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Council meets Saturday to discuss 2002 budget

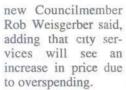
Weisgerber questions priorities

BY JEREMY D. JOHNSTON STAFF REPORTER JEREMYJ@COMMUNITYPRESS.COM

One city council member says Loveland residents will need to pay more attention to the city's budget and future

Council will convene at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at city hall to deliberate the city manager's 2002 proposed city budget - and a concern has been voiced that the city is facing financial

"Loveland is faced with some serious issues surrounding the budget,"



Weisgerber says city council has been spending money on discretionary items

that are not mandatory for the operation of the city and is facing the largest reduction in revenue for a single year in over the last decade.





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Out with the old, in with the new Loveland has a new city council.

During a swearing-in ceremony Monday in Loveland City Hall, councilmembers-elect Dan Daly, Joe Schickel and Rob Weisgerber and incumbent Brad Greenberg took their oath and then took their seat behind council's desk.

Daly, Schickel and Weisgerber replace former council members Ceci

Bauer, Paulette Leeper and Lee Skierkiewicz.

Peggy Goodwin, who came in fifth during the election race, was appointed unanimously by council to take the place of Heather Russell, who was elected Municipal



Court District 5 judge and resigned her council seat prior to the ceremony. Rus-

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Wheel dilemma



Loveland Primary School second-grader Jacob Alten tries to keep control of the spinning wheel during a recent visit from Center of Science and Industry.

Group looks for stormwater answers

BY JEREMY JOHNSTON & ANNETTE STIERWALT STAFF REPORTERS LOVELAND@COMMUNITYPRESS.COM

The search for answers to stormwater flooding problems along Polk Run Creek in Warren and Hamilton counties continues, with the possible formation of a regional storm water committee

In a preliminary meeting Nov. 13, representatives from Montgomery, Symmes Township, Sycamore Township, Deerfield Township, the Hamilton County Engineer's Office and Metropolitan Sewer District gathered to discuss the possible establishment of a storm water steering committee involving several area jurisdictions.

Deerfield Township in Warren County district to implement the recommendaand Sycamore Township in Hamilton County, the hope is to get all affected jurisdictions involved, Deerfield Township project coordinator Joel Smiddy

The first step towards a solution may a study of the Polk Run Creek watershed.

"What we're looking to do...is get a study done of that area," Smiddy said.

Hilvert said she and the representatives are requesting that a study performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers be conducted on the major drainage areas.

"If we are successful with getting this study, the hope would then be to Because the water shed flows from formulate this county-wide storm water

to Symmes Township, Montgomery tions made from the study," Hilvert expressed an interest in participating ir

The congregated group developed an idea which involved water quantity issues and explored the formation of a county-wide storm water district, which would serve as a regional approach to handling storm water.

"It would be more of a comprehensive approach at these issues instead of having Montgomery working all by itself," Montgomery City Manager Cheryl Hilvert said.

The representatives have gone back to their respective elected officials to discuss the idea and to encourage their participation in such an effort.

"We believe a regional approach makes a lot of sense," Hilvert said.

Symmes Township trustees already the joint effort.

"We've already decided to do that," Symmes Township Administrator Gerald Beckman said.

Montgomery city council has already expressed interest in learning more about how the regional district and the study will work since there will be funding issues involved. A cost has yet to be determined.

"Our council has been aware of the county-wide thing and have showed interest in participating in that, in a group to proceed the study with a Poll Run Creek study," Hilvert said.

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struction on I-275, the green time

Ted Gregory, Montgomery Inn founder, dies

Theodore "Ted" Gregory, founder of the Montgomery Inn restaurant. died Sunday, Dec. 2.