

Proclamation To designate the week of May 19-25 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by Whereas, emergency medical services is a vital public

Whereas, the members of the emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

Whereas, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

Whereas, emergency medical services providers have suggested the Newell Building be used for the City Hall traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; and

> Whereas, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educa-

> Whereas, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers; and

Whereas, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing Dave Stauffer of 429 N. Division was concerned about education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

> Whereas, Americans benefit from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; DATE APPROVED: Monday, June 3, 2002

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** 

And encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

With consensus from the Council, the proclamation was

Shores thanked all of the volunteer fire and medical personnel. They do a great job.

Item #12. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. The following meetings minutes were provided: Grand Valley Metro Council - Transportation Policy committee meeting of February 20, 2002 Look Memorial Fund Committee meeting of February

Airport Board meeting of April 9, 2002

2. The City offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th because of Memorial Day. In observance of this holiday, the annual parade will begin at 9:30 a.m.

3. At its May 13, 2002 worksession, the Planning Commission prepared proposed changes to the RV ordinance. The Commission will formally review these, holding a public hearing before submitting an ordinance to the City Council.

Item #13. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Shores made the following appointments.

**Board of Review** Dave Clark

Dan Pipe

Term Appointment to: 06/20/2005

Planning Commission 06/30/2005 06/30/2005

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to appoint the above individuals to the listed boards. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor

Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

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position to permit effective from side to side in windy lure presentation

Anchoring the boat is nec-To make an anchor that works well for river fishing. essary when fish are concenfasten short lengths (18 to 20 trated in a small area. Mushroom or navy anchors will inches) of heavy chain together at one end. The chain is partially lifted off bottom They work best if 4 to 6 feet of 5/16 inch or larger chain is to allow a slow drift downattached between the anchor stream and to keep the boat and anchor line. The length of parallel with the river bank. anchor line should be 2 or 3 times the depth at anchorage. An anchor for both the bow

conditions.

The wind can be used to move the boat through likely fish-holding areas. If the craft and stern will be necessary to is moving too fast, then a drift keep the craft from swinging sock can be deployed to slow it down. A drift sock is a coneshaped bag which resembles a wind sock used at aircraft landing fields. The drift sock has an adjustable opening at the narrow end to regulate the water flowing through it to vary the speed of the drift.

drift fishing a narrow struc-The sock is fastened to the gunwale at a point that will

A low horsepower auxiliary motor (kicker) will troll down to speeds not possible with most large main engines. Some kickers can be operated with the boat console steering wheel or with a throttle handle.

A pair of Polaroid sunglasses will help to find fish ditions, however, running into when you can see them, and the wind may be the only way sonar will help when you can't. A global positioning system (G.P.S.) and charts will let you know where you are and where you are going.

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### KDL cont'd... From Page 21 ents As Reading Partners" in District Library branch. The Teen Reading Raffle,

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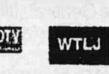
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HOUR OF MEETING:

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DATE OF MEETING:

PLACE OF MEETING:

7:00 P.M. (Regular Board Meeting to follow the Budget Hearing)

Runciman Administration Building

Board Room-300 High St., Lowell, MI

Monday, June 10, 2002

**TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE** SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE: 616-897-8415

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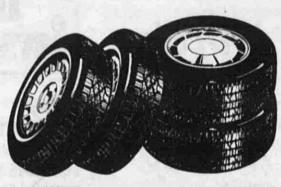
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