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# Alto 4-H Club helps AgrAbility raise funds

submitted by Tess Reagan

AgrAbility serves people with disabilities. Alto Active Achievers (AAA) 4-H club served AgrAbility in January by stuffing folders for a beef preview and fundraiser for the organization.

"I think it's great to help out such a fantastic organization," president of AAA Keegan Mebert stated. He has participated in 4-H for three years and shows goats and rabbits. "By being in 4-H, I get to hang out with friends and feel the joy of showing animals."

"It's great to help a non-profit organization," Maggie Olander, a first-year 4-H'er said.

AgrAbility, a part of Easter Seals Michigan, serves and supports people

with disabilities by replacing or altering their farm equipment. "Cultivating Success One Farmer at a Time" is their motto.

"I've been in 4-H nine years," said Ellie Stoller, vice president of Alto Active Achievers, "and I want to help disabled farmers. I think it's interesting, making and adapting equipment and if you can't find equipment that's right, you can just make it up."

Ned Stoller, an advocate of AgrAbility, explained, "It's a pretty devastating situation." One man managed his farm for 30 years and finally called AgrAbility. Stoller continued, "We helped him

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Alto Active Achievers, from left to right, back row: Ivy Stoller, Kelton Mebert, Kennedy Jo Mebert, Ellie Stoller, Ned Stoller, and Tess Reagan; middle row: Lena Stoller, Kealyn Mebert, Katie Olander, Benji Olander, Lowell Stoller, Oliver Stoller, and Josie Stoller; front row: Maggie Olander, Judy Olander, and Rena Reed.

# Lowell Middle School acquires presidential portrait

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Lowell Middle School (LMS) celebrated President's Day with the unveiling of a portrait of our nation's first president George Washington and an American flag that once flew over his home, Mount Vernon, in North Virginia. The painting and flag were gifted to the school by a national grant provided by Washington's estate in order to return his likeness to

schools across the country to inspire both staff and students.

U.S. history students along with school and community leaders gathered in the school's media center on what would have been Washington's 282nd birthday.

The ceremony began with eighth-grade student Brendan Sanders leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

History teacher John Stempfen spearheaded the project after learning about it while chaperoning the annual east coast trip taken by eighth grade students. Stempfen welcomed guests and introduced Laurel Blakie who recited a speech entitled "What Washington Means For Us Today" which she penned along with fellow student Sanders.

"These two students, among others, already have found their voice. I wanted to give them a platform more than just a classroom essay where they could share their unique vision," said Stempfen.

The pair also wrote a proclamation which was read to the audience by mayor Jim Hodges. "I am very pleased to have the opportunity to participate



Students Brendan Sanders and Laurel Blakie with the portrait and flag from Mt. Vernon.

in this Presidents' Day observance. The Lowell City Council passed this resolution on February 3rd praising LMS and in particular its students, for their efforts to honor our first president," said the mayor.

Mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison, whom Hodges jokingly described as the vice president of Lowell to students, was also present for the ceremony.

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U.S. history teacher John Stempfen welcomes guests to the unveiling ceremony.

# Groundbreaking tomorrow for new anaerobic digester facility

Lowell Energy AD, LLC, (LEAD) is beginning a new chapter in sustainability for the city of Lowell with a formal groundbreaking ceremony Thursday, Feb. 20 for its anaerobic digester waste-to-energy facility that will generate 800kW of renewable energy for Lowell Light and Power.

LEAD announced earlier this year, the completion of financing with a private investor. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the 25,000 square-foot facility located at 625 Chatham Street. Speakers for the groundbreaking event will

include: mayor Jim Hodges, Greg Canfield, chair of the Lowell Light and Power Board; and Greg Northrup, manager of LEAD. The ceremony will be attended by members of the Lowell City Council and board members for Lowell Light and Power.



# along main street

## GILDA'S CLUB LOWELL CLUBHOUSE

**Family Night** – Tues., Mar. 4, 6-7:30 pm. Kids, grab your adults and join your friends from Gilda's Club Lowell for our monthly Family Night! Each month, Jacqueline Scherer will lead a fun activity specifically designed for the whole family. All supplies will be provided. **Seriously Funny Bingo** – Tues., Mar. 4, 6-7:30 pm. Getting ready for LaughFest? Come for a fun night of Bingo! LaughFest prizes including tickets, LaughFest apparel & more will be awarded to the winners! This is a member's only event. All ages are welcome. **LaughFest Clubhouse Tours & Open House** – Tues., Mar. 11, 1-5 pm. Gilda's Club Grand Rapids welcomes LaughFest visitors & guests to tour the clubhouse and learn more about the cancer and grief support programs. **LaughFest Kid's Joke Night in Lowell** – Tues., Mar. 11, 6pm, at the Lowell library. Let's take a night to tell jokes and share the joy of laughter together! Gilda's Club Lowell will be transporting the kids, tween and teen groups to the Lowell Library for Kid's Joke Night. Parents are responsible for picking up their children at the library by 7:45 pm. **LaughFest Laughter Yoga** – Tues., Mar. 11, 4-5 pm. Join certified laughter yoga instructors, Angela Dykes and Maureen Birnie, for this opportunity to laugh for the health of it! Laughter Yoga is a unique concept based on the principle of "acting happiness" – tell your body what to do and your mind will follow! Through a series of simple exercises and breathing techniques, Laughter Yoga will unlock the door of your heart and soul, releasing your inner joy, thus re-acquainting you with the carefree, light-hearted spirit you once were. Pre-registration is required.

Call the clubhouse (616) 453-8300 or visit our website to sign-up. **Woodcarving** – Tues., Mar. 18, 3:15-4:15 pm. Learn how to make easy and beautiful wood carvings with Doug Shassberger. Beginners are welcome and supplies are provided. **Book Club** – Tues., Mar. 18, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join Kathy Mieras for a relaxing and cozy book club. Pick up your book to borrow at the parlor desk. **Mini Herb Garden Workshop** – Tues., Mar. 25, 4-5pm. Welcome in the spring season by creating your very own mini herb garden! Join Gilda's Club program intern, Carrie Ysseldyke, to personalize and plant your very own herb garden pot. All supplies will be provided; please register in advance. Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit [www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow](http://www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow)

### FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Wed., March 5 at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

### CRAFTS AROUND THE WORLD WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum presents Crafts around the World. Join the fun, for ages 8-14, on March 8, 9:15-10:45 am or 11-12:30 pm at the Wittenbach/Wege Center, 11715 Vergennes. Explore two different cultures. Learn to make your own Jamaican gourd bowls and/or Australian Aboriginal masks and boomerangs. Contact the museum to register at 897-7688 or [history@lowellmuseum.org](mailto:history@lowellmuseum.org)

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.

## 4-H Club, continued

by giving him special gate latches and much more."

The beef preview went very well. Due to the icy, snow-covered roads, however, only 100 out of the 250 cattle registered were able to attend. However, all had prepaid the entrance fee.

"We do lots of activities and service projects," Judi Reagan, a six-year 4-H member said. Saturday, January 25, the club tied blankets for a mission in

Mexico. As many alumni and current members know, "To Make The Best Better" is the 4-H motto. "It's really cold up in the mountains of Mexico and they'll appreciate these," said Kim Mebert, a mom of five. Alto Active Achievers cut and tied over 20 blankets.

For more information on AgrAbility, visit [mi.easterseals.com](http://mi.easterseals.com) or call 1.800.956.4106.



## lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

### FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Thurs., Feb. 20 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

### FRIENDS REBUILDING

#### WHITE'S BRIDGE

Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the Keene Township hall, 8505 Potters Road, Saranac, at 6 pm. Public is invited to join the group as they plan to raise funds to restore White's Covered Bridge. For additional information, email [rebuildwhitesbridge@aol.com](mailto:rebuildwhitesbridge@aol.com)

### TUTORS NEEDED

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Monday, March 3, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 pm and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call 459-5151 (ext. 10) to register.

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

### NOTICE OF MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Vergennes Township March Board of Review will meet at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at the corner of Bailey Dr. and Parnell Rd NE, on the following days and times:

**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014**  
3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

and

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

To appear at the Board of Review, call on Monday or Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., (616) 897-5671, to schedule an appointment.

OR

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# Cherry Creek Elementary hosts regional spelling bee

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Cherry Creek Elementary (CCE) welcomed 16 of the areas' top spellers to the Greater Grand Rapids Regional Spelling Bee on the evening of Feb 11.

This is the third time that the school has hosted the event which takes place simultaneously with other schools throughout West Michigan.

"Cherry Creek is a great venue for it," said principal Shelli Otten.

This year the bee was coordinated by teacher Cindy Young who reported that the entire fifth-grade



Lowell representative for the regional competition and Cherry Creek Spelling Bee champion, Alana Peters.

teaching staff at the school took part in preparing for the bee.

"The fifth-grade staff prepared the area for the bee, welcomed families and contestants, gathered needed supplies and reviewed rules and regulations for this round of competition," said Young.

Each teacher also played a role during the bee. Eric Bredin served as the event's announcer, Lori Grooters and Karen Latva were competition judges and Rob Stevens filled the role of parent advocate. Retired Lowell teacher Dale Latva also joined the group serving as the bee

pronouncer, the person who recites the spelling words to the contestants. Fifth-grade students from the school also helped out by assisting and directing guests as they arrived to register for the competition.

First- and second-place bee winners from eight schools, including

Grandville Christian, Lakeside Elementary and Vista Charter Academy, traveled to Lowell to compete in the regional competition. Cherry Creek's own bee champions, winner Alana Peters and runner-up Joshua Beke, also took part in the contest which lasted more than twenty

rounds before a winner was announced.

The winner, Charlotte Best from North Rockford Middle School, will now go on to compete against other regional champs at the Gerald R. Ford Museum on March 11 for the opportunity to compete nationally in Washington D.C.



Cherry Creek Spelling Bee runner-up and regional representative Joshua Beke.



Teacher Eric Bredin, shown here welcoming spectators, served as the event's announcer.

## college news

Heather F. Wieberdink, of Lowell, was named to the dean's list at Virginia Tech for the fall 2013 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must attempt at least 12 credit hours graded on the A-F option and earn a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

Wieberdink is a senior majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

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MEETING AT  
VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL  
10381 Bailey Dr.  
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7:00 PM • MARCH 3, 2014

The Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet to hear the following business:

Applicant Compositelch, an I.S.G. Company, is applying for a height variance to install two air handler stacks of 40 feet high and setback variances due to the location of the high stacks and the low intake air units next to the outside walls on the west and north side of the main building and on the north and south side of the south building on the existing buildings of the parcel located at 683 Lincoln Lake Ave in the Industrial Lincoln Lake Business Park.

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

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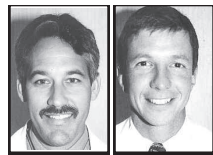


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## health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier,  
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John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

### plantar warts

Plantar warts are skin growths on the bottom of your feet caused by human papillomavirus (HPV). There are over 100 types of HPV, but only several cause plantar warts. Not everyone who encounters this virus will develop a wart. These types are also not highly contagious. The virus enters

the skin through cuts or cracks into the skin.

The virus does well in warm, moist areas like shower floors, swimming areas and locker rooms.

Children and people with weakened immune systems are more susceptible to getting this.

Plantar warts typically

do not cause symptoms, but they can cause pain if they occur in pressure points or become too thick.

Many people think that the black pinpoint seen in the middle of the warts are "seeds of the wart," but they are actually the ends of tiny clotted blood vessels.

Warts are difficult to treat. Options include freezing (cryotherapy), applying a blistering agent called cantharone (multiple applications are typically needed), Aldara cream or surgically excising the wart. Unfortunately, until your immune system renders the virus dormant, the warts can return.

## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Saving is good ... but it's not investing

It's a good thing to have some savings. When you put the money in a low-risk account, you can be pretty sure it will be readily available when you need it. Nonetheless, "saving" is not "investing" — and knowing the difference could pay off for you far into the future.

Think about it this way: Saving is for today, while investing is for tomorrow.

You need your savings to pay for your daily expenses, such as groceries, and your monthly bills — mortgage, utilities, and so on. In fact, you might even want your savings to include an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

These are all "here and now" expenses — and you could use your savings to pay for them. But in thinking of your long-term goals,

such as college for your children and a comfortable retirement for yourself, most individuals typically can't simply rely on their savings — they'll need to invest. Why? Because, quite simply, investments can grow — and you will need this growth potential to help achieve your objectives.

To illustrate the difference between saving and investing, let's do a quick comparison. Suppose you put \$200 per month into a savings account that paid hypothetical three-percent interest (which is actually higher than the rates typically being paid today). After 30 years, you would have accumulated about \$106,000, assuming you were in the 25 percent federal tax bracket. Now, suppose you put that same \$200 per month in a tax-deferred investment that hypothetically earned seven percent a year. At the end of

30 years, you would end up with about \$243,000. (Keep in mind that you would have to pay taxes on withdrawals. Hypotheticals do not include any transaction costs or fees.)

This enormous disparity between the amounts accumulated in the two accounts clearly shows the difference between "saving" and "investing." Still, you might be thinking that investing is risky, while savings accounts carry much less risk. And it is certainly true that investing does involve risks — investments can lose value, and there's no guarantee that losses will be recovered.

Nonetheless, if you put all your money in savings, you're actually incurring an even bigger risk — the risk of not achieving your financial goals. In fact, a low-rate savings account might not even keep up with inflation, which means that, over time, you will lose purchasing power.

Ultimately, the question isn't whether you should save or invest — you need to do both. But you do need to decide how much of your financial resources to devote toward savings and how much toward investments. By paying close attention to your cash flow, you should be able to get a good idea of the best savings and investment mix for your particular situation. For example, if you find yourself constantly dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, you probably don't have enough money in savings. On the other hand, if you consistently find yourself with large sums in your savings account even after you've paid all your bills, you might be "sitting" on too much cash — which means you should consider moving some of this money into investments with growth potential.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### a very concerned citizen

Dear Editor,  
 In case Mr. Howe hasn't realized it yet, he is only one person. There have now been three professional people, whose job it is to interpret contracts, tell him he is wrong in how he is wording the contract and how he is handling the negotiations of said contract. How long is the council going to put up with his retaliation to the city works

because they dared to stand up for themselves and join the union when they could not get fair negotiations?

Get over yourself and give the workers, who serve this community with such dedication, a fair contract as described by the professionals.

A very concerned  
 Lowell citizen,  
 Shirley Crawford

### points on second fact finding

To the Editor,

After reading the article on the "Second fact finding report" in the February 12, 2014 issue of the Lowell Ledger, I felt compelled to point out a couple of glaring facts to our city leaders.

The fact finder stated, "The language sought by the city does nothing to rebuild trust, restore confidence and return the parties on the path to focusing on advancing the interest of the city. The main sticking point is the 'at will' vs. 'just cause' in the contract."

Then followed city manager Mark Howe's comment, "While we respect his (fact finder) opinion, it is just one opinion." Howe went on to say, "the fact finder did not consider the fact that the majority of U.S. workers are without union representation."

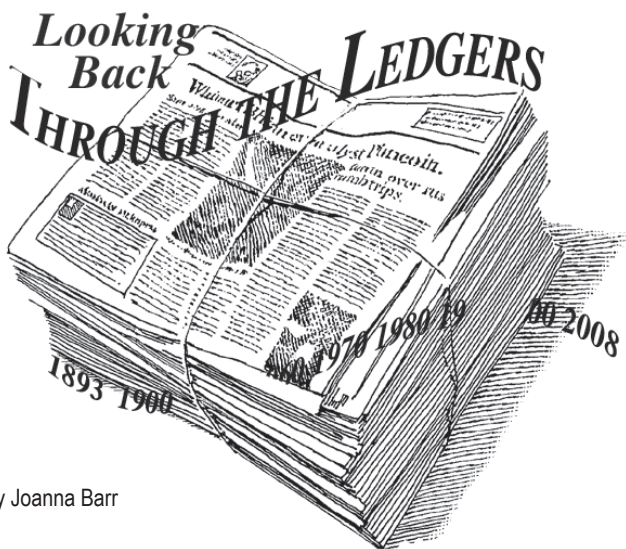
Point one, the workers who have joined the union did so right after the city council hired Mr. Howe. These same workers turned down an option to join the union prior to Howe's

appearance on the scene. It's as plain as the nose on your face that this whole problem is solely because of Mark Howe and his lack of management skills, not the workers joining a union.

Second point, the residents of Lowell do not want you, Mr. Howe, to have the power of an "at will" contract over our city workers. These workers

historically have given their all when it comes to their service to our community. So what on earth would you do with such power except abuse it? It seems the city council has "just cause" to replace our city manager and stop spending our tax dollars to fight these dedicated workers.

Sincerely,  
 Barb Barber



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal February 20, 1889

The hard times cry didn't seem to hurt the valentine trade any.

John Goss orders his Journal to Parnell, the new post office near Grattan Catholic Church and adds: "Everything is booming here. All we need is a bank. We have a fine school, a church, a general store, a post office and a blacksmith shop."

For some time past a gentleman by the name of Charles Wilson has been stopping at the Bailey house in the character of a wheat dealer. Recent developments go to show that he has not been here alone, but that he has had an efficient corps of men under his control that have unearthed some very interesting facts in relation to how juries have been manipulated in the courts of this and other counties. Mr. Charles Wilson proves to be the assistant superintendent of the Pinkerton detective agency at Chicago and when the testimony he has discovered comes to light, Ionia will experience something of a sensation. — Ionia Express.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 19, 1914

The entertainment at the city hall by the eighth grade last evening called out a large attendance. The several parts and numbers were well taken and the audience was well pleased.

If you are thinking of buying an Overland car, place your order early so you will be sure of having it when you want it, as there are prospects of these cars being hard to get when the buying season is "on high."

Headline: Preserved in Bible — Martin Hine's valentine of sixty years ago. When you select a pretty

valentine and send it to your best girl, do you ever wonder just what will be the ultimate fate of this bit of cupid lore? Sometimes there is a touch of genuine sentiment wrapped in these lace fantasies which goes where it was intended - straight into the heart of the fair one who receives it. More than a half century ago, back in 1854, Martin Hine, then only a youth in Grand Rapids, then only little more than an overgrown village, bought a valentine and sent it to pretty Lucy J. Tilden who lived in Lowell and taught school part of the year in Plainfield. It was a pretty valentine and on the inside page was a love verse written by the ardent young sender and in his own handwriting, too. This valentine carried its message straight into the heart of the pretty girl in Lowell and the next year the two young lovers were married and made their home in Grand Rapids. The valentine was preserved as one of the tender tokens of the courtship and it has rested peacefully between the pages of the family Bible all these years. Mr. and Mrs. Hine's son and daughter, Attorney Frank W. Hine and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, reside in this city and the valentine is now in possession of Mrs. Johnson who considers it one of her choicest treasures. This valentine which was sent on St. Valentine's day sixty years ago is remarkably well preserved. Only a few petals have fallen from the wreath of roses and the love poem written so long ago remains clear and undimmed by the passing years. — Grand Rapids Press.

Special Train from Grand Rapids Friday night. On account of a Shriner's meeting in Grand Rapids, tomorrow a special train has been chartered to bring Lowell people home the same night. Go down on any train you choose and return with the crowd. For tickets and any further information, see Charles Doyle.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 23, 1939

Headline: H.S. Schreiner, 80, recalls big flood of 34 years ago - was rescued by human chain. The Ledger is in receipt of a letter from H. S. Schreiner of Grand Rapids concerning points of interest about the flood of Lowell in June 1905. Mr. Schreiner in now in his 80th year and has many vivid memories of Lowell in earlier days. Mr. Schreiner says that: "The flood of June 6, 1905, was a bad one. As Andrew Heydlauff stepped off the sidewalk, it gave away. Mr. Heydlauff was a telegraph operator and ticket agent. I (Mr. Schreiner) was caught in the uptown D. & M. railroad office when the foundation gave away. I was in the water up to my shoulders.

The Lowell Post Office departed from its usual routine last Thursday by engaging for a time in selling

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### FRIB funding is major milestone for Michigan and science



Sen. Carl Levin

At the beginning of the year, Congress passed an appropriations bill that included a big victory for Michigan, for Michigan State University, for our nation and for science.

The legislation included full funding of \$55 million for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) at MSU. With funding in place, MSU can move forward this year on construction.

MSU won the competition to host FRIB in 2008 over some tough rivals, including federal laboratories. That victory made a powerful statement about America's leadership in nuclear science and about Michigan's role in maintaining that leadership. FRIB is also a major boost for Michigan's economy, creating thousands of jobs as construction begins, and hundreds of high-skill, high-paying jobs to operate the facility once it's complete.

And what a facility. FRIB will be one of the world's most important and powerful centers of research into nuclear science. FRIB will probe the secrets of the atom through the creation of rare isotopes — forms of elements that do not exist naturally on Earth, and that often exist in the lab for just fractions of a second.

FRIB will create these rare atoms using equipment that will accelerate atomic nuclei to incredible speeds — half the speed of light — and propel them into thin sheets of target material. The resulting collision will produce extraordinarily

rare isotopes, some of which naturally exist only in the exploding heart of a supernova.

By studying these rare materials, scientists will be able to learn new lessons about how elements form. They will learn more about how atomic particles interact. FRIB will allow them to peer into the heart of stars and to study processes that could help develop technologies to detect and cure deadly diseases.

MSU has long been a leader in nuclear science. Thanks to facilities such as the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, East Lansing is one of the most important hubs of nuclear research on the planet. Its nuclear science program is ranked No. 1 in the nation, ahead of prestigious schools such as MIT and Cal Tech. MSU researchers have helped unravel the mysteries of neutron stars, explored how reactions at the start of the universe created the elements that make life possible, studied ways to keep our nation's nuclear weapons secure, and helped develop treatments for rare cancers.

FRIB will be a tremendous addition to that legacy. It will draw some of the world's most accomplished scientists to Michigan and create enormous opportunities for scientific discovery.

That's why Michigan's delegation in Washington

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# engagements

# LWC celebrates their Queen of Hearts

## Beachum/Bradley



**Benjamin Bradley and Meghan Beachum**

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Beachum of Lowell, Michigan and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bradley of St. Louis, Missouri, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Meghan Leigh Beachum to Benjamin Hunter Bradley.

The bride and groom-to-be met at Hope College in Holland, Michigan and currently reside in Denver, Colorado. They are planning a June wedding in Boulder, Colorado.

The junior members of Lowell Women's Club (LWC) annually host the February membership meeting.

This year with a birthday luncheon complete with cake, crown, scepter, velvet cape and special tribute read by the girls, Betty Yeiter was name Lowell Women's Club "One and Only" Queen of Hearts.

Along with celebrating her 90th birthday, the membership shared stories of Yeiter and the influence she has been to LWC during her 30 year membership.

To complete the honor, the membership made special Valentines for the residents of Laurels of Kent.



**Lowell's "One and Only" Queen of Hearts Betty Yeiter.**

## happy birthday!

- FEBRUARY 19**  
Jerrica Foss, Bruce Baird, Betty Newhouse.
- FEBRUARY 20**  
Mike Rivers, Gary Kemp, Barbara Carpenter, Sara Soyka, Madison Emelander, Nate Sloan.
- FEBRUARY 21**  
Betsy Vezino, Ashton VanDerWarf, Kimberly Sterzick, Robin Martin, Luke Landman.
- FEBRUARY 22**  
Kevin Gerard, Lloyd Powell, Rob Tulecki, Julie Shaffer, Jessy Dale Abel, Krista Foster.
- FEBRUARY 23**  
Joe Ellis, Heather Essich, Sharon Miles.
- FEBRUARY 24**  
Cliff Mulder, Tarah Essich, Lizzy Decker.
- FEBRUARY 25**  
Mike Nearing.

## college news

Western Michigan University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all As) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

Local students honored for the fall semester include, from Ada: Caroline Aleck, Alyson Bruno, Lauren Donahue, Brittany Gervais, Mikaela Harris, Cassandra Hartline, Benjamin Lesneski, Devean Morse, Helen Watrous, and Brianna Wilson; from Alto: Sarah Clements, Alexandra Forsythe, Kelsey Haverkamp, Spencer Plattner, and Ashley Tuma; of Lowell: William Athmann, Alexander Brock, David Burnett, Zachary Crawford, Jonathan Fox, Kaily Gillan, Bryleigh Loughlin, Samantha Ritchie, and Lauren Smit.

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The number of credits

you need for disability benefits depends on how old you are when you become disabled. For example, if your disability occurs before age 24, you generally need one and a half years of work (six credits) in the three years before you became disabled. At age 31 or older, you generally need at least 20 credits in the 10

years immediately before you became disabled.

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Umbrellas have been around for thousands of years. Social Security has only been around since 1935. Yet the Social Security umbrella covers an expanded range of services for you and your family. When you need to learn more about disability, survivors or retirement, the place to go is [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). And you don't even have to grab your umbrella on your way to apply—just do it online from the comfort of your own home or office computer.

*Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or via email at [vondavantil@ssa.gov](mailto:vondavantil@ssa.gov)*

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baby chicks – all because of a consignment of 300 addressed to a consignee who could not be located. In such cases postal regulations require after 72 hours such consignments shall be offered to the highest bidder. The C. O. D. charges amounted to nearly \$40.00 and the highest bid was \$10.00.

### 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 20, 1964

Lowell police find absent-minded businessman every week who hurry away and leave their place of business open. The week the Ledger was informed by a card from M. Roth that read: “Steve, if you must stay open, better leave a salesman on the job.” The opened door was discovered Sunday morning by a local family returning from church.

Workmen from the Rootvoets & Son Landscaping firm of Grand Rapids were busy planting two sugar maple trees in the neatly-kept lawn at the Lowell Post Office. This is just one of the many improvement

projects which the post office will undergo in the next several months.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 22, 1989

Headline: School nears computer program goal. Lowell's school system has been collecting cash-register receipts from Food City Stores since last October. Ginny Webster, school media specialist and coordinator of Lowell's computer program reported that the school has collected \$92,000 in receipts leaving it a little shy of the \$120,000 necessary for the purchase of the Apple II computer. “We've been pleased with the response thus far,” Webster said. “The school will continue to collect receipts through May. I'm hopeful that through this Food City group program the school can collect enough receipts for a computer and a printer (\$60,000).” Apple computers are excellent educational tools. Lowell feels it would be

ideal if every student could have extensive hands-on access to a classroom computer prior to graduation.” Webber added that she is hopeful of establishing a small computer lab in the library so that all areas and all students have access.

Headline: Power lines ground swan. Lowell veterinarian Dick Russell nursed back to health a shocked swan Monday, Feb. 20. Area resident Tom Organek watched as the swan flew into some power lines by the dam north of town, before falling to the ground. Organek stopped his car and went to the aid of the stunned and unconscious swan. Organek then took it to the Lowell Veterinary Clinic where Russell examined the swan. “It was stunned and incurred a mild concussion, but there were no broken bones and I believe the swan will be alright,” Russell said. “I'll keep an eye on the swan and release it back to the wild when it has recovered.” Russell added that any person attempting to help an injured wildlife animal should seek help from an animal shelter. “I've seen people get injured trying to help an animal. Also, if the animal is scared enough it's apt to hurt itself,” he said.

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“Children are educated by what the grown-up is and not by his talk.”

~ Carl Jung

## Levin, continued

has worked so hard to ensure that funding was in place – not always an easy task at a time of tight federal budgets. In the Senate, Sen. Debbie Stabenow and I have worked with our colleagues on the appropriate committees to emphasize the importance of FRIB to science and our nation. On a bipartisan basis, our colleagues in the House of Representatives have done the same. We've worked closely with officials at MSU, including university President Lou Anna Simon, and with officials at the Department of Energy, to ensure that FRIB remains on track.

The funding included in this year's appropriations bill represents a key milestone in turning FRIB's

promise into reality and strengthening Michigan's role in advanced science. No longer just blueprints and artists' renderings, FRIB is

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# Four Lowell fall sports' teams earn Academic All-State

Four varsity fall sports teams have earned the recognition of Academic All-State for their efforts in the classroom during the 2013 fall season. Football, girls' golf, boys' tennis and volleyball earned the academic honors from their respective coaches' associations. Four athletes also were individually honored for academic achievement.

The 2013 varsity football team, coached by Noel Dean, earned No. 1 Academic All-State distinction from the Michigan High School Football Coaches' Association (MHSFCA) in Division 2 with a 3.994 GPA. With its 3.994 GPA, Lowell had the highest GPA of all eight divisions of Michigan high school football. Individually, Kanon Dean was named

to the 28th MHSFCA Academic First Team All-State Football Team, one of only 26 football players in all divisions in the State of Michigan to earn the highest academic honor. Kanon also had the highest ACT score of the 26 first-team members.

The 2013 girls' golf team, coached by Kim Stevens, earned the honor of Academic All-State from

the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches' Association (MIGCA) with a 3.885 average GPA. The team's average GPA is based on the GPA of the five girls who each played in the MHSAA regional tournament. The girls were Morgan Fuller, Paige McKenna, Alainie Thomas, Danielle Krajewski, and Anna Organeck.



Lowell's 2013 varsity academic golf team.



Lowell's 2013 varsity academic football team.

The 2013 boys' tennis team, coached by Bonnie Wall who recently retired from the position after 15+ years, was ranked 11th out of 77 schools in Division 2 to earn All Academic Team honors

from the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches' Association (MHSTeCA). The MHSTeCA designation requires the GPA of all players on the regional line-up.

The 2013 volleyball team, coached by Cassie McFarland, earned Team Academic Honors from the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches' Association (MIVCA) with an overall team GPA of

3.9. The team placed Lowell in the Top three of all Class A schools in the State of Michigan. Individually, Kortney Beachler, Abby Petroelje and Aubreigh Steed earned Academic All-State honors.



Lowell's 2013 varsity academic tennis team.



Lowell's 2013 varsity academic volleyball team.

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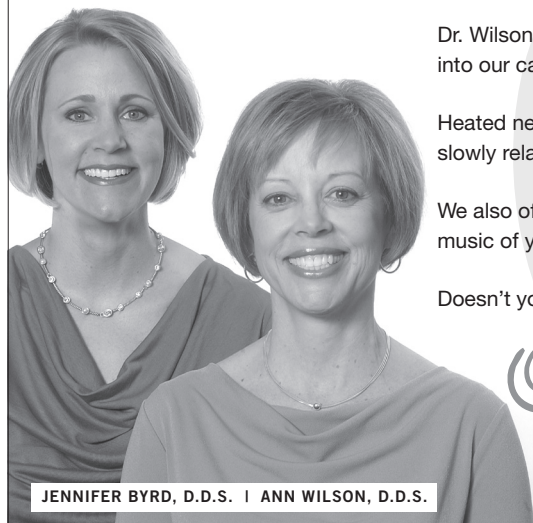
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# Heart Healthy Valentine's Day in Alto Elementary

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Third- through fifth-grade students at Alto Elementary took part in an alternative Valentine's Day celebration called Healthy Heart Day on Friday, Feb 14.

The all-day event has been taking place at the school for the past fifteen years and focuses on guiding students toward making healthy choices, both physically and mentally. Barb Schneider, who organizes the event along with fellow teachers Nancy Anderson and Rachel Millhisler. About their creative use of the holiday Schneider said, "We no longer wanted to have a traditional Valentine's Day party, but thought instead we could use this day in a more productive way. Our goal is to give our students exciting opportunities to learn about living a balanced, healthy lifestyle."

Students gathered in the gym at the start of the day to welcome motivational keynote speaker and TV personality Maranda. She brought along some mascot friends and gold medals for each of the students in attendance in honor of the Olympic games.

Following the opening assembly, students began a rotation of both informative and fun activities revolving around the healthy heart theme.

These stations included an outdoor snowshoeing adventure, dental hygiene information, healthy eating tips and a fun cardio-dance lesson provided by local professional dancer and fitness instructor Louis Richards. "I think this is my fifth year coming out here and we always have so much fun!" Richards said of his Healthy Heart Day experience.

Representatives from throughout the community also took part in the day's activities. Yoga sessions were led by Lowell YMCA employees Eva Weber and Lynn Draigh. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) lessons were given to students by Tim Bergy, better known to community members as "Firefighter Tim."

"During one of the stations, the students were provided a healthy snack, prepared by parent volunteers, with donations made possible by parents and the Michigan Dairy Council," reported Schneider, who also extended her thanks to the Pink Arrow Project for providing additional funding for the health conscious event that was truly a community effort.

Closing ceremonies took place back in the gymnasium where students welcomed members of the Red Arrow youth

gymnastics team (RAYG).

"This year's theme is 'Balancing A Healthy Lifestyle,' so we stayed local and asked Lowell

gymnasts to join us," said Schneider, who joked that gymnasts certainly know a lot about balance.

RAYG team member

Maura Fitzpatrick, along with Amber Brown and Joslynn Battle, former Alto students; performed a series of increasingly difficult

gymnastics' skills, including tumbling and balance beam exercises, in a grand finale that wowed the young audience.



Dancer Louis Richards leads members of Mr. Kovach's class during their cardio session.



Teacher Rachel Millhisler assists students with brain games at the mind activity station.

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## Middle school regional spelling bee champion

Karsten Kirkendall and Grace Ostrander did an excellent job representing Lowell Middle School at the Regional Spelling Bee held at Northview Schools on Feb.11. Lowell Area Schools has announced that Kirkendall won first place and is the first Regional Spelling Bee champion from Lowell Middle School.

The winner of each Regional Spelling Bee advances to the Greater Grand Rapids Spelling Bee. The final local competition will be held on March 11 at 6:30 pm at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum auditorium.



## Stop in at these participating Merchants and learn something new!



**LowellArts! - 149 S. Hudson St**

4:30 pm or 5:30 pm - 30-min. session to hear DIY tips on hanging artwork, what to hang, how to hang it and where to buy it. Also view the W. MI Regional Art Competition

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5:00 pm -5:15 pm - Quilting-it's not just a craft  
5:15 pm -5:30 pm - Fabrics and patterns to quilt  
5:30 pm -5:45 pm - Demonstration on creating a square  
6:00 pm -6:15 pm - Quilting-it's not just a craft  
6:15 pm -6:30 pm - Fabrics and patterns to quilt  
6:30 pm -6:45 pm - Demonstration on creating a square

**Flat River Antique Emporium - 216 W. Main St, #3**

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Stop by anytime between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm to receive basic instruction to knit and crochet.

**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY  
27**

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Second time is the charm for Lady Red Arrows

by Karen Jack

Having to face a tough OK White conference team once in a week is bad enough, but to have to face them twice, is a challenge. The Lady Arrows had to face Caledonia twice this week and lost the first one by two points (43-41), but made some adjustments during the week to come back and beat them 50-42.

In the first match-up, the Arrows went into the third quarter trailing by six points. They went on a run to get up by six with three minutes to go. A few bad plays happened

and Caledonia managed to squeak out the win.

“I thought we played not to lose, rather than just finish strong on our momentum,” said Coach Jake Strotheide. “I thought we did some things really well, but I needed to put us in a better position to win and didn’t. I’ll take a lot of responsibility for that loss as a coach.”

Kate Montgomery led the scoring with 11 points and Katie Holzhueter had 10.

The Arrows went back to the drawing board at practice to prepare for

Caledonia’s 1-3-1 zone and be ready for it on Friday. “We wanted to make sure we played harder than them and leave everything else to chance,” said Strotheide. “We made a few adjustments and I thought our girls were really excited and eager to play them again.”

Lowell came out with a vengeance in the second game. Sarah Oesch sunk her first career three-pointer to spark the team at the beginning of the game. The Arrows were diving for loose balls, boxing out for rebounds and knocking

down tough shots. “We went into the locker room down by four,” added Strotheide. “I thought we were playing harder, but weren’t attacking enough, shooting only two free throws in the first half, which is so unlike us.”

The coach took care of that at the half-time break and Lowell quickly erased their lead as Katie Holzhueter and Aubreigh Steed both knocked down three-point shots. “Our

defense in the second half was really good and I thought we wore them down.”

The Lady Arrows upped their lead to nine in the fourth quarter and made the extra pass, free throws and getting the extra rebounds. “It was just a great effort by our whole team,” said Strotheide.

Holzhueter led the scoring in this game with

15 points followed by Steed with 14. Holzhueter had three three-point goals, with Oesch and Steed each having one. Steed also had nine rebounds.

“I’m really excited the way we’re playing now and hope we can continue this effort for this week. We know it won’t be easy, but I know we’ll play hard and hopefully it’ll be in our favor.”

**The girls travel to Jenison on Friday. Game time is 6:00 pm. They then will travel to Rockford for districts on Monday starting at 7:00 pm.**

## Boys beat Cedar Springs but fall to Caledonia

by Karen Jack

The boys’ basketball team won a barn burner in the last second against Cedar Springs, beating them 52-50.

At first, it looked like Lowell was going to blow the Redhawks away, leading 16-8 at the end of the first quarter, thanks to Matt Beachler’s four three-point

baskets in the first quarter. But Cedar Springs hung tough in the second quarter shooting basket-for-basket with Lowell. The Redhawks obviously made adjustments at halftime going on a 17-10 run in the third quarter to only trail by two.

In the fourth quarter, both teams went back and

forth with the scoring. They were all tied up with two seconds to go when Lowell’s Ryan Stevens got the game-winning lay-up.

Stevens was the high scorer with 19 points and Beachler pitched in 18. Stevens also had five assists.

On Friday, the Arrows faced conference foe

Caledonia and weren’t as fortunate, losing to them 47-42.

Caledonia came out of the gate out-shooting the Arrows in the first quarter by seven points, but Lowell went toe-to-toe with Caledonia in the second quarter with each team scoring nine points.

The Arrows came out of the locker room in the third quarter and outscored the Scots by six points to go into the fourth quarter down by only one point. The Arrows played tough defense all game long to force turnovers and create

opportunities for scoring, but they just couldn’t get over the deficit before time ran out.

Beachler was the high scorer in this game with 20 points, including three three-pointers. Stevens had 16.

### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL

#### 2014 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of Lowell Board of Review for 2014 will be held at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E Main St SE, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Monday, March 3rd, 11:00am

**Appeal Hearings:**

Monday, **March 10th**, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Wednesday, **March 12th**, 3:00pm to 9:00pm

**Meetings are by Appointment, to schedule,  
contact: City Hall @ ph. 616.897.8457**

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Commercial .....	50.01 .....	0.9998
Residential .....	47.09 .....	1.0618
Industrial .....	51.97 .....	0.9621
Personal Property .....	50.00 .....	1.0000

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**Matt Beachler drives around the pick.**

**The Arrows will travel to Jenison on Friday. Game time is 7:45 pm.**

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## - WRESTLING

### Wrestlers to vie for their fourth team state championship

by Karen Jack

The Red Arrow wrestling team will be making another trip to Battle Creek to go for another state championship. The last championship was in 2009, so it's been five years since the Arrows brought it home and this team is hungry for that elusive title.

To get there, Lowell had to beat two teams at the regional competition. On Wednesday, they easily handled both Sparta (55-15) and Fruitport (48-22).

Winners for Lowell against Sparta were Logan Wilcox (285) by decision, void at 103 lbs., Lucas Hall (112) by decision, Zeth Dean (119) by technical fall, Derek Krajewski (125) by major decision, Bailey Jack (130) by pin, Eli Boulton (152) by pin, Kanon Dean (160) by tech, Max Dean (171) by pin, Garrett Stehley (189) by pin and Josh Colegrove (215) by tech.

In the Fruitport match, winners were Lucas Hall, Zeth Dean, Krajewski, Jack and Jordan Hall all by major

decision. Kanon Dean and Stehley both won by pin. Max Dean and Sam Russell both won by void. Josiah Buys (215) won by decision.

"We're very excited to compete in Battle Creek again," said coach RJ Boudro. "This team has a great chemistry and I know they're looking forward to the opportunity in front of them."

The team then traveled to Spring Lake on Saturday for the individual regionals to determine which wrestlers would get to travel to the individual finals competition at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Ten of 14 qualified for the trip, with eight of them coming away with the regional championship and two runners-up.

The regional champions were all state placers last year and included Hall (112), Zeth Dean (119), Krajewski (125), Jordan Hall (135), Kanon Dean (160), Max Dean (171), Stehley (189) and Colegrove (215). The runners-up were defending

state champions at 119 lbs., Jack (130) and freshman Russell (103).

"It's hard to be critical when you qualify 10 guys for the state finals, but I really feel like we could

have had all 14 guys get through," added Boudro. "We had four wrestlers in the blood round who wrestled extremely hard and left it all on the mat. I know all those guys put it

all on the line and we are proud of them for that. They have nothing to feel bad about. Having 10 wrestlers in the regional final was awesome and then having eight champs was really a

great feeling. We're looking forward to team states and then we will reorganize and get our individuals prepared to make an individual state run.



The team celebrates their regional win and a trip to Battle Creek.

The team will face Warren Lincoln in the state quarterfinals at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek on Friday, with meet time at 5:30 pm. If they win, they will face the winner of the Niles and Byron Center game on Saturday at 11:45 am in the semifinal round. Team finals will be held on Saturday at 4:00 pm.

## - GYMNASTICS

### Lowell gymnasts tie for third at conferences

by Karen Jack

On Monday the Lowell gymnasts faced powerhouse Rockford in their last regular season meet, just missing out on the victory by .8125 with a final score of 137.20 to 136.3875.

Lauren DeHaan got her personal best on both vault and floor and Lauren Browning and Bethany Kaczanowski both had their personal bests on the floor.

DeHaan led the vault scores with 9.025, followed by Lauren Browning (8.7), Bethany Kaczanowski (8.7) and Corah Kaufman (8.525). DeHaan also led the floor scores with 9.175, followed by Lisa Price (9.05), Browning (9.013) and Kaczanowski (8.8). On bars, Kaufman led the team with 8.55, followed by Browning (8.3) and DeHaan (7.75). Sarena Wilterdink and Danielle Krajewski both scored 7.6 on bars. DeHaan led the team on the beam with 8.65, followed by Kaufman (8.55), Krajewski

(8.0) and Leana Weiler (8.0).

DeHaan led the all-around with 34.6. Kaufman had her personal best in all-around with 34.175 and Browning had 33.913.

"I'm so proud of these girls," said coach Michele

DeHaan. "Yes, we lost but not by much and so many great moments." The team finished the regular season with a 5-3 record, which is the best season DeHaan has ever had coaching the Arrows. The team has never posted as many scores

in the nines in one meet before and every single girl on the team qualified for regionals, which is another first. To qualify, the girls must get a certain score on each apparatus four times throughout the season.

Seven girls qualified for regional all-around, including Jordan Lytle, Meghan Plutschouw, Krajewski, DeHaan, Kaczanowski, Browning and Kaufman. Nine girls qualified on two events, including Kaylee Wold, Colleen Cater, Weiler, Karmen Anderson, Sela Bauman, Paige DeHaan, Alise Forward, Price and Lilly Quiggle; Wilterdink qualified for bars.

The Arrows also qualified as a team.

At the conference meet, the team tied for third with

Kenowa Hills behind Forest Hills and Rockford.

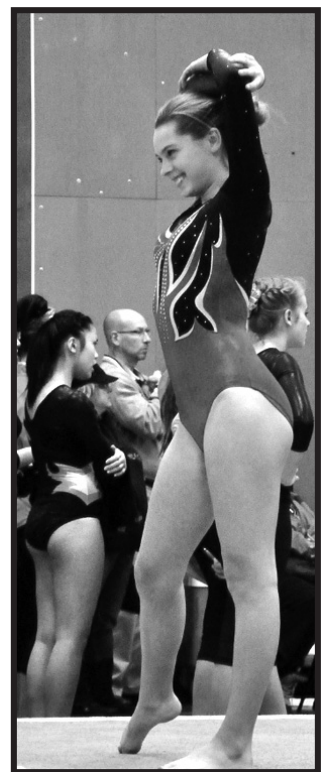
Leaders for Lowell on vault were Kaczanowski (8.7), Browning (8.7), Lytle (8.45) and Kaufman (8.4). Lytle led the team on the bars with 8.575 and placed third conference-wide; Kaufman placed fourth with 8.55. Krajewski scored 7.8 and Anderson scored 7.675.

Lytle placed fourth conference-wide on the beam with 9.125. The other top scorers for Lowell on the beam were Kaczanowski (8.425), Kaufman (8.2) and Weiler (7.75). On floor, Browning led the team with 8.975, followed by Krajewski (8.7), Kaufman (8.55) and Kaczanowski (8.525).

Lauren DeHaan was named all-conference honorable mention.



Leana Weiler leaps on the beam.



Lilly Quiggle performs on the floor.

The girls will head to regionals at Rockford on Saturday, March 1. Meet time is 10:00 am.

# obituaries

## CAMPBELL

Wallace James 'Wally' Campbell, age 55 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly February 10, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents Jim and Ruth, as well as his grandmother, Dr. Faith Hardy. He is survived by his sisters Mary Weih, Susan Campbell, Kitty (Ron Dawson) McDonough and Becky (Bob) Adrianse; stepson, Elijah and many nieces and nephews. His cat, Blizzy, was a special friend. Wally served in the US Army. His achievements were as a marksman, M-16 rifle sharpshooter, hand grenade, good conduct medal, army service ribbon, army achievement medal and an overseas ribbon. A funeral service has been held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, 3000 Monroe Ave. SE, Grand Rapids MI 49505.



## SCANLON

Don Franklin Scanlon, of Lowell, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 15, 2014. He was preceded in death by his mother and father Don and Velma Scanlon, as well as, brother and sister-in-law David and Dee Scanlon. He will be greatly missed by his sisters Velma Marie Tiesma and Donna (Richard) Ayriss and many nieces and nephews. Don was active at the Senior Center and loved spending time with his dog Tabitha. He was always willing to help friends and family and contributed to many causes. A Memorial Visitation will be held Monday 7-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell MI 49331.



## SIMINGTON

Ruth M. Simington, 93, of Athens, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, February 14, 2014 at Birches AFC in Leonidas. Ruth was born on April 26, 1920, in Lowell to Frank and Helen (Wengier) Biggs. She grew up in Lowell and graduated from Lowell High School in 1937. She married Adelbert W. "Del" Simington in Lowell. They lived in the Union City/Burlington area for several years and then moved to Battle Creek. In 1978, they moved to Athens, where Ruth has lived ever since. Ruth was a longtime member of Factoryville Bible Church in Athens and was a member of Cedar Creek Bible Church and Union City Wesleyan Church when she and Del were younger. She was primarily a homemaker, but held several jobs through the years, including working for the civil service while the census was being conducted, as she was a fabulous typist; and she drove bus for the Union City schools for several years. Ruth was a wonderful cook and caregiver to her family and enjoyed camping and fishing with her husband. She was a friend to all, a mentor and a mother and grandmother to many. She was impossible not to love and will be missed by all who knew her. Mrs. Simington is survived by her children, Frank (Pat) Simington of Union City, Wayne (Kim) Simington of Ringoes, NJ, John (Jane) Simington of Battle Creek and Bob (Kay) Simington of Wakeman, OH; her brother Robert Biggs, age 95, of Lowell; her daughter-in-law Annette Simington of Union City; her 17 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Charles, Jesse and Morris; her husband Del Simington in 2003; her son Chester Simington in 2011; and her daughter Robin Hicks in 2012. A funeral was held on Monday, February 17, 2014, at Factoryville Bible Church with Pastor Fred Goebert officiating. Interment followed at Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens in Battle Creek. Memorial contributions may be directed to Factoryville Bible Church or Birches Adult Foster Care.



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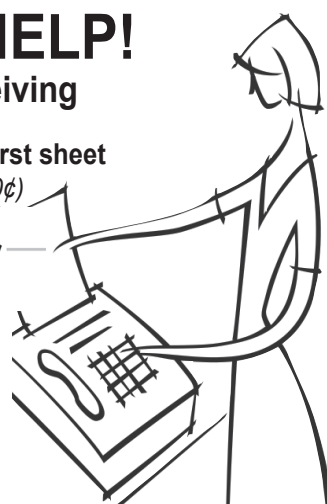
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### Lowell Charter Township

2910 Alden Nash Ave SE  
Lowell, Mi. 49331

### 2014 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Lowell Township Board of Review for 2014 will be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, on the following dates:

**Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 10 a.m. - Organizational Meeting**

**Monday, March 10, 2014**

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. &

**Thursday, March 13, 2014**

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Commercial .....	50.76 .....	0.9850
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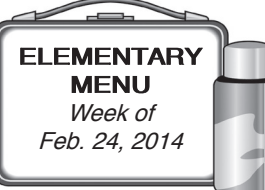
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Contact: Supervisor Jerry Hale, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE  
616-897-7600

Board of Review Members, Barbara Tremblay,  
Lisa Reed & James Foerch.

Jerry Hale, Township Supervisor, Secretary of Board of Review.

## LUNCH MENU



**MON:** Beef taco on soft tortilla shell (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), corn dog (served at Bushnell), steamed broccoli, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, celery sticks, mixed fruit, orange, milk.

**TUES:** Grilled chicken on WG bun (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), WG breaded chicken sandwich (served at Bushnell), baked beans, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber coins, peaches, applesauce, milk.

**WED:** French toast sticks w/sausage, warm cinnamon apples, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, broccoli florets, pineapple, orange juice, milk.

**THURS:** BBQ pork ribbie on WG bun (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), WG breaded chicken nuggets (served at Bushnell), mashed potatoes & gravy, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, strawberries, peaches, milk.

**FRI:** Tony's Pepperoni pizza on WG crust, baby carrots (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), celery sticks (served at Bushnell), fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, apple, juice, milk.

## WILDER

Catherine Pearl Wilder, age 75 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, February 16, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband John Wilder Sr. in 1990, sister-in-law Joy French and brother-in-law Butch Pickell. Catherine is survived by children John Jr. (Karen) Wilder, Sam (Etta) Wilder, Jessie (William) Warren and Quinton VanKooten; 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; brothers Robert (Apple) Geise, James French and sister Marge Pickell; brother-in-law Max Wilder; sister-in-law Fay Nibett; also many nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held Friday 11:30 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation one hour prior to the service at the chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kent County Humane Society, 3077 Wilson NW, Grand Rapids MI 49534.



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**I WISH TO THANK** all of you who attended my 90th birthday open house at the Methodist Church on Sunday, Feb. 9; and those that sent cards or a telephone call as well. Words cannot express my feelings. Many thanks to those who did all of the planning as well.  
 Betty Yeiter

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**LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB** - Meets the second Wed. of each month, Sept. - May, 11:45 a.m., Schneider Manor. For more information call Jan at 897-2533.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A Christ centered program to help overcome life's hurts, habits, hangups. Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, www.impactchurch.org or www.celebrater-recovery.com

**FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS** - Fun at Calvary for boys & girls preschool - 8th grade. Cadets for boys 1st - 8th; GEMS for girls 3rd - 8th; Kingdom Kids for boys & girls preschool - 2nd grade. 1125 W. Main, Lowell. Ph. 897-7060.

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**FIT CLUB** - Every Tues. at 9 a.m., Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville. 616-693-1001.

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**LOWELL ROTARY CLUB** - meets each Wednesday at noon at Lowell City Hall. New members welcome.

**VERGENNES CLUB MEETS** - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

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**THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION** - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

**WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY** - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/ Alden Nash.

**NEEDLERS** - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE** - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

**ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY** - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

**V.F.W. POST #8303** - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

**LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB** - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 102** - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

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**LOWELL LIONS CLUB** - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

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# 2013 Water Quality Report for City of Lowell and Lowell Charter Township

## Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

## Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

## Where does my water come from?

Your water comes from 4 groundwater wells, each over 87 feet in depth, and drawing from the Grand River watershed. They are located at 1596 Bowes Road in Lowell behind the water plant.

## Source water assessment and its availability

The state performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our source is moderate.

## Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity:

microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug

Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

## How can I get involved?

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Lowell City Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI. Lowell Township meetings are held at 7:00pm on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Lowell Township hall, 2910 Alden Nash s.e. Lowell, MI. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Brian VanVeelen at 897-5234. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at [www.epa.gov/safewater/](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/).

## Variance and Exemptions

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2013 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 to December 31, 2013. The state allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year,

## Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Lowell is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring levels; these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

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Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
<b>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfectant By-Products</b>								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	0.0035	ND	0.0035	2013	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (ppm) City of Lowell	4	4	.47	0.34	0.57	2013	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (ppm) Lowell Twp.	4	4	.46	.28	.64	2013	No	
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	1.3	1.1	1.3	2013	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.94	NA	NA	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

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Sodium (optional) (ppm)		MPL	14	9	14	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>								
Total Coliform (positive samples/month)	0	1	0	NA	NA	2013	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal coliform/E. coli - in the distribution system (positive samples)	0	0	0	NA	NA	2013	No	Human and animal fecal waste
A violation occurs when a routine sample and a repeat sample, in any given month, are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive.								
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>								
Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	2.7	NA	NA	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Water	Date	Exceeding AL	AL	Typical Source
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb) City of Lowell & Lowell Twp.	0	15	0	6/14 thru 6/19 2013	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppb) City of Lowell & Lowell Twp.	1300	1300	0	6/14 thru 6-19 2013	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
positive samples/month	positive samples/month: Number of samples taken monthly that were found to be positive
positive samples	positive samples/yr: The number of positive samples taken that year
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variations and Exemptions	Variations and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

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**Lowell Middle School presidential portrait, continued**

Principal Dan VanderMeulen and vice-principal Nate Fowler had the honor of revealing the portrait to guests.

"From my standpoint and as a former social studies' teacher, I think it's crucial for our students to have an appreciation for our nation's history. George Washington represents America's strength, ambition and resilience. This portrait will serve as an important reminder of the toughness of America's character," said VanderMeulen.

Stempien, who has been with the school system for nearly fifteen years, says he values our nation's first leader in a different way after visiting Mount Vernon.



Mayor Jim Hodges took part in the Presidents' Day celebration that honored Washington.

"I was never a huge Washington fan due to the fact he seemed to be a more

obscure personality, clouded by the fog of legend, but after visiting his home site and grave, the person came alive. I wanted to know more. Knowing that this portrait could be brought back to our school as a point of inquiry just solidified it for me," said Stempien adding, "He is important not just because he was the first for so much in our history, but that he was able to live out his role so well that we subscribed these firsts to him. This Virginia planter would lead New England fishermen into battle and they would be one, body and spirit, despite a world of differences. This is due to his leadership. He still shows us what we can be today if we unite despite our differences of temperament or birth."



Student Laurel Blakie addressed the audience before the unveiling of the portrait.

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