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Speech centered on economic restructuring in Iraq

By Dan Schneider

n a speech given last Wednesday at the Lowell Performing Arts Center, M. Peter McPherson gave an update on U.S. efforts to rebuild the economy in Iraq.

Iraq has been given the "building blocks" of a renewed economy, McPherson said, and is at several advantages for economic development compared to developing countries. Before the country can take lasting steps toward financial growth and a strong job market, however, it must achieve security and political stability.

McPherson spent five them. months last year in Iraq following the U.S.-led war the war ended, Iraqi farmers against that country. He were harvesting their wheat served under the title of financial coordinator for the bought those crops in order to Office of Reconstruction and get more money into the Iraqi Humanitarian Assistance in economy. Iraq. This position made him the chief advisor to Ambascial matters.

After President Bush dethe first step for rebuilding stock feed. the country's economy was to get some money circulating stood in the way of rebuilding there. Toward that end, the Iraq's economy, McPherson U.S. found Iraqi government said, was the lack of a good employees and began paying currency. The currency in use

At the time Bush declared and barley crops. The U.S.

"We worked almost in the WPA Depression style besador Paul Bremer in finan- cause that is really what it felt like," McPherson said.

He said the crops will be clared an end to major hostili- sold in Iraq for food and, in ties in Iraq, McPherson said, the case of the barley, for live-

One of the factors that

Charles R. Dovle was

presented a meritorious

service citation in special

recognition and appreciation of service rendered

retired federal employees. Doyle has been a member of the National Association of Federal Retired Em-

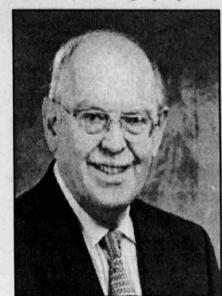
ployees (NARFE) since 1991 and has been active with the Grand Rapids

During this time he has

served in membership and

chapter.

in Iraq, the Saddam Dinar, was problematic. It came in only two denominations. The situation was roughly equiva-



M. Peter McPherson

lent to conducting commerce only in dimes and five-dollar bills. That currency was easy to counterfeit and bore the image of Saddam Hussein.

Establishing a new currency without a freely-elected government in place was a controversial step. However, it was one that needed to be taken, McPherson said, for

progress to occur in Iraq's economy.

The currency exchange began last Oct. 15. The deadline for exchanging currency in Iraq is tomorrow, Jan. 15.

The imagery on the new currency is based on pictures of Babylon found on presix denominations.

"The new currency has been extremely well received," McPherson said.

When the rebuilding prowere closed.

"To make an economy go, you have to have banks," McPherson said. "Banks are at the core of every major country in the world."

To make sure the banks remain stable, McPherson said, the branches are being re-opened gradually.

Part of McPherson's role in Iraq was to establish rules for commerce there. This in-

cluded setting maximum tax and tariff rates, as well as for foreign investment.

"As they are, they make Iraq the most open economy in the Middle East, including Israel," McPherson said of the business policies.

In his time in Iraq, Saddam Iraqi currency. It has McPherson saw evidence of economic recovery in the form of commerce in the markets of Baghdad.

"If you go down the main street in Baghdad . . . it is an cess began, all of Iraq's banks explosion of activity," he said.

However, most of the products being sold in the markets came from Jordan. McPherson reported that oil production in the country, for the last three months, has been back at pre-war levels. The oil is among the chief assets giving Iraq an advantage in its economic development.

> McPherson speech, cont'd., pg. 12

Doyle awarded meritorious service citation



chapter president, Sam Densmore.

legislation, and was chapter president during 1996 and 1997. He has also served as federation state vice president from 1994. 2001. He is currently serving as sergeant-at-arms for the Grand Rapids chapter and public relations for the state federation. Doyle was Lowell's postmaster from 1965 until 1990.

Amended budget increases deficit spending; future cuts likely for Lowell Area Schools

By Dan Schneider

t its meeting Monday, the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education approved an amended budget for the 2003-2004 school year. The amended budget shows excess expenditures of \$794, 570.

In her budget update at the meeting, Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for

finance and personnel, explained how the financial picture has changed for LAS since the original budget was adopted. That budget was prepared, Gillette said, before July 1, 2003.

District revenues are up in the amended budget despite adjustments for state foundation grant cuts. Cuts to the state school aid budget should amount to \$84 per student. This has a negative impact of about \$350,000 on LAS. That number should be more clear following today's Revenue Consensus Conference in Lansing.

The loss in state revenue is offset in the amended budget, however, by revenue gains from property taxes, federal sources and other local revenue.

The amended budget

Budget cuts, cont'd., pg. 9

City manager provides year in review report

moved, a building reopened, a park named, and a wellhead protection program instituted ... 2003 was a busy year for the city of Lowell.

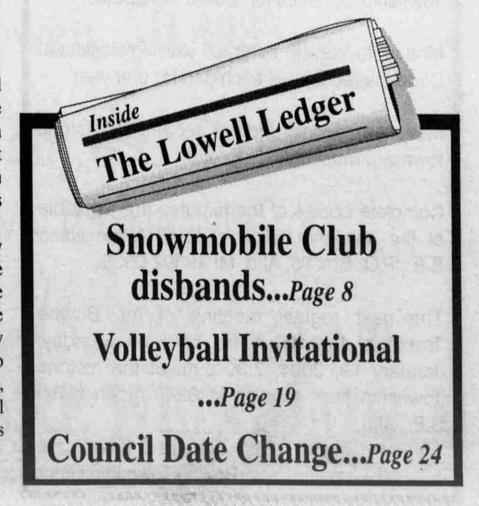
City manager, David Pasquale gave his final report of the city's activities at the first meeting of 2004 on Jan. 5. Pasquale said the city had accomplished quite a bit during the year. "The biggest one is the one we are all sitting in right now," Pasquale said. 'And by that, I mean the City Hall/police station, which was completed on time and on budget." The City Hall opened in the summer followed by a Masonic ceremony for the cornerstone, conducted during the annual Riverwalk Festival.

But the City Hall/police station project wasn't the only achievement for 2003. The city has moved forward on the wellhead protection program for the Water Treatment Plant; a sidewalk project for North Hudson and Foreman Road was completed along with engineering work started Center streets improvements; the city put in place a new open space ordinance preservation act; a new entrance sign for the Lowell Airport was installed after the old one was run over; and the Barton property was purchased for the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds.

Pasquale said the city continues to work on its relationship with business owners, having collaborated with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in developing infor the Foreman-Gee and S. be available at City Hall and

the chamber offices. And there was the naming of the city's newest park located on the east side of Division Street Bridge. The name chosen from a contest is Clara Blazo's selection, Upper Bridge Park.

The city is already busy in 2004 as it watches the state during an economic decline that is taking place. As state funds become less, the city will have to work harder to stretch the dollar. The city, half way through its fiscal year, will be working on its formation packets that will budget for 2004-2005 soon.



OBITUARIES

Middletown, Ind.

ward M., aged 91, passed away Sterling Heights.

HERBLET - Thomas H. be made to Habitat for Hu-

to Shepherd of Independent Living, 1400 Morgan NW

the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Mrs. Stinchcomb was born on March 25, 1925 and Zilpha Showalter. She was a member of Lowell VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Fallasburg Bill Mac former member of the Scottish Society and a substitute teacher for the Grand Rapids School System. At the time Stinchcomb joined the U.S. graduate from Aquinas College, but she did it! One of her will be no funeral services. goals in life was to travel Memorial contributions may abroad to places she had read about in books. She was a supporter of the Arts, and encouraged her children to get

M. Raney all of Lowell; many Bruce Stinchcomb of Walker, at the GRHV chapel. Conklin of the First United eight grandchildren; one rials may be made to the fam- be held Thursday, Jan. 15 at 1 Rivera, Brianna Thomet;

STINCHCOMB - Mrs

Wanda Stinchcomb, aged 78,

of Lowell, passed away on

Monday, January 12, 2004 at

nieces and nephews. Funeral Wendy Stinchcomb of LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

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NOTICE TO

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Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 02-174-045-

Estate of

LOU ANDRA C.

MILLER, deceased

SSN: 379-44-2745

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDI-

lived at 2475-11 Mile

Road, Sparta, Michigan

Creditors of the dece-

dent are notified that all

claims against the estate

will be forever barred

died 11-20-00.

OSBURN - Mark L. (Punky) F. Stinchcomb in 1987, her p.m. at the Grand Rapids grandparents Jack (Gail)

Osburn, aged 45, of Lowell, daughter Suzanne, her son Home for Veterans Chapel Thomet, Bill Rasmussen, passed away January 4, 2004. Warren Bradley Stinchcomb, with Chaplain John Poston Sandy Schipper; great-grand-He was preceded in death by her granddaughter Jennifer officiating. Military honors parents Duke (Marylyn) his parents Mark and Freda Stinchcomb and her brother will be under the auspices of Thomet, Robert (Lucy) and brother Clare (Nubby). Leonard Showalter. Mrs. the Kent County Veterans Rasmussen, Del Millering; Susan; daughter Erin Lynn; children William and Joyce St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell. Nathan was preceded in death brothers James Wert, David Stinchcomb of Lawrence, Friends may visit with the by his grandmother Gloria (Marilyn K) Wert; sisters Mich., Patricia and Cliff Stinchcomb family from 12 Rasmussen and great-grand-Francis M. Osburn, Roseanna Terpstra of Comstock Park, p.m. until the time of service mother Beulah Millering. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Rothservices were held January 7 Redford, Mich., Mark THOMET - Nathan Michael Gerst Funeral Chapel, Dr. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Stinchcomb of Grand Rapids, Thomet, aged 6 weeks, dar- Michael Conklin of the First Thomet and Catherine Rivera, Lowell officiating. Interment passed away January 3, 2004. Oakwood Cemetery. Memoofficiating. Interment at and nephews. A memorial ser- He is also survived by his sis- rials may be made to The

> Road, Sparta, Michigan died 11-20-00.

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worship service. The group originated in Genesee, Mich. As the name indicates, The Gospelmen are

merly the Gospelmen Quartet

Church of Lowell on Sunday,

Jan. 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

enjoy their ministry of gospel

music during the morning

The Gospelmen - for- tional Gospel flavor.

Gospel quartet to perform Jan. 18

While there have been a few personnel changes since - will minister at First Baptist the beginning, they are proud to say the core of their ministry has not. While there are The community is invited to several denominations represented in the group, each member proclaims Jesus Christ as their Lord. They want to see nity

lives changed The Gospelmen have had just that - a Gospel Quartet the pleasure to share the stage with a Southern and Tradiwith some of the very finest in

Parker, Janet Paschal, Jeff and Sheri Easter and Won By One. The Gospelmen members are Tim Herbert (tenor),

Gospel music such as The

Martins, The Bishops, Brian

Free & Assurance, Ivan

Brian Wright (lead), Gregg Martin (baritone), and R. W. Hammond (bass). Jeff Groat lends his expertise as the sound engineer for the group

tered at churches and performed at concerts and fairs as well as many other events all across Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. They remain a favorite group at First Baptist and have been invited back repeatedly. They are local favorites and often sing to a near-capacity congregation when in the Lowell commu-

The concert is free to all. For more information call the First Baptist Church at 897-

'HARDT HAPPENINGS

Thomas the Tank Engine stories were first created by will visit several KDL Rev. Wilbert Awdry, an Anbranches this winter. Kids, glican clergyman. His son, ages six and under, are in- Christopher continues to write vited to the "Shining Time stories, and in 1984 the first Station" for train stories, television series of that name

Thomas the Tank Engine

for the program at the Englehardt branch on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 1 p.m.Call 647-3920.

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.......... Have you still not figured

out how to use that digital camera you got for Christmas last year? Photographer Bruce Doll, of Lowell, will demonstrate various cameras, media, formats and software at a program on digital photography at several Kent District Library branches this winter. Registration is required and participation is limited.

The Alto branch offers the program on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. Call 647-3820. Registration is required

BERAN - Dee Ann Beran, ceded in death by his mother He is survived by his wife Stinchcomb is survived by her Honor Guard. Inurnment in also many aunts and uncles. aged 35, of Lowell, died Sat- Theda Grace and a brother urday, January 10, 2004. She Jerry Herblet. Surviving are is survived by her husband of his father Glen Herblet of 15 years, Jeffrey; daughter Lowell; son Tommy Herblet Tara; parents Harvey and of Lake Odessa; sister Pennie Sharon Johnson of Oakville, (Dennis) Martin of Pensacola, Ind.; brother Ronald Fla.; brothers Michael (Michelle) Johnson of Eaton, (Sherrie) Herblet of Newaygo, Ind.; nephews Reilly, Mason James (Susan) Herblet of Ca- Home, with Dr. Michael Craig Stinchcomb of Lowell; ling infant son of Travis United Methodist Church of and Aden; dog Snickers. She nadian Lakes, Patrick (Patty) was active in Cheer America, Herblet of Lakeview; sister Methodist Church of Lowell great-granddaughter; nieces 4-H, softball and track at Kim Childs of Lowell; sister-Cowan High School (Class of in-law Janet Herblet of Ovid; Oakwood Cemetery. Memo-vice for Mrs. Stinchcomb will ters Angelina, Gloria, Olivia DeVos Children's Hospital. '87), Cowan, Ind. She also many nieces and nephews. loved to play bingo and had a Private graveside service will ily. love for Nascar. Funeral ser- be held at Hillcrest Memorial vices will be held Wednes- Gardens in Owosso. In lieu of day, Jan. 14 in Muncie. Inter- flowers, memorial donations ment Millers Cemetery, may be made in Thom's name

GRACY (GRACZYK) - Ed- Grand Rapids, Mich. January 6, 2004. He was the MAC DONALD - Scott M. in Spokane, Wash., to Earl beloved husband of Henrietta MacDonald, aged 51, of Low-"Dolly" for 64 years; loving ell, died Sunday, January 4, father of Mary Margaret (Anil) 2004. He was preceded in Chaudhuri, Ruth (Tom) death by his parents Mr. and Park Historical Society, McCartney, Paul, David (Bar- Mrs. bara), Kathy Salerno, Barbara Donald. He is survived by his (Joe) Vezino, Ann Marie, Judy spouse Susan; son Adam (Bob) Schanta, James (Diane) MacDonald; step-daughters and extended family Maria Kimberly (Mike) Barnes of her parents moved to Lowell (John) Worsham and Theresa Lowell, Michelle (Gary) from Acme, Mich, Mrs. Rocklin; proud grandfather of Thebo of Oregon; three broth-24 and great-grandfather of ers; one sister; 89-year-old Navy, serving during WWII 18; dear brother of Stanley. cousin William Anderson; in the Waves. Being a deter- TORS: The Mass of Resurrection was several dozen nieces and neph-mined woman, it took her eight The decedent, LOU offered Friday, January 9 at ews. Scott was owner of Re- years to get enough credits to ANDRA C. MILLER, who St. Blase Catholic Church in alty Professional, Inc. There

Herblet, aged 55, passed away manity January 9, 2004. He was pre-

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD

DECEMBER 15, 2003 7:30 P.M.

Motions Approved:

Minutes of the November regular board meeting were approved. List of invoices were also approved.

Motion to approve hourly increaase requested by township attorney.

Motion to appoint Gary Meyers to Bowne Township Construction Board of Appeals.

Motion to renew contract with Professional Code Inspections of Michigan for one year.

Motion to accept bid for repairs to historic township museum.

Complete copies of the minutes are available at the township office at 8240 Alden Nash S.E., P.O. Box 35, Alto, MI 49302-0035.

The next regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board will be held on Monday, January 19, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash S.E., Alto.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk

IN LOVING MEMORY January 16, 1957 - December 26, 2003 WAYNE EUGENE JOHNSON Written by Peggy L. Butler

involved in many cultural ex- unless presented to

periences. Preceding her in RUSSELL P. MILLER,

death was her husband James

W is for the wonderful person that you were. A is for the answers that you gave and received. Y is for the youth that you were. N is for the noble person you could be. E is for the end that came way too soon. E is for the edge you had by being you. U is for the unique person that you were.

G is for the great person you were. E is for the enchanting person that you could be. N is for the natural talents that you had. E is for the example you set for others.

J is for the joy that you brought to others. O is for the open way you had about you. H is for the help you give to others N is for the nice person that you were. S is for the special person you were. O is for the opinions that you had and gave.

N is for the notice that people took of you.

Wayne, you were on this earth for too short of a time and will be sorely missed by many people. You were a father, brother and last but not least a son. You were a friend to many people. You were there to lend a helping hand to a friend in need. Although your passing will sadden many people, with time they will look back and be able to think of you and smile. God Bless...

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LACC annual meeting Jan. 22

This year's meeting of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce membership will take place Thursday, Jan. 22. The event will be held at the Deer Run Golf Course beginning with social time at 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. followed by chamber business. Wendell Christoff will be presented an award recognizing Litehouse Inc.'s contributions to the

Shangraw, information manager for The Right Place, will speak about "Hot Business Trends for the New Millen-Tickets for the night are

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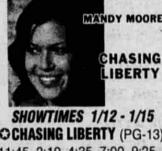
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Guest speakers begin at pany table of eight. The dead-8:15 p.m. Dave Pasquale, city line to make reservations is manager of Lowell, will give Wednesday. a city update. Jennifer

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her kindergarten class at Bushnell Elementary, is annually confronted with the dilemma of receiving too many toys at Christmas time. Her birthday falls near the holiday.

So she asked classmates who came to her roller skating party on Dec. 21, 2003 to bring toys for the Flat River Outreach Ministries Angel Trees. Her parents suggested the idea, and Stormzand thought it was a good one.

"That's what we want to teach her about Christmas," said her mother, Heather Stormzand, "Kids get so much and they don't need it all."

Bailey Stormzand sought outside advice on the matter, asking Santa Claus' opinion in a letter. Claus encouraged her to proceed with the plan. She delivered the toys to the angel tree at Huntington Bank in Lowell. "She wouldn't even let me carry the box inside," Heather Stormzand said. "She was like, 'I want to do it all myself."



Of Faith

Dean Bailey, pastor Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist churches

The pastor was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, after the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for

VOWS SPOKEN

Yeiter/Flickinger

Eric Yeiter of Port Charlotte, Florida, formerly of Lowell, and Jillian Flickinger, of Palm Island, Florida, were united in mar-

riage on the beaches of Palm Island, Florida, on December

The couple will reside in Rotonda West, Florida.

master's degree from Michi-

The couple are planning a

-Epictetus

September 4, 2004 wedding

in Grand Rapids.

ENGAGEMENTS

Janay R. Jorgensen and graduate of Grand Rapids Andrew M. Brower, both of Christian High School. He re-Grand Rapids, are happy to ceived a bachelor's degree from Albion College and a announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Forest Hills Northern gan Technological University High School and received a in Houghton. He is the son of bachelor's degree from Michi- Robert D. and Katherine M. gan State University. She is Brower of Belmont. the daughter of James B. and Karen R. Jorgensen of Low-

The future groom is a

First learn the meaning of what you say, and then

repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

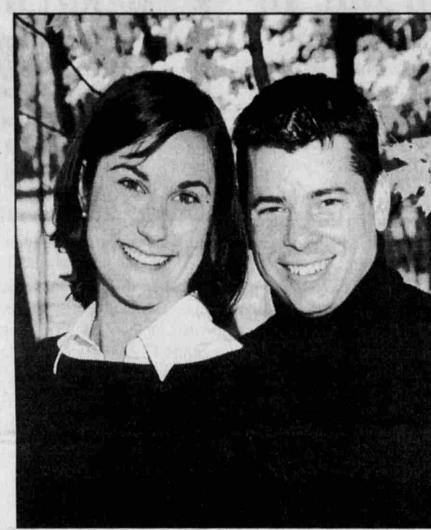
During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular

A large part of being an authentic and relevant person is the willingness to "stand up" - for principles, for those who cannot stand up for themselves, for the right against wrong, for the good against evil.

One of the baptismal questions is: "Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?" In other words, "to stand up." To answer, "I do" is to place oneself on the side of God in the arena of life and living.

For what do we stand? For what should we stand? For what will we stand?

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:10 NRSV)



Janay R. Jorgensen and Andrew M. Brower.

VOWS SPOKEN

Saylor/Bay



Jacquie and Scott Saylor

Hills Terrace in Grand Rap-

Lowell and Rodger and Kate DeBoe and Greg Almy.

Valerie Egnot. Bridesmaids Pam Courter were Stacy Zbikowski, Missy

Scott Saylor and Jacquie Pung and Kaylyn Koza. Bay were united in marriage Flower girl was Mattison on June 20, 2003 at English DeBoe, niece of the groom.

Best man was Chad Bidwell. Groomsmen were Parents of the couple are Matt Buckland and Mark Alan and Jerri Teelander of Buckland; ushers were Jason

Master and mistress of Maid of honor was ceremonies were Steve and

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.10:00 A. N

..11:20 A.M

...6:00 P.M.

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Evening Worship.

JANUARY 15: Dennis JANUARY 16: Alex Stuckey JANUARY 17: Kevin Rasch. Joe Potter.

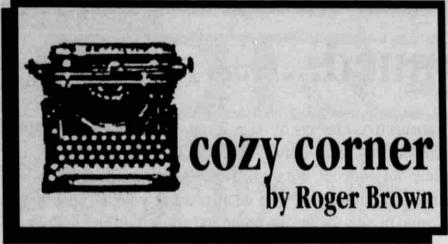
> JANUARY 20: Shelby Baird. Jankowski.

Since we cannot know all that is to be known of everything, we ought to know a little about every--Blaise Pascal

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Viewpoint.



I received my "Personal Social Security Statement" awhile back. I squirreled it away for a time when I might be at a loss for a column topic. This space is supposed to be humorous, and somehow I had to believe there might be a laugh or two in my earnings history.

Sure enough, my very first year of reported earnings, 1969, was a real belly laugh! I worked the first part of the year as a dishwasher at the cafeteria while flunking out of college. Spring term, I moved up to a pizza delivery position. During the summer I worked a few weeks of second shift in a hometown factory. Sometime in September I found myself in army basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, making private's

Total earnings for the year ... \$1,015. That's it! You have to admit that's pretty darned funny.

When I saw that number, even adjusting for inflation, I had to wonder, "How in the world did I get by on that?" I tuned my personal "Wayback Machine" to 1969 for some answers.

pretty much covered. My parents had stepped to the window for my college tuition, food and housing. In the summer I moved back into my basement bedroom and ate my mom's cooking. In the fall, the army had me sleeping in a barracks, at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Yup, I was once a cop. Hard to disposable income.

I was nineteen years old until the last two weeks of 1969. One very important commodity for a nineteen-year-old is "wheels." Somehow, using some of my disposable income story is proof positive that money can't buy happiness. I can't and possibly a loan from my father, I came up with \$300 for an old, beat-up, rusted out VW Beetle. It was the perfect car forthe summer of 1969. The VW lasted most of the summer and broke down days before a friend and I had planned to leave for Woodstock.

Cross country skiing opportunities were limited in this

part of Michigan last winter because of spotty snow

conditions. If snowfall is light again this year, traveling north

to find snow may solve the problem. Even in good snow years,

exploring new landscape and observing wildlife is a major part

of the skiing experience. The area around Grayling includes

Crawford and Roscommon counties and is home to a large

number of cross country ski trails and great scenery with

abundant wildlife. This area seems to be in a snow belt where

in a typical winter the snow depth is greater than in other parts

miles of Grayling. Hartwick Pines, North Higgins and South

Higgins State Parks have groomed trails and require only a

state park vehicle permit for entry. Hanson Hills Recreation

Park is a community recreation area located three miles west

of Grayling. Cross Country Ski Headquarters near Higgins

Lake has ski rentals, lighted trails, a warming lodge, soup and

sandwiches, and ski shop stocked with equipment and cloth-

Headquarters has equipment to make snow. Other trails are

located on state and federal land. One of these, the Mason

Tract Pathway, runs along the South Branch of the Au Sable

River. Be sure to take a camera if you ski this one. The private

trails are always track-set. State and national forest trails may

or may not be groomed. The Department of Natural Resources

received funds for trail grooming this year in spite of all the

Unusual for cross country ski trails, Cross Country Ski

There are at least 10 public and private ski trails within 10

Cross country trails lead one far from the highway, so Dear Editor:

it's still fun to travel in search of different trails to ski.

By Dave Stegehuis

of the Lower Peninsula.

I'm guessing my father helped me with the car purchase. Having now been a father myself, I realize how important it is to get teenagers behind the wheel and out of your hair for at least part of each day. Teenage transportation is pretty much a must for everybody's sanity.

So, I had this seemingly paltry \$1,015 to get me through the year. There was also a little money off the books. Tips, day labor and helping around my dad's shop might have added up to another few hundred bucks. We're still talking about maybe \$1,500 tops.

A person would think I would look back on 1969 as a pretty lousy year. To the contrary, it may have been one of the best years of my life. Like I said earlier, I was flunking out of college, which meant I wasn't spending much time in class. I was playing softball, bombing around campus delivering pizzas, chasing girls ... all the good stuff.

That summer I had exactly the attitude you might expect from a kid who knew the draft would have him before the year was out. Looking back, I'mglad to have had a brief period in my life when I experienced the liberating feeling of not worrying about much of anything. It was sort of like Bill Murray in "Groundhog Day." No matter how badly you screwed up, the next morning you wake and it's not Feb. 2, but you're still going into the army ... same difference.

Once I was in the army, even basic training was sort of fun. The draft was in full swing, and the army was comprised of every oddball, from every region and every walk of life imaginable. All you had to do was perform at a level just above the worst of the lot and the drill instructors pretty much I found that basics such as food, lodging and clothing were left you alone. I think I hated it at the time, but looking back, I have many, many fond memories of the army. I wouldn't trade the experience for the world.

As 1969 came to a close I was in Military Police School wearing green and eating in a mess hall. My \$1,015 was all believe, isn't it? The army sent us all home for Christmas. The year ended for me with family and friends and not a care in the

Imagine ... all that bliss for just \$1,015. I guess this little wait until retirement when the Social Security System says they'll pay me \$1,394 a month to do absolutely nothing. I just wish they could make me nineteen years old again.

budget cuts, so chances are many trails will receive attention

through the winter. The Grayling area is a year-round resort

destination and has a variety of accommodations for the

wintertime activities, go online at www.grayling-mi.com.

TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in response to the "Cozy Corner" editorial on

Dec. 31, 2003. I am the Secretary at Safe Haven Humane

Society in Ionia (formerly the Ionia County Humane Society).

It didn't take long for me to get caught into reading your article.

dogs," I was hooked.

In fact, after the first sentence of "It's no secret that I love

as well as my fellow Safe Haven volunteers. When we find

stray animals, we picture their owners feverishly searching

town for them, weeping and yelling their name. Only to find

out they don't really even care. It would make sense that only

"dog-lovers" own dogs, but unfortunately it does not take long

to realize that is not the case. The first stray my husband and

I took in was a beautiful, well-groomed and neutered Alaskan

Husky. We named him Chester. I pictured the moment when

his owners sped into my driveway to pick up their lost family

member, thanking and hugging me for taking great care of

him. But, it never happened. Months passed by and after ads,

posting him on the Internet and at the local animal shelter, no

one ever said they missed him. Then as time passed, I hoped

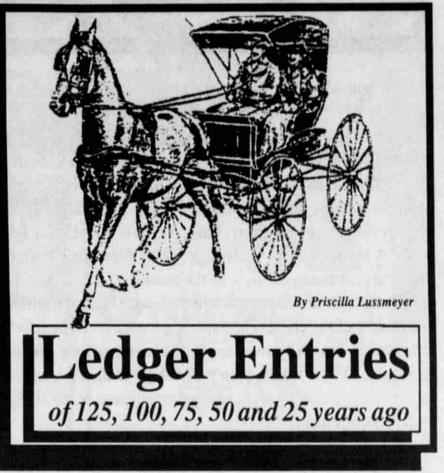
they would never come looking for him. Fortunately they

didn't and we were able to find him a great home through Safe

I found it very heartwarming and something I can relate to

North and explore some new country this winter.

For information about skiing, trail conditions and other



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **JANUARY 15, 1879**

About 30,000 bushels of wheat are stored in mills, elevators and store houses in Lowell now.

Herbert McWilliams has purchased F.D. Eddy's stock at the PO news room and will operate that department.

C.T. Wooding is the new president of the Lowell National

The marshall is enforcing the law against cattle in the streets. Lowell is not a barnyard, agrees the editor.

Two senators and six representatives of the 86th Congress

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **JANUARY 14, 1904**

Scott Thomas, shot in the neck in Benj. Gosch's saloon, gets only a flesh wound due to his celluloid collar and heavy

The Congregational and Baptist churches in Lowell explore having one pastor and union services, each retaining its

A Farmers Institute session tonight will feature landscape gardening, with stereoptican slides. Ledger circulation has increased by 17. Advertisers, take

Work on the Edison electric plant, supervised by John Potter, was finished on the 9th.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 17, 1929

C. H. Runciman is elected Board of Trade president, succeeding Harry Day.

Rockford hosts Lowell for a basketball game which Lowell wins 22-21. Sportsmanship for fans and players of both sides is superior, comments the writer.

Cross country skiing is a relatively easy way to get into the The Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids receives Gov. backcountry. No heat, no bugs, no mud, and the trails are well Green's support for immediate repairs and fireproofing, plus marked-just glide through the still winter woods. Head Up-

The editor says Strand Theatre owner, Harvey Callier will not run any more Fatty Arbuckle movies (Arbuckle is in prison for multiple offenses).

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **JANUARY 14, 1954**

Speerstra's Motor Sales opens their new display and service building this weekend

Molly Wepmen takes time off from her store with the mumps, caught from her son.

Ice skating is delayed; vandals broke in and shot out all of

the lights in the Exhibition building, already flooded for Ground was broken Monday for the new supermarket

extension of Christiansen's food locker plant. The 1954 edition of the Michigan Bell almanac is avail-

able at the offices, with the history of communication, plus sun and moon timetables.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **JANUARY 17, 1979**

Snow and wind enough already, then 21 below zero, followed by 10 inches of snow overnight, renew predictions of a tough winter.

Children walking across the railroad tracks bring home an obnoxious-smelling (but harmless) chemical on their boots, spilled from a tank car, prompting complaints in Valley Vista. The governor of Illinois declares the northern part of the

state a disaster area, then takes off for Florida. Somebody has pasted the "20" from 20-dollar bills on ones and is passing them, says chief Barry Emmons.

Lowell's Quiz Bowl team bows to Grand Rapids West

Catholic in the semifinals. To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 6

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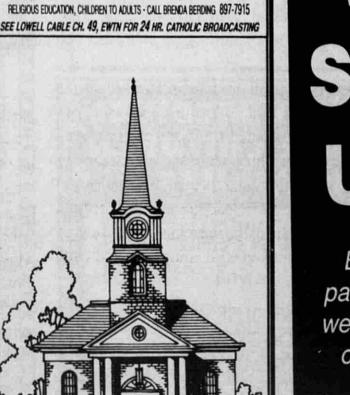
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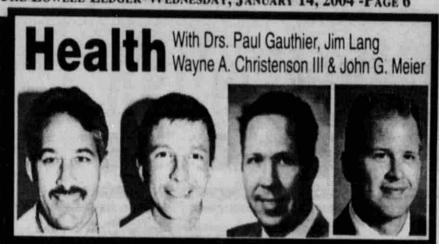
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the middle of the chest. The pain may feel like bad heartburn. him. Sometimes nausea or sweating may accompany the pressure sensation. Occasionally, pain will radiate to the jaw, left arm or shoulder. You may also experience tightness in the chest or

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help, the better chance you have of preventing further damage cardiac lab where doctors can perform an emergency to the heart. Call 911 for an ambulance to take you to the hospital. While waiting, chew one regular aspirin tablet and sit

clotted arteries within the heart or possibly be taken to the decrease or modify your risk factors.

angioplasty, a procedure which involves opening up narrowed arteries with a catheter.

It is important to prevent heart attacks and you should be Once the ambulance arrives, you will be placed on a heart aware of the risk factors that increase your chances of having monitor, given oxygen, have an IV started and possibly be one. They include smoking, diabetes, obesity, elevated chogiven cardiac medications. After arriving in the emergency lesterol, a family history of heart attack, high blood pressure room you may be given clot dissolving medication to reopen and a lack of exercise. Talk to your family physician so you can

To The Editor, continued...From Page 5

owner of the white and caramel Aussie would be better fit with Symptoms of a heart attack include a pressure sensation in an older, less active dog. His dog was still perfect, just not for home. We provide the food and pay for all medical expensees.

Lowell area. Safe Haven is currently raising money to renovate our new building we purchased this summer after leaving the Ionia County Animal Shelter. We adopted over 1,400 If you think you are experiencing symptoms of a heart animals in 2003! We are a small group, but truly dedicated to

We find starved, beaten and attention-starved animals all prospective adopters through an application process and refthe time, and the last thing we want to do is return them to their erence calls, and we always take the animal back if something owners, but legally we have to. It makes you wonder if the right does not work out. We are also in desperate need of dog fosters thing to do is really the right thing to do. All pets are perfect; if you are interested (see what you got yourself into!). We they just need to find the perfect home. In fact, maybe the would fit a dog with your home and you would be a temporary provider of a home and plenty of love until they find a perfect

Please contact me if you are interested in helping Safe It sure would be great to have a media animal lover in the Haven and our quest towards ending pet overpopulation and finding loving, appropriate life-long homes for our pets. We would love to have you.

Sincerely, Jacqlyn Burde, Secretary, Safe Haven Humane Society 616-522-1611

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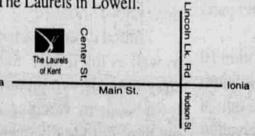
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Apathy, financial concerns make the trail rough for snowmobile clubs

By Dan Schneider

Last June the Flat River had 25 official members. Snowmobile Club decided to shut down after being in exist- be tied down going to club ence for 21 years. The most direct reason for the shutdown was lack of interest, but there are several factors making it difficult for snowmoin the southern part of Michi-

The Flat River Snowmobile Club reached its peak membership in the years immediately following its opening in 1971. Club treasurer, ship included more than 160 snowmobilers. At the time the Manson said

club decided to dissolve, it

director of the Michigan (MSA) said the difficulty of maintaining local trail systems has led to a decline in club

on trails right in the area."

Snowmobile clubs build being split into suburban de- and ran up to Cadillac. Brad Manson, executive velopments.

> whole state, Manson said half Potters Road, but is now cut are on private property. In the off to the north and south. past, snowmobile clubs have ing, it is no longer possible to Now the West Michigan clubs are planning trips now get the leases.

and maintain their own trail Snowmobile Trail used to run Middleville. The carbide-"People just don't want to systems. This has become dif- from the Indiana border up to tipped runners on snowmoficult in the southern part of just south of Grand Rapids biles are hard on pavement, so meetings and the work that's the lower peninsula where where it cut eastward. Near they are not allowed on the involved with the club," Pot- large sections of farmland are Lowell it turned northward Middleville streets. This

That trail used to run the bridge over the Thornapple Of the approximately through the Flat River Snow-Snowmobile Association 6,500 miles of trails in the mobile Club's 15 acres out on

"The number one (develbeen able to gain access to opment) that really cut it off "What holds a lot of clubs large areas of property by ar- was Sundry's development together is the availability of a ranging leases with farmers. between 36th and 28th trail system and a clubhouse, When developers buy prop-streets," Potter said. "That re-said. "Everybody's heading and the ability to snowmobile erty and split it up for hous- ally put the nail in the coffin." up north. A lot of the strong

The West Michigan Snowmobile Trail ends in

The executive director said the MSA is now putting its efforts into purchasing property and easements on property in order to rebuild the trail. But financial constraints are making this a slow process at present.

The Flat River Snowmo-Manson said most bile Club sold its property last snowmobilers now travel November. Because it was north where there is state land formed as a not-for-profit corporation, the club has been "They don't have any problem with putting their donating its assets to local organizations. These include the sleds on a trailer," Manson Lowell Area Fire Department and the Lowell Area Histori-

Spirit of Community Celebration looking for pictures of volunteers

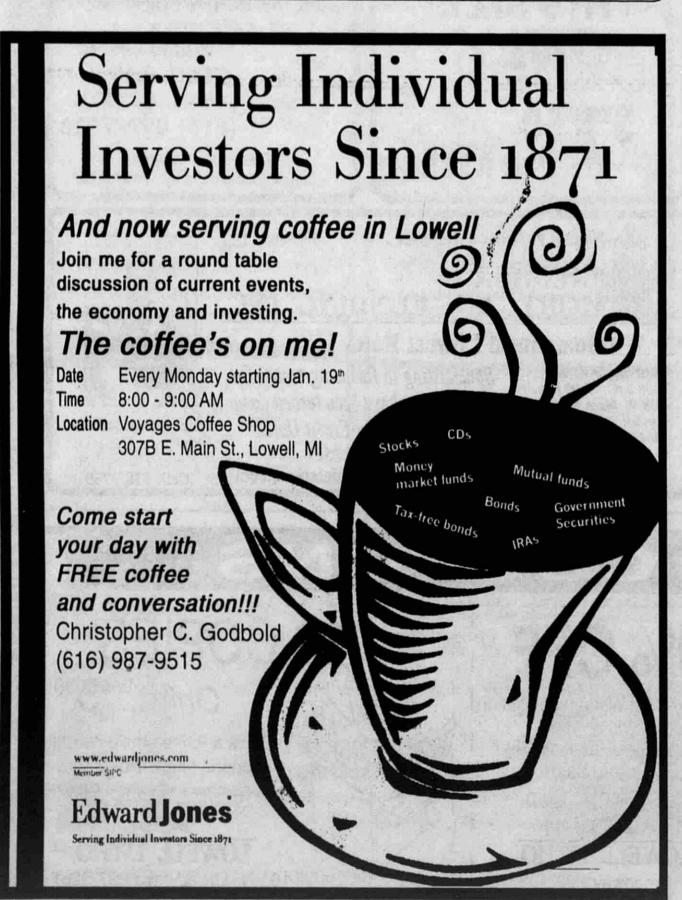
Organizers of the fourth annual Spirit of Community Celebration are requesting pictures of Lowell volunteers in action. The pictures will be used in a slide show during the awards portion of the event.

Photos may be dropped off at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. e-mailed to George Hommowun at Hudson or ghommowun@lowell.k12.mi.us. CDs containing digital photos can also be submitted. Include your name, names of the people in the photo, and a contact number. The deadline for submissions is April 1.

The Spirit of Community Celebration will take place Friday, April 30. The event begins at 6 p.m with the social hour featuring food from area restaurants. The awards presentation, which includes the slide show, begins at 7:45. Awards include Character in Action, the Tribute Tree, the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award, the Lowell Area Arts Council's Arty Award and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award.

All awards recognize individuals for their contributions as volunteers in the Lowell area. The celebration was inspired by the life of Ray Quada.

For more information about photo submissions, contact Lorain Smalligan at the arts council (897-8545) or Liz Baker at the chamber of commerce (897-9161).



Third graders help support our servicemen and women

eliminates snowmobile use of

available for snowmobiling.



Carol Mandle's third grade class at Cherry Creek Elementary. Katie Ahrens, pictured center front with the penny jar. The class has been filling the jar to buy candy and other items for overseas troops. The class will send the items to Sgt. James Vezino, Ahrens' stepfather, for his unit and another unit of the 125th infantry. Vezino's unit was shipped out Tuesday, Jan. 13 for duty in the Middle East. The care packages, which also include word searches, crayons, and coloring books, will be sent in time for Valentine's Day. The class will continue to collect pennies throughout the year and send letters to the servicemen and women.

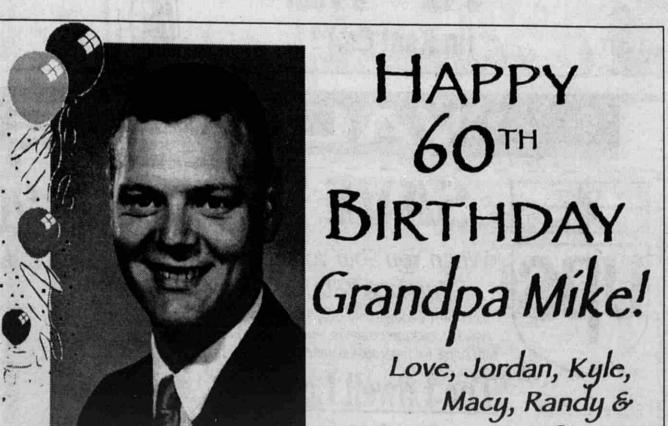
Students collecting for Humane Society

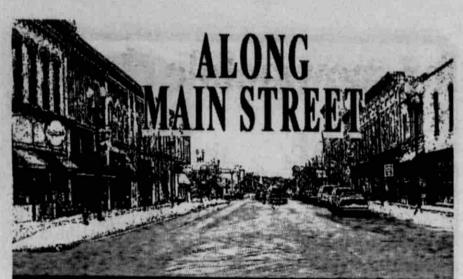
ganized a charity drive to benefit area humane societies. The drive will take place Sat-

Lowell Middle School urday, Jan. 17 at the front scoopable cat litter, laundry students Meghan Majestic lobby of Cherry Creek Eland Gabby Trembly have or- ementary. Area animal shelters are in need of the following items: dog food, cat food, and ends at 2 p.m.

detergent, bleach, old towels

The drive begins at 10 a.m.





LOCAL FOOD BANK NEEDS ...

Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce, crackers and boxed potatoes. Any help with this is greatly appreciated.

MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING

There will be a Lowell Music Boosters meeting in the middle school band room on Monday, Jan. 19 from 7-8 p.m.

HUMANE SOCIETY BENEFIT

A charity drive for area Humane Societies will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17 at Cherry Creek Elementary's front lobby from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Items needed: dog/cat food, cat litter, laundry soap, bleach, old towels, blankets.

GIRLS SOCCER TEAM GARAGE SALE

The Red Arrow varsity girls soccer team will have a garage sale on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the freshman center at Lowell High School. Proceeds go to spring break trip to Mexico for training. Call Lori at 897-8457 with questions or to donate items.

DIABETES MANAGMENT

Metro Health Lowell Plaza at 2550 W. Main St. will be holding a lecture series beginning Wednesday, Jan. 21 titled "Intensive diabetes management" from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Michael Valitutto, D.O. will speak on Diabetes 101. The series is free and no registration is required.

NEEDED: USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Gently used sports equipment is being collected to distribute to needy kids as an 8th grade class project. Any kind of equipment will be accepted. Drop off location: Lowell YMCA Fitness Center. Call Ethan Drain at 897-5640 or Ken Hayes at 897-2699 with any questions.

MURRAY LAKE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The community is invited to an open house for the new Murray Lake Elementary School (corner of Alden Nash NE & Lally) on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 1-3 p.m.

PARENT NIGHT W/SPECIAL ED. DIRECTOR

Pam Thomas, director of Special Education, and Shari Miller, superintendent of Lowell Schools, will share information on the school budget and special ed. issues on Monday. Jan. 19, 7-8:30 p.m. No RSVP is necessary. Location: Admin istration office, board of education conference room, 300 High St., Lowell.Call Carol Briggs 897-8415 with questions or email cbriggs@lowellschools.com.

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LAAC - THEBES PLAYERS

"Escanaba in da Moonlight" by Jeff Daniels will be presented by the Thebes Players on Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21 at Larkin's Other Place. Also Sunday matinee, Feb. 8 & 15 Reservations are required. Prices - dinner & theater: \$21 - \$26; theater only: \$8-\$10. For tickets or info., call 897-8545 or visit the arts council at 149 S. Hudson.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for

THE LOWELL LEDGER-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2004 - PAGE 9 the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 2-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The 18th West Michigan Regional Competition will be held at the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery from Feb. 15 -March 20. Drop off dates for entry forms are Feb. 5-7; each artists may submit up to two entries. Non-refundable entry fee of \$20 for LAAC members & students/\$25 for nonmembers. Cal 897-8545 for more info.

SEEKING COMMUNITY PHOTOS

Photos are needed of "volunteers in action" to showcase the Spirit of our Community at service organization events and meetings. Digital photos on a CD or prints may be dropped off at LAAC, 149 S. Hudson or emailed to George Hommowun at ghommowun @lowell.k12.mi.us. Deadline April 1. Call 897-8545 or 897-9161 with questions.

At Monday's meeting, result in a smaller number.

Budget cuts, continued... From Page 1

higher than those anticipated last July. Gillette cited costs associated with new staff, staff degree advancements and non-union wage increases as contributors to the increased spending. Operation, maintenance and transportation costs are also contributing factors.

The increased expenses with a 10 percent fund balance by June 30, Gillette estimated. She said this is not enough to cover two months' worth of operating expenses for the school.

Uncertainty remains in the 2003-2004 budget picture. The state funding is still not concrete and there are several months left for the district to incur unexpected expenses.

"Whatever we settle for in a contract settlement will also affect that (expenses)," Gillette said.

Last Wednesday's contract mediation was cancelled Lowell Education Association president, Doranne Truax said, because state-appointed mediator, Lou Emmons was involved in a car accident and couldn't make it. At the last

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includes expenditures that are mediation on Dec. 17, 2003, Gillette said the district is al- The projections also anticiuncertainty about state funding precluded discussion of ready planning cuts in the face pate increased expenses for matters at the heart of the conof an almost \$2 million deficit tract dispute. These are insurprojected for the 2004-2005 ance copays and wage inschool year. Gillette included

Gillette said she hopes the budget update. Revenue Consensus Conference will clear up state funding in time for the next mediation session. That meeting is

state of \$6,700 per pupil. This scheduled to take place to- said, as state budget cuts may

Elementary; flat enrollment figures for September and a the projections in Monday's 20-student decrease in February 2004; no wage increase The projections assume a for all employees; a 17 perfoundation allowance from the cent increase in health insurance costs and insurance may be unrealistic, Gillette copay for non-union staff.

opening the new Murray Lake

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday, February 2, 2004 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 201.202

The proposed amendments will add a new definition as follows: Ground Floor: That floor of a dwelling whose elevation is nearer to grade than other floors of the dwelling and is not a basement and no part of which is a basement. For a split-level dwelling, the ground floor shall be that floor whose elevation is nearer to grade than other floors of the dwelling and is not a basement and no part of which is a basement; plus any upper or lower extension of such floor accessed by an internal stairway and located at an elevation that is not more than three (3) feet above or below the grade of the site.

Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

Amend R-2, Section 201.306 (C) (E), to add 2 family dwellings as a special use with a minimum lot area and width. Section (G) amends the minimum floor area for dwellings in all districts from currently 900 square feet on the first floor to requiring a minimum total of 1150 square feet with a minimum of 750 square feet on the ground floor (for a 2 story house, etc).

Amend R-3, Section 201.306A (E) (d) and (G), to add a maximum of 6 dwelling units for each multiple family building and to add minimum square footages for 1, 2, 3, or more bedroom units.

Amend Section 201.311, the Bulk Table, to reflect the above changes.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

Cherry Creek students collect over \$1,500 for Angel Tree donations



Pictured are the staff from Lowell Family Dentistry and fourth graders from Cherry Creek Elementary around the office's Salvation Army Angel Tree before Christmas. At Cherry Creek, 225 fourth graders collected more than \$1,500 to buy toys for the Angel Tree. This is the fifth year they've bought toys for the Angel Tree. Lowell Area Schools bus drivers donated their time to drive the kids and some parents to Meijer to buy the toys.

From the little spark may burst a mighty flame. -Dante

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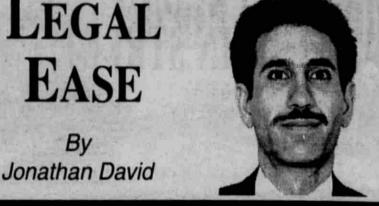
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DEAR JONATHAN: After my mother died, I was told by her lawyer that I had to file her original will with the county probate court even though there was no probate estate. I don't understand. If there is no probate, why do I have to file the

JONATHAN SAYS: Because Michigan law requires it. Even when there is no probate estate, Michigan law requires that the decedent's last will and testament be filed with the court within a reasonable period of time after the decedent's death. What you should do is simply send (or hand deliver) your mother's original will to the court, advise them of her date of death and that there is no probate estate.

DEAR JONATHAN: I remember a few years ago when my father died that we had to publish notice of his death to allow creditors to have an opportunity to file claims against the estate. I remember the lawyer at that time telling us that if my father had set up a trust and had moved all of his assets into that trust prior to death, then no probate would have been required and we could have also avoided having to publish that notice. I followed that lawyer's advice for my mother and made sure that she set up a trust and moved her assets into that trust so that her estate would not have to be probated upon her death. Now that she has died, I am told that I still have to publish a notice to creditors. I thought that if there was a trust in effect and there is no probate estate, that that notice would not be necessary. Could you please explain?

JONATHAN SAYS: Sure. There was a law change in April of 2000. Prior to that time, a notice to creditors only had to be given when there was a probate estate; if there was no probate estate, then that notice was not necessary. In April of 2000, Michigan's Estates and Protected Individuals Code (EPIC) took effect, and that law requires that a notice to creditors be published in those cases where there is no probate estate, but there is a revocable living trust.

DEAR JONATHAN: Isn't there a rule that allows motor vehicles to be transferred through the Secretary of State's office when the owner dies?

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes. So long as there are other assets that need to be probated, a decedent's vehicle(s), which have a total value of no more than \$60,000, can be transferred through the Secretary of State's office without the necessity of opening a probate estate. In other words, if the decedent died with no assets in his or her name alone, other than his or her motor vehicles, then the titles to those motor vehicles can be transferred through the Secretary of State's office. However, if there are any other assets that need to go through probate, i.e., a bank account, then the vehicle or vehicles need to be probated as well.

There is a similar law for watercraft, so long as the total value of the watercraft in the decedent's name does not exceed the sum of \$100,000.

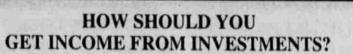
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You can invest for at least two key reasons: growth and income. If you're looking for growth, you'll need to invest in stocks that have the potential for capital appreciation. But if you also want to get income from your investments, you've got some choices to make.

You can, of course, invest in fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds. Bonds typically pay regular interest payments, and, as long as the bond is held until maturity, the principal amount is returned, provided the issuer doesn't default-a risk you can greatly reduce by purchasing only those bonds that have received the highest grades from independent rating agencies.

However, you can also get income by investing in stocks

that have a history of paying dividends-and now, since the tax rate on dividends has been cut, these investments may look even more attractive.

In the short term, most common stocks will typically offer lower income than bonds or CDs. But many high-quality stocks have consistently increased their annual dividendswhich means you have the potential for rising income.

That's not to say you should abandon your bonds in favor of dividend-paying stocks. No matter how high the quality of the stocks, they will still carry more investment risk-at least in terms of potential loss of principal-than high-quality bonds. So, when you're investing for growth and income, you will likely want to choose the mix of dividend-paying stocks and bonds that best fits your individual risk tolerance and long-

Income strategies during retirement

You'll always need to know how to get income from your investments. But it's particularly important to make the right choices during your retirement years. At this time of your life, you'll need to look beyond the issue of bonds vs. stocks to a new dimension: Which sources of retirement income should

To answer this question, you'll have to take stock on where your retirement income is coming from. You can probably anticipate drawing from three main sources: tax-deferred accounts, such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or

THE LOWELL LEDGER-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2004 - PAGE 11 other employer-sponsored plan; taxable savings and investments; and Social Security.

The exact formula you choose for getting income from these three separate pools will depend on your individual needs and circumstances. However, it may be a good idea to spend down your taxable savings before you touch your taxdeferred plans. By following this strategy, you can keep these account earnings potentially growing on a tax-deferred basis until you must start taking withdrawals at age 70 1/2.

How about Social Security? When should you start taking these payments? Again, there's no one right answer for everyone; you'll have to weigh a variety of factors, including your other sources of income, your age at retirement and your expected life span. Keep in mind that, although you can start taking Social Security at age 62, your monthly checks will be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which can be anywhere from 65 to 67. For every year past your normal retirement age that you delay collecting benefits, you'll get "bonus" payments, which can be substantial. Once you reach age 70, you'll have earned the largest monthly payment you're going to get.

Your financial professional can help you determine the appropriate strategies for drawing on your investment income and retirement plans. Maintaining a sufficient level of income is obviously essential to your financial well being-so you'll want to make all the right moves.

AAA Skiing tips

Whether you're a youngster new to the sport or a dedicated downhiller looking for another way to enjoy Michigan in winter, cross-country skiing is an inexpensive and healthy sport that's becoming easier to learn than ever, says AAA.

The popularity of shorter skis that take less effort to maneuver, and lightweight, warm and stylish skiwear are helping to lure skiers back to Michigan's 3,100 kilometers of trails this season. No matter where you are in the

* Ski in control.

* Look uphill when merging

and do not obstruct trails.

state, you're only a few minutes drive from cross-country trails, and family-friendly ski events.

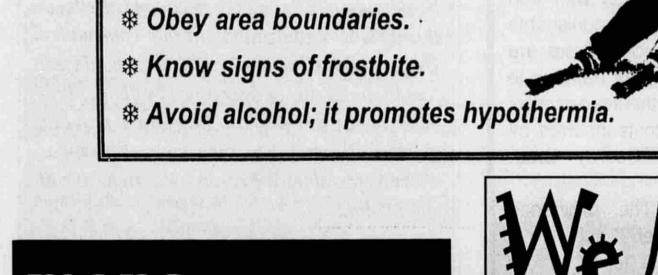
The Great Lakes Nordic Ski Council, comprised of Michigan and Ohio resorts, helps sponsor a series of events throughout the season for veterans and novices

To check out some of these events taking place in January and February, go to www.skicrosscountry.org. or www.garlandusa.com.

Huizengas celebrate 30 years of marriage



Dan and Vickie Huizenga of Lowell will celebrate their 30th anniversary this week with their family, Selena, Chris, Tina, Aaron and baby Justin.



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McPherson speech, continued...From Page 1

had certain advantages, it a developing country." the petroleum,"

"Going in, we knew Iraq McPherson said. "It was not Iraq's specialized and edu- to create jobs for some of those That kind of development will McPherson said. "But that's cated work force as assets for workers, however, it will need not happen overnight. McPherson also cited its economy. For the country to build up its manufacturing.

5. Storm Water Systems; Flood Plain

authorizes the Township to establish

minimum design standards for storm water

discharge release rates. All storm water

runoff facilities are to be constructed and

maintained in accordance with local and

other requirements. Standards relating to

the filing or alteration of floodways are

included. There are provisions on the

control of soil erosion and sedimentation

during and following any regulated earth

change. Requirements are included as to

the elevation of building openings at

appropriate levels so as to avoid risk of

Other Regulatory Provisions. The

ordinance includes provisions regarding

certain types of exempt non-storm water

prohibited

interference with natural or artificial drains

and the storage of hazardous or toxic

provisions include those on inspection,

monitoring, reporting and record keeping

with respect to storm water runoff and

Enforcement. Violations of the ordinance

are punishable as municipal civil

infractions, subject to fines in specified

amounts. The failure to comply with stop

work orders is a misdemeanor punishable

as provided in the ordinance. There are

provisions for cost recovery for damage to

storm drain systems, and the imposition of

liens for the recovery of costs incurred by

the Township and the County Drain

includes provisions whereby actions or

decisions taken under the terms of the

ordinance may be appealed to the

Township Board. The Board is also

authorized to grant variances from the

terms of the ordinance, under certain

conditions and if specified standards are

The ordinance authorizes the Township to

establish storm water management zones

within the Township, each of such zones

having specified storm water management

Township Board is also authorized to adopt

by resolution more detailed design and

performance standards for storm water

runoff facilities, consistent with the terms of

Dated: 1/09/04

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

become effective on February 13, 2003.

standards and characteristics.

materials in drainageways.

storm water monitoring facilities.

The ordinance

discharges:

for an economy to recover after a war," McPherson said. It will also require secu-

rity and political stability, Iraqis.' which may be difficult to attain in a divided country like Iraq. McPherson explained that when the British and the try with its own identity. French created Iraq following World War I, they put it to- our society," McPherson said. gether out of three separate regions. Those regions have now intermixed to an extent

stability.

In a telephone interview that precludes dividing the after the speech, McPherson country again into three. Tensions remain strong among the three groups in Iraq, the Suni muslims, the Shiite muslims, a better understanding of the and the Kurds. This is the culture in that region. He also stumbling block to political encouraged travel to all parts Security remains an issue tural perspective.

The night of the speech

key to achieving security, Area Schools-sold 161 tick-McPherson said, is to reduce ets for the speech. Including a the visibility of the U.S in the \$50 donation from an at-"The Iragis were mostly for the Lowell Education

happy, I would say elated, to Foundation. see Saddam gone,"

different than having a for-"It takes a couple of years eign tank on your street.

"The direct engagement with the Iraqi people needs to

more and more be done by In the end, the Iraqi people must create their own government and institutions, a coun-

"This society will not be "It will have something of an Islamic tone to it."

said people in Lowell should read about the Middle East region and about Islam to gain of the world for a better cul-

in Iraq as well, with daily rewas McPherson's first time ports of attacks on U.S. solback in his hometown since diers. This had little impact on McPherson's daily life in leaving for Iraq last May. He Iraq: "I put on my flak jacket is president of Michigan State and helmet and honestly I University. The sponsors of didn't think about security all the event-the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Low-But security will be es- ell Rotary, the Lowell sential to Iraq's recovery. The Women's Club and Lowell tendee, the event raised \$855

TOWNSHIP OF maintenance agreement; and other information necessary for the Township to verify that the drainage plan complies with GRATTAN requirements of the ordinance. Other provisions pertain to the payment of storm **KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN** water permit review fees, financial **NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP** guarantees and the imposing of additional terms and conditions in storm water

flooding.

discharges:

Commissioner.

complied with.

the ordinance.

Standards, Etc.

ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY **EFFECT THEREOF**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 4, 2003, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted the Grattan Township Storm Water Ordinance. The principal provisions of the ordinance are the following:

- Storm Water Regulation. The ordinance establishes minimum storm water management requirements and controls in order to accomplish a variety of public purposes, including minimizing storm water runoff rates and volumes; preventing nonpoint source pollution; preventing erosion from development projects; preserving and protecting water resources; and in general, reducing the adverse impact of changing 6. land uses on water bodies in the Township. The ordinance establishes minimum standards for the protection of water bodies.
- Applicability. The ordinance applies to all development sites which require approval of a site development plan, building permit, plat or other permit for work which will alter storm water drainage characteristics, but the permit provisions of the ordinance do not apply to the construction or modification of individual single-family detached dwellings 7. or individual two-family detached dwellings. A storm water permit is not required for such individual dwellings. Further, the ordinance does not apply to farm operations and farm buildings, the installation or removal of individual mobile homes within a mobile home park, plats that have received preliminary plat approval and other developments that have received final land use approval as of the effective date of the ordinance.
- 8. Appeal Provisions. The ordinance Storm Water Permit. Under the terms of the ordinance, land development regulated by the ordinance may not take place unless a storm water permit is issued by the Township for the development. The storm water permit requires that development proceed only in accordance with a drainage plan prepared by the developer and filed with the Township. 9. Performance and Design Standards.
- Drainage Plan. A drainage plan submitted for approval by the Township must provide for permanent on-site detention or on-site retention of storm water runoff for a 25-year storm event and a direct connection for storm water runoff to be discharged from and through a development site in a 100-year storm event; alternatively, the drainage plan must provide for a permanent on-site storm water system with restricted outlet so as to result in no net increase in storm water 10. Effective Date. The ordinance will runoff volume or rate onto adjacent property for a 100-year storm event. The ordinance provides for the required contents of the A copy of the ordinance may be inspected or drainage plan, including identification of purchased at the offices of the Grattan water bodies; topographic Township Clerk, 12050 Old Belding Road. information; calculations of peak discharge within the Township, during Township office rates; drawings of storm water runoff hours. facilities; an implementation plan; plans for the effective control of storm water runoff during construction; a storm water facilities

VOLUNTEERS SPOTLIGHT

As a public service, The Lowell Ledger will be periodically listing the need for volunteers throughout organizations in our community. Organizations who need volunteers should feel free to contact the Ledger office by phone, 897-9261 or fax 897-4809 to have their requests printed. Please try to keep your requests as short as possible. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

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• The thrift store, which sells merchandise donated by a generous community, strives to make as much money as possible (but offers very low prices) to support the food pantry and emergency services. Everyone is encouraged to shop there! Store hours are: Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 12 - 6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

• If you would like to become a volunteer, please call 897-2037 or 897-4189 for information.

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COMNGEVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at EVERY WED.: "Peppers" EVERY 2ND THURS.: ing Events" are free of charge Impact, a Wesleyan Franciscan Life Process N.A.R.F.E. at 1:30 p.m. at to any nonprofit organization Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Center: 1-3:30p.m.Pat in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Call 897-8304 for details. Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by Sewing Guild, D.W.

SUNDAYS: Tri-town Con- cial time; 7 p.m. program servation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MON .: LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes 676-1355.

THIRD MON. OF EACH 8:30 p.m. MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All in- 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle vited.897-7161 for info.

SECOND MON. OF EACH SECOND & FOURTH MONTH: Lowell Board of Education meets 7:00 p.m. in Administration Building, meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 300 High Street.

MONTH: Bowne Township tact Bev or Melissa, Historical Society meeting 642-6466 for info. A light at Historical Museum, 84th dinner will be provided. and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 7 p.m. in St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Nazarene Church. Call EVERY SECOND TUES .: Dave, 897-2533.

Scouts, boys in 1st - 5th Lake. grades, Alto or Lowell. Call school for more info.

can Legion Post 152, 3100 Hudson St. Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30.

THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting group meets at 4 Health at 7:30 p.m.

Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

Troop 102, 11 & up or com- HD at St. Luke's Lutheran pleting 5th-grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin. E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST TUES .: Grattan Historical Society meets in Township Hall, 12050 Old Girls Club - Calvary Chris-

1ST & 3RD TUES .: Diabetic Support group, 9:30 a.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 gational Church upstairs. 5 p.m. Bowes Rd.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS ... because mothering mat- coln Lake Ave.

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897-7842.

SECOND TUES .: G.R. EVERY WED .: Lowell Chapter of the American Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 so- years. Call 897-8800. Sandy , 285-0621. WEDNESDAYS: Tri-town

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers, LAAC, 6:30-

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, Lowell Women's Club, at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

TUES.: Saranac Needlers. needleart/quilting bee Health Wellness Center in ties. 9:45-10:45 a.m. or Saranac. For all or part 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Sister SECOND MON. OF EACH time; all are invited. Con- Colleen F.S.E. 897-7842.

EVERY SECOND & St. Paul's Anglican Catho-THIRD MON. OF THE FOURTH TUES .: Knights lic Church, Grand Rapids. of Columbus #7719 meets

Lowell Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Ma-MON. OR TUES .: Cub sonic Center, 119 Lincoln

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell Lions Club, FOURTH MON. OF EACH 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial MONTH: Clark-Ellis Ameri- Fire Station, 315 S.

EVERY THIRD TUES.: Saranac Scrappers. scrapbooking/journaling Wellness Center, Saranac. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light re-EVERY 1STMON.: V.F.W. freshments will be served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Parents of children w/AD/ Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY OTHER WED.: O'Brien Room of Grattan 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Belding Rd. Public invited. tian Reformed Church Ages 8-13. 897-8694.

> WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congre-

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell - Mothers of Preschoolers Masonic Temple, 119 Lin- at Annalaine's on S. Alden

Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program at 7 p.m., ages 5-12 p.m. Create scrapbooks,

Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Call Larry 754-7104. Public welcome. S.E. at 3 p.m.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board, 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center at Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

> EVERY SECOND WED.: noon, community room, Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

> EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed w/school children in activi-

EVERY SECOND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m. at Dorothy 897-9794.

THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting For info., 800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS .: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's general meeting at 7:30 p.m. -? All members in good standing are invited to attend.

THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers at Saranac H. S. Band Room. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman 897-5981.

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ EVERY THURS. -St.Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

> FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: Alto Lions Club Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church. 2700 E. Fulton.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping group, Christian Life Center 6-9 8565 etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash

EVERY THIRD THURS .: the community. Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center, 897-7842.

Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Support for pregnant & MON., JAN. 19: Music breastfeeding women/ nursing children welcome. Ada church. 752-8300.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

SECOND SATURDAY: Ada Historical Society at 10:30 a.m., Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, SECOND Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time: 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

> **EVERY FRI., SAT. &** SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appt.: 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HIS-TORICAL MUSEUM OPEN-Tues., Sat./Sun.:1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1,50; members free.

FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

ENGLEHARDTLIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 -8 p.m.; Thurs.-Fri.:9:30 -5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 - 2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. 647-3920.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues. Wed. & Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m. Thurs... - 7 p.m. Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 THURS., JAN. 22: 12:45 Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m. Thurs.: 12

CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./ Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-

WED., JAN. 14: Little winter book sale. Great League meetings will now be held monthly at Lowell Chamber of Commerce building promptly at 6 p.m.

Lake Elementary School open house, 1-3 p.m. for

SAT., JAN. 17: Varsity girls

SAT., JAN. 17: Humane info@lowellartscouncil.org. Society benefit, 10-2 p.m. Bring donations to Cherry Creek Elem. front lobby: dog/cat food, bleach, old towels, blankets, cat litter.

Boosters meeting at Lowell Middle School band room

THURS., JAN. 22: Know- involvement.

LOWELL SERENITY how workshop on improving your marketing, 7:30 -9:15 a.m. at city of Lowell offices, 301 E. Main St. Registration is required. Call Liz at 897-9161.

> MON. & TUES., JAN. 26 & 27: Friends of the Englehardt Library midselection of winter reads. Call 647-3920 for hours.

WED., FEB. 11: Lowell Area Fire Dept. will spon-SAT., JAN. 17: Murray sor a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station.

FEB. 15 - MARCH 20: soccer team garage sale in West Michigan Regional freshman center at LHS, 9- Competition. Call for art-EVERY THIRD THURS .: 5 p.m. Proceeds go to ists - juried competition. spring break training in Deadline for two entries: Feb. 5-7. Call LAAC at 897-8545 or email

> TUES., FEB. 17: Lowell Historical Museum program on American Civil War in conjunction with Lowell Middle School Benjamin Morse Society. Public welcome to Lowell Township Hall, 7 p.m. Share your stories about family history of Civil War

UPS picks up each day at 4 p.m. The Lowell Ledger

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. TUES .: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall

Shop at Malls; 9:30 Crafts: 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

THURS .: 9:00 a.m. Walk/

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JAN. 14: 8:30 p.m. Traveling Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Movie.

THURS., JAN. 15: 5:00 p.m. Dinner at Far East.

FRI., JAN. 16: 12:00 p.m. Birthday & Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., JAN. 19: 12:45 p.m. Mystery Trip.

TUES., JAN. 20: 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Deer Run Golf Course.

WED., JAN. 21: 10 a.m. Advisory Council:12:45

p.m. Shop Meijer.

Shop at Wal-Mart FRI., JAN. 23: 12:45 p.m.

p.m. Cafe in the Woods &

MON., JAN. 26: 12:45 p.m. Sly Mosier

TUES., JAN. 27: 12:15 p.m. Alto Senior Lun-

WED., JAN. 28: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast.

THURS., JAN. 29: 11:30 a.m.MetroHospital Physical Therapy.

FRI., JAN. 30: 12:45 p.m.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 01-2004**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REFUNDING OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1994 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL: TO PRO-VIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTE-NANCE OF THE SYSTEM AND TO PAY THE PRINCI-PALOF AND INTEREST ON THE REFUNDING BONDS: TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEGREGATION AND DISTRI-BUTION OF THE REVENUES: TO PROVIDE FOR THE Bonds. RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE REFUNDING BONDS IN ENFORCEMENT THEREOF: AND TO PRO-VIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE SYSTEM AND THE REFUNDING BONDS.

Ordinance, except when otherwise indicated by the context, the following terms shall have the following meanings

- (a) "Act 94" means Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended
- (b) "Additional Bonds" shall mean any additional bonds secured by the Net Revenues of the System issued in accordance with Section 19 of this Ordinance.
- "Adjusted Net Revenues" means for any operating year the excess of revenues over expenses for the System determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, to which shall be added and payments to the Issuer in lieu of taxes, to which may available for such use. be made the following adjustments:
 - amount of any rate increases adopted prior to the issuance of additional Bonds or to be placed into effect before the time principal or interest on the additional Bonds becomes payable from
 - amounts which may be derived from rates and charges to be paid by new customers of the System.

The adjustment of revenues and expenses by the factors set forth in (i) and (ii) above shall be reported upon by professional engineers or certified public accountants or other experts not in the regular employment of the Issuer.

- Authority
- Clerk, and Treasurer of the Issuer.
- (g) "Issuer" or "Township" means the Charter Township of Lowell, County of Kent, State of Michigan. (h) "Prior Ordinance" means Ordinance No. 6-9405 adopted by the Township Board of the Issuer on April 21, 1994, authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds.
- "Refunded Bonds" means the Issuer's Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 1994, dated and authorized by the Prior Ordinance.
- "Revenues" and "Net Revenues" means the revenues and net revenues of the System and shall be construed as defined in Section 3 of Act 94, including with respect to "Revenues", the earnings derived from the investment of moneys in the various funds and accounts established by this Ordinance. (k) "Sales Resolution" means the Sales Resolution to be adopted by the Issuer respecting the final Series 2004 Bonds details, or in the alternative, the order of any of the Authorized Officers setting forth the final Series 2004 Bonds details within the parameters of this Ordinance.
- "Series 2004 Bonds" means the Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2004, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$475,000 issued pursuant to this Ordinance.
- (m) "Sufficient Government Obligations" means direct obligations of the United States of America or obligations the principal and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America, not redeemable at the option of the issuer, the principal and interest payments upon which without reinvestment of the interest, come due at such times and in such amounts as to be fully sufficient to pay the pursuant to this section by the person in whose name it Section 7 of this Ordinance.

interest as it comes due on the Bonds and the principal and redemption premium, if any, on the Bonds as it comes due whether on the stated maturity date or upon earlier redemption. Securities representing such obligations shall be placed in trust with a bank or trust company, and if any of the Bonds are to be called for redemption prior to maturity. irrevocable instructions to call the Bonds for redemption shall be given to the paying agent

Issuer, including all additions, extensions and improvements hereafter acquired.

Section 2. Necessity and Statement of Public Purpose. It is hereby determined to be a necessary public purpose of the Issuer to refund the Refunded

the Refunded Bonds is estimated to be not more than Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000), including the payment of incidental expenses THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL ORDAINS: as specified in Section 4 of this Ordinance, which estimate of cost is hereby approved and confirmed. The Section 1. Definitions. Whenever used in this period of usefulness of the project financed with the proceeds of the Refunded Bonds is estimated to be not less than twelve (12) years.

pay part of the cost of refunding the Refunded Bonds, thereto and incident to the issuance and sale of the Series 2004 Bonds, the Issuer shall borrow the sum of not to exceed Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000) and issue the Series 2004 Bonds therefor pursuant to the provisions of Act 94. The remaining cost of refunding the Refunded Bonds, if any, depreciation, amortization, interest expense on Bonds shall be defrayed from Issuer funds on hand and legally mutilated Bond. If any Bond issued under this Ordinance

Section 5. Issuance of Series 2004 Bonds; Details. Revenues may be augmented by the The Series 2004 Bonds of the Issuer, to be designated WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2004, are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000) as finally furnished during the operating year or portion incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Series execute, and the transfer agent shall thereupon authenin principal installments as finally determined in the Sales same without surrender thereof. Resolution. Principal of and interest on the Series 2004 Bonds shall be payable on the dates provided in the Sales Resolution. Final determination of the principal the Series 2004 Bonds shall also be evidenced by execution of a Purchase Contract (the "Purchase Con-"Authority" means the Michigan Municipal Bond tract") between the Issuer and the Authority providing for sale of the Series 2004 Bonds, and any Authorized (e) "Authorized Officers" means the Supervisor. Officer is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract when it is in final form and to make "Bond" or "Bonds" means the Series 2004 the determinations set forth above; provided, however, Bonds, together with any Additional Bonds hereafter that the final principal installment shall be due no later than May 1, 2014 and the total aggregate principal \$475,000.

or rates per annum determined in the Sales Resolution. but in any event not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law, and the Supervisor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute and deliver the Series 2004 Bonds in accordance with the delivery instructions of the Author- to be outstanding under this Ordinance May 19, 1994, maturing on and after May 1, 2005, ity. The Series 2004 Bonds shall be signed with the manual or facsimile signatures of the Supervisor and Township Clerk and shall have the Issuer's seal impressed or printed thereon.

exchangeable into more than one fully-registered bond. Principal of and interest on the Series 2004 Bonds shall forth in this Ordinance.

mandatory redemption by the Issuer with the prior approvided in the Sales Resolution.

principal or interest or both when made and the cancelled checks or other records evidencing such payments shall be returned to and retained by the Township Treasurer.

Upon payment by the Issuer of all outstanding principal of and interest on the Series 2004 Bonds, the Authority shall deliver the Series 2004 Bonds to the Issuer for cancellation.

Section 6. Registration and Transfer. Any Bond may be transferred upon the books required to be kept

is registered, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the transfer agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Issuer shall execute and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount. The transfer agent shall require payment by the bond-(n) "System" means Water Supply System of the holder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer. The Issuer shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the giving of a notice of redemption of Bonds selected for redemption as described in the form of Series 2004 Bonds contained in Section 16 of this Ordinance and ending at the close of business on the day Section 3. Costs; Useful Life. The cost of refunding of that giving of notice, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of Bonds being redeemed in part. The Issuer shall give the transfer agent notice of call for redemption at least 20 days prior to the date notice of redemption is to be given.

The transfer agent shall keep or cause to be kept at its principal office sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which shall at all times be open to inspection by the Issuer; and upon presentation for such Section 4.Payment of Costs; Bonds Authorized. To purpose the transfer agent shall under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe transfer or cause to be including legal, financial and other expenses incident transferred on said books Bonds as hereinbefore pro-

If any Bond shall become mutilated, the Issuer, at the expense of the holder of the Bond, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Bond, upon surrender to the transfer agent of the shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction or theft may be submitted to the transfer agent and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both, and indemnity satisfactory to the transfer agent shall be given, and if all requirements of any applicable law including Act 354, Public Acts of Michigan, 1972, as amended ("Act 354"), being sections 129.131 to 129.134, inclusive, of the Michigan Compiled Laws have been Revenues as applied to quantities of service determined in the Sales Resolution, including the costs met, the Issuer, at the expense of the owner, shall thereof that the increased rates were not in 2004 Bonds. The Series 2004 Bonds shall be payable ticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor and bearing out of the Net Revenues, as set forth more fully herein. the statement required by Act 354, or any applicable law The Series 2004 Bonds shall be in the form of a single hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the Revenues may be augmented by fully-registered, nonconvertible bond of the denomina- Bond so lost, destroyed or stolen. If any such Bond shall tion of the full principal amount thereof, dated as of the have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of date of delivery of the Series 2004 Bonds, and payable issuing a substitute Bond the transfer agent may pay the

> Section 7. Payment of Series 2004 Bonds; Security. Principal of and interest on the Series 2004 Bonds amount of and interest on the Series 2004 Bonds and the shall be payable from the Net Revenues, and to secure payment dates and amounts of principal installments of such payment, there is hereby created a statutory lien upon the whole of the Net Revenues which shall be a first lien to continue until payment in full of the principal of and interest on the Series 2004 Bonds payable from the Net Revenues, or, until sufficient cash or Sufficient Government Obligations have been deposited in trust for payment in full of the Series 2004 Bonds then outstanding, principal and interest on such Series 2004 Bonds to maturity, or, if called for redemption, to the date fixed for redemption together with the amount of the redemption amount of the Series 2004 Bonds shall not exceed premium, if any. Upon deposit of cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, as provided in the previous The Series 2004 Bonds shall bear interest at the rate sentence, the statutory lien shall be terminated with respect to the Series 2004 Bonds, the holders of the Series 2004 Bonds shall have no further rights under this Ordinance except for payment from the deposited funds, and the Series 2004 Bonds shall no longer be considered

> So long as the Series 2004 Bonds are owned by the Authority, the Issuer shall pledge its limited tax full faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest The Series 2004 Bonds shall not be convertible or on the Series 2004 Bonds. Should the Net Revenues of the System at any time be insufficient to pay principal and interest on the Series 2004 Bonds, as the same become be payable as provided in the Series 2004 Bond form set due, then the Issuer shall advance from any funds available therefor, or, if necessary, levy taxes upon all The Series 2004 Bonds shall be subject to optional or taxable property in the Issuer, subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations, such proval of the Authority in the manner and at the times as sums as may be necessary to pay said principal and interest. The Issuer shall be reimbursed for any such The Township Treasurer shall record on the registra- advance from the Net Revenues of the System subsetion books payment by the Issuer of each installment of quently received which are not otherwise pledged or encumbered by this Ordinance.

In addition, the Issuer pledges the taxes collected by the State of Michigan and returned to the Township under Act 140, Public Acts of Michigan, 1971, as amended, and hereby authorizes any of the Authorized Officers to enter into a Revenue Sharing Pledge Agreement with the Authority, authorizing the State Treasurer to transmit the revenue sharing moneys assigned and pledged therein directly to the Authority or its designee if payments on the Series 2004 Bonds are not made in accordance with

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Section 8. Management. The operation, repair and due by maturity. If there is any deficiency in the amount management of the System shall continue to be under the supervision and control of the Township Board. The Township Board may employ such person or persons in such capacity or capacities as it deems advisable to carry on the efficient management and operation of the System. The Township Board may make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable or necessary to assure the efficient management and operation of the System.

Section 9. Rates and Charges; No Free Service. The rates and charges for service furnished by the System and the methods of collection and enforcement of the collection of the rates shall be those in effect on the date of adoption of this Ordinance. No free service or use of the System, or service or use of the System at less than cost, shall be furnished by the System to any person, firm, or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality, including the Issuer.

enant. The rates now in effect are estimated to be sufficient to provide for the payment of the expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for the Redemption Account once the Reserve Amount has Reserve Account shall be limited to obligations bearing maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the System in good repair and working order, to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2004 Bonds as the same become due and payable, and to provide for all other obligations, expenditures and funds for the System required by law and this Ordinance. The rates shall be fixed and revised from time to time as may be necessary to produce these amounts, and it is hereby covenanted and agreed to fix and maintain rates for services furnished by the System at all times sufficient to provide for the foregoing.

Commencing on the date of delivery of the Bonds, all funds belonging to the System shall be transferred as herein indicated and all Revenues of the System shall be set aside as collected and credited to a fund to be designated WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM RECEIVING FUND (the "Receiving Fund"). In addition, all Revenues in any accounts of the System shall be transferred to the Receiving Fund and credited to the funds and accounts as provided in this Section. The Revenues credited to the Receiving Fund are pledged for the purpose of the improvements, enlargements or extensions to the Sys- shall be deposited in the Redemption Account. From the following accounts and shall be transferred or debited from the Receiving Fund periodically in the manner and at the times and in the order of priority hereinafter

A. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT:

there shall be first set aside in, or credited to, a fund advisable. If at any time it shall be necessary to use ment of issuance expenses shall be transferred to the designated OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AC- moneys in the Replacement Account for the purpose for COUNT (the "Operation and Maintenance Account"), monthly a sum sufficient to provide for the payment of the moneys so used shall be replaced from any moneys in The balance of the proceeds of the Series 2004 Bonds, next month's expenses of administration and operation of the System and such current expenses for the maintenance thereof as may be necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order.

A budget, showing in detail the estimated costs of administration, operation and maintenance of the System for the next ensuing operating year, shall be prepared by the Township Board at least 30 days prior to the commencement of each ensuing operating year. No payments shall be made to the Issuer from moneys credited to the Operation and Maintenance Account except for services directly rendered to the System by the Issuer or its personnel.

B. BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION ACCOUNT:

There shall be established and maintained a separate depositary account designated BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION ACCOUNT (the "Redemption Account") the moneys on deposit therein from time to time to be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of, redemption premiums (if any) and interest on the Bonds. The moneys in the Redemption Account shall be kept on deposit with the bank or trust company where the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or any series thereof, are payable.

Out of the Revenues remaining in the Receiving Fund, after provision for the Operation and Maintenance Account, there shall be set aside each month commencing February 1, 2004 in the Redemption Account a sum proportionately sufficient to provide for the payment when due of the current principal of and interest on the Bonds, less any amount in the Redemption Account representing accrued interest on the Bonds or investment income on amounts on deposit in the Redemption Account, (including investment income on amounts held as part of the Bond Reserve Account). Commencing Account, and second to the Redemption Account. November 1, 2004, the amount set aside each month for interest on the Bonds next coming due. The amount set 2004, shall be 1/12 of the amount of principal next coming (including the Bond Reserve Account) and moneys de-

previously set aside, that deficiency shall be added to the next succeeding monthly requirements. The amount to be set aside for the payment of principal and interest on any date shall not exceed the amount which, when added to the money on deposit in the Redemption Account, including investment income thereon, is necessary to pay principal and interest due on the Bonds on the next succeeding principal payment date.

There is hereby established a separate account in the Redemption Account designated BOND RESERVE ACCOUNT (the "Bond Reserve Account"). Any ordinance authorizing the issuance of a series of Bonds may provide for deposits to the Bond Reserve Account to be made from the proceeds of such series of Bonds or from some other source in an amount that will result in the funds or other assets on deposit in the Bond Reserve Account being equal to the "Reserve Amount" for the Bonds. The Reserve Amount shall be the lesser of (1) the maximum annual debt service due in the current or any Section 10. Fixing and Revising Rates; Rate Cov- future year, (2) 125% of the average annual debt service, or (3) 10% of the principal amount of the Bonds. Interest on the Bond Reserve Account shall be transferred into

eys or other funding sources credited to the Bond Reserve Account shall be used solely for the payment of the the Bonds as to which there would otherwise be a default or on the final maturity date for the Bonds of the series to any time it shall be necessary to use moneys credited to first received thereafter in the Receiving Fund which are tenance Account or the Redemption Account.

C. REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT AC-COUNT:

There shall next be established and maintained a separate depositary account, designated REPLACE-MENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT (the "Replacement Account"), the money credited thereto to be used solely for the purpose of making repairs, replacements, tem, including any buildings or structures related to said Account), there may be deposited in the Replacement which the Replacement Account was established, the the Receiving Fund which are not required by this Ordinance to be used for the Operation and Maintenance Account or the Redemption Account, including the Bond Reserve Account.

D. GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT ACCOUNT:

There is hereby established a separate account known as the GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT ACCOUNT (the "G.O. Debt Account"). Out of the remaining Revenues in the Receiving Fund, there may be next set aside in or credited to monthly after meeting the requirements of the foregoing Accounts, to the G.O. Debt Account, or from other available moneys such sums as shall be necessary to pay debt service on presently existing or future general tions or contractual obligations of the Issuer incurred or to be incurred for System purposes.

E. SURPLUS MONEYS:

Thereafter, any Revenues in the Receiving Fund after satisfying all the foregoing requirements of this Section may, at the discretion of the Issuer, be used for any of the following purposes:

- 1. Transferred to the Replacement Account, the G.O. Debt Account, or both.
- Any other use permitted by law.

Section 12. Priority of Funds. In the event the moneys in the Receiving Fund are insufficient to provide for the current requirements of the Operation and Maintenance Account or the Redemption Account, any moneys or securities in other accounts of the System, except the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, shall be credited or transferred, first, to the Operation and Maintenance

interest on the Bonds shall be 1/6 of the total amount of Section 13. Depositary and Funds on Hand. Moneys in the funds and accounts established pursuant to this aside each month for principal, commencing May 1, Ordinance, except moneys in the Redemption Account

rived from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, may be kept in one or more bank accounts at a bank or banks designated by resolution of the Issuer, and if kept in one bank account the moneys shall be allocated on the books and records of the Issuer in the manner and at the times provided in this Ordinance.

Section 14. Investments. Moneys in the funds and accounts established herein and moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, may be invested by the Issuer in United States of America obligations or in obligations the principal of and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America and any investments hereafter permitted by law, and moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds may also be invested in certificates of deposit of any bank whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Investment of moneys in the Redemption Account being accumulated for payment of the next maturing principal or interest payment of the Bonds shall be limited to obligations bearing maturity dates prior to the date of the next maturing principal or interest payment on the Bonds. Investment of moneys in the Bond maturity dates or subject to redemption, at the option of Except as otherwise provided in this section, the mon- the holder thereof, not later than five years from the date of the investment. In the event investments are made any securities representing the same shall be kept on principal and redemption price (if any) of and interest on deposit with the bank or trust company having on deposit the fund or funds or account from which the purchase was made. Profit realized or interest income earned on which moneys in the Bond Reserve Account relate. If at investment of funds in the Receiving Fund, Operation and Maintenance Account and Replacement Account the Bond Reserve Account for such payment, then the shall be deposited in or credited to the Receiving Fund at moneys so used shall be replaced from the Revenues the end of each fiscal year. Profit realized on interest income earned on investment of moneys in the Redemp-Section 11. Funds and Accounts; Flow of Funds. not required to be deposited in the Operation and Main- tion Account including income derived from the Bond Reserve Account shall be credited as received to the Redemption Account.

Section 15. Bond Proceeds: Escrow Fund. The proceeds of the Series 2004 Bonds shall be used to pay the costs of issuance of the Series 2004 Bonds and to refund the Refunded Bonds all as provided in this Section 15. Upon receipt of the proceeds of sale of the Series 2004 Bonds the accrued interest and premium, if any, proceeds of the Series 2004 Bonds there shall next be System. Out of the Revenues and moneys of the System set aside a sum sufficient to pay the costs of issuance of remaining in the Receiving Fund at the end of each the Series 2004 Bonds in a fund designated the 2004 month after provision has been made for the deposit of Bond Issuance Fund, which may be established by the moneys in the Operation and Maintenance Account and Issuer or by an escrow agent. Moneys in the 2004 Bond the Redemption Account (including the Bond Reserve Issuance Fund shall be used solely to pay expenses of issuance of the Series 2004 Bonds. Any amounts Out of the Revenues credited to the Receiving Fund Account such additional funds as the Issuer may deem remaining in the 2004 Bond Issuance Fund after pay-Redemption Account for the Series 2004 Bonds.

> together with any moneys transferred by the Issuer, shall be held in a separate escrow fund (the "Escrow Fund") consisting of cash and investments in direct obligations of or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America or other obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully secured by the foregoing not redeemable at the option of the issuer in amounts fully sufficient to pay the principal, interest and redemption premiums on the Refunded Bonds. The Escrow Fund shall be held by an escrow agent pursuant to an escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") which shall irrevocably direct the escrow agent to take all necessary steps to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds when due and to call the Refunded Bonds for redemption on obligation bond issues of the Issuer or general obligation the first call date, as specified by the Issuer. The amounts held in the Escrow Fund shall be such that the cash and investments and income received thereon will be sufficient without reinvestment to pay the principal interest and redemption premiums on the Refunded Bonds when due at maturity or by call for redemption

> > Any of the Authorized Officers is authorized and directed to select a financial institution qualified to act as escrow agent and to negotiate, execute and delivery an Escrow Agreement on behalf of the Issuer.

Section 16. Bond Form. The Series 2004 Bonds shall be in substantially the following form with such changes or completions as necessary or appropriate to give effect to the intent of this Ordinance:

> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF KENT

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BOND. **SERIES 2004**

The soul ship of the soul state of the soul of the soul ships THE LOWELL LEDGER-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2004 -PAGE 16 REGISTERED OWNER:

Michigan Municipal Bond Authority PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:

Dollars DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE: February 18, 2004

The CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, County of Township has pledged its limited tax full faith and credit Kent, State of Michigan (the "Township"), for value received, hereby promises to pay, out of the hereinafter described Net Revenues of the Township's Water Supply System (hereinafter defined), to the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority (the "Authority"), or registered assigns, the Principal Amount shown above, in lawful money of the United States of America, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, on the dates and in the annual principal installment amounts set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof, as such Schedule may be adjusted if a portion of the as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the Principal Amount is prepaid as provided below, with interest on said principal installments from the Date of Original Issue show above, until paid, at the Interest Rate(s) per annum set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof. Interest is first payable and such expenses for maintenance of the Water Supply on November 1, 2004, and semiannually thereafter, and principal is payable on the first day of May commencing May 1, 2005 and annually thereafter.

[This bond may be subject to redemption prior to maturity by the Township only with the prior written consent of the Authority and on such terms as may be Township by the registered owner in person or the required by the Authority].

long as the Authority is the owner of this bond, (a) this duly executed by the registered owner or the registered bond is payable as to principal, premium, if any, and owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereinterest at the corporate trust office of National City Bank upon a new bond or bonds in the same aggregate of Michigan/Illinois or at such other place as shall be principal amount and of the same maturity shall be designated in writing to the Township by the Authority issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided (the "Authority's Depository"); (b) the Township agrees in the Ordinance, and upon payment of the charges, if that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository pay- any, therein prescribed. ments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this bond in immediately available funds at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or in the issuance of this bond have been done and perotherwise; and (c) written notice of any redemption of this formed in regular and due time and form as required by bond shall be given by the Township and received by the law. Authority's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

Additional Interest

In the event of a default in the payment of principal or interest hereon when due, whether at maturity, by redemption or otherwise, the amount of such default shall bear interest (the "additional interest") at a rate equal to the rate of interest which is two percent above the Authority's cost of providing funds (as determined by the Authority) to make payment on the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond but in no event in excess of the maximum rate of interest permitted by law. The additional interest shall continue to accrue until the Authority has been fully reimbursed for all costs incurred by the Authority (as determined by the Authority) as a consequence of the Township's default. Such additional interest shall be payable on the interest payment date following demand of the Authority. In the event that (for reasons other than the default in the payment of any municipal obligation purchased by the Authority) the investment of amounts in the reserve account established by the Authority for the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond fails to provide sufficient available funds (together with any other funds which may be made available for such purpose) to pay the interest on outstanding bonds of the Authority issued to fund such account, the Township shall and hereby agrees to pay on demand only the Township's pro rata share (as determined by the Authority) of such deficiency as additional interest on this bond.

For prompt payment of principal and interest on this bond, the Township has irrevocably pledged the revenues of the Water Supply System of the Township, including all appurtenances, extensions and improvements thereto (the "Water Supply System"), after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration (the "Net Revenues"), and a statutory lien thereon is hereby recognized and created.

This bond is a single, fully-registered, non-convertible bond in the principal sum indicated above issued pursuant to Ordinance No. 01-2004, duly adopted by the Township Board of the Township (the "Ordinance"), and Bonds and the security therefor. under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including specifically Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purpose of paying part of the cost of refunding certain outstanding revenue bonds of the Township.

For a complete statement of the revenues from which and the conditions under which this bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of equal standing may hereafter be issued, and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this

bond is issued, reference is made to the Ordinance.

This bond is primarily a self-liquidating bond, payable, both as to principal and interest, primarily from the Net Revenues of the Water Supply System. The principal of and interest on this bond are secured by the statutory lien hereinbefore mentioned. As additional security, the for payment of the principal of and interest on this bond, which includes the Township's obligation to levy taxes, if necessary, within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax limitations.

The Township has covenanted and agreed, and does hereby covenant and agree, to fix and maintain at all times while any bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the Water Supply System shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the Water Supply System principal of and interest on this bond, as and when the same shall become due and payable, and to maintain a bond redemption account therefor, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the Water Supply System as are required by the Ordinance.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written Notwithstanding any other provision of this bond, as instrument of transfer satisfactory to the transfer agent,

> It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done precedent to and

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Charter Township of Lowell, County of Kent, State of Michigan, by its Township Board, has caused this bond to be executed with the manual signatures of its Supervisor and its Township Clerk and the corporate seal of the Township to be impressed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

> > CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL

Countersigned:

Township Clerk

Section 17. Bondholders' Rights; Receiver. The holder or holders of the Bonds representing in the aggregate not less than twenty per cent (20%) of the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding, may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, protect and enforce the statutory lien upon the Net Revenues of the System, and may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties of the officers of the Issuer, including the fixing of sufficient rates, the collection of Revenues, the proper segregation of the Revenues of the System and the proper application thereof. The statutory lien upon the Net Revenues, however, shall not be construed as to compel the sale of the System or any part thereof.

If there is a default in the payment of the principal of or interest upon the Series 2004 Bonds, any court having jurisdiction in any proper action may appoint a receiver to administer and operate the System on behalf of the Issuer and under the direction of the court, and by and with the approval of the court to perform all of the duties of the officers of the Issuer more particularly set forth herein and in Act 94.

The holder or holders of the Series 2004 Bonds shall have all other rights and remedies given by Act 94 and law, for the payment and enforcement of the Series 2004

Section 18. Covenants. The Issuer covenants and agrees with the holders of the Bonds that so long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid as to either principal or interest:

The Issuer will maintain the System in good repair and working order and will operate the same efficiently and will faithfully and punctually perform all duties with reference to the System required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan

and this Ordinance.

(b) The Issuer will keep proper books of record and account separate from all other records and accounts of the Issuer, in which shall be made full and correct entries of all transactions relating to the System. The Issuer shall have an annual audit of the books of record and account of the System for the preceding operating year made each year by an independent certified public accountant, and a copy of the audit shall be mailed to the manager of each syndicate or account originally purchasing any issue of the Bonds. The auditor shall comment on the manner in which the Issuer is complying with the requirements of the Ordinance with respect to setting aside and investing moneys and meeting the requirements for acquiring and maintaining insurance. The audit shall be completed and so made available not later than six (6) months after the close of each operating year.

(c) The Issuer will maintain and carry, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds, insurance on all physical properties of the System and liability insurance, of the kinds and in the amounts normally carried by municipalities engaged in the operation of water supply systems, including self-insurance. All moneys received for losses under any such insurance policies shall be applied solely to the replacement and restoration of the property damaged or destroyed, and to the extent not so used, shall be used for the purpose of redeeming or purchasing Bonds.

(d) The Issuer will not sell, lease or dispose of the System, or any substantial part, until all of the Bonds have been paid in full, both as to principal and interest or provision made thereof as herein provided. The Issuer will operate the System as economically as possible, will make all repairs and replacements necessary to keep the System in good repair and working order, and will not do or suffer to be done any act which would affect the System in such a way as to have a material adverse effect on the security for the Bonds.

(e) The Issuer will not grant any franchise or other rights to any person, firm or corporation to operate a System that will compete with the System and the Issuer will not operate a system that will compete with

Section 19. Additional Bonds. Except as hereinafter provided, the Issuer shall not issue additional Bonds of equal or prior standing with the Series 2004 Bonds.

The right is reserved in accordance with the provisions Supervisor of Act 94, to issue additional Bonds payable from the Revenues of the System which shall be of equal standing and priority of lien on the Net Revenues of the System with the Series 2004 Bonds but only for the following purposes and under the following terms and conditions:

> (a) For subsequent repairs, extensions, enlargements and improvements to the System or for the purpose of refunding part of any Bonds then outstanding and paying costs of issuing such additional Bonds including deposits which may be required to be made to the Bond Reserve Account. Bonds for such purposes shall not be issued pursuant to this subparagraph (a) unless the Adjusted Net Revenues of the System for the preceding twelve-month operating year shall be equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the maximum amount of principal and interest thereafter maturing in any operating year on the then outstanding Bonds and on the additional Bonds then being issued. If the additional Bonds are to be issued in whole or in part for refunding outstanding Bonds, the annual principal and interest requirements shall be determined by deducting from the principal and interest requirements for each operating year the annual principal and interest requirements of any Bonds to be refunded from the proceeds of the additional Bonds. For purposes of this subparagraph (a) the Issuer may elect to use as the last preceding operating year any operating year ending not more than sixteen months prior to the date of delivery of the additional Bonds. Determination by the Issuer as to existence of conditions permitting the issuance of additional Bonds shall be conclusive. No additional Bonds of equal standing as to the Net Revenues of the System shall be issued pursuant to the authorization contained in this subparagraph if the Issuer shall then be in default in making its required payments to the Operation and Maintenance Account or the Redemption Account.

(b) For refunding a part of the outstanding Bonds and paying costs of issuing such additional Bonds including deposits which may be required to be made to the Bond Reserve Account. No additional Bonds shall be issued pursuant to this subsection unless the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year after giving effect to the refunding

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Fire safety for kids

Do your kids know what o do in the event of a fire? Do they know who to call or what to say? How much have you taught them about fire safety? According to the United States Fire Administration, more than 80 percent of fire deaths occur in residences and cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries! To it is the responsibility of evof a fire. By teaching chil-toys, etc. dren a few essential safety

• guidelines, parents can help • Plan two escape routes to tricity while standing back protect the whole family.

to keep you out of danger: Install smoke detectors on all floors of your home (see emergency. manufacturers' directions for • Remember, if there is a big • Apply cold water and ice proper placement) and re- fire going out of control, leave member to change the batteries twice a year.

- · Practice a family fire drill the house for anything.
- getting out of a burning house out the flames.

Here are a few simple tips • Practice dialing 911 with baking soda at base of flames. young children. • Rehearse If the fire continues to burn, what they should say in an leave the house immediately

> the house immediately, dial . Apply a soothing baking 911 and do not go back into soda paste (3 parts baking

keep your family protected, • Explain the importance of Stop, Drop and Roll! to put with a cool damp cloth.

the outside from each room. and tossing handfuls of the

• If the burn is serious (more ery member of the family to safely. Instruct children to For initial handling of small than a superficial skin burn), know what to do in the event take nothing with them-no kitchen or electrical fires, call your doctor or 911. It is quickly turn off gas or elec- never too soon to teach your

and dial 911.

soda to 1 part cold water) to • If hair or clothing catch fire the burned area and cover

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family how to be safe. Tak- lot easier than dealing with ing a few small preventative the damaging effects of a fire measures now is certainly a in your home.

shall be less than the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year prior to giving effect to the refunding.

Section 20. Sale of Bonds. Any of the Authorized Officers is authorized to approve the sale of the Series 2004 Bonds to the Authority in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance. Any of the Authorized Officers is authorized to execute and deliver such contracts, documents and certificates as may be necessary to complete the sale and delivery of the Series 2004 Bonds to the Authority, including a Purchase Contract, Issuer's Certificate and Revenue Sharing Pledge Agreement. In the event of a sale of the Series 2004 Bonds to the Authority, any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to make such changes to the form of Series 2004 Bond contained in this Ordinance as may be necessary to conform to the requirements of Act 227, Public Acts of Michigan 1985, as amended ("Act 227"), including, but not limited to, changes in the principal maturity and interest payment dates and references to additional security required by Act 227.

tus of the Bonds. The Issuer shall, to the extent permitare furnished for convenience of reference only and shall ted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to not be considered to be part of this Ordinance. maintain the exemption of the interest on the Series 2004 Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Series 2004 Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Series 2004 Bond proceeds.

Section 22. Approval of Bond Counsel. The representation of the Issuer by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, p.l.c. ("Miller Canfield"), as bond counsel is hereby approved, notwithstanding the representation by Miller Canfield of the Authority with respect to this borrowing. 2004.

Section 23. Approval of Bond Details. Any of the Authorized Officers is hereby authorized to adjust the final bond details set forth herein to the extent necessary or convenient to complete the transaction authorized herein, and in pursuance of the foregoing is authorized to exercise the authority and make the determinations authorized pursuant to Section 7a(1)(c) of Act 94, including, but not limited to, determinations regarding interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights, the place of delivery and payment and other matters, provided that the principal amount of Series 2004 Bonds issued shall not exceed the principal amount authorized in this Ordinance, the interest rate per annum on the Series 2004 Bonds shall not exceed six percent (6.00%) per annum, and the Series 2004 Bonds shall mature not later than May 1, 2014.

Section 24. Severability; Paragraph Headings; and Conflict. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Section 21. Covenant Regarding Tax Exempt Sta- Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance

> Section 25. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in the Lowell Ledger a newspaper of general circulation in the Issuer qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Issuer and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and the Township Clerk.

Section 26. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS 8th day of January,

Signed John R. Timpson, Supervisor Signed Linda S. Regan, Township Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowen, County of Kent, Michigan, at a special meeting held on the 8th day of January, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting: J.Timpson, A. Fletcher, R. Huver, C. Blough, P. Blumm, L. Regan and that the following Members were absent: J. Huver.

I further certify that Member Fletcher moved for adoption of said Ordinance, and that said motion was supported by Member Blough.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance: A. Fletcher, C. Blough, R. Huver, J. Timpson, P. Blumm, L. Regan and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordi-

I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and the Township Clerk.

> Linda S. Regan, Township Clerk





105 N. Broadway

Volleyball girls improve game in Portland win

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity volleyball team raised expectations last week, recovering from a loss at East Grand Rapids to take first place at the Portland Invitational.

The Red Arrows lost to the Pioneers 15-3 and 15-3 last Thursday, but showed improvement on the court.

"The score really didn't reflect how good the volleyball game was," coach Gigi Peal said. "I think it's hard to know when you've played

probably the toughest opponent the Arrows will face this the state rankings released last

"I can't take anything away from East," Peal said "We played the best volleyball we could have played and they played their best volleyball and they came out on top."

The Pioneers have two division-one players, one of whom is ranked among the top 100 players nationally.

Lowell didn't lose a single game last Saturday at the Portland Invitational. The Red Ar rows took first place in their pool, defeating Saranac, Ionia and Bath. They played East Grand Rapids is Fowlerville in the semifinals, defeating the Gladiators 15-4 and 15-9. They faced the Portland Raiders in the finals and

Both teams bowled Mon-

(across from Family Fare Shopping Plaza)

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Bowlers split match against the Fighting Scots

By Dan Schneider

Both Red Arrow bowling day against Comstock Park and Tuesday against against the Fighting Scots of Middleville. The Ledger will Caledonia Monday, Jan. 5. print those results next week.

The boys team won their match. Juniors Jim Denney and Jon Eickhoff bowled two games each against the Scots. Denney scored a 204 and a 185. Eickhoff rolled 177 and 174. Head coach, Rocky Eickhoff is looking to the two juniors to provide momentum and leadership for the team

"They'll probably be doing a lot of bowling this year because they are my two strongest bowlers," coach Eickhoff

Anthony Everitt rolled a 172 against the Scots, Eric Horsford a 167 and Wes Patnode a 153.

Rachel Nawrocki was the high scorer for the Red Arrow girls in their loss to the Scots. She bowled 197 and 140 in her two games. It was the first competitive bowling for several of the girls on the team.

"We've got a new team," coach Eickhoff said of the girls. "It's a building year for





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Lowell Varsity Volleyball team sports a winning attitude with coach Gigi Peal.

won the first game 15-10 and

Amy Oberlin had 24 kills defense and court coverage and four blocks on the day. Heather Becker had 21 kills, eight blocks and six aces. Kristin Johnson had 18 kills, 7 aces. Samantha Mol had 17

76 assists on the day and eight

had to step up and get it done, you see them have it out on and that was a good thing to the court, it starts a whole new see," Peal said. "This was the set of expectations." first big offense weekend

senior defensive specialist, against Kenowa Hills. with Saturday's victory.

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"We are definitely winning games because of our and she is a part of that," Peal

The Lowell coach looks at the team's recent performance, both at East Grand Rapids and at Portland, as Setter Taylor Verdin had evidence of the team's poten-

"They've laid the expec-"Obviously a lot of people tations now," Peal said. "Once

The team faced Creston and Godwin in a tri-meet at Peal also credited home on Monday. They play Stephanie Wagner, Lowell's at home again Thursday

PUBLIC NOTICE VERGENNES **TOWNSHIP**

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PRIVATE ROAD ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Board will be held on Monday, January 19, 2004, at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell MI 49331 to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Private Road Ordinance. A synopsis of the proposed amendments is as follows:

- 1) It is proposed that driveways for lots located on the corner of a public and a private road shall be required to use access from the private road unless topography prohibits, there are existing homes, or the Kent County Road Commission prohibits.
- Regardless of whether they are paved or not, private roads are currently separated by two standards; a 16 foot wide road / 2 foot shoulders for 3 and 4 lots and 22 foot wide road / 4 foot shoulders for 5-19 lots. In order to eliminate the many problems associated with these separate standards, it is being proposed to combine the lot numbers from 3-19 and to set a standard of an 18 foot wide road with 3 foot shoulders. The first 100 feet of the road must be 22 feet for vehicle turning and stacking. The cul de sac standard will remain at an 80 foot diameter.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments is on file in the offices of the Township Clerk at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331; Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]. Written and oral comments regarding the proposed amendments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Township Clerk at the Township Offices, or by e-mailing clerk@vergennestwp.org.

> Mari Stone. vergennes Township Clerk

Lowell gymnastics wins conference opener, takes 7th at Rockford Invitational

By Dan Schneider

tics team won its first confer- 8.75. ence meet last Wednesday at Mona Shores High School. DeHaan said. "She's a very and bars-7.0.

credited strong scores in the floor exercise in a close for Lowell were Rebecca (8.3), Underwood (8.15) and land, Forest Hills, East first place at the invitational Kentwood. 126.35-124.3 Lowell victory. Underwood (8.5), Amanda "Floor is always our best Rau (8.4) and LynnAnn Bell

event," DeHaan said. "Home (8.0). meets are always nice because we get to finish on floor."

Coach Michele DeHaan strong all-arounder."

Those scores were all regional-qualifying scores. To Lowell basketball defeats Kenowa Hills

Lowell had four of the top qualify individually for re- (7.95), Bell (7.3), Underwood East Grand Rapids and Rocksix scores for floor that night. gional competition, girls must (6.85) and Rau (6.7). On beam: ford. The Red Arrow gymnas- Jenna Dickerman scored an get four qualifying scores on Underwood (8.3), Dickerman "I think Jenna Dickerman regional-qualifying scores: (7.25).

home against the Sailors of did very well, too, overall," floor-7.9, vault-7.7, beam-7.4 The Red Arrows are now 125.55 team points put them enth on floor (8.6). ahead of Traverse City 1-0 in their conference. The Lowell scorers on vault conference, different from the (124.55) and behind Holland gymnastics team is Wednes-The other scorers on floor were Dickerman (8.8), Rau OK White, also includes Hol- (128.525). Forest Hills took day (tonight) at East Bell (8.0). On bars: Dickerman Kentwood, Kenowa Hills, with a team score of 137.2.

Dickerman placed eighth overall in division two vault The Arrows took seventh with a score of 8.4. She placed any event. The following are (7.7), Bell (7.4) and Rau place last Saturday at the seventh on beam (8.4) and Rockford Invitational. Their tied with Underwood for sev-

The next meet for the

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL

MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED USE OF 2004-2005 KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on TUESDAY, January 20, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding the City of Lowell's proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Funds for the following projects:

- Foreman Road (south side) Gee Drive to Creekside Park entrance sidewalk improvements CDBG \$43,199.00
- North Kent Transit assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders. CDBG \$4,000.00
- Rockford Ambulance Automatic Vehicle Locators. CDBG #2,000.00

The County of Kent has allocated approximately \$49,199.00 of its 2004-2005 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the City of Lowell. The primary objective of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program "is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income." Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: Benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

Interested persons submit may comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

By Dan Schneider

basketball game last Friday break. against the Kenowa Hills

Motions approved:

Nash Corridor Study

ZBA ending in 2006

ending in 2006

District

township

Bailey Drive.

"We had our best Christ- in the game. mas ever in terms of focus and The 48-40 victory was not intensity and things like that," day against East Grand Rapan offensive spectacle but it he said. "Even though we improved the Red Arrows' didn't play a game, I think we record to 2-1 in conference made some good strides."

Andrew Min was the top "Offensively we struggled scorer for the Red Arrows with a little but it was our first 12 points on the night. Sam game in 21 days," Lowell Oberlin put in nine. Kyler coach, Jeff McDonald said. Krieg came off the bench to

SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE

VERGENNES

TOWNSHIP BOARD

December 15, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the November 17, 2003 Regular

Meeting were approved. A list of invoices

was also approved. Lowell community

resident Dave Hildenbrand, a Republican

candidate for the 86th District of the Michigan

House of Representatives, addressed the

Board and asked for consideration of support.

· Motion to approve grant application to

Lowell Area Community Fund for Alden

Motions to appoint Bill Schreur, Jr. and

Keith Rittenger to three year terms on the

Motion to appoint Rick Gillette to a three

year term on the Planning Commission

Motion to approve collection of millage on

the Summer 2004 tax bills for Lowell Area

Schools, Grand Rapids Community

College, and Kent Intermediate School

Complete minutes are available on the

www.vergennestwp.org, or at the township

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the

Vergennes Township Board is January 19,

2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township

Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and

Mari Stone

Vergennes Township Clerk

offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

McDonald said the team shoot three for three, two ids was cancelled due to

focused on defense during three-pointers and a two-point weather. Look for coverage Lowell's defense won the practices over the holiday field goal. Mike Koster had of yesterday's game against eight points and 11 rebounds Thornapple Kellogg and Friday's game at Northview Lowell's game last Tues- in next week's Ledger.



Burger King has a playroom for the little kids but only one high chair in the whole building! Where are the kids supposed to sit? On the floor?

Addressing religion and the pledge of allegiance in our schools-why do people who are so against religion have no trouble using our money (In God We Trust)?

When are we going to get a new grocery store in town so we don't have to walk a mile for cereal and stand in line for 1/2 an hour?

I think people that offer a reward for the return of their little dog should pay up. It takes a pretty small person not to.

I recently moved to Lowell and I was wondering if there was any way we could get a med center or some kind of emergency facility. There is no hospital or med center within a 1/2 hour of any direction.

I hope that Electrolux plans on selling their products in Mexico if they move there. I for one will never buy anything made by them if they do move.

NOTICE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL **MEETING DATE CHANGE**

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 19, the Lowell City Council meeting will be held TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2004

The City Hall, however, will be open during regular hours, 8 am - 5 pm on January 19, 2004

Wrestlers dominate tri-meet, take 7th at duals

By Dan Schneider

downfall of the East Grand 171. Rapids wrestling team during their trip to Lowell last Thurs- Karasiewicz (112), Joe

Red Arrows 72-9 in the first and Chris Jones (135) pinned match of the night's tri-meet their opponents for their first wrestle them, we need to with Lowell and Grand Rap- varsity wins. ids Union.

of disappointing, but there's for Lowell by a void at 145. Lowell varsity coach, Dave 101st, winning a 13-4 major Strejc said. "We're going to decision against Union's Jusget plenty of wrestling this tin Slagel. weekend so I'm not worried about that."

Strejc was referring to the perennial tough teams in the at us."

only victory for East in the chance to wrestle a team it one," Strejc said. "Unfortumatch, winning a 9-3 decision usually doesn't encounter dur- nately, we didn't recover very at 140 against Lowell's Andy ing the season. Oesch. East also won a match "We don't usually see Gaylord 42-21." by forfeit as Lowell's Ryan teams that are as aggressive

Dykhouse, recovering from an and as physical as this Union A short was part of the injury, sat out his match at team is and it was good for the kids to experience this type of Rob wrestling," he said.

Mendez (130) and Jason Near- the Grand Rapids City League The Pioneers forfeited ing (160) won their matches and expects to win the rest of seven weights, losing to the by pin. Matt Gillhespy (189) its league matches. "Our team needs to

Lowell's Kevin Frasier prior to the Michigan Duals "It's six matches, it's kind tallied his 100th career win "That will be a good thing." Lowell beat the Allegan nothing we can do about that," Later that night he earned his Tigersharks 34-29 in their first

> Lowell won the match against Union 46-33.

"Lowell's got a great Michigan Duals held in Bay team," Union varsity coach, 11. The Cardinals are the num-City last Saturday, which Tom Barker said. "I'm glad ber-one-ranked team in Michibrought together most of the Dave didn't throw the house gan and most polls put them in

Strejc said the match

Lowell's

Union has a 2-0 record in

wrestle Davison," Strejc said

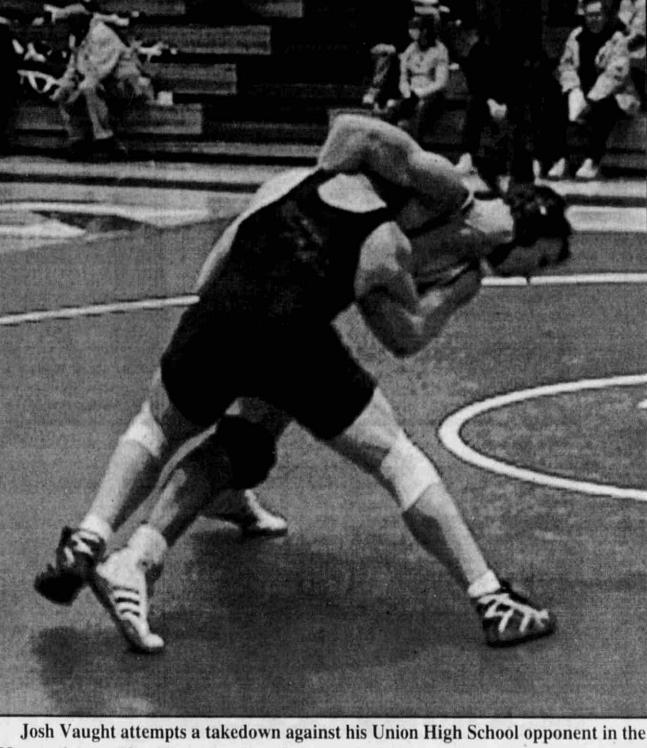
match at the Duals. "I thought we wrestled

well for that," Streic said. "And then we got demolished by Davison in the next match."

Davison beat Lowell 58the top ten nationally.

"We learned a lot of things Mach Mach scored the against Union was a good in that match, we needed that well. We ended up losing to

That put Lowell against



189-pound contest last Thursday. Vaught lost by decision despite an impressive reversal in the third round.

Clarkston in a match for secmatch 39-33.

"It was a meat grinder but 9 a.m. The first Lowell match we have to get through that is the Lowell B team against level of competition in order Belding in match number to get where we want to go," eight. The Lowell A team Strejc said. "That's why we starts the day against went, we want to get tested Coldwater in match number

Joe Mendez was undefeated Saturday, winning all Davison won the Duals, "They didn't like losing to

with Lakewood and Dundee us.' taking second and third.

This Saturday is the Gary Other tough teams comond place. Lowell won that Rivers Invitational at Lowell ing to Lowell Saturday include High School. Matches start at Hastings and Middleville.

Allegan again," Strejc said.

"If we win our pool (Saturday), we'll probably face



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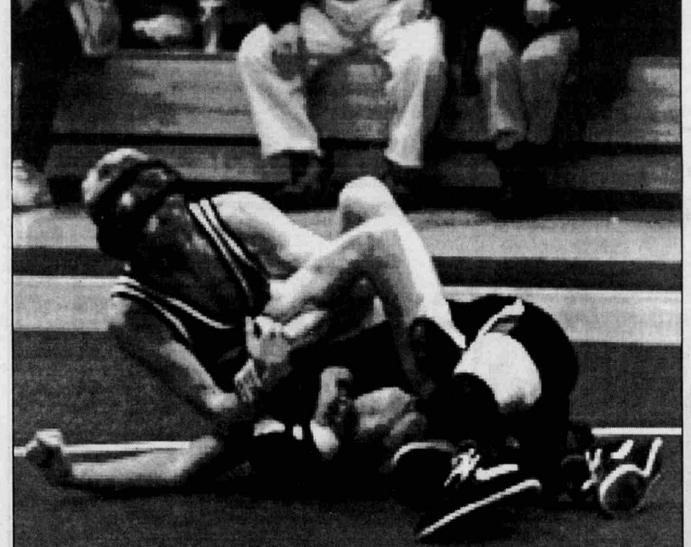
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Hat tricks galore: Lowell-Caledonia pair up for hockey shot fests

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell-Caledonia Red Arrows took control of their league last Friday with a dramatic come-from-behind victory against Wayland. They followed it Saturday with another high-offense game.

"It was kind of a wild shootout weekend," coach Mike Ballard said. "We won

them both but it was kind of

Going into the third period, Lowell-Caledonia was down 5-2.

"The first two periods they had us outnumbered," Ballard said. "They really came at us and played strong defense."

The Wayland coach had warned his players to stay on top of Ted McCoy from

Caledonia. They shut him out of the first two periods but he shot in three goals in the third for his fifth hat trick of the season. Cory Kelly had two goals. Brandon John and Will Holland had one apiece.

Lowell-Caledonia won the game despite getting outshot 31-22. The team now has a 3-0 record in league play.

McCoy earned his sixth

hat trick of the season last Saturday against the Holt Rams. McCov had five goals on the night.

Lowell had a three-point lead on a few occasions during the game, but the Rams managed to make it a onepoint contest by the end. Lowell-Caledonia won 9-8.

"The whole weekend, both games, our goaltending

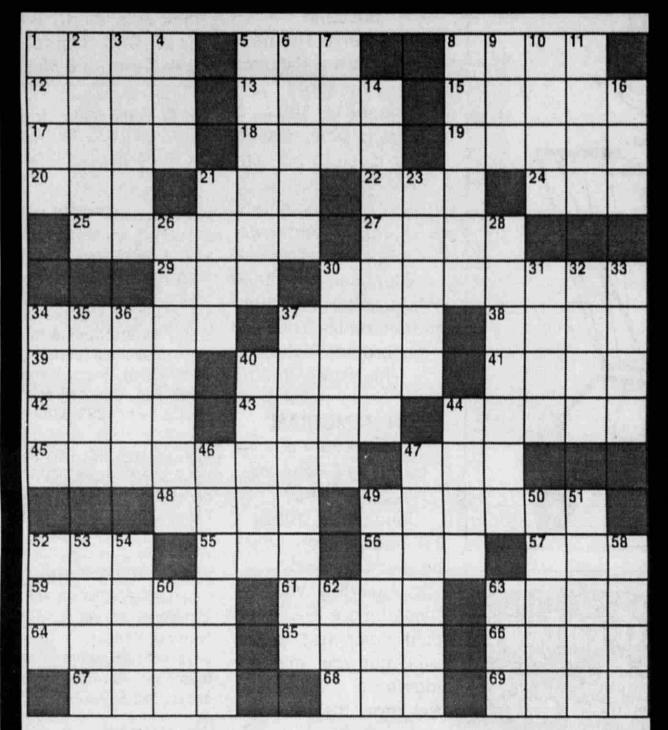
had problems," Ballard said. "David (Maylone) struggled all week."

Adding to the defensive problems for the Arrows was the separated shoulder Holland suffered in the Wayland game. Ballard had to move Pat McMahon back to defense, a position he hadn't played in a few years.

Cory Kelly scored three goals in the Holt game to earn his second hat trick of the season. Brandon John also had a goal in Saturday's game.

The Red Arrows take the ice again Friday against East Lansing followed by a Saturday game at West Ottawa. They play at Grand Rapids Central next Monday.

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Council meeting on Tuesday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

He was a man who inspired many, and in honor of his work, the Lowell City Council will not be meeting on Monday, Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The day, a national holiday, has been set side to celebrate the teachings of the civil rights activ-

Those planning to attend the city council meeting should come to City Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 20. "The council has traditionally recognized that day by holding its meeting the following day," said city manager, David Pasquale. Actually the coun-

years ago, but decided last year to schedule its meeting around the day because of events honoring King.

The change in the date is one of several which will occur this year. The council usually meets on the first and third Mondays of the month, for except certain holidays. Besides Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the counhonor of President's Day (Feb. 16) and on July 6 in observance of Independence Day, July 4. Also, the council meets Sept. 7 to avoid conflict with Labor Day, which is Sept. cil broke from tradition two 6. The council also tries to

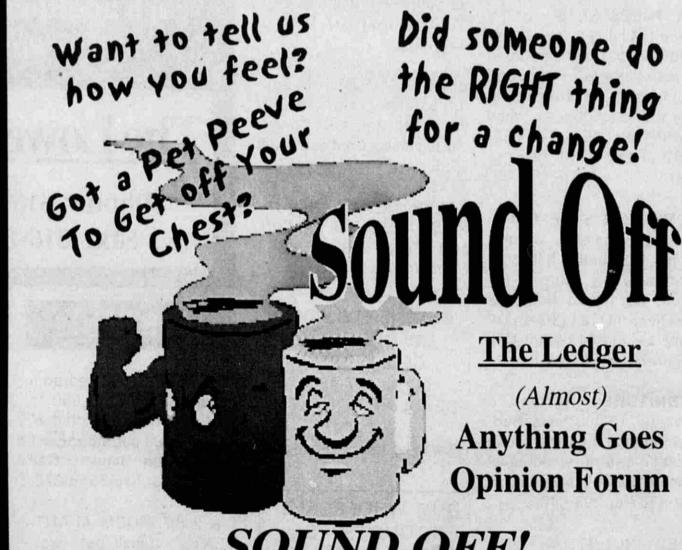
avoid conflict with spring break, this year meeting on the fifth Monday in March, the 29th, rather than the first week of April, when the break is scheduled.

The council has a total of 24 regular meetings scheduled, which were unanimously approved at the first meeting of the year on Jan. 5.

The Lowell Planning cil will meet on Feb. 17 in Commission also alters its schedule for holidays. The commission meets on the fourth Monday of the month, except in December when there is no regular meeting scheduled due to Christmas.

Girls' Soccer team to hold garage sale

The Red Arrow varsity girls' soccer team will hold a garage sale this weekend in the freshman center of Lowell High School. The sale will feature donated items such as clothing and housewares. The sale begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until 5 p.m. The 16 girls on the team are raising money to take a spring break trip to Mexico for training. It will be the first time the girls team makes such a trip. The team is still accepting donated items for the sale. For information call Lori Gerard at City Hall. Items left unsold after the sale will be donated to Flat River Outreach ministries.



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