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LAS nonresident property millage up for renewal on May 8

by Emma Palova

The Lowell Area Schools (LAS) will have on the May 8th ballot a proposal to renew operating millage from nonhomestead properties. The district will levy 18 mills from commercial and second home properties. The tax brings in \$2.7 million or eight to nine percent of the budget to the district. The total budget of the district is \$33 million.

"We express appreciation for the support from the community," said LAS superintendent Greg Pratt.

Historically, the millage has been approved by the voters, according to Pratt. The voters have approved five year renewals in 1995 and 2001 and a three year renewal in 2006 and 2009.

"The levy applies only to industrial, commercial, business, agricultural, rental, and second homes and

does not affect the millage rate on owner occupied primary residences," said Pratt.

Charlie Bernard, owner of Ace Hardware, said the millage is one of the wonders of democracy.

"I don't get to vote on it," he said. "On the other hand, I am 100 percent behind schools."

The primary home property tax rate will stay the same. If the proposal doesn't pass, the loss of funding would adversely affect educational programs, according to Pratt.

Jeff Altoft, co-owner of Backwater Café, said the timing for the renewal isn't right.

"The businesses are struggling with bad economy and they ask us to pay more," he said.

Greg Canfield, owner of Canfield Plumbing and Main Street Inn, said he sup-

ports the millage because the schools drive the community.

"Without strong schools, we don't have a strong community," he said.

According to Canfield, many people have moved to Lowell because of the schools.

"The millage is part of Downtown Development Authority funding," he said.

There are tax increment authorities in the school district that capture and retain tax increment revenues levied by the school district.

The total amount of captured tax increment revenues from the millage in the first calendar year of the levy is estimated to be \$46,546.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) captures a portion of district's tax levy.

Voting will take place at the city and township precincts; absentee ballots are available from the city or township clerk's offices.

"I want to remind our community that when you

buy from a small mom and pop business, you're not helping a CEO buy a third vacation home," Pratt said. "You're helping a little girl get dance lessons, a little boy get his team jersey, a mom or dad put food on the table, a family pay a mortgage or a student pay for college."

Pratt said the voters are the shareholders of the local small businesses and industry through their support and patronage.

City grants variances to King Milling for expansion

by Emma Palova

The city Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) granted two variances to King Milling to enable an \$11 million expansion in the city industrial zone.

The variances included the waiver of lot coverage

and landscaping. The industrial lot has been more than 60 percent built out over the last 145 years of the company's existence and landscaping was not desirable for King Milling, according to one of the co-owners, Jim

Doyle. In order for the ZBA to grant a variance, several criteria have to be met.

"We're encouraging growth in the city and we want to work with businesses and industry to continue to contribute to the wealth of the community," said councilmember Jim Valentine.

The ordinance stating the requirements was developed in the late 1990s.

Mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison moved to approve both variances.

In other business:

The city council approved the refinancing of the water system bonds that will provide cost savings of \$150,000.

Among the people going to Germany to check out the smell from bio-digesters are city representatives: Mark Howe, Andrew Schrauben, Perry Beachum, Maryalene LaPonsie, Rachel Schwab and Greg Pierce.

In the ongoing construction business, Bowes Road at the intersection with

St. Patrick's students help others

When the St. Patrick School leadership council learned students at a school in the Dominican Republic were playing soccer with a shredded ball at recess, they resolved to take action. The council led an effort to purchase two balls and an air pump to send to students on the Caribbean island.

The leadership council learned of the school at which one ball was being used for soccer games

by all the students. The ball was ripped and falling apart. In a student led effort, money was raised to purchase two balls, a Frisbee and an air pump. Dick's Sporting Goods generously offered a discount for the students' purchase.

The organization Hands of Grace arranged for delivery of the balls and equipment to the Dominican Republic school.



Pictured, left to right: Alex Richmond, Olivia Richmond, Ondine Eardley, Bridget Lally and Maura Fitzpatrick.



King Milling receives variances for \$11 million expansion.

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Thebes Players present *The Odd Couple*

This spring, Lowell Arts! and the Thebes Players will present one of Neil Simon's most recognizable and timeless comedies. The *Odd Couple* has been entertaining audiences for nearly 50 years.

This classic comedy opens with a group of the guys assembled for cards in the apartment of divorced Oscar Madison. Late to ar-

rive is Felix Unger, who has just been separated from his wife. Fastidious, depressed and none too tense, Felix seems suicidal, but as the action unfolds, Oscar becomes the one with murder on his mind when the clean-freak and the slob ultimately decide to room together with hilarious results.

Cast members include:

John Foley (Oscar), Matt Tawney (Felix), Brent Alles (Murray), Jeff Fisher (Vinny), Gary Brooks (Speed), Dean Borth (Roy), Sue Fisher (Gwendolyn), and Leannette Bailey-Tanner (Cecily).

The play runs from April 27 through May 12 at

Larkin's Other Place, 301 W. Main Street.

Dinner theatre reservations are required.

For more information and to purchase tickets, call or visit LowellArts! at 149 S. Hudson, 897-8545 or their website www.lowellartsmi.org



John Foley as Oscar (left) and Matt Tawney as Felix in the Lowell Arts!/Thebes Players production of *The Odd Couple*.



along main street

GILDA'S CLUB CLUBHOUSE EVENTS

Cancer - New Member Meeting, Tues., April 24, 2:30-3:30 pm and 7:15-8 pm; Lowell Spring Social, Sat., April 28, 11 am - 1 pm, a Mexican fiesta social; Reiki Night, Tues., April 24, 6:30-8 pm, experience and learn about the wonderful healing art of Reiki, facilitated by The Healing Center. Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

The River Valley Credit Union is sponsoring a fundraiser for Relay for Life on Fri., April 20, 6-8 pm at Lowell Lanes, 11550 E. Fulton. \$5 per person with all proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

CELEBRATE LEARNING EVENT

Cherry Creek Elementary staff invites you to attend the annual Celebrate Learning event on Thursday, April 26 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Student work will be on display throughout the building. Free ice cream sundae served by our teachers and support staff.

LAHM DINNER

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is having a spring event, "Somewhere in Time - Antique Treasures Dinner," at Grand Volute Ballroom on April 27. There will be two appraisers there to appraise your treasures live after dinner. Call 897-7688 for more information.

ALTO ELEMENTARY 5K FUN RUN/WALK

The Alto Elementary PTO is hosting its third annual Fun Run/Walk on Sat., April 28. Register before April 20 to take advantage of early registration discounts. All proceeds to benefit the Alto Elementary PTO. Registration forms are available at the Alto library and online at www.altoelementary5k.com

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND ACCEPTS GRANT PROPOSALS

All Proposals Must Be Submitted Online No Later Than April 20, 2012 to be considered. Visit www.grfoundation.org/lowell to submit your application.

The Lowell Area Community Fund, a fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, awards grants to tax-exempt, nonprofit charitable organizations that have an impact in the Lowell area. The LACF funds innovative projects or programs that encourage community cooperation.

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Robotics team narrowly misses world championships

The Lowell Red Arrows FIRST robotics team #3234 arrived in Ypsilanti at Eastern Michigan University April 12 for the state championships with high hopes. Arriving with a robot that was on the winning alliance at the Traverse City district event, they made some changes prior to this competition to better their performance. They were also a little sad. They were

missing an important member, Dylan Odland, who is in the hospital. His father, Pete Odland, owner of White's Bridge Tooling, a sponsor and mentor for the team, was only able to come on Saturday. The team wore armbands for Dylan and put his picture and his name on the robot to show their support for him.

The competition at Ypsilanti was amazingly

tough. The team had its ups and downs and by Saturday at the end of the preliminary rounds, they had to hope to be chosen by one of the top ranked teams to participate in the elimination rounds. Finally, they were chosen by the 5th alliance, team #4294, StarTREC, from

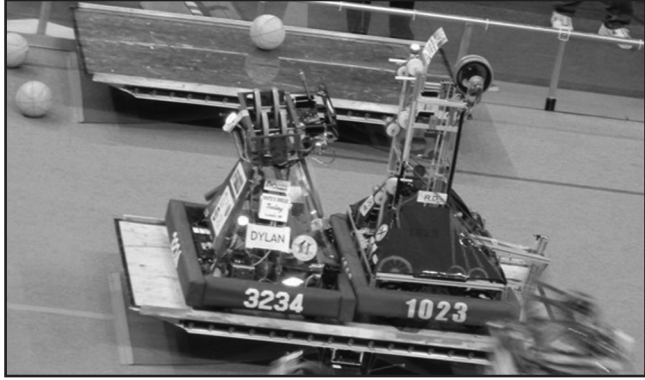
Lansing and team #2474, Excel, from Niles. They won the first game, but lost the second and third games against the 4th alliance, thus finishing in the quarterfinals. The Red Arrows finished the year ranked 18th in the state. They can go to world's in St. Louis only if

two teams above them decide not to go, an unlikely possibility.

One of the highlights of the event was when Dean Kamen, founder of FIRST, showed up on Friday. Huge crowds of kids and adults swarmed the sidelines to try to get him to sign their

team shirts and other items. Several team members got things signed, including a sign for Dylan. Kamen spoke to the group, encouraging everyone to continue being an example of what is right with this generation and, of course, the importance of science, technology, engineering and math.

The Lowell Red Arrows FIRST team will be at the Hike For a Cure event on May 5, at the Wittenbach/Wege Center. Members will be collecting pledges and donations for Hunt For a Cure, an organization dedicated to raising awareness and research funds to cure Cystic Fibrosis. The team would like to invite the community to join them for this event and support Hunt For a Cure. More information for this event can be found at huntforacure.com



The Lowell Red Arrows FIRST robot balancing on the co-opertition bridge with opposing alliance member 1023 at the end of a match.



Drive team members: Josh Zalis (far left), Nick Gibson, lead mentor Dave Cherba (behind), and Zack Gibas in action during a match.

City news, continued

Hudson will be milled and resurfaced in mid September funded by federal monies.

A Community Development Block Grant will help fund sidewalks.

The city has received again, a Tree City USA designation for the fifth year in a row.

Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 27 by planting a tree.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant will receive capital improvements in the amount of \$14,952 for re-

placement of waste pump drive units by Grandtech, Inc.

The city is also in the process of developing new agreements for the use of athletic fields.

"The Parks and Recreation Commission has asked that I begin negotiating new agreements to raise enough revenues so that the \$5,000 transfer from the

Lee Fund may be used for capital improvements and not for maintenance," said Howe.

Howe plans to negotiate renewal agreements on a case by case basis and increase the fee over the next year.

The council approved the public park use agreement with the Lowell High

School laCrosse team for a period ending Dec. 31. The current participant fee is \$5.

"We will be implementing the increased fees over the next two years," he said.

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“Green School” certificates awarded to area schools

Just in time for Earth Day, Kent County and Kent ISD presented area schools with 79 Green School awards this week, recognizing the extensive environmental work of educators and students.

Schools earned three types of awards. Green level certificates were given to 43 schools for completing 10-14 green activities, 23 schools received the Emerald level certificate for 15-19 green activities, and nine schools received Evergreen certificates for 20 or more green activities. In four districts, every school in the district earned a certificate: Caledonia Community Schools, Forest Hills Public Schools,

Lowell Area Schools and Thornapple Kellogg Schools.

The Kent County Board of Commissioners Chairman's Award was given to four districts for major energy savings programs. This year's winners include Caledonia Community Schools, Cedar Springs Public Schools, Northview Public Schools and Thornapple Kellogg Schools. In total, these districts have seen \$3 million in energy savings from their efforts over the past few years. Savings have come primarily from turning off equipment and controlling energy use in unoccupied areas, replacing light bulbs

and educating staff so they can help minimize energy costs.

“Districts are working hard to save energy and taxpayer dollars and have long taught environmental awareness in their classrooms. The Green Schools Awards program helps us recognize their efforts,” said Kent ISD superintendent Kevin A. Konarska. “I love seeing all the great work students are doing. Their creativity and energy about the environment is inspiring – and our districts are accomplishing more because of them. These students are making a real difference.”

college news

Leara D. Glinzak will have her artwork displayed at Harlan Gallery running April 17-21. The show entitled An Intense Whisper is a senior solo art show. The works include watercolor paintings, calligraphy, book-binding, ceramics, paintings and drawings. They are to display a sacred meaning of life and express a nostalgic view of what is around us. It is for the audience to truly engage in the appreciation

for life's simplicities and the world's beauty.

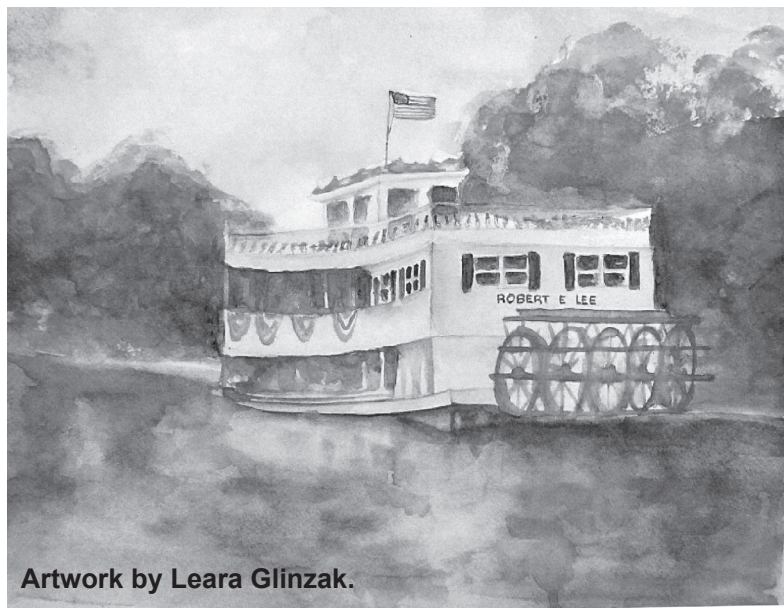
Glinzak is an art therapy major at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA. She will continue her studies at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, WI, where she will be studying for her Masters in Art therapy with a concentration in counseling. Her experiences have included being featured on the cover of the Forward magazine along with having a chair exhibit-

ed, that she painted, at the Westmoreland Art Museum entitled Sit on It. She has participated in numerous art auctions throughout the Pittsburgh area and helped organize a community arts event mural project for child abuse awareness. Glinzak has grown through an internship at the Western Psychiatric Hospital and Clinic and as a recreational therapy cabin counselor at Bradford Woods in Indiana. She completed her field-

work at Caritas Christi in Greensburg, PA and continues volunteering with Key Care Hospice.

An Intense Whisper is located at 1 Seton Hill Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Glinzak is a 2008 Lowell High School graduate and her parents are Louis J. and Lynnea Glinzak of Lowell.



Artwork by Leara Glinzak.

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to the editor

small world

To the editor,
It's a small world. I was painting a watercolor on the beach at beautiful Amelia Island, farthest north island on Florida's Atlantic coast. A young lady asked me if I sold my paintings. When I answered yes, she asked where? I replied, at a gallery called Fire and Water in Lowell, Michigan.
"There's a gallery in Lowell, Michigan?" she asked. She said she grew up in Lowell. She told me

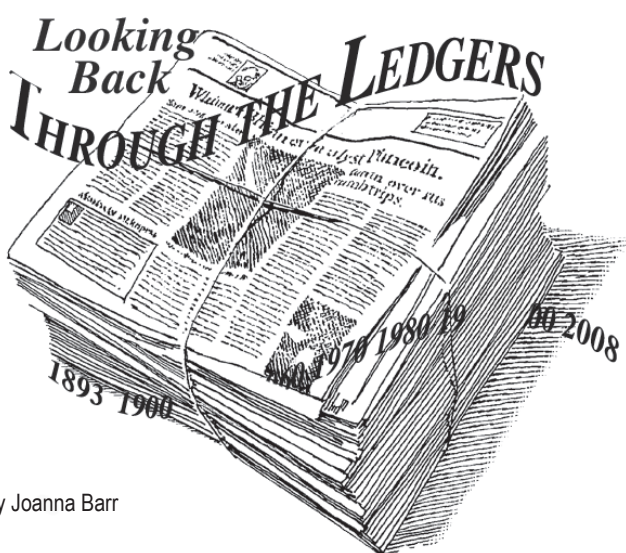
her name was Carol Peckham and I remembered I had done a painting of the Peckham house years ago. She exclaimed, "Then you must be Jan Johnson." She said she was the little girl that sat on the curb and watched me paint it. She also said she has the painting, but her brother wants it.
I also remembered singing in the Congregational choir with her mother Mary. Her mother always said she wanted to be buried

in her choir robe. Carol remembered that, but said she wasn't.
Carol has apparently been coming to Amelia for 30 years with her ex-mother-in-law, as have I.
Jan Y Johnson
Lowell

feeling better for writing response

Dear Editor,
In response to Jeanne Boss' *Off The Cuff* article, April 11, 2012 Ledger - I hardly know where to begin as there are several points I wish to respond to. I was surprised by your assertion that guns commit crimes, not people. Should we therefore presume because identity thieves often use computers to rob people, that computers are bad or when an innocent person is injured or dies as a result of a drunk driver, that all alcohol should be banned or cars for that matter? Where does personal accountability come into play? As human beings we have the ability to think reason and make choices. It is not the inani-

mate object that is responsible for the action, but the human behind the action.
And oh my, in reference to the shooting in Florida, you sound like the radical vigilantes who have tried and convicted George Zimmerman before all the facts of the case are known. This is still America, my friend and in this country an individual is presumed innocent until found guilty. And throwing around the racism motive is just astounding to me when Mr. Zimmerman's past actions negate that theory. I'd suggest listening to alternative news sources before you draw your conclusions. You might be surprised there is always another side to a story.
I can't deny there are evil influences that get into the hearts and minds of some folks. Were you outraged with the shooting that took place at Fort Hood and do you cry out when you hear of innocent civilians slaughtered by suicide bombers?
I do agree with your statement that "all of the above shows a decidedly sad trend toward the devaluing of human life. That is the real tragedy." I wonder, does your heart break knowing over 43 million babies have been killed because the law says we can choose to abort them?
Well, I feel better knowing I have written a response to your article offering another point of view and was prompted by a quote from Edmund Burke, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."
Respectfully,
Sharon A. Vosovic



By Joanna Barr

135 years ago Lowell Journal April 18, 1877

Everyday brings something new. The other day a man entered a store in this village and gazing steadily for a minute or two into a show case asked, "What's them?" The clerk swallowed a shout and replied: "Those, sir, are tooth brushes."
A new time card for the D. & M. took effect Monday, the only changes being the putting on of the fast trains again, which leave Lowell as follows: going east 7:35 am; west, 10:54 pm. No changes in time of arrival and departure of mails.
Five prisoners escaped from the Newago jail Wednesday night. Probably leaned up against the door and fell through.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 18, 1912

The King mills are again running and are able to supply bran, middlings and all kinds of ground feed.
The concert given by the Strollers Quartette Tuesday night, as the concluding number of the Clover Leaf lecture course, was a fitting close to a successful series of entertainments.
One evening last week, Fred Barnes was run into and knocked down by a bicycle ridden by Frances Pickard, a young lad. The boy was arrested for riding on the sidewalk and taken before Justice Andrews, who released him on suspended sentence giving as a reason that the bicycle ordinance is habitually violated by business men and others and he did not propose to

begin on a poor boy. Hereafter, complaints and arrests will be followed with sentence according to ordinance.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo April 22, 1937

C. H. Runciman reports that an average of 2500 pounds of wool is being brought to his elevator daily. "The wool is nice and long, the finest quality I have ever seen," states Mr. Runciman, "and the crop is large." A carload of wool was shipped out this week and another carload will go out in the near future. The price yesterday was 41 cents - the highest price in many years. Somewhat different than back in 1893 when farmers sheared their sheep backwards because the price was so low they were ashamed to look the sheep in the face.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 19, 1962

Letter to Editor - School board acknowledges decision. We wish to acknowledge the tremendous voter turnout for the school bonding and operating millage election of March 28, 1962. The majority of one yes vote permits us to proceed with the building of the new high school and if we can stay in our timetable, the 1963-64 high school classes will be held in the new facility. - Board of Education, Lowell Area Schools
The Happy Fairies met Thursday afternoon, April 12, 1962. Those who were present were Mary Wolfe, Betty Lyons, Mary Alice Manigold, Joy Strouse, Paula Buck, Dorothy Jean Claeson.

25 years ago The Grand Valley Ledger April 22, 1987

The Easter bunny was one busy rabbit Saturday morning at Fallasburg Park. The turnout far surpassed anything imagined by Dr. Todd Gillan and his staff, the promoters of the event. Gillan, alias the Easter bunny, says "We'll be ready next year."
What started out as a fun filled three-on-three basketball tournament in their parents' driveway has created major career changes for Scott and Mitch McNeal of Lowell. The McNeal brothers have announced their plans to devote their attention to their newly formed business and market their popular three-on-three tournament and deliver it statewide.



exploring nature

Megan Johnson

On Saturday, April 21, the Wittenbach/Wege Agriculture and Environmental Education Center (WEC) will host an Earth Day Celebration from 8:45 am - 12:00 pm. Throughout the morning, visitors will have the opportunity to give back to the earth and learn what they can do to help protect it.
The day will start off with a garlic mustard pull. Garlic mustard is an invasive, biennial herb brought over to America by European settlers. Native animals do not appear to eat the herb so the plant has been able to spread rapidly. It chokes out native wildflowers and it is believed to produce allelopathic chemicals, which deter growth of other plants competing for the same niche.
Garlic mustard identification can be difficult. The first year, the plant only produces short stems and leaves. In the second year, it will produce longer stems, small white flowers and large amounts of seed. Seeds may remain viable for up to five years, so it's important to remove garlic mustard before it has gone to seed.
Anyone interested in helping pull garlic mustard, please be at the WEC at 8:45 am for a brief introduction on how to identify and remove it. Please dress for the weather as the pull will go on rain or shine. Gloves are not necessary but feel free to bring your own if you choose.
At 10:00 am Lowell native, Todd Roy, horticulturalist at Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers, Florida, will host a presentation on gardening techniques from the past used today for a sustainable future, including how Thomas Edison used renewable resources in his plant search for natural rubber, had a cistern, raised crops, etc. It will be a great opportunity to learn "new" ways to transform your home gardens.
The day will wrap up with a rain barrel workshop at 11:00 am. A rain barrel connected to your downspout is a great way to prevent stormwater pollution
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engagements Exploring Nature, continued

Wilder and Conley



Casey Conley and Amanda Wilder

Dan and Leann Wilder of Rockford are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Wilder, to Casey Conley. He is the son of Terry and Marilyn Conley of Lowell.

Cedar Springs High School and MCC School of Nursing.

Casey is a graduate of Lowell High School and GRCC.

A May 2012 wedding is planned.

while saving money on your water bill. Rain barrels purchased from mail order or retail sources can be expensive. The WWC has partnered with Litehouse, Inc. and Bernard's Ace Hardware to offer people the opportunity to make their own rain barrel for only \$20 (materials included). All proceeds from the rain barrels will be donated to Relay For Life. Rain barrel kits that can be assembled at home will be available starting Monday, April 16th. Barrels are limited, so please call 616-987-2565 to reserve one.

Anyone that participates in any of the day's events will have the opportunity to enter a drawing to win several environmentally-friendly gifts. You can't win if you don't get involved, so come to the WWC for a morning of giving back to a planet that has already given us so much. For more information on the event, please call 616-987-2565 or e-mail mjohnson@lowellschools.com.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Earth Day lessons can apply to investors, too

April 22 is Earth Day. Started in 1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day is designed to create awareness of the Earth's environment and to encourage conservation efforts. If you and your family participate in Earth Day events, such as helping clean up a local park or taking materials to a recycling center, you know the benefits of doing your part to improve your surroundings. But are you do-

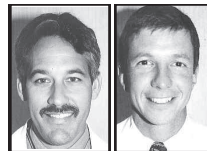
ing everything you can to upgrade your environment for investing?

Actually, as an investor, you can learn a lot from the lessons of Earth Day. Here are just a few ideas:

- Diversify. If you're familiar with Earth Day, you know that it involves multiple activities, including educational programs and do-it-now action

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health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

prostatitis

Infection or inflammation of the prostate gland is called prostatitis. The prostate gland is located just below the bladder. It completely surrounds the outflow tube coming out of the bladder (urethra). The prostate gland secretes fluid that assists with transport of sperm during ejaculation.

Prostatitis usually affects men in their 40s or older. In some cases, prostatitis is due to infection with a bacteria which can last for several days to months. Most commonly, prostatitis is due to nonbacterial inflammation.

Symptoms of prostatitis include discomfort that is felt between the scrotum and rectum. Pain may also be felt in the testicles or groin. Some men will experience painful or more frequent urination and a feeling

of not completely emptying the bladder after urination. If prostatitis is caused by a bacterial infection, fever, chills, nausea and flu symptoms may be present.

Diagnosis of prostatitis is sometimes difficult because the symptoms may be vague or nonspecific. Your doctor will check a urine specimen and perform a digital rectal exam if prostatitis is suspected. A PSA blood test may be ordered. Ultrasound imaging of the prostate may also be needed. In some difficult cases, your doctor may refer you to a urologist for further testing.

The treatment of bacterial prostatitis is antibiotics for several weeks. Nonbacterial prostatitis is treated with pain medication, medication which helps relax the bladder muscles and antibiotics.

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fire safety 411

by Captain Roger Reed

bike safety

Now that spring has arrived, bicycles are starting to re-appear on our roadways.

Because of this, we encourage cyclists and motorists to adopt a policy of mutual respect and enhance safety for all road users. Bicycles on the roadway are, by law, vehicles with the same rights and responsibilities as motorized vehicles. According to the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA), in 2009, 630 pedal-cyclists were killed and an additional 51,000 were injured as a result of a crash with a motor vehicle. Bicyclist deaths accounted for two percent of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities and made up two percent of all the people injured in traffic crashes during that year. Urban area accounted for the majority of bicyclist fatalities in 2009, with most of those fatalities occurring in non-intersection locations. Almost three-fourths of the bicyclist fatalities happened from 4 am and 8 pm, a six percent increase from the previous year.

Important safety reminders:

Bicyclists should wear properly fitted bicycle helmets every time they ride. The NCSA lists a helmet as the single most effective way to prevent head injury resulting from bicycle crashes. Bicyclists are considered vehicle operators; they are required to obey the same rules of the road as other vehicle operators, including obeying traffic signs, signals and lane markings. When cycling in the street, cyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic. Drivers of motor vehicles need to share the road with bicyclists by being courteous, allow at least three feet clearance when passing a bicyclist on the road, look for cyclists before opening a car door or pulling out from a parking space, and yield to cyclists at intersections and as directed by signs and signals. Be especially watchful for cyclists when making turns, either left or right. Bicyclists should increase their visibility to drivers by wearing

fluorescent or brightly colored clothing during the day, dawn and dusk. To be noticed when riding at night, use a front light and a red reflector or flashing rear light and use retro-reflective tape or markings on equipment or clothing. Bicyclists under age 16 accounted for 13 percent of all deaths and 20 percent of all those injured in traffic

crashes in 2009. Bicyclists ages 25 to 64 have made up an increasing proportion of all cyclist deaths since 2000. The proportion of bicyclist fatalities among those aged 25 to 64 was 1.2 times higher in 2009 as in 2000 (64 percent and 52 percent, respectively).

Alcohol involvement: Over one-fourth (28 percent)

of the bicyclists killed in 2009 had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .01 or higher and nearly one-fourth (24 percent) had a BAC of .08 or higher. Alcohol-involvement - either for the driver or the bicyclists - was reported in more than 40 percent of the traffic crashes that resulted in bicyclist fatalities in

2009. In 33 percent of the crashes, either the driver or the bicyclist was reported to have a BAC of .08 or higher. Lower alcohol levels OF BAC .01 to .07 were reported in an additional six percent of crashes.

Please ride safe and respect the road.

Information on traffic fatalities is available from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA), NVS-424, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

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steps. This variety is necessary because protecting our environment is a complex challenge. Meeting your short- and long-term investment goals can be challenging, too, but you'll have a better chance of success by diversifying your investment dollars across a range of vehicles, such as stocks, bonds, government securities and certificates of deposit (CDs). Diversification can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio — and high volatility can be an obstacle for some people trying to follow an investment strategy. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

- Seek growth opportunities. Some people plant trees on Earth Day, hoping to watch them grow over the years. As an investor, you, too, need to plant "seeds" today in the hopes of growth

in the future. That means, among other things, that when you purchase growth-oriented investments for the long term, you need to try to stick with them and not "up-root" them after short-term declines in price.

- Develop good habits. If you attend an Earth Day program, you will learn about many eco-friendly habits you can develop, from using energy-efficient light bulbs to recycling old computers and other electronic devices. To invest successfully, it's important to develop good habits, such as staying invested in all types of markets, seeking tax-advantaged investments and reviewing your portfolio regularly to make sure it's still appropriate for your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term objectives.

- Avoid "toxins." At some Earth Day events, you can learn about "green"

substitutes for toxic chemicals in common household cleaners. When you invest, you may also want to avoid "toxins" — or at least "toxic" behaviors, such as chasing after "hot" stocks that are inappropriate for your needs or trading so frequently that you run up big fees, commissions and taxes.

- Think long term. Above all else, Earth Day is a reminder to us that we all want to leave a healthy planet to future generations — which means we need to make moves that are beneficial for the environment over the long term. When you invest, you also need to focus on the future. That means following a long-term investment strategy and not getting sidetracked by short-term events, such as political crises and economic downturns.

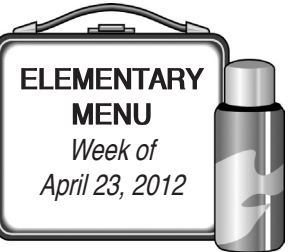
Earth Day comes once a year, but its lessons can have a lasting impact on our environment. When you apply these same lessons to your own investment environment, you may be able to achieve some healthy results.

college news

Emma Duvernay, of Lowell, has been named to the dean's list for the 2012 winter term at North Central College. To be eligible for the dean's list, undergraduate students must maintain a grade-point average of 3.6 (4.0=A) for the

term and be enrolled as full-time students. Part-time students are recognized at the end of each academic year if they meet the same criterion and have completed at least eight credit hours, the equivalent of one term as a full-time student.

LUNCH MENU



MON: Whole grain French toast sticks w/sausage, baked sweet potato tots, pears, milk.

TUES: Macaroni & cheese, green beans, applesauce, milk.

WED: Bushnell: Whole grain, low sugar cereal w/ yogurt, celery sticks, fresh cantaloupe, milk. Alto, Cherry Creek, Murray Lake: Taco salad, w/tortilla shell rounds, black beans, fresh cantaloupe, milk.

THURS: Bushnell: sweet & sour chicken w/brown rice, celery sticks w/light ranch dressing, pineapple, milk. Alto, Cherry Creek, Murray Lake: popcorn chicken bites w/sweet & sour dipping sauce, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, milk.

FRI: Whole grain mini corn dogs w/whole grain breadstick, steamed broccoli w/cheese sprinkled on top, orange smiles, milk.

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**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LOWELL
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Ordinance No. 12-01

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, held in the City Hall in said City on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ellison, Hall, Schrauben, Valentine and Mayor Hodges.

ABSENT: Councilmembers none.

Councilmember Ellison, supported by Councilmember Hall, moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LOWELL
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Ordinance No. 12-01

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012 BY THE CITY OF LOWELL PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 94 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN OF 1933, AS AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE CITY OF LOWELL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2002 (THE "2002 BONDS"); TO PROVIDE FOR THE REFUNDING OF THE 2002 BONDS; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF REFUNDING BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE REFUNDING BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF SAID REFUNDING BONDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF SAID REFUNDING BONDS AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF AND OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO SAID REFUNDING BONDS

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell (the "City") by Ordinance No. 02-2 adopted by the City Council on April 8, 2002 (the "2002 Ordinance"), has heretofore issued and sold its Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002 (the "2002 Bonds") dated May 22, 2002, in the aggregate principal sum of Two Million Five Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,505,000), pursuant to the provisions of the Revenue Bond Act, Act 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended ("Act 94"); and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Bonds have a current outstanding principal amount of One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000); and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the 2002 Bonds were used to refund the 1976 Bonds, 1993 Bonds and 1994 Bonds (as each are identified in the 2002 Ordinance); and

WHEREAS, since the issuance and sale of the 2002 Bonds, the interest rate on tax-exempt municipal bonds has declined significantly so that it is now in the best interest of the City to issue and sell refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") at a lower interest rate to be used to currently refund the outstanding maturities of the 2002 Bonds, i.e., the \$1,100,000 2002 Bonds maturing on and after March 1, 2013, and to be redeemed on or about July 16, 2012 (the "Refunded Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the City proposes, in accordance with the authorization contained in Act 94, to provide at this time for the issuance of the Refunding Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000) the proceeds of which together with other funds to be contributed by the City, if any, will be used to refund the Refunded Bonds; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to the authorization and issuance of the Refunding Bonds under the provisions of the constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, including Act 94, have been done, and the City is now empowered and desires to authorize the issuance of such Refunding Bonds.

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions. Whenever used in this Ordinance or in the bonds to be issued hereunder, except when otherwise indicated by context, the following definitions shall apply:

"2002 Bonds" mean the \$2,505,000 City of Lowell Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002 dated May 22, 2002, and issued pursuant to Act 94 and the 2002 Ordinance.

"2002 Ordinance" means Ordinance No. 02-2 adopted by the City Council on April 8, 2002, authorizing the issuance and sale of the 2002 Bonds.

"Act 94" means the Revenue Bond Act, Act 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended.

"Bond Registrar/Paying Agent" means The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Detroit, Michigan.

"City" means the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan.

"City Council" means the Council of the City, the legislative and governing body thereof. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Escrow Agent" means The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Detroit, Michigan.

"Refunded Bonds" mean the \$1,100,000 2002 Bonds maturing on and after March 1, 2013, and to be redeemed on or about July 16, 2012.

"Refunding Bonds" means the City of Lowell Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 authorized and issued pursuant to Act 94 and this Ordinance.

"Water System" means the complete water supply system of the City, including wells, storage facilities, pumping facilities, transmission lines and all appurtenances thereto now owned by the City, and all extensions and improvements thereto hereafter made.

Section 2. Refunding the Refunded Bonds. The City hereby determines to currently refund the Refunded Bonds.

Section 3. Estimated Period of Usefulness. The estimated remaining period of usefulness of the Project is determined to be in excess of seven (7) years.

Section 4. Principal Amount of Refunding Bonds. The amount of principal required, along with other funds to be provided by the City, if any, and money in debt service reserve funds related to the Refunded Bonds, if any, to refund the Refunded Bonds, to fund a debt service reserve fund and to pay the cost of issuing the Refunding Bonds is estimated to be an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000); the actual amount is dependent on the interest rate of the Refunding Bonds at sale.

Section 5. Issuance of Refunding Bonds. The City shall borrow an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000) and issue its Refunding Bonds for the purpose, along with other funds to be provided by the City, if any, and money in debt service reserve funds related to the Refunded Bonds, if any, of refunding the Refunded Bonds, including the payment of applicable redemption premiums, if any, funding a debt service reserve fund and paying the cost of issuing the Refunding Bonds. The Refunding Bonds shall not be general obligations of the City, but revenue bonds payable out of the net revenues of the Water System after provisions have been made for the payment of the reasonable expenses of administration, operation and maintenance of the Water System and a first lien upon such net revenues is hereby granted to the holders of the Refunding Bonds on a parity with any additional bonds which may be issued pursuant to this Ordinance and Act 94.

Section 6. Designation of Refunding Bonds. The Refunding Bonds shall be designated the "Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012."

Section 7. Bond Terms. The Refunding Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form without coupons as serial and/or term bonds and substantially in the form set forth in Section 13 hereof. The average net interest rate on the Refunding Bonds shall not exceed four percent (4.00%) per annum. The Refunding Bonds shall have maturities not exceeding seven (7) years and may have an optional redemption premium or premiums not exceeding two percent (2.0%) of the principal amount of any Refunding Bonds to be redeemed. The Underwriter's discount on the Refunding Bonds shall not exceed two percent (2.00%) of the principal amount thereof and the Refunding Bonds may have a composite original issue discount not exceeding two percent (2.00%). The net present value savings of the debt service on the Refunding Bonds compared with the debt service on the Refunded Bonds shall not be less than two and one-half percent (2.50%). Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7a(1)(c) of Act 94 and within the limitations of applicable law and this Ordinance (including specifically this Section 7), the City Manager of the City is hereby authorized to do those things permitted in such section with respect to the Refunding Bonds, including approving the principal amount, maturities, interest payment dates, interest rates, discounts, optional or mandatory redemption, the place of delivery and payment and other matters and procedures necessary to complete the issuance and sale of the Refunding Bonds as permitted by law.

Section 8. Notice of Optional and Mandatory Redemption. If less than all of the Refunding Bonds of a certain maturity shall be subject to optional or mandatory redemption, the Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be determined by lot.

Notice of the call of any Refunding Bonds subject to optional or mandatory redemption shall be given by first-class mail by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the registered owners of record of the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, at the address shown on the registration books of the City kept by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent; provided, *however*, that failure to give such notice by mail, or any defect in the notice mailed to the owner of any Refunding Bonds, shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Refunding Bonds. The notice of redemption shall specify the Refunding Bonds to be redeemed, the redemption date and the place or places where amounts due upon such redemption will be payable and, if less than all of the Refunding Bonds are to be redeemed, the numbers of such Refunding Bonds to be so redeemed, and, in the case of Refunding Bonds to be redeemed in part only, such notice shall also specify the respective portions of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. Refunding Bonds so called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided funds are on hand with the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent to redeem said Refunding Bonds.

Section 9. Payment of Bonds and Record Date. The principal of the Refunding Bonds shall be payable by the City to the holders thereof in lawful money of the United States of America upon delivery and surrender of the Bonds at the designated office of the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. Interest on the Refunding Bonds shall be paid when due by check or draft by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent by first class mail to the registered owners thereof at the addresses shown on the registration books of the City kept by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent as of the close of business on the 15th day of the month preceding the month a payment of interest on the Refunding Bonds is due, *provided, however*, that if such day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State of Michigan (the "State"), then to the registered owners at the addresses shown on the registration books as of the close of business on the day next preceding such 15th day of the month which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State (the "Record Date").

Section 10. Denomination and Numbering. The Refunding Bonds shall be issued in the denomination of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof within a single maturity, not exceeding the principal amount of the Refunding Bonds maturing in such year. Each Refunding Bond shall be numbered by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent in such a fashion as to reflect the fact that it is one of the Refunding Bonds, and to identify the owner thereof on the bond register of the City kept by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent.

Section 11. Registration, Execution, Authentication and Transfer. The Refunding Bonds shall be registered as to both principal and interest on the bond register of the City kept for that purpose by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. The Refunding Bonds shall be signed by original or facsimile signature of the Mayor of the City and the City Clerk, and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Refunding Bonds for and on behalf of the City and to affix or have printed the seal of the City thereon. Upon the execution of said Refunding Bonds, the same shall be delivered to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent who is hereby authorized and directed to deliver said Refunding Bonds to the original purchaser(s) thereof, upon receipt of the purchase price therefor, plus the accrued interest, if any, to the date of delivery.

In the event the Refunding Bonds are not in book-entry-only form, any individual bond shall be transferable on the bond register maintained with respect to the Refunding Bonds upon the surrender of the individual bond together with an assignment executed by the registered owner or its duly authorized attorney in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. Upon receipt of a properly assigned bond, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new bond or bonds in equal aggregate principal amount and like interest rate and maturity to the designated transferee or transferees. Any individual bond may likewise be exchanged for one or more other bonds with the same interest rate and maturity in authorized denominations aggregating the same principal amount as the bond being exchanged. Such exchange shall be effected by surrender of the individual bond to be exchanged to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent with written instructions signed by the registered owner of the individual bond or its attorney in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. Upon receipt of an individual bond with proper written instructions the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new bond or bonds to the registered owner of the bond or its properly designated transferee or transferees or attorney.

Section 12. Bond Registrar and Paying Agent and Escrow Agent. The Bond Registrar/Paying Agent is hereby appointed to act on behalf of the City as paying, registration and transfer agent with respect to the Refunding Bonds. In such capacity, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall, upon receipt of sufficient funds from the City, make timely payments of principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds, authenticate the Refunding Bonds upon their initial issuance and subsequent transfer to successive owners, act as registrar of the Refunding Bonds including the preparation and maintenance of a current bond register of registered owners of the Bonds, coordinate the transfer of individual certificates between successive owners, including printing and transferring new certificates, and all other duties normally performed by paying, registration and transfer agents.

The Escrow Agent is hereby appointed to act as the escrow agent with respect to the Refunded Bonds. In such capacity, the Escrow Agent shall be responsible to hold in escrow and invest sufficient proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and other funds to be provided by the City to pay principal on the Refunded Bonds and accrued interest thereon on or about July 16, 2012, the redemption date.

The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a bond registrar/ paying agent agreement and escrow agreement (both of which may be combined into a single agreement) on behalf of the City with the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent and/or Escrow Agent upon such terms and conditions as shall be consistent with the terms of this Ordinance and as shall be acceptable to bond counsel to the City. All reasonable fees and expenses of the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent and Escrow Agent shall be paid by the City.

Section 13. Bond Form. The form of the Refunding Bonds shall be substantially as follows:

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF KENT
CITY OF LOWELL**

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012

INTEREST RATE _____
CUSIP _____
REGISTERED OWNER: _____, 2012
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: Dollars (\$ _____)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan (the "City"), acknowledges itself indebted and, for value received, hereby promises to pay, solely from the sources and as hereinafter provided, to the Registered Owner identified above or registered assigns, the Principal Amount specified above on the Maturity Date stated above, unless this Bond be subject to redemption and shall have been redeemed prior thereto as hereinafter provided, upon presentation and surrender of this Bond at the designated office of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as bond registrar, paying agent and transfer agent (the "Bond Registrar/Paying Agent") in Detroit, Michigan, and to pay interest on such Principal Amount at the annual Interest Rate stated above [calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months] from the date hereof until the obligation of the City with respect to the payment of such Principal Amount shall be discharged.

Interest on this Bond is payable on _____ 1 and _____ 1 of each year beginning _____, at which time interest for ____ () months will be due. The interest so payable on any _____ 1 or _____ 1 will be paid by check or draft drawn on the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent mailed by first-class mail to the person in whose name this Bond is registered at the close of business on the Date of Record. The Date of Record shall be the 15th day of the month preceding a month a payment of interest on this Bond is due, provided that if such day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State of Michigan (the "State"), the Date of Record shall be as of the close of business on the next day preceding such 15th day of the month which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State.

The principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on this Bond are payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public or private debts.

The revenues of the Water Supply System of the City, less reasonable expenses of operation, administration and maintenance, are hereby irrevocable pledged and a statutory first lien thereon is hereby created for the payment of principal of and interest hereon and all other Bonds of this series.

This Bond is one of a series of self-liquidating bonds of even date and like tenor, except as to principal amount, date of maturity, and interest rate, aggregating the principal sum of \$ _____, issued pursuant to Ordinance No. _____ (the "Bond Authorizing Ordinance") duly adopted by the City Council on April 16,

2012, and under and in substantial compliance with the constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, including specifically the Revenue Bond Act, Act 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended ("Act 94"), for the purpose of refunding the \$1,100,000 outstanding principal amount of the City's Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002 (the "Refunded Bonds"), including the payment of accrued interest and the cost of issuing the Bonds of this series. The Bonds of this series are of equal standing and priority and are equally secured with any additional bonds which may be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Authorizing Ordinance and Act 94. 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 Bond Authorizing Ordinance.

[Bonds maturing in the year _____ through _____, both inclusive, shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds maturing in the years _____ through _____, both inclusive, shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the City, in whole or in part, in \$5,000 increments within a maturity in such order of maturity as the City shall determine and by lot within a maturity on any date on or after _____, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth in the table below plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption:

Redemption Date	Redemption Price
_____, to and including _____	____%
_____, to and including _____	____%
_____, and thereafter	____%]

[Bonds maturing on _____, are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity in part by lot on each _____ commencing _____, and will be redeemed at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount plus accrued interest to the redemption date on _____ of each of the following years in the respective principal amounts specified below:

Redemption Date	Redemption Price
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* Final maturity]

Notice of the call of any Bonds of this series for redemption shall be given by first-class mail by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the registered owners of record of the Bonds of this series or portions thereof to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books of the City kept by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent, *provided, however*, the failure to give such notice by mail, or any defect in the notice mailed to the owner of any Bonds, shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Bonds. Bonds so called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided funds are on hand with the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent to redeem said Bonds.

This Bond is transferrable on the bond registration books of the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent upon surrender of this Bond together with an assignment executed by the registered owner or its duly authorized attorney in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. Upon such transfer, one or more fully registered bonds with denominations of \$5,000 or such larger denomination in the same aggregate principal amount and the same maturity and interest rate, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The City hereby covenants and agrees to fix and maintain, at all times while any of such Bonds shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the City's Water Supply System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the principal of and interest on all bonds payable therefrom as and when the same become due and payable and as required by the Bond Authorizing Ordinance, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and of such expenses for maintenance of said Water Supply System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for said Water Supply System as are required by the Bond Authorizing Ordinance and Act 94.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond and the series of Bonds of which this is one have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City, by its City Council, has caused this Bond to be signed in the name of said City by facsimile signature of its Mayor and City Clerk, and its seal to be hereunto printed by facsimile.

CITY OF LOWELL
James Hodges, Mayor

(SEAL)

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds described in the within mentioned Bond Authorizing Ordinance.

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON
TRUST COMPANY, N.A.**
As Bond Registrar/Paying Agent

Ordinance, continued

Dated: _____ By: _____
Authorized Representative

Section 14. Revenue as Security; No General Obligation of City. The Refunding Bonds, including both principal of and interest thereon, shall not be a general obligation of the City and shall not constitute an indebtedness of the City for purposes of any debt limitations imposed by the charter of the City, any constitutional provision or any statutory limitation. The principal of and interest on said Refunding Bonds shall be payable solely from the net revenues derived from the operation of the Water System, including future improvements, enlargements and extensions thereof. The net revenues from the Water System, including future enlargements, improvements and extensions thereto, are hereby pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds. To secure the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds issued hereunder and on any additional bonds of equal standing which may be issued as provided by the terms of this Ordinance and Act 94 there is hereby created to and in favor of the holders of the Refunding Bonds a statutory first lien upon the net revenues of the Water System, including future enlargements, improvements and extensions thereof on a parity with any additional bonds which may be issued pursuant to this Ordinance and Act 94.

Section 15. Additional Security. The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and arrange, as and to the extent he shall deem necessary, for insurance on the Refunding Bonds as additional security to assure timely payment of principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds.

Section 16. Creation of Bond Reserve Fund. There is hereby established as a separate depository account a fund known as the Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds - Bond Reserve Fund, Series 2012 (the "Bond Reserve Fund") at the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. The Bond Reserve Fund is intended to insure the timely payment of principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds and to provide for the redemption of Refunding Bonds prior to their stated maturities. At or prior to the delivery of the Refunding Bonds, there shall be deposited in the Bond Reserve Fund an amount equal to the lesser of (i) 10% of the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds; (ii) the maximum annual principal and interest requirements on the Refunding Bonds; and (iii) 125% of the average annual principal and interest requirements on the Refunding Bonds. At all times while any Refunding Bonds are outstanding, the market value of cash and securities in the Bond Reserve Fund shall be equal to such lesser amount determined from time to time based on the Refunding Bonds then outstanding.

Money in the Bond Reserve Fund shall be used for the following purposes, and for no other:

- (a) to prevent a default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Refunding Bonds;
- (b) to pay the principal of and interest on Refunding Bonds in the event all outstanding Refunding Bonds are redeemed in whole;
- (c) to effect partial redemption of Refunding Bonds, provided that subsequent to partial redemption the market value of cash and securities in the Bond Reserve Fund shall not be less than the amount required to be maintained in such Fund; and
- (d) to transfer to the Receiving Fund (as hereinafter identified), if permitted by law, provided at the time of such transfer the market value of cash and securities in the Bond Reserve Fund shall not be less than the amount required to be maintained in such Fund.

The market value of cash and securities in the Bond Reserve Fund shall be established on the first day of March of each year and within 45 days of such date in order to determine if the Bond Reserve Fund contains the amount required by this Ordinance and to the extent to which payments therefor must be made or withdrawals therefrom may be made. If the Bond Reserve Fund does not at any time contain in cash and securities the amount required to be maintained in the Bond Reserve Fund, on the first day of the month following such determination and on the first day of each of the next succeeding 10 months, one-eleventh of the amount necessary to reestablish the required amount shall be paid into the Bond Reserve Fund.

Section 17. Establishment of Funds. The City Treasurer is hereby directed to establish the following funds into which the revenues and income from the Water System shall be deposited, which funds shall be established and maintained, except as otherwise provided, so long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding.

A. Receiving Fund. The gross income and revenue of the Water System shall be set aside in a fund designated the Water System Receiving Fund (the "Receiving Fund") and moneys so deposited therein shall be expended and used only in the manner and order as follows:

1. Operation and Maintenance Fund. The City shall maintain a fund known as the Operation and Maintenance Fund (the "O & M Fund"). Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the City Council shall approve an annual budget of the Water System for the ensuing fiscal year. Out of the moneys in the Receiving Fund, there shall be periodically set aside and deposited into the O & M Fund a sum sufficient to pay the reasonable and necessary current expenses of administering, operating and maintaining said Water System.

2. Bond and Interest Redemption Fund. There is hereby established as a separate depository account a fund known as the Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 – Bond and Interest Redemption Fund (the "Bond and Interest Redemption Fund"). After transfer to the O & M Fund required in 1. above, there shall be transferred from the Receiving Fund and deposited in the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund, for payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, just prior to the date a payment is due, a sum equal to the principal of Bonds maturing and interest due on the Bonds during the then current fiscal year. The moneys on deposit in the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund shall be used solely and only for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds. The Bond and Interest Redemption Fund shall be kept with the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. The moneys on deposit in the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund shall be invested in accordance with law and any balance remaining in said Fund after the semi-annual payment on the Refunding Bonds shall be applied as a credit against the next semi-annual payment on the Refunding Bonds.

3. Improvement and Repair Fund. There is hereby established an Improvement and Repair Fund, into which there shall be placed, after meeting the foregoing requirements, such sums as the City Council shall determine to be used for the purpose of acquiring and constructing improvements, additions and extensions to the Water System and for the purpose of making repairs and replacements to the Water System.

4. Surplus Moneys. All moneys remaining in the Receiving Fund at the end of any fiscal year after satisfying the above requirements may be transferred to the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund and used as authorized in this Ordinance or at the option of the City transferred to the Improvement and Repair Fund and used for the purposes for which said Fund was established. Provided, however, that if there should be a deficit in the O & M Fund or Bond and Interest Redemption Fund, on account of defaults in setting aside therein the amounts hereinbefore required, then transfers shall be made from the moneys remaining in the Receiving Fund at the end of any fiscal year to such Funds in the priority and order named, to the extent of such deficit. Provided it is permitted by law, available surplus moneys may be used to retire any outstanding obligations of the City incurred for the construction, expansion or addition to the Water System including additional bonds, the issuance of which is authorized by this Ordinance, or if no other disposition has been provided for, such moneys may be used for such other purpose or purposes as the City Council may deem to be for the best interest of the City.

Section 18. Rates and Charges Coverage. The City covenants and agrees that it will, at all times, prescribe and maintain and thereafter collect rates and charges for the services and facilities furnished by the Water System, which, together with other income, are reasonably expected to yield Net Revenues in the current fiscal year of the City at least 120% of the annual principal and interest payments in such fiscal year of all bonds outstanding which pledge as security therefor the revenues of the Water System. Promptly upon any material change in the circumstances which were contemplated at the time such rates and charges were most recently reviewed, but not less frequently than once each fiscal year, the City shall review the rates and charges and shall promptly revise such rates and charges as necessary to comply with the foregoing requirement.

Section 19. Additional Bonds Test. Additional bonds may be issued after the issuance of the Bonds for repair, replacement or extension of the Water System only if Net Revenues of the Water System during the fiscal year of the City immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the additional bonds are to be issued, adjusted to reflect any rate increases currently adopted and to be in effect prior to or coincident with the issuance of such additional bonds, and determined *pro forma* as though such rate increases had been in continuous effect during such preceding fiscal year, shall not be less than 120% of the annual principal and interest payments in such fiscal year of all bonds outstanding which pledge as security therefore the revenues of the Water System.

Section 20. Rights of Bondholders. The holder or holders of said Refunding Bonds representing in the aggregate not less than 20% of the entire issue then outstanding may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus, or other proceedings, protect and enforce the statutory lien set forth in Section 14 hereof and enforce and compel the performance of all duties of the officers of the City, including the fixing of sufficient rates, the collection of revenues, the proper segregation of revenues and the proper application thereof. *Provided, however,* that said statutory lien shall not be construed to give any holder of any bond authority to compel the sale of the Water System, the revenues of which are pledged thereto.

If there be any default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Refunding Bonds, any court having jurisdiction in any proper action may appoint a receiver to administer and operate the Water System on behalf of the City and under the direction of said court, and by and with the approval of said court, to fix and charge rates and collect revenues sufficient to provide for the payment of the Refunding Bonds or other obligations outstanding against the revenues of the Water System and for the payment of the expenses of administering, operating and maintaining the Water System and to apply the income and revenues of the Water System in conformity with Act 94 and this Ordinance.

The holder or holders, from time to time, of the Refunding Bonds shall have all the rights and remedies given by law including particularly Act 94 for the enforcement of the City's obligations under this Ordinance and in the Refunding Bonds.

Section 21. Management of Water Systems. The management and operation of the Water System shall be under the control of the City Council. The City Council may employ such persons in such capacities as it deems advisable to carry on the efficient management and operation of the Water System. The City Council may make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable and necessary to assure the efficient management and operation of the Water System.

Section 22. Refunded Bonds Escrow Fund. There shall be established and maintained by the City on the books of the Escrow Agent a special and irrevocable escrow fund designated the Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002-Escrow Fund (the "2002 Bonds Escrow Fund"). The moneys in the 2002 Bonds Escrow Fund and investment earnings thereon shall be used solely and only to pay principal of and accrued interest on the 2002 Bonds Refunded Bonds on or about July 16, 2012.

Section 23. Proceeds of Bond Sale. Accrued interest received at the time of the sale of the Refunding Bonds, if any, shall be deposited by the City into the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund. A sufficient amount of the proceeds from the sale of the Refunding Bonds together with other funds to be provided by the City, if any, or amounts in the bond reserve fund for the 2002 Bonds shall be deposited by the City into the 2002 Bonds Escrow Fund which together with permitted investments is sufficient to pay principal of and accrued interest on the 2002 Bonds Refunded Bonds on or about July 16, 2012. All remaining proceeds from the sale of the Refunding Bonds less underwriter's discount, if any, shall be used to pay the legal, financial, printing and other expenses incurred by the City in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds.

Section 24. Investment of Funds. Moneys in the Receiving Fund, O & M Fund, Improvement and Repair Fund, the Bond Reserve Fund and the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund, may be invested by the City in United States government obligations, the principal of and the interest on which are guaranteed by the United States of America or, subject to the provisions of Act 94, other investments permitted by law. In the event such investments are made, the securities representing the

same shall be kept on deposit with the depository of the respective Fund and the income therefrom shall become a part of such Fund. Moneys in the Escrow Fund shall be invested in accordance with applicable federal law by the purchase of United States Treasury obligations, the principal of and interest on which, when due, will provide for the payment from the Escrow Fund of the principal and interest on the Refunded Bonds as described in Section 22 hereof.

Section 25. Rates and Charges. The City Council shall establish and maintain rates and charges for the services of the Water System in an amount sufficient to pay (1) the expenses of administration and the costs of operation and maintenance of the Water System; (ii) principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds and any such additional bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance and Act 94; and (iii) the cost of replacement, repairs and improvements to the Water System and the cost of all other requirements provided herein, and otherwise comply with the covenants herein provided including specifically the covenant contained in Section 18 hereof. The rates and charges for all services and facilities rendered by the Water System shall be reasonable and just, taking into consideration the costs and value of the Water System and the cost of administering, operating and maintaining the same and the amounts necessary for the retirement of all the Refunding Bonds and accrued interest on all the Refunding Bonds, and there shall be charged such rates and charges as shall be adequate to meet the requirements of this Ordinance.

Section 26. Lien. By Section 21 of Act 94 and this Ordinance, the rates and charges for services furnished by the Water System are made liens thereon, and those rates and charges delinquent for six months or more shall be certified by the City annually on March 1 of each year to the City tax assessing officer who shall enter the same upon the next tax roll against the premises to which the service shall have been rendered, and the rates and charges shall be collected and the lien shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the collection of taxes assessed upon such roll and the enforcement of the lien therefor. However, in all cases where a tenant is responsible for the payment of the charges and the City is so notified in writing (including a true copy of any lease), then the charges shall not become a lien against the premises from and after the date of the notice. From and after such notice, no further service shall be rendered to the premises until a cash deposit of not less than three months' service shall have been made as security for payment of the charges.

Section 27. No Free Service. No free service shall be furnished by the Water System to the City or to any individual, firm or corporation, public or private, or to any agency or instrumentality.

Section 28. Covenants. The City covenants and agrees, so long as any of the Refunding Bonds remain outstanding, as follows:

A. That, with reference to the Water System, it will punctually perform all duties and comply with applicable State laws, rules and regulations and continually operate and maintain the Water System in good condition.

B. That it will not sell, lease, mortgage or in any manner dispose of the Water System or any substantial part thereof until all bonds payable from the revenues thereof shall have been paid in full or provision has been made for the payment of such bonds.

C. That it will maintain complete books and records relating to the operation of the Water System and its financial affairs and will cause such books and records to be audited annually at the end of each fiscal year and an audit report prepared and furnish any holder of any Refunding Bonds a copy of such report upon written request.

D. That it will prepare, keep and file such records, statements and accounts as may be required by law and, if required, that it will file with the Michigan Department of Treasury each year, as soon as is possible, but not later than 90 days after the close of the fiscal year, a report, made in accordance with the accounting methods of the City, completely setting forth the financial operation of such fiscal year.

E. That it will maintain and carry insurance on all physical properties of the Water System, of the kinds and in the amounts normally carried by municipalities engaged in the operation of similar systems. All moneys received for losses under any such insurance policies shall be applied first to the repair, replacement and restoration of the property damaged or destroyed.

Section 29. Refunding Bonds. The City shall have the power to issue refunding bonds pursuant to Act 94 and other applicable law to refund all or part of the Refunding Bonds if otherwise permitted by law.

Section 30. Ordinance Shall Constitute Contract. The provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a contract between the City and the holders of the Refunding Bonds and after the issuance of such Refunding Bonds this Ordinance shall not be repealed or amended in any respect which will adversely affect the rights and interests of the holders of the Refunding Bonds, nor shall the City adopt any law, ordinance or resolution which in any way adversely affects the rights of the holders of the Refunding Bonds so long as the Refunding Bonds or interest thereon remains outstanding.

Section 31. Default of City. If there shall be a default in this Ordinance or in the payment of principal of or interest on any of the Refunding Bonds, upon the filing of a suit by 20% of the holders of the Refunding Bonds then outstanding, any court having jurisdiction of the action may appoint a receiver to administer the Water System on behalf of the City with power to charge and collect rates and charges sufficient to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds and for payment of the expenses of administering, operating and maintaining the Water System and to apply income and revenues in accordance with this Ordinance and the laws of the State of Michigan.

The City hereby agrees to transfer to any bona fide receiver or other subsequent operator of the Water System, pursuant to any valid court order in a proceeding brought to enforce collection or payment of City obligations, all contracts or other rights of the City conditionally, for such time only as such receiver or operator shall operate by authority of the court.

The holders of 20% of the Refunding Bonds in the event of default may require by mandatory injunction the raising of rates and charges in a reasonable amount.

Section 32. Negotiated Sale. The City Manager is authorized to solicit request for proposals from financial institutions to purchase the Bonds and select the proposal that provides the greatest present value savings within the parameters of this Ordinance.

Section 33. Report of Sale of Refunding Bonds. The City Manager, prior to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, shall file a report with the City Council with respect to the sale of the Refunding Bonds. Such report shall include (a) the date of issue, principal amount and the manner of the sale of the Refunding Bonds, (b) the interest rate or rates on the Refunding Bonds, (c) the optional and mandatory redemption provisions related to the Refunding Bonds, (d) the use and disposition of the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds, and (d) the extent of the use of any bond insurance to secure payment of the Refunding Bonds.

Section 34. Exemption from Tax. The Refunding Bonds are authorized by the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the statutes of the State of Michigan, in particular Act 94, and are exempt from taxation by the State of Michigan or by any taxing authority within the State, except as to estate and gift taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof.

Section 35. Tax Covenant. The City covenants to comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, necessary to assure that the interest on the Refunding Bonds will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Section 36. Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation. The City designates the Refunding Bonds as qualified tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b) of the Code and does not reasonably anticipate that it and all its subordinate entities will issue qualified tax-exempt obligations in excess of \$10,000,000 during the 2012 calendar year.

Section 37. Approval of the Michigan Department of Treasury. The Refunding Bonds herein authorized shall not be issued unless the Department of Treasury of the State has granted the City qualifying status pursuant to Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), or otherwise approved the issuance of Refunding Bonds pursuant to Act 34.

Section 38. Defeasance. Upon defeasance of the Refunding Bonds, the provisions on the Refunding Bonds with respect to redemption may remain in effect.

Section 39. Authorization for Execution and Delivery of Documents. The Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk or City Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute and deliver such documents, certificates, agreements, instruments and other papers as may be necessary to effect the sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds and to apply for such orders and approvals and file such documents with any governmental agency as may be required in connection with the sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds.

Section 40. No Recourse on the Refunding Bonds. All covenants, stipulations, promises, agreements and obligations of the City contained in this Ordinance shall be deemed to be the covenants, stipulations, promises, agreements and obligations of the City and not those of any councilmember, officer or employee of the City in her or his individual capacity, and no recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal or redemption price of or interest on the Refunding Bonds or for any claim based thereon or in this Ordinance, either jointly or severally, against any councilmember, officer or employee of the City or any person executing the Bonds.

Section 41. Ordinance Subject to Michigan Law. The provisions of this Ordinance are subject to the laws of the State.

Section 42. Operating Year of System. The operating year of the Water System shall coincide with the fiscal year of the City which currently begins July 1 and ends the subsequent June 30.

Section 43. Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of this Ordinance.

Section 44. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published, promptly after its adoption, once in full in *The Lowell Ledger*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City qualified under State of Michigan law to publish legal notices, and the same shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Section 45. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the same shall not affect any other part of this Ordinance.

Section 46. Conflict. All ordinances, resolutions or orders or parts thereof insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed; provided that the foregoing shall not operate to repeal any provision thereof, the repeal of which would impair the obligation on the Refunding Bonds.

Section 47. Effective Date. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its adoption.

Passed and adopted by the City of Lowell on April 16, 2012.

James Hodges, Mayor

ATTEST:
Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

YEAS:	Councilmembers	Ellison, Hall, Schrauben, Valentine and Mayor Hodges.
NAYS:	Councilmembers	none.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmembers	none.
ABSENT:	Councilmembers	none.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City at a regular meeting held on April 16, 2012, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2002, as amended.

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

Dated: April 16, 2012
Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

obituaries

CORNELL

Shirley Joanne (Shores) Cornell, age 75, of Lowell, passed away on Thursday, March 22, 2012. She was born in Keene Township, near Lowell, on November 4, 1936, the daughter of Frank and Hilda (Devault) Shores. She married Thomas L. Cornell and they shared 24 years of marriage prior to his death in 1986. Shirley graduated from Lowell area schools and following her education she worked for C.H. Runceman Co. until her first child was born. After she started her family she transported students in for lonia, Kent and Montcalm counties and she also volunteered for many years at Lincoln Developmental Center. Memories of Shirley will be cherished by her son Leland "Lee" and daughter Lucinda "Cindy" Cornell; siblings, Eileen (Howard) Kropf, Dorothy (Oscar) Bergsma, and Willis (Jan) Shores; many nieces, nephews; and many dear friends. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Maxine; and brothers, Donald and Carl. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, April 21 at 11:00 am at Bowne Center United Methodist Church with Rev. Dean Bailey officiating. The family will greet visitors at the church on Friday, April 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and on Saturday for one hour prior to the service. Those wishing to express their sympathy are welcomed to consider a memorial



contribution in Shirley's memory to Great Lakes Hospice or Bowne Center United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the service or by contacting the funeral home at (616) 794-1300 or www.verdunfh.com. Arrangements provided by Verdun Family Funeral Home, 303 S. Bridge Street, Belding, MI 48809.

HEIM

Evelyn Ruth Heim, age 93, of Lowell, passed away into Glory Sunday, April 15, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband, Godfrey. She is survived by her children, Donna (LeRoy) Geiger, Victor (Judith) Heim; grandchildren, Sandra Geiger, Cynthia (Randy) Taylor, Kirk (Susan) Kroese, David (Jamie) Heim, Steven (Carolyn) Heim. Evelyn was a charter member of Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell. Funeral service will be held Thursday 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main Street, Lowell. Pastor Rod Galindo officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 4-7:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Christian Reformed Church - Lowell. Arrangements provided by Roth-Gerst, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



VANDERWAL

Terry L. VanderWal, age 65, of Lowell, passed away Sunday, April 15, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Shirley VanderWal. He is survived by his wife, Linda; daughter, Jessica Nave; grandsons, Austin, Zach, Brett; daughters, Nicole VanderWal (fiancé Jason Souer), Jennifer VanderWal; brother, Michael VanderWal; nephew, Jacob; also brothers- and sisters-in-law; and nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be held Saturday, 12:00 pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Chaplin Susan Cleveland officiating, with Military Honors under the Auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. The family will meet friends Saturday, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice, 100 Michigan St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503., "Come my soul to steal out among the stars and sing the body electric." Arrangements provided by Roth-Gerst, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



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There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes United Methodist Church located at 10411 Bailey Dr. at the corner of Parnell (Lowell) to hear the following business:

Applicant Gregory Holwerda and owners Mark and Sherry Werner are requesting a lot area variance from section 201.305 (E), R-1 District, to split one parcel into two parcels. One parcel would be under the minimum one acre lot size. The property is located at 1156 Cumberland Ave at the NE corner of Foreman, p p # 41-16-33-351-005.

The members may review any other business that may come before them as permitted by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays. Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to: zoning@vergennestwp.org

Vergennes Township ZBA

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAY SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 8, 2012 School Election will be conducted Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE M-100 TABULATOR TESTING

The public accuracy test of the M-100 Tabulator will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in preparation for the School Election to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 in the Historic Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, Michigan 49302.

The office will be open on Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for absentee voters and again on Monday, May 7, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 616 868-6846.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 12-191961-GA

In the matter of
REBECCA CRISMAN.

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS including:
RANDALL CRISMAN
whose address(es) are
unknown and whose
interest in the matter may
be barred or affected by
the following:

Ottawa Avenue NW,
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
before Judge David M.
Murkowski (P35026) for
the following purpose:
on the petition of
Leslie Patten for the
appointment of a
guardian for Rebecca
Crisman.

04/10/2012

John D. Flynn (P27413)
1275 Hawthorne Hills SE
Ada, MI 49301
616-897-6632

Leslie Patten
121 Franklin SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
616-248-1308

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sales

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LOWELL GARAGE SALE - High top table, bar stools, cube fridge, office chair, plastic drawers, junior girl clothes/prom dresses, linens. Friday 9-7, Saturday 9-4. 3277 Bewell.

misc.

KARI LYNCH BENEFIT CONCERT - Impact Church in Lowell. Sunday, April 22, 6-9 p.m. Tickets in advance \$15 at impact-church.org or \$20 at the door.

CONCEALED CARRY CLASS - is being offered by Pfaller Firearms LLC in cooperation with Tri Town Conservation Club over two days on May 8 & 12. Cost is \$100. For more information or to register for class, e-mail jamespfaller@gmail.com

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Red Arrow SPORTS

- TENNIS

Tough week for Lowell girls' tennis

by Karen Jack

The girls' tennis team lost a hard-fought battle against Grand Rapids Christian on Wednesday by the score of 5-3. Tennis has four flights in both singles and doubles, which means flight one plays against flight one, etc. In singles flight four,

Zoe Beloncis defeated her opponent 5-7, 6-4 and 7-6 in a close one for the last set.

In doubles, Kelsey Wittenbach and Raechel Stougaard defeated their opponents 7-6, 4-6 and 6-2 in flight one. In flight three, Breana McKendrick and

Hailey Stasiak defeated Christian's flight three 4-6, 6-2 and 6-0. Maddie Willemstein and Freddie Oracova went three sets against their opponent, but weren't able to pull out the last set.

On Thursday, the team played East Kentwood and

Forest Hills Northern, losing 6-2 and 8-0 respectively. In the Northern match, the winners were flight four's Zoe Beloncis in singles and flight four's Wittenbach and Stougaard.

The team also hosted the Lowell Invitational on

Saturday, with teams from Unity Christian, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Muskegon Catholic Central, Okemos, Petoskey, Howard City Wayland Union, Pennington, Saugatuck, East Lansing, and Fremont. The team placed fifth overall, with

singles' Zoe Beloncis and doubles' Breana McKendrick and Hailey Stasiak all placing third.

The team travels to Lakewood on Thursday and then heads to Caledonia on Saturday.

- LACROSSE

Quik Stix Invitational hosts wide range of players

by Karen Jack

The area's lacrosse fans got their fair share in a day of lacrosse at the annual Quik Stix Invitational hosted by Lowell on Saturday. The event hosted teams

from Holt, West Ottawa, Dewitt, Grand Haven, Battle Creek, and Kalamazoo, with teams ranging from fifth grade to college level.

In the fifth and sixth

grade games, Lowell tied against Holt (3-3) and won both against West Ottawa (4-3) and DeWitt (6-3).

The red seventh and eighth grade team won all three of their games against Dewitt Blue (9-0), Dewitt Gold (6-3) and Holt (7-5). The black team also was victorious in their three games against Dewitt Blue (8-0), West Ottawa (6-4) and Dewitt Gold (9-5).

Both the Lowell JV teams (boys and girls) didn't fare as well, falling to Grand Haven and Battle Creek.

The girls' varsity team trounced Kalamazoo (15-3) with Sam Moody getting four goals and the Lowell goalie, Abby Downing, having 15 saves.

"The defense played a very tight game. They were spot on and didn't let anybody get through. We still have to work on some things, but we're getting there," commented head coach Kaiser Downing.

The boys' varsity team fell to Grand Haven, losing 14-5. "There were several that contributed to the lopsided loss, but in the end, they're all excuses. It's a bump in the road and we will learn from our mistakes and move forward," com-

mented Eric Bredin, head coach.

In the final game of the day, Davenport University beat Grand Valley State University in another barn-burner between the

two teams. That game went into overtime and the Panthers got the win by a score of 7-6.

"This was a great game (Davenport v. GVSU) and drew a great crowd. We in-

troduced the youth players during halftime and had a great showing of both boy and girl youth players in grades 1-8," said Kim Taylor, the coordinator of the event.



Kyle Bassin looking for a pass.



A crew of Arrows defend the goal, including Joe Potter (#39), Jacob Litchfield (#10), Sawyer Buck (#35), and Hunter Zuk (#8).

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EARTH DAY**

Across

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- 6. Lake in Provence
- 9. Angelina's partner
- 13. Seize or take over
- 14. Boxer Clay
- 15. Grease another's palms
- 16. Lord's estate
- 17. For every
- 18. Painter's helper
- 19. _____ *Endangered _____ Act
- 21. *Re-purpose
- 23. Traveler's destination
- 24. Evade payment
- 25. End of a fuse?
- 28. *Quickly spreading desert
- 30. Island famous for bears
- 35. Faubourg Saint-Honore and Rivoli, e.g.
- 37. Where batters practice
- 39. Neatly smart in dress, dapper
- 40. Gaelic
- 41. Acquired behavior pattern
- 43. Freezing temperature in Celsius
- 44. Colorado national park
- 46. _____ Lee
- 47. *What most cars do with pollutants
- 48. Type of engine
- 50. Beaks
- 52. _____ Paolo
- 53. Like a painting on a wall
- 55. Top seed in tournament
- 57. Because of that
- 61. *Gaylord Nelson to Earth Day
- 65. Group of wives
- 66. Sea in Spain
- 68. Garden dweller
- 69. *Diminishing layer
- 70. One who plays for pay

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- 74. Triangular road sign

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- 2. As quickly as you can
- 3. Ancient Germanic alphabet character
- 4. Cash Return on Capital Invested
- 5. *Rachel Carson's "Silent _____"
- 6. 200 of these in Daytona 500
- 7. Type of brew
- 8. Type of clouds, pl.
- 9. Make like a donkey
- 10. Reduced instruction set computer
- 11. Cain's victim

- 12. Mark for omission
- 15. Appear inviting
- 20. Steve Buscemi's character on "Boardwalk Empire"
- 22. Bugling ungulate
- 24. Beginning of universe?
- 25. *An objective is to save these
- 26. _____ Ratched from "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
- 27. *Outer layer of seeds
- 29. Sheep cries
- 31. Fog or stupor
- 32. Milk and bread on a grocery list, e.g.
- 33. Courtyards
- 34. *_____ Protocol, a framework for climate change
- 36. Nostradamus, e.g.

- 38. Irish name of Ireland
- 42. Something best not mentioned
- 45. "In the grand _____ of things"
- 49. Center of activity
- 51. Cozy and warm
- 54. Usually depicted as beautiful maiden
- 56. Boredom
- 57. God of thunder
- 58. *Atmospheric dust, vapor, smoke and moisture
- 59. Aphrodite's son
- 60. Popular rock opera
- 61. "_____ Russia with Love"
- 62. Ignorant person
- 63. Male version of Emily
- 64. Tear violently
- 67. "_____ we there yet?"

Puzzle solution on page 12



APRIL 11 - APRIL 17

- Billionaire, Karl Wlaschek, will wed for the fifth time at the ripe old age of 94. His bride-to-be, girlfriend Friederike 'Ricki' Schenk, won't reveal her age, but appears to be at least three decades younger than he.
- The Secret Service is under investigation and some have called for the dismissal of the director of the agency after agents were alleged to have solicited local prostitutes before President Obama arrived in Colombia.
- Bill Cosby, when asked to weigh in on the Trayvon Martin case, said the biggest issue is not race - it's guns. "I believe that when you tell me that you're going to protect the neighborhood that I live in, I don't want you to have a gun," said Cosby, "I want you to be able to see something, report it, and get out of the way, because you happen to be a part of the neighborhood. I don't want you to get hurt. And I don't want you to hurt anyone."
- George Zimmerman was arrested and charged with second-degree murder for shooting Trayvon Martin.
- No one was murdered in El Salvador last Saturday. Apparently this was the first homicide-free day in nearly three years for the Central American country plagued by violent drug gangs. Much of that violence is blamed on Mexican drug cartels that use the country as a transit point.

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Puzzle solution on page 6



616-897-0787

Why can't they put porta-johns down at the fishing site at Stoney Lake? It would make it better for the fishermen.

Please, people, I know you don't have to wear your helmets now, but please wear them anyway. Dealing with a brain injury is many months, perhaps years of hard work.

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Red Arrow - SOFTBALL SPORTS

Girls' softball on a run

by Karen Jack

The girls' softball team took it to their opponents this week.

On Wednesday, they won both games of a double-header against Caledonia. In the first game, pitcher Morgan Groom had 17 strikeouts to help win the game 3-0. Bethany Dean had three hits and Lindsey Crawford had two hits. Jenna Smith was the hero of the game, hitting a double to score two runs in the last inning.

The Arrows won the

second game 6-3. Allie Hinton started as the pitcher, but Groom came in as relief and got 12 more strikeouts. Grace Quiggle and Carissa Paiz each had two hits.

On Thursday, the team won both games of a double-header against Ionia. In the first game, Groom again had an enormous amount of strikeouts with 13 and allowing only one hit. Crawford and Julie Smith each had two hits.

In the second game, pitcher Hinton was suc-

cessful with six strikeouts, allowing three hits. Both Smiths, along with Groom and Crawford, all had two hits each. Hope Stepak also had two hits.

Lowell got their first loss of the year against East Kentwood, who hosted their own tournament on Saturday, losing 10-7. In that same tournament, however, they beat Traverse City West (8-4) and Belding (1-0).

In the Traverse City West game, Dean hit two triples and a single to help



Morgan Groom sends the ball in for a strike.

the Arrows win the game, and Groom got two hits. In the Belding game Groom faced 24 batters, striking out 18 of them, allowing only one hit.

This week, the Arrows face South Christian at home tomorrow night (4/19) at Cherry Creek. Start time is 4:15 pm.

- BASEBALL

Lowell's Drake throws a no-hitter

This week was a great week for the baseball team, winning all their games.

On Monday, they beat Northpointe Christian 10-4.

On Tuesday, they won both games of a double-header against Ionia. In game one of that double-header, pitcher Jordan Drake threw a no-hitter, which is quite a

feat. This was a five-inning mercy, with the game ending early by a score of 14-0. Drake only threw 47 pitches in the five innings. Lowell had eight hits for the game. Austin Gildea was two-for-three in batting, with two RBIs. Luke Bigham was two-for-two with a triple and three RBIs, and J.P. North and Titan Anderson each had two RBIs.

In game two, the Arrows beat Ionia 6-5. Anderson pitched that game and also had three hits, includ-

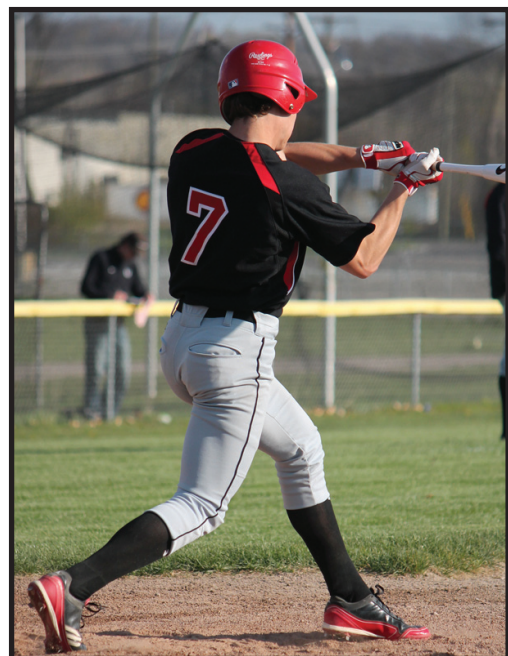
ing a double and a triple with one RBI. Bigham also hit a triple and had one RBI as well.

On Friday, the "B" varsity team hosted Traverse City Central, beating them 9-3. Jacob Merklinger had two hits, two runs and one stolen base. Parker Groom hit a double, scoring two runs. Zack Dawson and Ryan Schaefer both hit doubles, driving in two runs and one run respectively.

The Arrows hosted their own invitational on Saturday. Bigham again stood out for the day, hitting five-for-seven, with three stolen bases and three runs scored. Jake Stephens went two-for-three and had three stolen

bases in the championship game. J.P. North also went two-for-three, with three

stolen bases and three runs scored in the final game.



Luke Bigham hits one of his five hits at the Lowell Invitational.



Jordan Drake throws a ball in his no-hitter.

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