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Proposal 1 on the ballot Tuesday, May 5

This single ballot item increases sales tax to seven percent and is touted as a solution to crumbling roads

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

There will only be one thing on the ballot on the election May 5, the controversial constitutional amendment that will raise sales tax to fix roads.

According to the language that will appear on the ballot, Proposal 1 is "A proposal to amend the state constitution to increase the sales/use tax from six percent to seven percent to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on

gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to affect laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees. The proposed constitutional amendment would eliminate sales/use taxes on gasoline/diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads, increase the portion of use tax dedicated to the School Aid Fund, expand use of SAF to community colleges and career/technical education,

and prohibit use for four-year colleges/universities. [It would] give effect to laws, including those that increase sales/use tax to seven percent, as authorized by constitutional amendment, increase gasoline/diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes, expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects [and] increase earned income tax credit."

In an article published on April 11, 2015, the Detroit News said that Proposal 1 would cost households an average of \$545 additional taxes in 2016, or \$45 a month. It would make Michigan have the second-highest sales tax in the United States. There are currently six states with a sales tax of seven percent or higher. The rest range from four percent to 6.85 percent, while Montana has no sales tax at all.

bipartisan support by politicians, including governor Rick Snyder, who has pushed the proposal particularly hard. Supporters of the proposal say that Michigan's roads are crumbling and this is as good a solution as any. Opponents point out that Proposal 1 is a regressive tax, meaning the lower your income, the more of the tax you pay.

The election is Tuesday, May 5.

The proposal has

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Cast prepares for opening of *The Tropical Pickle*

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

LowellArts! is putting on "The Tropical Pickle," a Jeff Daniels play, starting next weekend.

"They picked it because of the name value, Jeff Daniels being from Chelsea, Mich.," said Brent Alles, the play's director. "We've done shows by him before, like 'Escanaba in da Moonlight' and things like that. It was just kind of natural to do



The cast of "The Tropical Pickle" in rehearsal.

this because we knew it was funny; we had a workable set. We have a cast that was a manageable size for us to do, so it seemed like a good thing to put on here for the end of our season."

"The Tropical Pickle" is a farce reminiscent of classic Neil Simon or a good episode of "Frasier."

"Bob Lee is a plant manager for the Shankelferd Pickle Company and he

wants a promotion and he wants to be able to go to the condiment convention in Miami," Alles said. "His wife Peggy hasn't had a vacation in eight years, so she really wants him to get that vacation too. Peggy's daughter, who is Bob's step-daughter, is the caterer for the night. It's a dinner party that they planned meticulously and everything goes wrong. The chaos escalates through the whole show and that's where the comedy comes from."

The play was originally going to be performed at Larkin's The Other Place, but delays in renovations to that building caused them to move the production to the VFW/American Legion Flat River Post, 3116 Alden Nash SE. Alles said that hasn't presented them with any real problems.

"It takes some getting used to, but as you can see we were able to build a set," Alles said. "We bought some risers to be able to expand out a little bit, to give us some more playing room. It's nice that they've given us a whole month here. It's nice to have been able to use the stage for all that time."

The play will be presented at 7:30 pm on May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 with a matinee at 2:30 pm on May 17. You can buy tickets from LowellArts! in person at 149 S. Hudson St., over the phone at 897-8545 or online at www.lowellartsmi.org

Arbor Day honored by Lowell city officials

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell's arbor board had a tree planting for Arbor Day on Friday, April 24.

The tree, a native redbud, was planted outside Lowell Family Chiropractic at 1425 W. Main St.

"It's a nice-sized tree," said city councilor and arbor board member Sharon Ellison. "When the arbor board buys trees for something like this, they do get something that's going to be hearty and that's a good size."

A member of the arbor board was behind the choice of a redbud tree.

"We have an actual person who does landscaping on the arbor board," Ellison stated. "It was suggested by Melissa Spino. She suggested that we use that type of tree because it was native, so it would follow all of our criteria."

The tree was just starting to bloom and Ellison added that it won't be long before it adds a dash of bright pink to Main St.

"I love redbud trees, they're beautiful," said Ellison. "A little color on Main St. is always welcome. The leaves on them are the

big, heart-shaped leaves. They're nice shade trees. Another week or two and it'll be popping."



Mayor Jim Hodges, his wife Chris Hodges, deputy city clerk Sue Ullery, city councilor Sharon Ellison, city manager Mark Howe, Dr. Maria Chichester and Dr. Jim Chichester next to the freshly-planted redbud tree.

50 CENTS





along main street

LPD incident update

Lowell's police, fire department and emergency crews had a busy March, according to recently released statistics.

Lowell Police Department made 17 arrests during March. Six of those arrests were for outstanding warrants, two were for violations of drug laws and three were for driving on a suspended license. Lowell police were also involved in 61 "assist" calls. There was one breaking and entering complaint, four assaults, seven instances of larceny, one dog complaint and nine traffic accidents. Traffic

police stopped 122 vehicles, issued 28 tickets and let 108 drivers off with a warning.

The Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority went on 27 runs in the month of March. Fourteen of those runs were in Vergennes Township, seven were in the city of Lowell and five were in Lowell Township. They responded to two structure fires, seven vehicle fires and four grass and brush fires. They went on 52 medical calls and were at four accident scenes. There were also 10 false alarms.

ALTO ELEMENTARY 5K RUN/WALK

The 6th annual Alto Elementary 5k Run/Walk will be held on Sat., May 2 at 8:30 am. This event is endorsed by the Governor's Council on Fitness which qualifies participants to enter the lottery for the 2015 Labor Day Bridge Run.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month from 8-10 am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Wed., May 6 at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

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.

Sample ballot

Approved Ballot Language

THE FOLLOWING STATEWIDE BALLOT PROPOSAL WILL APPEAR ON THE MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
 - Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
 - Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
 - Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
 - Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

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NO []

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Are you for or against proposal 1? Why?



Michelle Mitchell
“I can’t tell you whether I’d vote ‘yes’ or ‘no’ on this. They’re taking money from one thing and giving it to another, and taking the money from that and giving it to someplace else. They’re robbing Peter to pay Paul. Whether it will actually go into the roads or not, we’ll see.”



Terry McBurney
“Both. I’m unhappy that it came to a constitutional amendment to get this thing out there. It should have been passed by the state legislature. Is it worse if they go to a constitutional amendment or go to a plan B? I’m not sure. I hear a lot of people are going to vote against it.”



Susan Molnar
“No, I don’t support it. If we use taxes for what we propose to use them for when we increase them, I would support this. But we’ve seen so many tax increases and the money never seems to help where it’s supposed to.”



Ruth Wisner
“I’ll vote for it because we need to fix our roads and if we don’t do it now it’s not going to get better.”



Bonnie Osborne
“I don’t think with the extra stuff it’s going to go through. I’d like the roads to be fixed, but not at the expense of the other things.”

Lowell High School Students of the Month

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School has announced that Alexandra Chapdelaine, 12th grade; and Liam Peterson, 11th grade are the Lowell High School April Students of the Month.



Alexandra Chapdelaine

\$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Ingrid Baird nominated Chapdelaine and she writes, “I would like to nominate this young lady in recognition of four successful years of high school. I have known Alex throughout her years at LHS and in every situation



Liam Peterson

or interaction, Alex has shown maturity, respect, dedication, diligence and kindness. She is a leader, having been a member of the cheer team and holds the position of vice-president for the International Club this year.”

Peterson was nominated

by Jeff Larsen and he writes, “Liam Peterson is shaping up to be one of the top students in his AP Literature class this year, and that’s saying something, because those who know this young man realize his strengths are in math and science. However, Liam has demonstrated a natural ability to make cross-curricular connections, especially in his writing. A writer like Liam, who can make these connections, understands the subject matter on a much deeper level and makes this teacher think, ‘Yes! He really gets it!’ on every assignment. He is also quite witty, which has proven to be an essential survival skill in my class.”

...

The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug.

~ Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

KCTC Student of the Month

Lowell High School student Karson Murley has been named Student of the Month at Kent Career Technical Center. Murley, 11th grade, is enrolled in the Diesel and Equipment Tech program.



Karson Murley

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The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

City Operating Budget for 2015-2016. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,883,654 in proposed expenditures.

Copies of the 2015-2016 Budget are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall, the Englehardt Public Library and the City web page www.ci.lowell.mi.us

Interested persons may submit comments to the Lowell City Hall, Attn: City Clerk prior to the meeting or appear in person.



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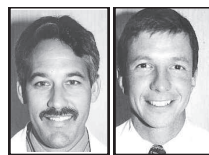
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mono

Mono is a flu-like illness caused by the Epstein-Barr virus. It is a disease that tends to affect adolescents and young adults. Symptoms of mono include fever, headaches, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes, loss of appetite and fatigue. The virus is found in saliva and is passed from one person to another via close personal contact. Kissing, coughing in close proximity to and sharing beverages with another person can transmit the virus. Signs of infection often do not develop for four to six weeks after contact

with the infected person. Typically, once you've had the virus, you're immune to it.

Diagnosing mono is usually based on a person's history of recent exposure to the virus and their physical exam findings. Blood tests can also be used to diagnose the infection.

Because mono is a virus, antibiotics do not work against it. Symptoms of mono typically last for two to four weeks. The main treatment for mono includes rest, drinking plenty of fluids and controlling the fever and

sore throat. Acetaminophen (Tylenol) and ibuprofen (Motrin) are both good medicines to use for the fever and the throat pain. Aspirin should be avoided in children because of the risk of a serious disease called Reye's syndrome.

It is important that a person who has been diagnosed with mono avoid strenuous exercise and contact sports. This is to prevent the rare but serious complication of rupturing the spleen. The spleen often becomes enlarged during an infection with mono. When the spleen becomes enlarged, it becomes more prone to rupture from blunt trauma to the abdomen.

If you feel you may have the symptoms of mono, it's important to visit your health care provider. They can provide you with a prompt diagnosis so that you may take the precautions necessary in treating mono.

kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

Lately, I have been thinking about how many students at my school have cell phones and use them every day. I have heard every reason for kids my age to have a phone...everything from keeping in touch with their parents to needing it to do their classwork.

I personally do not have a cell phone and do not expect to get one anytime soon. My parents believe that I do not need a cell phone to do any of those things. They believe that if you have a good mind, a cell phone will only cause problems. Other students at my school have a phone or tablet and use them every day in class. I don't think that teachers today crack down on use of phones in class as well as they should. Some will take the phone away for the rest of the class or year and some will just ignore it.

As a student, it is very distracting when people next to you are tapping on their phones or it rings in the middle of class. I think all teachers should have a specific policy for dealing with cell phones in class, but the policies should be consistent throughout the school. Kids also use their phones outside of the classroom. You should see the halls of our school in the morning, because not only do kids text and call people on their phones, they play all assortments of games too.

The halls of our school are crowded with kids sitting

against lockers playing games. You can't stand against the wall because someone is always beneath you tapping away at their phone or tablet.

Sometimes I wonder

whatever happened to pay phones and... landlines? They were so simple and did not distract kids during school! They did not allow you to FaceTime or play Minecraft or Geometry Dash, just call your parent to pick you up early and use up all your quarters. I am not against the fact that kids have cell phones, but the usage of them in school needs some serious attention.

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viewpoint

to the editor

a good place to live

Dear Editor,
I was looking out my windows, eating breakfast last Thursday, watching the cars drop off kids at Bushnell. A red car parked in front of my windows and a young man wearing a red jacket got out. He went out in the road and retrieved a couple of items that had

blown out of a recycle bin. He put them in the bin across the street... and then proceeded to pick up several other items that were out of the bin on the ground...and then uprighted a box. He then got back in his car and drove off. Lowell is definitely "a good place to live."

Diana Bittrick
Lowell

a dictatorship

To the Editor,
There are probably some that will disagree with me when I say that the city of Lowell has a dictatorial style of governing. But the facts are the facts and the facts have shown that the constituents of Lowell have been purposely denied their right to be part of the decision making. The four-year fiasco over the contract

negotiations between the city and the employees of the Department of Public Works proved that. If you go to a city council meeting and choose to discuss something that's not on the council's agenda, the council reserves the right not to comment. All comments and questions pertaining to the city should be open to discussion but they're not. The council is

there to be the servant but they have failed miserably at it. It seems that they would rather be the sole decider. I went to a standing room only public hearing which ended in a mass walkout when the council refused to respond directly to comments or questions. Then there's the confiscation of the LCTV funds where the council deliberately bypassed the LCTV endowment board. That was not a decision for the council to make. The endowment board was brought about by the constituents of Lowell and they are the only ones that should make that kind of decision, not the city council even though the city council had the authority to do so. I believe the city council abused their authority. It's time that the city rid itself of its dictatorial style of governing. There's no better way in doing that than [at] this year's city council election.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

job shopping

To The Editor,
Well, I'll be darned, looks like Lowell's city manager is ready to move on. Here's part of an interesting article I ran across in the March 4 edition of the Lansing State Journal; reported by Rachel Greco:

DELTA TWP – Six candidates, including Leslie city manager Brian Reed, will be interviewed March 21 in Delta Township's search for its next manager.

The group, narrowed from a list of 46 applicants, includes Elke Doom, Mark Howe, Marshall Labadie, Vincent Pastue, Reed and Michael Seldon.

Township supervisor Ken Fletcher said all 46 candidates requested confidentiality until they'd been notified of an interview. The names of the six were released today.

Delta officials have been searching since last June for a permanent replacement for Richard Watkins, who

retired last summer. Watkins had held the job for 21 years.

The township board chose not to make an offer to any candidate from an initial search by the Michigan Municipal League. The township hired GOVHR USA in December to conduct a second search at a cost of \$15,000.

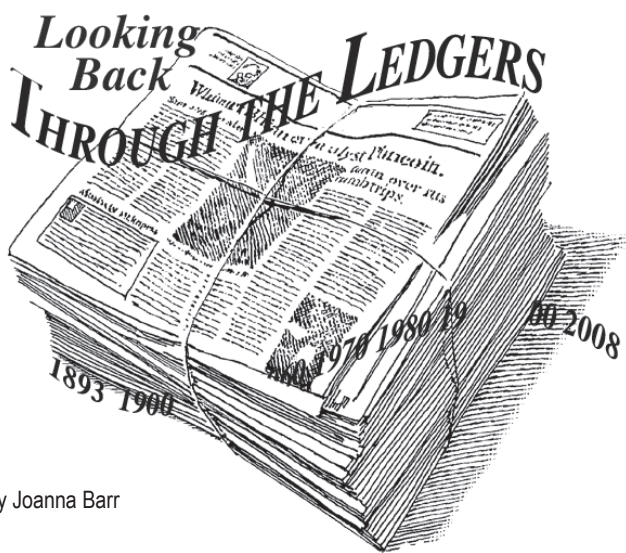
Interviews with the candidates are expected to last an hour each. Here's a closer look at them:

•Mark Howe is the city manager in Lowell, located in Kent County. He's held the position since 2011. The city has a population of about 3,800. In 2013 the "Grand Rapids Press" reported that administrative law judge Doyle O'Connor issued an opinion that Howe retaliated against workers who joined

a union by withholding bonuses and raises and threatening to replace them with non-union workers. In January Howe submitted a report to the Lowell City Council admitting that his actions violated labor laws, according to the "Grand Rapids Press."

As the article stated, Mr. Howe didn't land this job, but I'm sure he'll find something. I'm told he interviews very well. He must, he beat out many well qualified candidates in 2011 for the job of Lowell city manager. Mr. Howe, with his AS degree in humanities and a BS degree in communications was selected over finalists all with Masters in public administration, the education you'd expect a city manager to have.

Gail Roderick
Lowell



By Joanna Barr

job of building the new Central building. At noon the matter had simmered down to a question between Mr. Soule of Alma and Warner & Kelley of Grand Rapids, and the matter will probably be closed up to-night (Thursday.)

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 2, 1940

Construction of concrete curbs and the installation of street drainage was started on Wednesday of this week in the Village of Lowell as a W. P. A. project.

Sheriff Hugh Blacklock warns boys that they must have permits before carrying rifles in woods and fields for target practice or to shoot predators.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger April 29, 1965

Headline: School needs \$750,000 - A new elementary school, additions to the high school and the Alto Elementary school which will be needed to handle the growing student enrollment in the district will cost \$750,000, the school board revealed Monday. The special meeting on Monday passed a resolution asking for voter approval at the school election on Monday, June 14.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 2, 1990

The Lowell Showboat Talent Search '90 Auditions on April 19 and 20 were the first step in what will lead nine of the 45 acts to center stage of the Robert E. Lee on the nights of June 19, 20 and 21. The auditions lowered the number of prospective Showboat acts from 45 to 30. The 30 acts that were chosen will be asked to participate in Talent '90 which will be held at the Showboat Amphitheatre.

125 years ago Lowell Journal May 7, 1890

At the meeting of the Council last Monday evening, a numerously signed petition was presented, to have the buildings on east Main St. moved back. After the council adjourned the Street committee, to whom it was referred, held a meeting and Chas. McCarty being present, promised that the building he controlled would be moved at once. Of course the others will follow, as his building has been the stumbling block for the rest, in the past.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 29, 1915

The Lowell Board of Education had sessions last evening and this morning with representatives of thirteen different building contractors, bidders on the

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

how can you become a "healthy" investor?

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. This "month" is designed to encourage people to follow a healthy, active lifestyle. You can take steps toward this goal, of course, but why not carry the concept of improving health to other areas of your life — such as your investments?

Toward that end, consider these suggestions:

- Give your portfolio a regular "check-up." To maintain your fitness, it's a good idea to visit a doctor for a check-up on a regular basis. And to help ensure the "health" of your portfolio, you may want to periodically review it with the assistance of a financial professional — someone who can point out gaps in your existing holdings or changes that may need to be made.

- Follow a balanced investment "diet." As you know, nutrition experts recommend that we adopt a balanced diet, drawing on all the major food groups. Too much of any one category

— for example, an excess of meat or of dairy products — can lead to health concerns. An analogous situation exists when you invest — if you own too much of one particular asset class, such as aggressive growth stocks, you might expose yourself to an "unhealthy" degree of risk, because you could take a big hit during a market downturn. But not all investments move in the same direction at the same time, so if you own a mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and other vehicles, you can lessen the impact of volatility on your portfolio. In investing, as in all walks of life, balance and moderation are important.

- Don't let investments get "lazy." Exercise is essential in staying fit and healthy. Yet, exercise can also be hard work, causing many of us to put it off to "another day." Some of your investments may also not be working hard enough for you. To cite

area births

James



Genesis Katherine

David James and Katherine Rademacher, of Lowell, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Genesis Katherine James, who was born December 19, 2014. She joins brothers, Jeremy, Aidan and Andre.

Grandparents are Geri and Doyle James of Lowell, Ann Donahue of Grand Rapids and Daniel and Marcia Rademacher of Grand Rapids.

Short



Acacia Lyn

Lyle and Jessica Short, of Clarksville, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Acacia Lyn. She was born April 16, 2015, weighing 8.2 lbs. at St. Mary's Hospital.

Grandparents are Rick and Lynda Wright of Lowell and Andy and Brenda Short of Plainwell.

Annual crop walk to fight hunger slated for May 3



anniversaries

Lacic



Al and Dot Lacic

Al and Dot (Hanes) Lacic of Lowell will observe 66 years of marriage on May 7, 2015. The couple's children are Adeline Brower, Arthur Lacic, Dorothy House, Russell Lacic and Mary Dillree. They have 13 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.



"People everywhere - never fear! The Hunger Rangers now are here! Helping others fill their bowl! Helping others, that's our goal!"

These are the words that greeted the congregation at Bowne Center United Methodist Church Sunday, April 19, as the youth that will participate in the upcoming crop walk were initiated as "official" Hunger Rangers by Rev. Andrew Jackson.

The 21st annual Lowell Area Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2015, starting at 1:00 pm at the Lowell First United Methodist Church. The walk is one or five miles long and this year is preceded by a light soup lunch and music

at Lowell First United Methodist Church.

The walk raises money to help fight hunger worldwide thru Church World Services. Twenty-five percent of the money raised stays in the area and helps both the Flat River Outreach Ministries and the Lowell Senior Neighbors program. Many local area churches are involved.

If anyone would like to join the crop walk, or make a donation, please contact Pastor Matt Stoll at 897-6141 or by email at pastor@vergennessumc.org

Pledge forms are available at the Lowell First United Methodist Church office during business hours and on the day of the walk.

happy birthday!

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| APRIL 29
K.J. Vezino, Bryan Roth, Lucy Wade. | MAY 3
Wilma Roudabush, Melissa Merriman, Mimi Mitchell, Rich Bieri. |
| APRIL 30
Carmen Roudabush, Stacey Irwin, Shawn Dulin, Nancy Leary. | MAY 4
John Borton, David Rhodes, Jerre Sue Smith. |
| MAY 1
Dennis Anchors, Mark Christiansen. | MAY 5
Scott Carpenter, Kevin Vezino, Kerry Vezino, Brenda Erickson, Robert Dalziel, Kaitlyn Kovacs. |
| MAY 2
Melinda D'Agostino, Tim Mastenbrook, Madison Briggs, Glen Bryant, Jaclyn Batt. | |

area churches

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Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday School.....11:20 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
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11:00 A.M.Worship
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Sunday School.....9:15 A.M.
Joseph Fremer, Pastor **897-8307**
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AWANA - K-5, during school year.....Wed. 6:15 - 8 P.M.
Youth Ministry - grades 6-12.....Mon. 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.
(Youth Ministry moves to Wed. during summer)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL
621 E. Main Street
897-5936
www.lowellumc.com
Barrier-free entrance
SUNDAY WORSHIP.....8:30 & 10:30
Sunday School.....9:30
YOUTH GROUPS (JR. & SR. HIGH).....6:00 p.m.
Pastor Brad Brillhart

2015 **National Day of Prayer**
Thursday May 7
Area churches will be hosting the 2015 National Day of Prayer observance in Lowell. Prayer will be offered for several areas of concern in our community and country, including: Government, Military, Business, Education, Church, and Family. Please join us in this community effort.
When: Thursday, May 7, 12:10 - 12:40 pm
Where: The Lowell Riverwalk Plaza, by the Showboat.
In case of rain, we will meet in the Community Room at the Englehardt Library.
Why: We need the blessings of God!

“Find Your Park” initiative underway

submitted by Mark Weaver

On Friday afternoon, April 17, North Country Trail Association and National Park Service staff kicked off the National Park Service’s “Find Your Park” initiative. “Find Your Park” encourages everyone to discover (or rediscover) their public lands. These public lands could be a neighborhood playground, Fallsburg County Park, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Manistee National Forest or Lowell’s own North Country National Scenic Trail.

Participants in this kick-off took a delightful short hike just north of Lowell to enjoy the wonderful weather, observing the new spring flowers and taking in the great views that will be short lived once the trees leaf out. The kick-off’s destination was the Boy Scout Cabin where members of Troop 102 had dinner hot off the grill.

For more information on “Find Your Park” go to www.findyourpark.com

North Country National Scenic Trail is our nation’s longest national scenic trail. At 4,600 miles, it stretches from the middle of North Dakota to the Vermont/New York border. Their headquarters are right here in Lowell. For more information on the trail, visit www.nps.gov/NOCO or www.northcountrytrail.org or visit the North Country Trail Association at 229 E. Main St., Lowell.



Hikers and Scouts listen to Bruce Matthews, executive director of North Country Trail Association, describe the National Park Service’s “Find Your Park” initiative.



Getting ready to hike on the North Country National Scenic Trail, from left to right: Dennis Garrett (PA), Lynda Rummell (NY), superintendent Mark Weaver, Irene Szabo (NY), Lorana Jinkerson (MI) and Cathy Garrett (PA).

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To be always fortunate, and to pass through life with a soul that has never known sorrow, is to be ignorant of one half of nature.

~ Seneca (5 BC - 65 AD)

BOWNE TOWNSHIP CITY OF LOWELL LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION

The City and Township Clerks will be available at the following locations on Saturday, May 2, 2015 for any registered voter who would like to apply for or return an absentee voter ballot for the May 5, 2015 Special Election.

Sandra Kowalczyk
Bowne Township
11am – 2pm
8240 Alden Nash
Alto, MI 49302
(616) 868-6846

Betty Morlock
City of Lowell
9 am – 2pm
301 East Main
Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-8457

Linda S. Regan
Lowell Charter Township
11am – 2pm
2910 Alden Nash SE
Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-7600

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township
11 am – 2pm
10381 Bailey Dr
Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-5671

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance:

1. An amendment to Section 4.20 to revise the existing requirements for the parking of recreational vehicles and equipment in all zoning districts to allow parking in the driveway at certain times depending upon the length of the vehicle, to establish minimum parking setbacks and to regulate the use of recreational vehicles for living purposes.
2. An amendment to Section 4.10 regarding building permit requirements for accessory buildings.
3. An amendment to Section 22.03(j) (3) regarding fencing requirements for swimming pools.
4. An amendment to Article 2 to add definitions for balcony, patio and porch.
5. An amendment to Section 11.03 to allow public and private parks and recreation facilities in the General Commercial zoning district as a special land use.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, May 11, 2015
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

Any person is welcome to attend this meeting and to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday. Phone 616-897-7600.

The amendments may also be viewed on the Township web site at www.twp.lowell.mi.us

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

New building for the arts may generate more business downtown with their activities

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

As reported last week, LowellArts! has purchased the former Hallmark/River Hollow building at 221 and 223 W. Main St.

“The Lowell Area Community Fund gave us the down payment to purchase the building,” said Lorain Smalligan, LowellArts! executive director. “I really think we’ll help bring businesses into the downtown and help generate more traffic downtown with our activities.”

It’s an old, historic building. Cousins’ Hallmark was there for almost 30 years. It will need a lot of work before LowellArts! can start using it.

“We know that we’re going to have to do some roof work and obviously we’re doing the brick repair to the exterior of the building,” Smalligan stated. “That will happen this summer.”

The building has a lot of possibilities and LowellArts! has a lot of ideas.

“One of the things that the architect is going to have to determine, along with an engineer, is how much can we open the walls up to be able to create a big gallery space,” Smalligan said. “We want to, in some area, have some flexible performance space. It really wouldn’t seat more than 40 or 50 people because of how much room

we have. It could have a modular stage that could be configured as needed. We could use it for classes. One of the areas we really want to expand in is what class offerings we have, especially for youth. If we had some sort of flexible, black-box performance space back here, we could start doing classes in theater, maybe music classes for kids too. We want to have some sort of large, multipurpose room that could be [used for] classes, could be a meeting room, probably toward the back, that could have a connecting door to the space over there. That would really allow us to expand our class offerings.”

Part of the renovations will include a new entrance in the back. They may no longer use the front entrance.

“This would be our main entrance, in the back, because we would need accessibility,” Smalligan said. “We’d have to look at how we could ramp this for wheelchairs. We want to be accessible. It’s too steep, so we wouldn’t be able to have a ramp in the front.”

Buying the building was just the first step and there is a lot of work to do before they can start the renovations.

“I’m doing tons of bidding right now. We have three architects that we’re getting bids from,” Smalligan stated. “Our goal is to move in sometime in mid or fall of 2016 if all goes well. That would be our goal and it will take that long. People have to understand that. It takes a while to get the money raised and get the renovations done.”



Current exterior views of the former Hallmark building, on top the Main St. entrance and at right, the back entrance.



They currently have no plans to renovate the second floor and Smalligan said they’ll probably use the basement for storage.

“We’re not doing anything on the second floor at this point in time,” explained Smalligan. “We might need to do some window repair on the second floor, but we’re not planning on occupying the second floor right now. That would be a phase down the road, after we [get] ourselves moved in, then we could start looking at the second floor and deciding what might be a good plan of action.”

Smalligan said the building they’re currently in has served them very well over the years, but LowellArts! has outgrown it.

“We wouldn’t be an entity right now if the Doyles hadn’t let us have that space way back in the late 70s,” Smalligan said.

“We’ve really grown as an organization and we really need more space. We need a downtown presence. It’s really difficult for us to tie into downtown activities where we’re located. We’ve been trying to find the right home for years, so we’re excited.”



Interior of building as it is now.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on April 20, 2015, Ordinance No. 02-2015 – An Ordinance To Amend The Township Zoning Ordinance To Establish The Stony Bluff Open Space Planned Unit Development Zoning District was adopted, a summary of which follows:

Section 1 - Zoning Map Amendment - The Zoning Ordinance and Map of the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, is hereby amended to rezone the described lands from R-1, Rural Low Density Residential District to the Open Space Planned Unit Development District, in accordance with the Final Development Plan of the Stony Bluff Planned Unit Development.

Section 2 - Conditions on the Planned Unit Development. This section lists the conditions of the Planned Unit Development including Development Plan Compliance, Land Uses, Open Space, Development Standards, Sanitary Sewer System and Water Supply, Stormwater Management, Utilities, Signage, Sidewalks, Street Lights, and Security.

Section 3 - Other considerations. This section lists other considerations such as Phasing and Roads.

Section 4 - Findings of Approval.

This ordinance shall become effective May 6, 2015. A copy of the complete text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI, 49331 during regular office hours or viewed on our website: www.twp.lowell.mi.us.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Tri-River Spring Into The Past May museum tour

The Tri-River Historical Museum Network announces their annual "Spring Into the Past" tour of small museums in Barry, Ionia, Kent and Montcalm counties. Over 27 museums are located in proximity to the Flat, Grand and Thornapple rivers and

all are open from 11 am to 5 pm the first Saturday and Sunday of May for your convenience.

There's a host of history in these quaint museums housed in former schools, churches, meeting halls, homes, businesses, and depots where each

depicts in its own way the heritage of its community. All are family friendly and free, though donations are appreciated.

Museum locations and descriptions can be found on the website and booklets with information and a map

are also available at all museums to guide your tour for the weekend or the rest of the year.

For additional information go to: <http://www.addorio.com/tririver/springintopast2015.pdf> or visit TriRiver on Facebook.

Some of the area museums are pictured.



Lowell Area Historical Museum



The Fallasburg Schoolhouse Museum



Boston-Saranac Historical Depot Museum



Church at Historic Charleton Park



The Alton Historic Church Museum

PARTICIPATING MUSEUMS INCLUDE:

The Alton Historic Church Museum,
2780 Lincoln Lake Ave NE, Lowell, 616-745-1316

Averill Historical Museum of Ada/Ada Historical Society, 7144 Headley Street, Ada, 616-676-9346

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108 Hanover Street, Belding, 616-794-1900 ext. 425

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Boston-Saranac Historical Depot Museum,
Bridge Street at the Grand River, Saranac, 616-693-2730 or 616-642-9472

Bowne Township Historical Commission – Museum, Carriage Shed and School House,
84th & Alden Nash (M-50), Alto, 616-868-6424

Cascade Historical Society,
2839 Thornapple River Dr., G.R., 616-949-1500

Cedar Springs Museum,
60 Cedar Street, Cedar Springs, 616-696-3335

Historic Charlton Park:
Village, Museum and Recreation Area,
2545 S. Charlton Park Road, Hastings, 269-945-3775

Bolthouse Agriculture Building – Farnall Acres Farm Museum,
170 McCormick St., Clarksville, 616-868-6639

The Fallasburg Historical Society, Fallasburg Historical Village & Schoolhouse Museum,
13944 Covered Bridge Road, Lowell, 616-682-0785

Fighting Falcon Military Museum,
516 W. Cass Street, Greenville, 616-225-1940

Flat River Historical Museum,
213 N. Franklin Street, Greenville, 616-754-5296

Freeport Historical Society, 127 Warren Street, Freeport, 616-765-8571 or 616-765-5413

Grattan Township Historical Society, 12040 Old Belding Rd., Belding, 616-691-8901 or 616-826-1872

Ionia County Historical Society – Blanchard House & Museum, 251 E. Main Street, Ionia, 616-527-3369

Lake Odessa Area Historical Society & Depot Museum, 1117 Emerson Street, Lake Odessa, 616-374-7518 or 616-374-8420

Lowell Area Historical Museum,
325 W. Main Street, Lowell, 616-897-7688

Lyons-Muir Historical Museum, 311 E. Bridge Street, Lyons, 616-527-9064 or 989-855-2921

Oakfield Pioneer Heritage Museum, 11009 Podunk Avenue NE, Greenville, 616-874-6271

The Old Fence Rider Historical Center,
S of M-46 on Sheldon Street, Edmore, 989-506-2634 or 989-427-1032

Pine Forest Historical Museum, 402 E. Home Street, Edmore, 989-427-3843 or 989-427-5801

Plainfield Charter Township, The Hyser Rivers Museum, 6440 West River Road, Belmont, 616-363-9399

Rockford Area Museum (RAM),
21 S. Monroe, Rockford, 616-866-2040

Welch Historical Museum,
161 Main Street, Sunfield, 517-449-4895

Red Arrow SPORTS

Girls one and one against G.R. Christian

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Varsity softball chalked up one win and one loss last week when they faced OK White rival Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) in an at-home doubleheader.

In game one Lowell out slugged GRC 17-5 in

a dominating performance that included a grand slam from freshman Megan Summerfield. The Arrows crossed the plate only one time in game two as they fell to GRC 11-1.



The team, now 4-8 overall and 3-1 in the OK White, will next face Jenison on the road and Hudsonville at home in a pair of doubleheaders this week.

Lowell varsity softball players converge on the mound amidst their victory over Grand Rapids Christian.

GOLF

Boys record two wins on the course last week

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Boys varsity golf picked up a 185-175 win at home over Northview and placed an impressive third at their first OK White jamboree of the season in successful action on the green last week.

Red Arrow Josh Buechler led the way to his team's ten-stroke win over Northview early in the week shooting a 40, his best score of the year. He was followed by Nate Kyburz and Christian Rosenfeldt who each carded a 44 and Jake Hays who came in at 47.

Despite the win, head coach Gary Fredline said that the day's overall score did not reflect his team's best work, "We beat Northview but it was not one of our best scores. However, we were able to get a win without our best play."

Later in the week at the jamboree Lowell faced off against their top notch conference competitors and

landed in third place with a score of 176. Their score left them just one stroke behind second-place finisher Grand Rapids Christian (175) and nine behind tournament winner Caledonia (167). Forest Hills Central (182), East Grand Rapids (193) and Jenison (224) placed fourth through sixth respectively.

"I was very pleased with our finish at the first jamboree in very trying weather conditions," said

Fredline. "We beat both Forest Hills Central and East Grand Rapids which are traditionally very good golf programs."

Hays was Lowell's top finisher placing third overall individually and leading his team with a score of 39. Kyburz earned sixth overall with a 43, Alex Bohr placed twelfth with a 46 and Buechler scored a 48 in a solid performance for the team.

The Arrows, 4-1 in duals and currently third place in conference, will welcome their OK White opponents on Wednesday at Arrowhead golf course beginning at 3:30 pm as they compete in back to back jamborees in the pursuit of a conference championship.

LAS Elementary Lunch Menus
week of 5/4/15

MONDAY: Yogurt parfait w/ granola (with Goldfish graham served at Bushnell), cheese stick, strawberries; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, celery sticks, applesauce, mixed fruit (pineapple at Bushnell).

TUESDAY: Beef & cheese nachos, refried beans; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, banana, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Pancakes & sausage, hash browns; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, grapes, apple slices.

THURSDAY: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, broccoli florets, mandarin oranges, fruit goop.

FRIDAY: Homemade cheese pizza on WG crust, side salad; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, mixed fruit, juice.

TRACK SCORES GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

Jenison 99 Lowell 38	
100m	Alon Watson.....3rd
200m	Alon Watson.....3rd
800m	Breanna VanLaan.....3rd
3200m	Katrina Droski.....1st
100m hurdles	Holly Race.....2nd
	Emily Judd.....3rd
300m hurdles	Emily Judd.....2nd
4x100	Kaufman/Ford-Weber/Quiggle/Watson.....1st
4x200	Khodl/Ford-Weber/Quiggle/Watson.....2nd
4x400	Judd/VanLaan/French/Engels.....1st
4x800	VanLaan/Khodl/Elliott/Droski.....2nd
High jump	Alexis Frederickson.....2nd
	Kyla Dixon.....2nd (tie)
Pole vault	Corah Kaufman.....1st
	Holly Race.....3rd
Long jump	Taylor Bierling.....2nd
	Ally Frederickson.....3rd

BOYS VARSITY TRACK

Jenison 86 Lowell 51	
100m	Joe Geisen.....1st
400m	Collin McGee.....3rd
800m	Zach Diamond.....1st
1600m	Zach Diamond.....1st
3200m	Eric Judd.....1st
	Morrison Ismond.....2nd
110m hurdles	Brennan Mason.....1st
300m hurdles	Reece Karns.....2nd
	Brandon Mason.....3rd
4x100	Karns/Misak/Misak/Geisen.....1st
	Bloom/Endres/Lobbezo/Worsley.....3rd
4x200	Misak/Misak/McGee/Geisen.....2nd
	Endres/Tripp/Worsley/Johnson.....3rd
4x400	Diamond/Redloske/Karns/Stump.....2nd
	Vatter/Miller/Tarchala/Struckmeyer.....3rd
4x800	Noffke/Onan/Judd/Kruse.....2nd
Shot put	Justin Everitt.....2nd
Discus	Collin McGee.....2nd
High jump	Austin Branagan.....3rd
	Drew Struckmeyer.....3rd (tie)
Pole vault	Richard Misak.....2nd
Long jump	Josh Branagan.....2nd

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TENNIS

SPORTS

Arrows place third at invitational

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell ladies varsity tennis team went 1-1 in conference play dropping a match to East Grand Rapids (EGR) and grabbing a win over Jenison. In a busy week of action on the court, the lady arrows placed third at their own invitational.

The girls opened the week with a tough 7-1 loss to OK White opponent EGR on the road Monday afternoon. The team fought hard in the unseasonably

cold conditions but were only able to come up with one win at third doubles from Emma McLane and Bailey Cummings.

Saturday at Lowell High School the girls welcomed six competing schools to the annual Lowell invitational. Lowell placed third with a total of 33 points falling behind Unity Christian High School by just five points and big winner Holland by 23.

“I was very pleased with how well we played,” said head coach Chris Phillips, “There were some tough teams there. As the tournament was going on I was thinking we would be around fourth place, but we had some good finishes, including first doubles taking first place. That helped move us up to third.”

The winning duo at first doubles was comprised

of Rachel Fox and Megan Hofman who have been teaming up all season and knocking down unbeaten competitors with ease.

Wrapping up the week the girls visited conference competitor Jenison High School where they claimed a big 5-3 win sweeping the doubles competition and adding a victory at fourth singles for the win.



Rachel Fox was one half of the first-place doubles team at the Lowell invitational last Saturday.

Moving forward the team will face additional OK White action when they play the Caledonia Scots on the road this Wednesday and welcome Forest Hills Central this coming Monday.

LACROSSE

Girls chalk up another conference win

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The girls lacrosse team claimed another win last Friday when they welcomed Comstock Park and dealt them a 15-8 loss.

Mallery Yaw and Maddie Kaminski each

contributed four goals to lead the Arrow offense. Nikki Paulus, Jamie-Lynn Urban and Sela Bauman each netted two goals and Sophie Winn earned one in an impressive offensive showing.

“This year’s team is composed of a lot of young talent,” said head coach Ellery Alexander. “This program is continuously growing so we have a lot of new girls who came out this year in their freshmen and

sophomore year. They are looking to our experienced players to learn quickly and are motivated to create a reputable program by the time they graduate.”

Now 2-3 overall and 1-3 in conference, the team will look to improve their OK record against Hudsonville High School this Wednesday at home beginning at 7 pm.



Sophomore Faith Blakely pursues the ball during the team’s home game against Comstock Park last Friday.



Jamie-Lynn Urban aims for the back of the net during the Arrows’ 15-8 victory over Comstock Park.

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- **Future State Champs Camp:** Second grade thru sixth grade June 8, 9 & 10
- **High/Middle School Camp:** Seventh grade thru 12th grade June 1, 2 & 3

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obituaries

SCHREUR

Albertine Haggai Schreur, of Lowell, passed away into the arms of our Lord and Savior, Saturday, April 25, 2015. Albertine was preceded in death by her son John "J.J." Haggai, she leaves her grandsons, T.J. Haggai and David Gonyon. Al was exceedingly blessed with caring extended family and wonderful loving friends. Al served her life out, giving and sharing in the community and her church. She will be most remembered saying to each and every one "never say goodbye"! Cremation has taken place. Al's wish was for no formal service but for family and friends to hold a "going away celebration," which will be Sunday, June 28 at the Lowell Veteran's Center, 3116 Alden Nash, 1-3 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Other Way Mission, 839 Sibley St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 or a charity of your choice. John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.



LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

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FILE NO. 15-197141-DE

Estate of DANIEL SUTTORP, deceased.
Date of birth: 07/18/1921.

Estate of NORMA SOPHIA WHITE. Date of birth: 01/07/1926.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Daniel Suttorp, died 01/21/2015.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sophia White, who lived at 1957 Buchanan Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 03/06/2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Samuel C. Suttorp, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

April 16, 2015

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April 23, 2015

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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Can I throw my old disposable batteries in the trash or is there a way to recycle them? -- Jennifer Brandstrom, Chicago, IL

Truth be told, those old used up disposable alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, etc.) aren't the environmental menace they used to be before the federal government mandated taking out the mercury, a potent neurotoxin linked to a wide range of environmental and health problems, as part of the Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act of 1996. These days, in every U.S. state except California (which requires recycling of all spent batteries), it is safe and legal to throw them in the trash.

Environmental Health & Safety Online, the leading web-based clearinghouse for information on environmental health and safety, reports that today's alkaline disposables are composed "primarily of common metals—steel, zinc, and manganese—that do not pose a health or environmental risk during normal use or disposal."

In California, tighter waste reduction laws mean that residents are required to recycle their spent alkalines by placing them in clear ziplock bags on top of their curbside trash cans (so garbage haulers can keep them separate) or by dropping them in battery recycling bins (such as in larger apartment buildings and at libraries). Many electronics, big box and drugstore chains that sell batteries (BestBuy, Walgreens and others) will also take them back for free and send them off for recycling. Check out CalRecycle's

website for more detailed information on battery recycling in the Golden State.

Unfortunately, some other kinds of disposable batteries, such as the increasingly ubiquitous alkaline manganese "button cells" (commonly used in digital thermometers, calculators and many toys), still contain mercury, and the



federal government provides little guidance regarding their proper disposal. The Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act doesn't mandate phasing mercury out of alkaline manganese button cells because, at the time of the law's passage in 1996, including mercury was the only way to control the potentially dangerous formation of gas inside the specialized miniature batteries. Lithium button cells are a safer, mercury-free alternative now widely available, but consumers often opt for the still cheaper alkaline manganese variety.

"The use and disposal of mercury-added button cells are unregulated at the federal level," reports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). "They do not have to be labeled; it is legal to dispose of them in the household trash; and they rarely are collected for recycling in most U.S. jurisdictions." California is currently the only state that mandates recycling even for alkaline manganese button cells, but several other states are considering regulating their disposal and whether to subsidize special recycling programs for them. But until then, most of the mercury from these little wonders will end up in the municipal solid waste stream and contribute to our ongoing pollution burden.

Fortunately, the recycling of most types of rechargeable batteries (which can contain potentially harmful heavy metals and other contaminants) remains easy thanks to an industry-backed program called Call2Recycle that points people toward recyclers and retailers across the U.S. and Canada happy to take them off your hands at no cost.

CONTACTS: Environmental Health & Safety Online, www.ehso.com; Call2Recycle, www.call2recycle.org; CalRecycle, www.calrecycle.ca.gov/reducewaste/Batteries/.

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Financial Focus, continued

one possibility, you might own quite a few certificates of deposit (CDs). There's nothing "wrong" with CDs, and they do offer a high degree of preservation of principal, but they provide very little in the way of return, particularly in a low-interest-rate environment, such as we've had over the past few years. So, if you have a plethora of CDs, you might be depriving yourself of the opportunity to own other investments that "work harder" by offering you the growth potential you'll need to make progress toward your long-term goals.

• Avoid "unhealthy" habits. Many of us are guilty of unhealthy habits, such as eating too much or failing to address stress. Taken together, these bad habits can harm the quality

of our lives. As an investor, you can also fall into some bad habits. To name just a couple, you could waste time and effort by chasing after "hot" investments, which may already be cooling off by the time you hear about them, or you could decide to take a "time out" from investing when the markets are turbulent. Another bad habit: Investing either too aggressively or too conservatively for your goals and risk tolerance. By avoiding these and other negative habits, you can help yourself stay on track toward your objectives.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrows improve conference record 5-1

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell Red Arrow varsity baseball swept a three-game series with OK White rival Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) last week, improving their season record to 5-1.

The Arrows started on top and stayed there in game one of the series plating five runs in the second inning off of a trio of singles and a two-run double by Matt Milstead, giving them a 5-0 lead.

Lowell padded their lead in the third when a two-run single from senior slugger Anthony Alderink plated Cooper Perry and Nate Stephens.

Three additional runs and solid pitching from sophomore Jarrod Melle sealed the 10-5 win despite a late comeback run from GRC. Melle allowed three runs over five innings, walked two and struck out four while on the mound.

The Arrows took the lead early and kept it in game two, as well as putting up the first two runs of the game in the second inning on a sacrifice fly from Perry and adding four more in the third thanks, in part, to a home run swing from Zach Gordon. Gordon was the game's offensive leader earning three RBIs on two hits for the squad.

GRC answered with four runs of their own in the bottom of the third but were unable to score again while the Arrows added two more runs in both the fifth and sixth, including a two-run single from senior Collin VanNoord, to gain the 10-4 victory.

Perry was credited with the win serving six innings on the hump for the Arrows. He struck out five GRC batters, allowed no earned runs and only five hits.

At home on Friday

the Arrows wrapped up the series with their third consecutive win over GRC. In a much closer game than the previous two, the Arrows ended on top 5-4.

GRC earned three in the

top of the first inning to grab the lead. Lowell answered in the bottom of the second earning three runs to tie the game. The Red Arrows added additional runs in the fifth and the sixth to put

them up 5-4 moving into the final inning. GRC was unable to come up with a run giving Lowell the win and a 3-0 record.

Trevor Shurlow was the game's offensive standout

going 3-3 at the plate with singles in the second, fourth and sixth innings. Melle once again claimed the pitching win throwing two shutout innings.



Zach Gordon, making an infield catch, earned a home run in the third inning of game two against GRC.

This week the varsity sluggers will look to increase their impressive OK White record against the Jenison Wildcats in another three-game series which will kick off Tuesday at home and end with back to back games on the road.

CREW

Lowell crew medals at regatta

submitted by David Cadwallader

Lowell Red Arrow crew team took home medals in four of the eight events they competed in over the weekend. Seven schools participated in the regatta held at Lake Maxinkuckee, Culver, Ind.

Nick Longway placed

third in the men's singles at the event. The men's novice four, consisting of Nathen Hawkins, Alex Lindmark, Devon Siciliano and Noah Hawkins, took third place.

The girls novice four achieved a second-place

finish. Ashley Vanderlaan and Hailey Boggs took second place in the girl's doubles contest. Vanderlaan was also credited with a first-place win in the women's singles last week at the G.R. invitationals.



Pictured are the Lowell crew members who participated over the weekend in the regatta.



WRWW (92.3) & Internet Schedule

[SUNDAY]
[05-03-15]

2:30 'The Devon & Kelsie Show' with Devon Siciliano & Kelsie Jurmo (3)
9:00 pm 'Old-Time Radio'

[MONDAY]
[05-04-15]

2:30 'The Infinite Show' with Raiden Miller (8)
4:30 Funday, Monday with Roman Rozell & Brendan Sanders (2)
6:45 Girls soccer vs FHC

[TUESDAY]
[05-05-15]

3:00 The Lovely Beats Show with DJ Cupid & DJ Heartbeat (8)
4:30 Baseball: Lowell vs Caledonia

[WEDNESDAY]
[05-06-15]

2:45 The Archer Pins Show (4)
4:30 The After Hours Show with Dakota Krzysik (3)

[THURSDAY]
[05-07-15]

2:30 The No Topic Show with Dakota & Devin (3)
5:00 The Daily Life Show with Caleb Pickens & Geoff Fleenor
8:00 'The Night Shift' with Clayton Brown & Jerry Thompson (1)

[FRIDAY]
[05-08-15]

2:30 'The Show' with Jeremy Kargl & Ryne Clarke (1)
5:00 The Old World Blues Show w/ Riley Nethercott & Chase Miller (6)

[SATURDAY]
[05-09-15]

10:00 ArrowTalk
3:00 'The Random Explosion Show' with Joe Ryder (9)

7:00 'The Music Locker' with Connor Smithee (2)

(1) = Classic Rock (2) = 2010 & Up Top Hits (3) = Heavy Metal (4) = Country (5) = Dubstep/Dance (6) = Jazz/Blues (7) = Glam Rock (70's) (8) = 2000 & Up Top Hits (9) = Talk Show

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 13. Molten rock
 14. *I love ____
 15. *She looked "Pretty in Pink"
 16. Uproar
 17. Island of Misfit Toys visitor
 18. Got up
 19. Ingalls and Dern
 21. *Special Prom togs
 23. Site of 2016 Olympics
 24. Not yet final
 25. Down Under bird
 28. Therefore
 30. Entertained
 35. Orange peel
 37. Mummy's home
 39. Curaçao neighbor
 40. Ancient Peruvian
 41. Like a feeble old woman
 43. Religious painting
 44. Raccoon's South American cousin
 46. Children's writer Blyton
 47. Gator's cousin
 48. Mountain trees of Colorado
 50. Colossal
 52. Obtain, but just barely
 53. Bud holder
 55. Pool shark's weapon
 57. *Prom date gift
 61. *Spaghetti on a prom dress?
 64. Egg-shaped object
 65. Definite article
 67. Judge Judy's event
 69. Root about
 70. *Love is in it?
 71. Agenda entries
 72. Square footage

- DOWN**
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 2. "Better Call ____" TV show
 3. Taj Mahal city
 4. "Love" in France
 5. *Scary movie classic
 6. Whiskey grain, pl.
 7. Campaign pro
 8. Civilian clothes
 9. Sight for these eyes
 10. *He'll step on your toes during slow dances?
 11. "The Sun ____ Rises"
 12. After hellos
 15. Maximum, pl.
 20. Blood line
 22. Winner of "Miracle on Ice" game
 24. *Prom king or queen hopeful
 25. "Fear of Flying" author Jong
 26. King of ancient Crete
 27. To open, as in beer bottle
 29. 2014 movie "____ Girl"
 31. Kind of acid
 32. "Sugar" in Paris
 33. Nook offering
 34. *Main Prom event
 36. *Escort
 38. Found on radar
 42. Court order
 45. Overrun
 49. Actors' group
 51. **"Prom Night" scream queen
 54. Caterpillar hairs
 56. Home to mankind
 57. Closing section of musical composition
 58. "____ and out"
 59. Hamlet to a thespian, e.g.
 60. The Destroyer in Hinduism
 61. Dried-up
 62. Embarkation location
 63. Ditto
 66. Cause of AIDS
 68. Psychedelic drug



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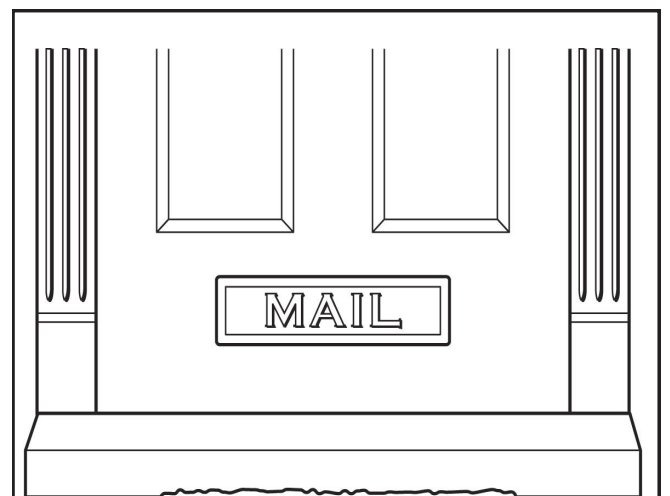
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- A deadly, magnitude 7.8 earthquake on Saturday has killed more than 4,000 people in Nepal and set off an avalanche on Mt. Everest that killed a dozen hikers. Experts say that the quake did not release all of the pent-up seismic pressure and expect more dangerous aftershocks.
- Irwin Horwitz, a professor at Texas A&M Galveston, reached a breaking point. He reportedly said in an email to his strategic management students that they were a disgrace, that they lacked maturity and that he would fail the entire class.
- Riots erupted in Baltimore, Maryland, in the wake of the funeral of 25-year-old African-American man, Freddie Gray, who was injured sometime during arrest by police and subsequently died. The six police officers involved in the pursuit and arrest have been put on leave and an investigation is underway.
- United Nations (AFP) – On Monday, as a major conference on advancing prospects for a nuclear-free world got underway, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif led calls by non-aligned nations for Israel to give up its nuclear weapons.



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Student art exhibit on display at King Gallery

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

LowellArts! opened their fourth annual Student Art Exhibit this past weekend inside the King Gallery featuring fresh and innovative works by students from area secondary schools.

Formerly known as the Junior Regional Art Show, this year's exhibit was slightly reworked inspiring the new name.

According to LowellArts! project director Janet Teunis, "This is the fourth exhibit of its kind, but the format was changed this year to include students who go to school or live within 15 miles of Lowell. Previously the show encompassed a four county region."

Schools in the Lowell, Ionia, Byron Center, Caledonia, Belding and Lakewood districts as well as home-schooled students were invited to participate in the contest. Art instructors from each school entered artwork from their classes.

A total of 83 pieces were selected for the show



Exchange student Cesar Gabriollo from Belding High School earned his Best of Show win in the drawing/painting/ mixed media category.

in a variety of mediums and divided into two age categories. Each were awarded in three categories: drawing/painting/mixed media, three dimensional and photography/digital media. Winners were selected by a jury and awarded prizes provided by area businesses and organizations, such as Ada-Lowell 5, Flat River Gallery & Framing and Kendall College of Art & Design.

"Best of Show" award recipients in the sixth- to ninth-grade category were Luke Marvin from Belding Middle School, Alec Morris from Caledonia High School and Gabe Lockwood from Lakewood Middle School.

Winning top honors in the 10th through 12th grade judging were Robin Passeno from Lowell High School, Nathan Burnside from Caledonia High School and Cesar Gabriollo from Belding High School.

Thirty-nine other entrants were awarded honorable mentions for their work including seven from Lowell High School, Nicole Lehman, Hannah Briggs, Paul Crosby, Kelsey Emmanuel, Kenzie McLarty, Nate Stephens and Paige Wilson.

Teunis said that this show is one of the gallery's most unique as it aims to inspire the young artists among us, "By highlighting the artwork of middle and high school students in the area, LowellArts! hopes to encourage and engage the next generation of creative young people."

The exhibit will be on display at LowellArts! through May 21 during the gallery's regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday 10-6 and Saturday from 1-4. Admission is free.



Lowell High School student Kenzie McLarty earned an honorable mention for her work "Coil Vase" which she created using clay and glaze.



Lowell High School senior Paige Wilson earned an honorable mention for her ceramic work "Under the Sea."



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