

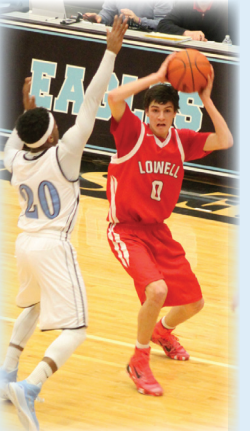
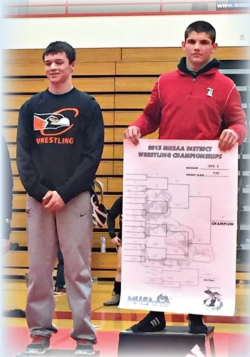
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## Side by Side concert fills performing arts center with symphonic sounds

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

The Grand Rapids Symphony played a “Side by Side” concert with the Lowell High School orchestra on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The concert took place at the Lowell Performing Arts Center in the high school. For the second half

of the evening, the Grand Rapids Symphony was joined by the entire Lowell High School orchestra.

“When you have a really excellent orchestra program at a school, it’s a way to teach your kids about beauty and meaning,” said Grand Rapids Symphony conductor John Varineau. “Meaning that goes beyond mere words. Meaning that is deep inside music. That’s why this is important.”

The Grand Rapids Symphony spent some time at the school working with the students.

“It’s been very exciting for us to be here this afternoon and work with the fine students here at Lowell,” Varineau said. “We worked together for about 90 minutes, which is professional-level. That’s about all the rehearsal we ever get, it seems. It was a lot of fun to work very quickly with these students.”

“We’ve been practicing for a few months now,” said ninth grader Caleb



Grand Rapids Symphony conductor, John Varineau, far left, conducted symphony and the Lowell High School orchestra.

Devereaux. “This was really special. I feel fortunate that I was able to do this as a freshman. It’s exciting. It’s amazing. I got to meet some really awesome people. We talked, socialized, got to know them a little, who they really were. They’re all really nice people, they

really are. I met new people, made new friends. It was great, it was amazing.”

The program was a mix of new and old classical music, including one piece called “Fireworks” that was composed by Alexander Miller, a member of the orchestra.

“It’s an episodic piece where you go through all the different types of fireworks that I could think of,” Miller said. “It’s very colorful. It’s a fast-moving piece.”

“We don’t just play music by dead guys,” Varineau said.

## Annual downtown event all about doing it yourself

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell residents are invited to do some hands-on learning with downtown merchants Thursday, Feb. 26, from 4-8 pm during the second annual Do-It-Yourself (DIY) night sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Attendees will have the opportunity to receive tips and instruction on a variety of DIY projects while enjoying the selection and charm of downtown shopping. This year four stores will be offering up guidance during the still growing event.

Flat River Antique Emporium will hold lessons at 4:45, 5:15 and 6 pm to show guests how to transform their own 4x6 photo into a framed masterpiece utilizing found objects. Participants are asked to bring their own photo for use in this free “take home” project.

Springrove Variety will host instruction in basic knitting and crocheting skills during the duration of the four-hour event.

Journeys Time Antiques will offer advice on reparation of lamps, including how to change cords, switches and sockets.

Lessons will begin at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 pm.

Flat River Cottage will

supply tips and techniques for using Annie Sloan decorative chalk paint.

Demonstrations will be available anytime during the special event.

## Governor releases 2016 budget

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Michigan governor Rick Snyder released his 2016 budget on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

While the budget has spending cuts in many areas, education spending will increase.

The budget increases education spending by \$75 per student. Snyder also allocated \$83.2 million to “technical training and skilled trades” and \$48.6 million on a program that will make sure students are proficient in reading by third grade.

“It may be too early to identify the impact of any single line item or budget shift yet, as we are early in the process,” said Lowell Area Schools

superintendent Greg Pratt. “The proposed budget that was presented by governor Snyder is the first step in a very long process. It is clear that the governor is working to support early childhood education and third-grade reading initiatives that he has started. While it would appear that the district would receive an additional \$75 dollars per student, the district nets an additional \$12 per student after changes to the categorical line items within the budget. This is the first round of budget discussions that will become much more active later this spring.”

The budget includes \$44.8 million for dental care for those who can’t

afford it, \$70 million to “modernize computer systems,” \$14.1 million for the Michigan State Police and \$891.4 million for school employee retirement systems. Snyder also put \$95 million in the state’s rainy day fund, which now totals \$611 million. The budget has no money allocated to repairing roads. Snyder is counting on a proposed sales tax increase to pay for road repairs.

“I am proud of this budget and all the ways we are focused on creating an even stronger Michigan,” governor Snyder said in a press release. “It reflects an emphasis on areas I know we can not only improve upon, but lead the nation.”



Last year basic crochet and knitting instruction was offered.

# Lowell Middle School students share the love



Students and staff at Lowell Middle School (LMS) took part in a special Valentine activity sponsored by the school's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

First-year LMS PTO president Melissa Carey said that the project is part of a yearlong effort to create fun and positive experiences for both students and staff.

"This particular effort was inspired by Valentine's Day. The desire to spread love and positive messages throughout the school was perfect for this midwinter celebration," said Carey.

PTO members designed a Valentine themed bulletin board and invited all members of the LMS family to share what they love about their school by way of paper hearts.

According to Carey, "The students were eager to share what they love about their school and many had several positive things they wanted to express."

Carey, who says her time thus far at the helm of the PTO has been an "amazing opportunity." She believes uplifting activities such as this benefits students both today and in the future. "A positive attitude and learning environment is paramount to student and teacher success. It is by far the single most important factor in determining life satisfaction."

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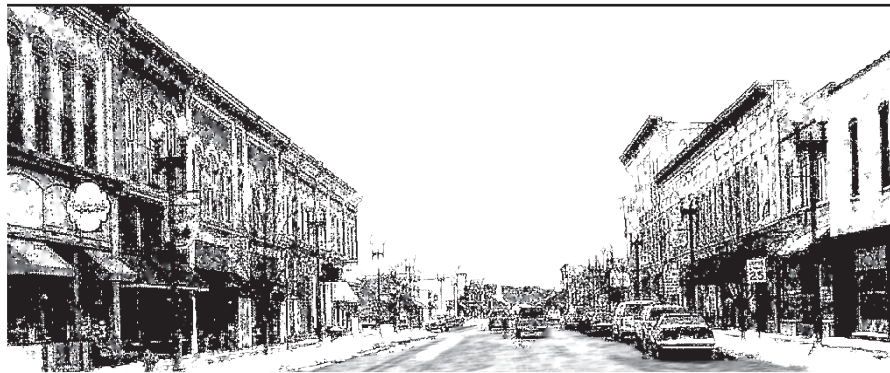
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## college news

Matthew Bloch, of Science in management for Ada, a student at Northern Michigan University, has graduated with a Bachelor of the term ending December 2014.



## along main street

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**BLUEGRASS MUSIC JAM SESSION**  
Sat., Feb. 21 from 2:30 to 5 pm, Lowell fairgrounds, King building. Come to jam or listen. Everyone welcome.

**COMMODITIES**  
Thurs., March 5, 9-11 am at FROM Food Pantry, 11535 Fulton St. E, Lowell.

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# LHS February Students of the Month

Ken Vickers, 11th grade; and Josh Colegrove, 12th grade; are the Lowell High School February Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly

was an uninspired student. The changes that have taken place in this young man in the last two years are remarkable. He has become a role model for all of my students. He has become the leader of the classroom and goes out of his way to make sure there is no bullying of his classmates. He is the first

who truly deserves to be a student of the month.”

Colegrove was nominated by RJ Boudro and he writes, “Josh Colegrove has been working his tail off in the classroom, on the football field and on the mat for the last three-and-half years and I am so glad to see it pay off. Josh is having a remarkable trimester both academically

and athletically. He is taking a challenging workload in the classroom while defending his no. 7 ranking as wrestler for the Red Arrow varsity wrestling squad. Josh has displayed great leadership skills this year on the mat and in the practice room. He shows up to school, practice, morning lifts, and matches ready to work and the other

guys on the team feed off of his focus and energy. Josh plans to wrestle at the next level but is not yet sure where he will be attending college. He is planning to take several visits at the conclusion of this year and will make his big decision sometime in April or May. I am so proud of Josh and all of his accomplishments and I

am excited to see him go off and represent our school and community.”

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may contact the office at 987-2900.



Ken Vickers



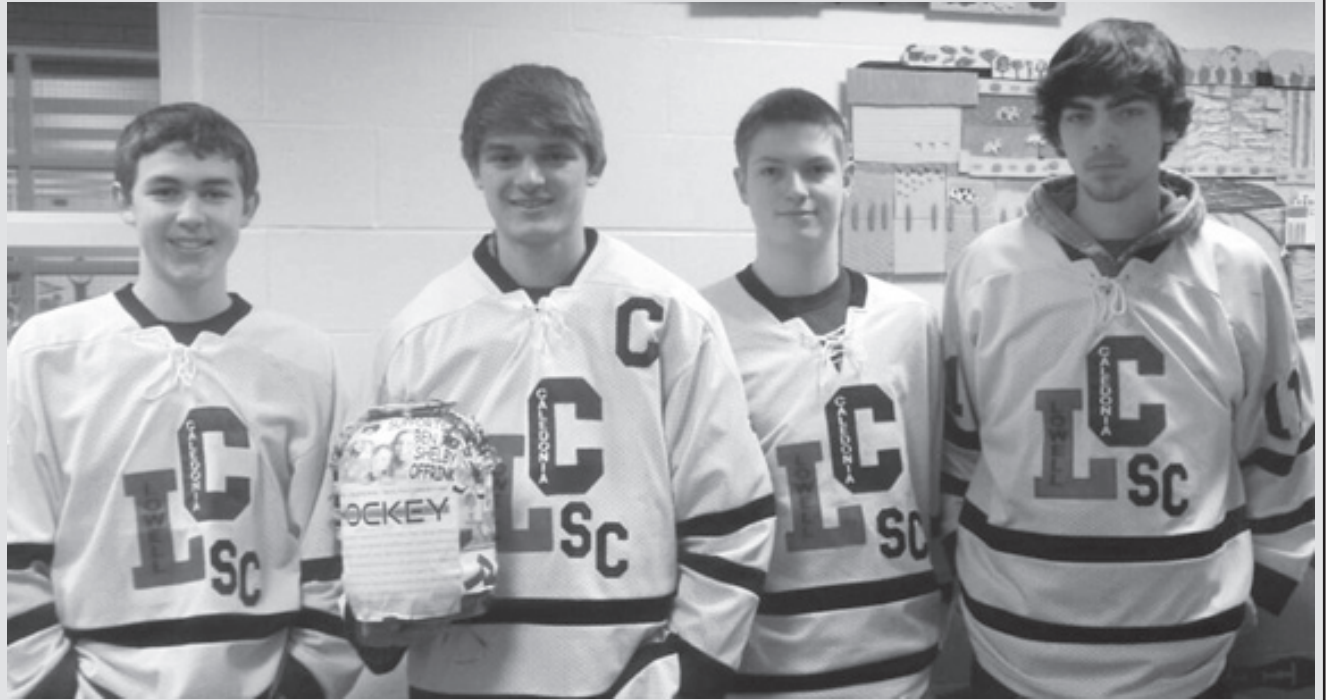
Josh Colegrove

department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Vickers and Colegrove. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

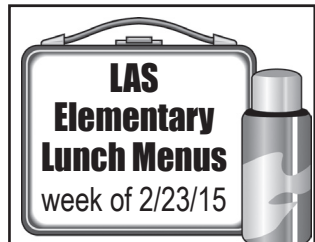
Keith Boeve nominated Vickers and he writes, “If ever a person deserved to be Student of the Month it is Ken Vickers. When Ken was a ninth grader he struggled in school and he will be the first to admit he

to jump in and help others who struggle in and out of the classroom in many varied situations. He is a member of the scholastic shooting team and is leading student tours at Kent Transition Center. He has my complete trust and is one of the most dependable students I have ever had. Ken is well-liked by other staff members, administrators and students. Every person that knows his past and what he is today cannot believe the changes this young man has made in his life. Ken is the type of student and person

## Hockey team pitches in to help the Offrinks



Lowell varsity hockey players presented a \$450 donation to athletic director Dee Crowley last week to benefit Ben and Shelby Offrink. The donations were gathered by players, parents and fans of the Lowell/Caledonia/South Christian team to support the local family. Pictured are Lowell players Nick Vantill, Cameron Bonney, Ethan Campbell and Logan Propst.



**MONDAY:** Beef taco on soft tortilla shell, steamed broccoli, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots (salsa served at Bushnell), mixed fruit, orange slices.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken strips (w/dinner roll at Bushnell), baked beans; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber coins, peaches, applesauce.

**WEDNESDAY:** French toast sticks served w/eggs, hash-browns; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, celery sticks, apple slices, orange juice.

**THURSDAY:** BBQ pork ribbie on bun (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), chicken nuggets w/dinner roll (served at Bushnell), mashed potatoes & gravy; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, strawberries, peaches.

**FRIDAY:** Tony's pepperoni pizza on WG crust, baby carrots; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, apple, juice.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

## CITY OF LOWELL COUNTY OF KENT

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2015 IS CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 2, 2015**

City of Lowell – Lowell, Michigan, County of Kent will hold a public hearing to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the CDBG Small Cities Program for Program Year 2015-2016.

Suggestions for potential projects will be solicited, both verbally and in writing, from all interested parties. The expected amount of CDBG funds for this year will be discussed along with the range of projects eligible under this program and a review of previously funded projects.

The hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015 and will be held at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Further information can be obtained by contacting Lowell City Offices at 616-897-8457.



Susan Ullery  
Deputy City Clerk

## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of Lowell Board of Review for 2015 will be held at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E Main St SE, on the following dates:

**Organizational Meeting: Monday, March 2nd, 11:00 am**

**Appeal Hearings:**

Monday, March 9th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 11th, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2015 assessments  
**By City Charter, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 2nd, 2015**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2015 are as follows:

Commercial.....	47.18.....	1.0598
Residential.....	47.27.....	1.0578
Industrial.....	49.68.....	0.9621
Personal Property.....	50.00.....	1.0064

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## sharing the vision



LAS Superintendent Greg Pratt

Staying healthy this time of year can be a challenge. We take extra measures during the cold and flu season to avoid illnesses like washing our hands, getting rest, or staying home when we're under the weather in an attempt to keep others healthy. After a holiday season of comfort foods, some of us, myself not included, work extra hard at the gym or increase our exercise regime to stay physically fit. We formulate resolutions to get in shape and keep our bodies healthy, however being healthy means more than nurturing our physical body. A healthy body and a healthy mind go hand in hand. Feeling good physically helps us to feel good mentally, and if we take care of our mental being, chances are we will feel good physically.

As educators and parents, we understand that adolescents are faced with emotional hurdles that can be difficult to navigate like loss of a loved one,

or social issues such as coping with a break-up. The stress of senior year can take a toll on students who are overwhelmed with preparing for college, expectations, or academic pressure. Transitioning from middle school to high school can create anxiety for many students.

Lowell Area Schools has an awesome team of counselors who are here to help and provide our students with the resources to support young healthy minds. In a recent broadcast of ArrowTalk, which airs on WRWW 92.3 FM, this topic was addressed by a panel of our counselors and a local psychologist. The podcast of the show can be found via a link to WRWW on the school district's website. In addition, resources for parents, families, and kids are available on line and in our counseling offices.

Whether it's to join a gym, consult a nutritionist, or visit a medical doctor, we have little reservation

to reach out in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Our positive attitudes as parents and schools as it relates to seeking support for emotional or mental healthiness can be a key contributor to removing self-stigmas and encouraging our kids to reach out. Our goal is to position all students to enjoy a healthy, happy, and successful life.

Community wellness is also a focus in our town. This spring, Lowell Community Wellness will officially launch a health initiative that is the first of its kind in Michigan. You will be hearing much more about *LoWellness*, which is a health survey that will be conducted in Lowell. This survey will be used to identify health related programs and services not currently available in Lowell. Participation will be important because the results will guide decisions about programs that people in Lowell want to see offered here in our town, identify needs of Lowell residents, and uncover barriers to good health such as insurance, transportation, or

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## BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP WILL MEET IN THE NEW TOWNSHIP OFFICE BUILDING – 8240 ALDEN NASH SE., ALTO ON:

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015 1:00 P.M. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

& 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

(NOTE THE EVENING HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### no more games

Dear Editor,

On January 20, 2015, the residents of Belding, Michigan, accomplished something that should be a lesson to the citizens here in Lowell. They managed to have their city manager fired after she committed many illegal actions. This according to an attorney who was involved and helped the voters to first, recall a councilmember, gaining control of the council and then the firing.

We now know that Lowell's city manager has broken the law by violating city workers' constitutional rights. He has ignored the city charter directives and has so mesmerized three of the councilmembers to the point that they follow his dictates blindly. What is good for the community is

no longer a priority. Mark Howe's political agenda is the only thing that is accomplished these days. You've heard countless times about the tax dollars he has wasted, so I won't go into that again.

The city recently hired an attorney, Peter Letzmann, to attend a two-and-a-half hour workshop giving a lesson on meeting protocol. It was apparent the majority hoped to put councilmen Altoft and Mayer in their place, so they would stop trying to question Mr. Howe about his activities. Mr. Letzmann did indeed emphasize polite ways to conduct these pursuits.

However, a part of Letzmann's discourse included the fact that Mark Howe is an employee and

answerable to the city council. He stated that any councilmember may request an item be added to an upcoming council agenda and Howe must oblige. Before this last council meeting Jeff Altoft and Matt Mayer requested additions to the agenda. They have the emails they sent to prove their attempts. Howe denied their requests. The reason: he didn't feel they provided enough background material to go with their requests. Where in the city charter is that written or even that the city manager can make the judgment?

At the council meeting when approving the agenda came up, both Altoft and Mayer voted against approval because their

requests had been denied. Now the council majority blames the failure of the meeting to continue on the two councilmen who are being denied their rights.

And the farce continues. Unless we take back our city, as the good people of Belding did, Lowell is doomed to financial and political ruin. The three councilmembers in power don't care what the citizens want or what is good for Lowell. They care only that Mark Howe continues to play political games and retain his power over our community. I implore you, get involved before it is too late.

Barb Barber  
Lowell

### 25 mph too fast?

To the editor,

I would like to ask the DDA "what they would deem a proper speed limit through town if 25 mph seems too fast?" They should take into

consideration that our Main Street is a state highway and that most traffic is thru traffic.

Scott Kooistra  
Lowell

### sticks and stones

To the editor:

Although the Ledger welcomes all of our comments, I do get tired of the same people writing frequently and stating the same things over and over. I think the Grand Rapids Press limits the number of times a person can have a letter printed in a year, but because the Ledger doesn't have that policy, it is a moot point.

What I wonder is why the Ledger allows letters to be printed which include name calling or negative adjectives when writing about a specific person or persons. I certainly would not want to eliminate our freedom of speech, which was granted to us by the first amendment of the constitution, but that amendment has several limitations, which include "offensive speech."

In the last months, I have

read, "arrogant," "liars," "stooges," "Wizard," and "bums."

Doesn't every child in kindergarten know that we are not supposed to call people names?

The definition of harassment is "aggressive pressure or intimidation."

If these names are spoken to a spouse, it is called verbal abuse. The definition of verbal abuse is "a negative defining statement told to a person."

If children call these names to another child in school, it is called bullying. The definition of bullying is "aggressive behavior among school children."

So is name calling something that we want to encourage? I believe the letters have more merit without the harassment.

Diane LaWarre  
Lowell

## off the cuff

Jeanne Boss

Every so often, a reader expresses themselves by complaining that others are expressing themselves. Therein lies the bone of contention.

Granted, some, dare I say many, tend to miss the subtleties of language and frequently turn a debate into an argument. Rather than stay on point, they allow their anger and frustration to guide their pen.

When a reader states that they are "tired" of the same people writing it must be said - in the Ledger's defense - that we are not choosing to run *just* letters from "the same people."

For the most part, unless a letter is particularly egregious, we believe that when a person is willing to take the time to write and identify themselves as the author, that this forum is a vital part of the community. We do not pick and choose which authors will 'not' appear.

I have at times asked for and been given reasons why a person doesn't write to the editor. The answers are varied. Some feel that their opinions are not important enough to state. Some feel they don't write well. Some don't want anyone to know how they feel on a current topic for a variety of reasons. I do not assess their

motivation for not writing, but I do appreciate when they do. And believe it or not, we do reject letters when the writer has expressed the same thing repeatedly and too frequently. They usually write or call and complain about the rejection.

As far as what another paper does, I [we] make no apologies. This reminds me of the old saw about a conversation between a child and parent. It goes something like, "Why did you do that?" Answer: "Bobby told me to" or "Bobby does it." And of course the reply, "If Bobby jumped off a cliff, would you do that too?"

It is also excellent to have a dialog that includes the suggestion that others are being offensive.

That too needs to be addressed and it is certainly a worthy topic that may call a few up short and cause them to be a bit more careful when choosing their words. But please, don't assume that we have no standards in our handling of the correspondence that comes our way.

So keep writing readers. Let yourselves be heard. Be civil, be kind, be patient, but sometimes even if you are ever so careful, you just have to call them as you see them.

considerable portion of the bonds and that there are plenty of takers for the entire issue.

Miss Ida Beckwith reports seeing two robins in her orchard Monday. We welcome the messengers of spring.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 22, 1940

This section of Michigan has been enjoying a most delightful winter season, which was followed by a fall season of beautiful weather. Thus far there have been many days of sunshine and no storms worth mentioning. Somewhat different than the great storm of four years ago when the great blizzard struck this section, blocking the highways, marooning farmers for days and putting telephone and telegraph lines out of commission as well as hampering mail and passenger service on the railroads.

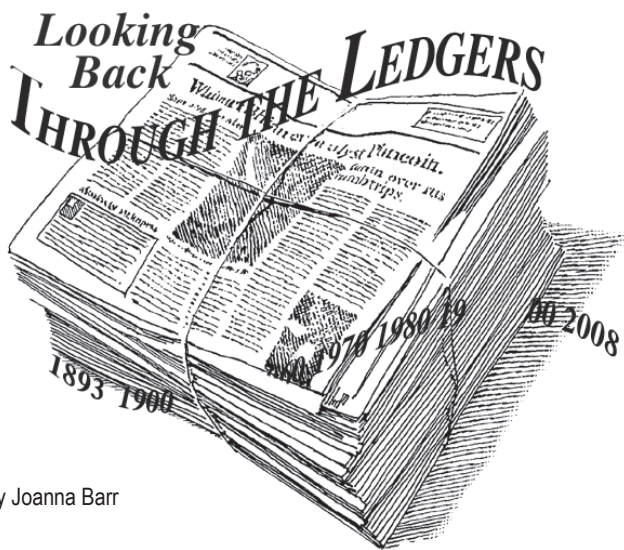
Postmaster F. J. Hosley announces that bids will be received up to March 1, 1940 for the planting and landscaping of the grounds at the new Lowell post office. Full and more complete details may be obtained from Postmaster Hosley.

### 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 18, 1965

The council took under consideration changing angle parking on Riverside Drive and Broadway just north of Main Street to parallel parking. As soon as it is possible to mark out the proper parking spaces the change will be made.

New parts have been installed in the new well on Foreman Street and the performance of the pump has been brought up to specifications. This well is now producing 350 gal. per minute and another well of like capacity is being drilled at the north end of the property. These two wells are expected to give the city sufficient water supply so "that there will be no sprinkling restrictions this summer."

Looking Back, continued, page 6



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal February 19, 1890

The old settlers annual re-union will be held on the evening of March the 4th, 1890. Further particulars will be given next week.

Good man wanted: who understands the care of stock and can milk and care for 10 or 12 cows, morning and night. D. E. Spring

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 18, 1915

Headline: Local capitalists - Buy Lowell's \$50,000 school bonds. The Lowell school bonds, \$50,000 at 4 1/2 per cent, were sold last Thursday to the Lowell State bank, the only local bidder. There were nine bidders present, the outsiders being from Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland, and the bids ranged from par value to a premium of \$445 by the successful bidder. The issue is of serial bonds, \$2,000 maturing annually for fifteen years. Balance unpaid at that time will be subject to reissue. Cashier Mange of the Lowell State bank informs us that there are local buyers for a

# Sharing The Vision, continued

Internet access. We are very proud of this development because surveys like this are typically conducted by large hospitals, health systems, or county health departments. What makes Lowell's survey unique is that it is being conducted by a community, a private organization. Information from the survey will also be made available to community stakeholders such as Lowell Area Schools and Flat River Outreach Ministries. They will learn more about the economic and health needs of area residents which can assist them in developing programs to address unmet needs. Local employers and municipalities would also have access to the data for

their planning purposes. This is an innovative and exciting project for Lowell!

Like no other, the amazing community of Lowell is a model for how support can change a life. Just attend Pink Arrow, or read about how our community fundraiser helped a husband and wife in the midst of a cancer battle. The love, selflessness, and support exists here. Lowell Area Schools is a supporter of healthy students and ready to equip young people with guidance, resources, and strategies to make them feel good about themselves. Please contact Lowell Area Schools for available resources and counseling services.

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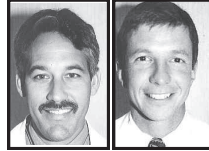
**Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value.**

~ Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis, Feb. 23, a 7 pound son, Gerald James.

# health



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

## Irritable bowel syndrome

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a common medical condition seen in the U.S. population. Women are more likely to have IBS than men. Approximately 20 percent of adults in the U.S. have experienced IBS symptoms at one time or another.

IBS affects the large bowel causing diarrhea or constipation. People with IBS may experience abdominal pain, bloating, cramping, gas and watery stools. Symptoms can vary in intensity and frequency. Stress may exacerbate the symptoms. IBS is considered a functional disorder because there is no known pathologic cause for this disorder.

IBS is usually diagnosed after ruling out other possible conditions, such as inflammatory bowel disease, malabsorption, celiac disease, infections, and colon cancer. Your doctor will usually order lab tests to check for gluten allergy and anemia. Colonoscopy and biopsy may be needed to rule out celiac disease or inflammatory bowel disease.

Treatment of IBS is multifactorial. A change in diet may help reduce symptoms. Reducing fat, increasing fiber and eating smaller more frequent meals may improve your symptoms. Regular exercise will usually help. Stress

reduction and treatment of anxiety or depression, if present, will also help.

Medications used to treat IBS include over-the-counter probiotics, fiber supplements, antidiarrheal medications or laxatives. Prescription medications include antispasmodics that reduce cramping and

bloating and drugs that help normalize colon function.

It is important to see your doctor if you have frequent diarrhea or constipation, a change in bowel habits or blood in the stool as these symptoms may be associated with a more serious medical condition.

# Looking Back, continued

**Headline: Lowell Stamping signs three year labor contract.** Robert Flierman, International Representative of the United Auto Workers, announced this week that Lowell Stamping Co. had signed a 3 year labor contract with members of Local 19. The contract, Flierman stated, gave 2 additional paid holidays, more vacation pay, increased Christmas bonus insurance benefits, the G. M. cost of living formula and 3c per hour additional for each of the next 3 years. The total package was a 28c gain. Julia Dewitt was unit chairman of the negotiating committee. Lowell Stamping Co. presently has 7 employees. It has been up to 21. The production of the company is devoted to automobile stampings.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 21, 1990

**Headline: Lowell Police Department purchases speaker phone for citizens' convenience.** As a part of the "Neighborhood Crime Watch" and "Child Watch" programs in Lowell, Lowell Police Chief, Barry Emmons has had a speaker phone mounted to the brick wall - outside the Lowell Police Department. "The speaker phone is very convenient. All a person has to do is push the button and wait for someone to answer," Emmons explains...

Lowell resident bowls a 300 game. Mike Horian, 20, a resident of Lowell and a 1987 graduate of Lowell High School, bowled a perfect "300" game Sunday, Feb. 11. Horian was bowling in the Men's Grand Rapids City Tournament when he bowled his perfect game.

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**FEBRUARY 20**  
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# financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

## Look through this "LENS" when making Social Security decisions

Your Social Security benefits can be an important part of your retirement income strategy. But when should you start taking these payments?

You can begin accepting Social Security as early as 62, but your monthly checks will be much smaller than if you wait until your "full retirement age," which will likely be between 66 or 67. And these monthly payments will get even bigger if you wait until age 70, at which point they "max out." So, should you take your Social Security as early as possible and hope that the smaller monthly payments will be justified by the extra years of receiving them, or should you wait until you are older and hope that the bigger checks will be worth the delay?

In weighing this decision, consider the acronym LENS, which stands for Life expectancy, Employment, Need and Spouse. Let's look at each component:

**Life expectancy** — If your family has a history of longevity, and if you are in excellent health, it may make sense for you to take Social Security later, when your monthly benefits will be higher. You'll also want to consider your spouse's life expectancy.

**Employment** — If you want to keep working in your "retirement years," be aware that your earnings could affect your Social Security payments. Specifically, if you take Social Security early — that is, before your full retirement age

— your benefits will be withheld by \$1 for every \$2 in earned income above a certain amount (\$15,720 in 2015). During the year in which you reach your full retirement age, this withholding changes to \$1 for every \$3 in earnings over the annual limit (\$41,880 in 2015). The withheld amounts could also affect spousal benefits. However, beginning the month you attain your full retirement age, benefits will no longer be withheld based on how much you earn. Also, Social Security will recalculate your benefits at full retirement age to account for the benefits that were withheld. In any case, if you do plan to continue working, and you think you could have significant

income, you'll need to understand the effect that earnings will have on your annual benefits.

**Need** — In deciding when to take Social Security, here's a key question: Do you need the money? If you can support your lifestyle for several years with alternative sources of income (such as a pension) and modest withdrawals from your investments, you may be able to delay Social Security, thereby increasing the size of your monthly payments. Be careful, though, because relying too heavily on your investment portfolio can shorten its own "life expectancy." It's essential that you maintain a reasonable withdrawal rate for your investments throughout your retirement.

**Spouse** — Your decision of when to take Social Security will affect your spouse's survivor benefit. Surviving spouses can receive their own benefit or 100 percent of their deceased spouse's benefit, whichever is greater. So, if you were to take your Social Security early, when the payments are smaller, your spouse's survivor benefits will also

be permanently reduced. If you are older than your spouse, or otherwise expect your spouse to outlive you, it might be a good idea to delay taking Social Security to maximize the survivor benefits.

As you think about when to take Social Security, look at your decision through the LENS described above. It could help clarify your options.

## Branagan receives athletic award

Lowell High School senior Josh Branagan was recently selected by 107.3 WBBL to receive the Burger King Athlete of the Week award. Branagan is a lifelong athlete who participates in three seasons of sports for the Red Arrows. He has earned three varsity letters as part of the track team, has been a four-year starter for the basketball squad and earned three more varsity letters as a tight end for the successful football team, earning an OK White honorable mention along the way. Branagan currently holds a 3.5 GPA and is set to play football at Davenport University next fall.

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

### Regular Meeting 10:00 a.m. Synopsis of Minutes January 26, 2015

**Motions Approved:**  
Community Development Block Grant Resolution for North Kent Transit (4,481.00) and Senior Meals (5,365.00)

**Our next Township Meeting will be  
February 23, 2015  
At 10:00 a.m.**

The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at [www.grattantownship.org](http://www.grattantownship.org)

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

### PUBLIC NOTICE 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

The Grattan Township Board of Review will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding MI on:

**Monday, March 09th, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Thursday, March 10th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Call (616) 691-8450 for appointment  
Frank Force, Supervisor  
Matt Frain, Assessor

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

### COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET FOR 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on March 09, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the Township Board of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, to hear and consider comments regarding the proposed Township budget for the April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 fiscal year. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Grattan Township Hall.

**The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

This notice is given pursuant to Act 43 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1963 (Second Extra Session), as amended and complies with MCL 141.436 and MCL 211.24e

Dated: February 11, 2015  
TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN  
Kessie Brummel, Clerk

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider a request from Timpson Transport Inc. for a Special Land Use permit to operate a concrete crushing facility.

**LOCATION & ADDRESS:** The property on which the facility is proposed to be located is 11998 Cascade Road (Permanent Parcel # 41-20-28-200-023) which is on the southwest corner of Cascade Road and Alden Nash Avenue and is currently occupied by Timpson Transport Inc.

The hearing will be held as follows:

**WHEN: MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
LOWELL, MI. 49331**

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, and MI. 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary  
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### NORTH PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that the Lowell Charter Township Board will hold a public meeting to take comments regarding the submittal of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The project will consist of various recreational improvements such as parking and trails to the Township property currently known as North Park which is located south of M-21 and west of Bowes Road behind the Walgreens store and fronting on the Grand River.

The meeting will be held as follows:

**WHEN: MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
LOWELL, MI. 49331**

Information on the proposed project is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, and MI. 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township



Roger Kropf

**Position:** Owner of Red Barn Market  
**Family:** wife, Patricia (52 years); children, Steve and Laura; 7 grandchildren  
**Dog:** Lucy, Maltese Shih Tzu  
**Cat:** Kuma, the 14-pound cat  
**Favorite movie:** "American Sniper" or anything with John Wayne  
**Favorite singer:** Johnny Cash  
**Favorite hobby:** Golf



## It's all about family for local market owner

by Tim McAllister  
 contributing reporter

Roger Kropf is the owner of the Red Barn Market, 3550 Alden Nash.

The Red Barn Market's emphasis is on fresh produce and they have a full menu of ice cream, sandwiches, soup and other goodies. In the summer they have live music.

"In the summer time we have all the fresh stuff," Kropf said. "This place will be all filled up with sweet corn, asparagus, blueberries, cherries, all the fresh stuff. The ice cream has been such a success that it may have deterred from the fact that we are a produce market. We have produce year-round. We have all fresh produce in season all the time and

we always support local produce when available. We have a great food menu. Our lunches are really good. Our jams and salsas fly off the shelves."

Red Barn Market opened last May, but Kropf, who describes himself as "an ornery dude," has been farming this land his whole life.

"I was born and raised here," Kropf said. "This piece of ground was the original Kropf family ground that my grandfather settled on when he came here from Switzerland. My family is, along with about seven or eight other Swiss families throughout the Lowell area, were some of the original people in this community."

The Kropf family has been in the produce business for decades.

"In the 1940s through the 1960s we did farm markets," Kropf said. "We sold apples and peaches for 35 years. At one point in time we were the single largest apple grower, packer and shipper east of the Mississippi River. I'm not blowing my horn, that's a fact. We were big. I still grow, pack and ship apples. I've got a large operation down in Hartford. I pack and ship 5,000 to 10,000 bushels of apples a week all over the country."

Kropf said being a good businessman is in his genes, but he still had to work very hard to achieve his success.

"My mother's side of the

family were all in sales and my father's side of the family were all in agriculture or hardworking kind of people and so I think I got the best of both worlds," Kropf said. "I was taught how to work hard. I've got a very strong business mind. I've got a very strong work ethic. None of this comes easy. It takes hours, takes hard work, takes determination and it takes

desire. The biggest single word in business today is 'desire.' The desire to run a business and make money and be successful and pay your bills. The desire to go forward."

Kropf said his early days selling produce at farmers' markets trained him for retail success.

"I learned selling from working in the farmers'

markets, talking to the consumer directly," Kropf said. "That's the quickest way to learn how to sell. You can't sell them what you have, you have to sell them what they want. Don't plant or grow product unless you have a market that's ready to accept what you're doing."

It might sound strange to hear a successful businessman say this, but Kropf doesn't care if he makes any money.

"It isn't always about how much money you make," Kropf said. "Success is about doing something right and having it work. I've never based a decision on how much money I was going to make. Don't trust bankers, bottom line. They will talk you into something that you can't get out of."

The most important thing in the world to Kropf is his family.

"My favorite part of this is being able to run businesses involving the family and the family enjoying it and doing it truly as a family," Kropf said. "It's all about family. There's only one thing you have. Your family. The value of family is higher than anything else in this world."



The Kropf family in front of the Red Barn Market.



Barb and Roger Kropf at the Red Barn Market.



Roger with his brother Ken on the farm as kids.

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# Red Arrow GYMNASTICS SPORTS

## New school team record for Lowell gymnasts

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity gymnastics vaulted into the record books last week when they posted a new school team record during

their final regular season conference competition against Forest Hills.

Senior Lauren DeHaan led the way to the slim margin win as the team's top

all-around finisher earning a 35.525. The new team record score of 139.875 just edged out Forest Hills' total of 138.775.

"So happy to finish our conference duals with a win. The girls performed exactly how they needed to tonight, they worked so hard this past week," said head coach Michele DeHaan after the record breaking win.

The win was especially poignant for DeHaan as some of her own mentors sat

in the stands watching what her team accomplished, "Three out of my four gymnastics coaches from high school (Lowell) were there in the stands. I hope I have made them proud of where I have taken the program."

Five out of seven beam routines by the team went without fall during the competition with DeHaan scoring best for the squad recording a 9.25. Fellow senior Bethany



Lauren Browning



Maura Fitzpatrick doing her floor routine.



Bethany Kaczanowski doing a front walkover.

Kaczanowski scored second earning a personal best of 9.15. Corah Kaufman (8.7) and Maura Fitzpatrick (8.3) rounded out the top four Lowell finishers on the event.

DeHaan also led scoring on the vault with a 9.05 just ahead of teammates Kaufman and Lauren Browning who both came

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# Red Arrow WRESTLING SPORTS

## Red Arrow wrestlers heading on to regionals

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrow varsity wrestling team placed 13 out of 14 wrestlers at Saturday's individual Division II district competition including six first-place finishes and three runners-up.

Lowell grappler Josh Colegrove continued his undefeated season pinning Hamilton's Tate Knapp in under ten seconds to claim the district title in the 215 pound division.

Junior Zeth Dean posted his 100th career win when he topped Austin

Schwensen of Charlotte in a 17-4 decision at 130 pounds to claim his district title.

Logan Wilcox entered into his match as the number four seed in the 285 pound weight class. After nearly being pinned midway through the match Wilcox pushed for the comeback and earned it scoring in overtime for his district triumph.

The three other district winners were Lucas Hall who defeated Mike Nguyen from Byron Center 17-2 at 119 pounds, Jordan Hall who beat Eric Wales

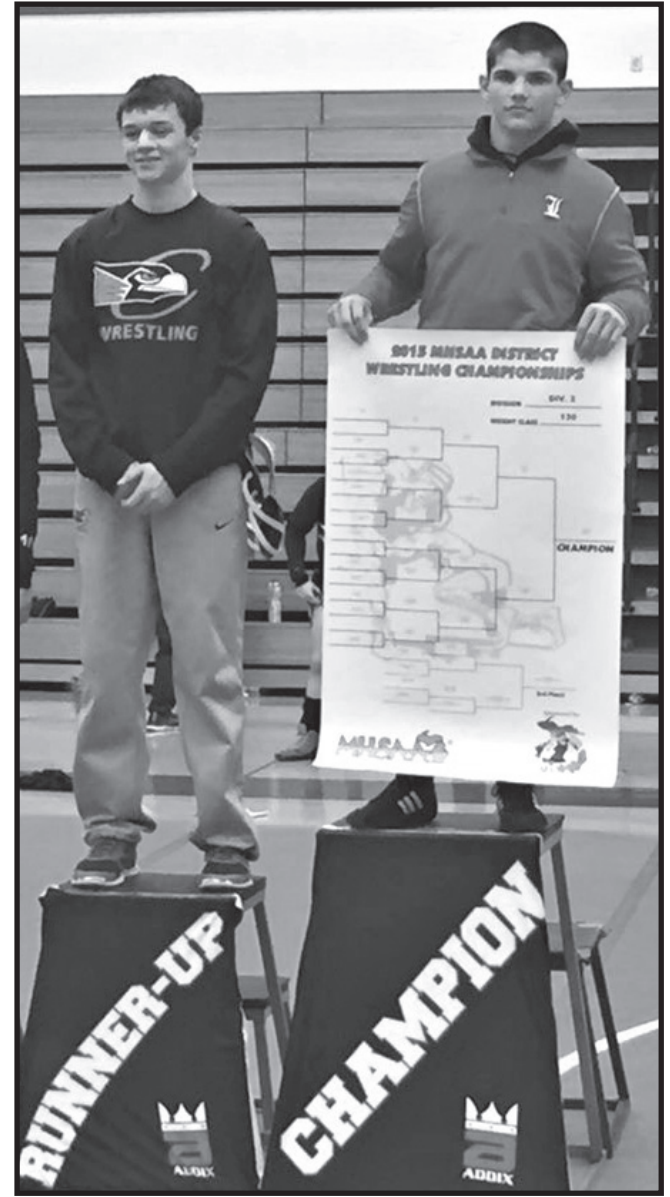
from Charlotte 11-4 and David Kruse who topped Ethan LaMacchia, also of Charlotte, 11-2 at 145 pounds.

Red Arrows recording hard fought losses included Logan Blough who fell in the 189 pound class to Ryan Vashbinder of Byron Center, Sam Russell who was defeated by Ionia's Cameron Mahlich at 103 pounds and Dan Kruse who fell to Middleville's Jason Slaughter at 152 pounds.

Now 20-2 on the season with the conference title firmly under their belts,

Lowell, the number two ranked team in Division II, has now set its sights on success at the upcoming team and individual regional competitions.

"I'm excited about our next week," head coach RJ Boudro said. "We're wrestling well and I'm happy with how we did today. This team has a lot of work to do if we want to accomplish our goals and I know that this group of guys is up for the challenge."



Junior Zeth Dean recorded his 100th career win and an individual district championship last Saturday at home. He was among six Lowell wrestlers to top their weight class.

**The Lowell squad will head to Thornapple Kellogg High School on Wednesday to compete for the team regional championship and send their top grapplers to individual regionals at Byron Center on Saturday.**



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### 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE Lowell, MI 49331

#### 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Lowell Township Board of Review for 2015 will be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10 a.m. = **Organizational Meeting**
- Monday, March 9, 2015**  
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. &
- Thursday, March 12, 2015**  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2015 assessments. By board resolution, residents are allowed to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2015.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2015 are as follows:

Agricultural .....	45.03 .....	1.1103
Commercial .....	48.55 .....	1.0298
Residential .....	47.20 .....	1.0593
Industrial.....	47.66 .....	1.0490
Personal.....	50.00 .....	1.0000

#### American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 2 days notice.

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Red Arrow  
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# Lowell wins nail-biting showdown against GRC

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow boys varsity basketball team sealed another conference win last Friday when they faced the Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) Eagles on the road in a nail-biting OK White showdown winning 70-67.

Lowell (10-4, 4-2) is currently ranked tenth in the area and is on pace to post the best record the school

has seen in years. The young squad, featuring only one senior, has solid defense and boasts some of the area's top offensive players, including juniors Ryan Stevens and Gabe Steed and sophomores Austin Branagan and Matt Beachler.

Red Arrow fans who made the snow-covered trek to GRC for the match-up were not disappointed by

the standouts as the Lowell team started out strong leading after the first by one point, 15-14.

The Eagles, down their top player DeLeon Brown due to an injury, managed to outscore Lowell by three in the second to claim the lead 32-30 at the half.

Lowell outshot GRC 25-12 in the third quarter with of a huge third-period scoring run produced by Stevens, Branagan and Beachler, who combined for 13-points in the last few minutes of the period to put the Arrows up by eleven, 55-44, moving into the final period.

Lowell's Beachler ignited the large crowd in the opening seconds of the fourth when he kicked off the scoring with a huge slam dunk, the first successful in-game slam since the 2011-2012 season for the Arrow squad. Beachler racked up another impressive tally for the team this week earning 17 points, 11 rebounds and 5 assists.

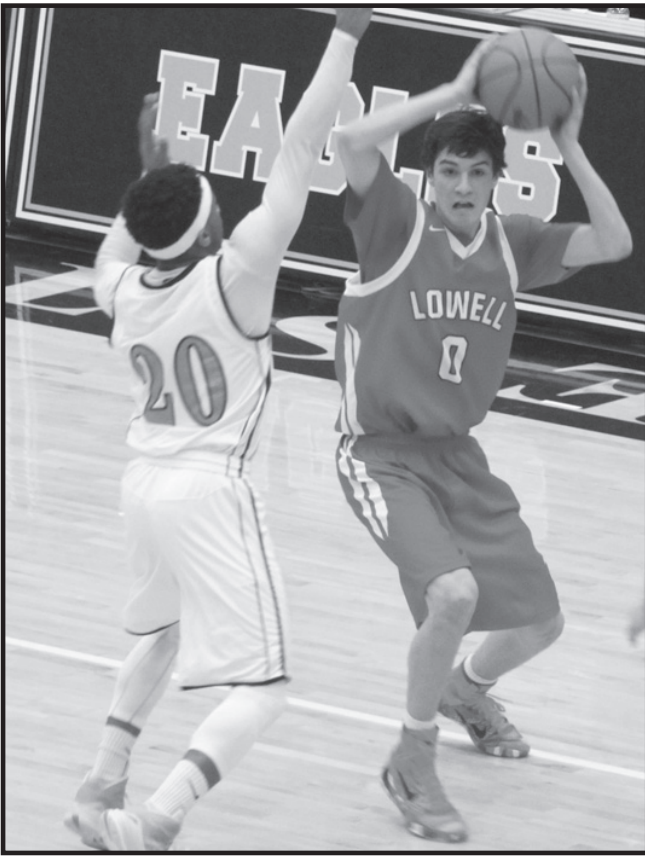
GRC went on to make a furious run toward victory in the fourth putting up 23 points before a back-and-

forth battle at the free throw line and a failed hail Mary at the buzzer cost them the game.

"We knew it was coming," said Lowell head coach Kyle Carhart. "They fought back, like they always do. They were one shot away from tying the game and making it completely different. Our guards did a great job of picking things up defensively and Austin Branagan was good for us throughout the game inside."

Stevens led scoring for the squad putting up 21 points, followed by Beachler's 17, Steed with 12 and Branagan who added ten.

Lowell now holds sole possession of second place in the OK White conference behind undefeated Forest Hills Central (15-0, 7-0) and in front of GRC. The squad will need a stellar season finish to share in the conference title, needing victories in their four remaining OK White games and a loss out of the seemingly unstoppable Forest Hills.



Ryan Stevens looks for an open man.



Matt Beachler goes for the shot.

**This week the Arrow squad will host the Jenison Wildcats on Friday beginning at 6 pm.**

# Arrow girls show fortitude in competition with Eagles

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Topnotch defensive action from OK White leader Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) got the best of the Red Arrow girls varsity basketball squad last Friday on the road.

Lowell, 10-6 overall and 2-4 in conference, went into the game knowing they would have to be at their peak to get a win over the red hot Eagles. GRC entered the contest with an undefeated OK White record of 7-0 placing them first in the conference above Caledonia (5-2), Forest Hills Central (4-3) and Lowell who currently holds fourth place.

Ally Frederickson, Lowell's top scorer of the night with 14 points, kicked off game action scoring first for the Arrows over a minute into play. GRC answered quickly to tie up the score before Frederickson struck again scoring a two-point bucket and the subsequent rebound. The Eagles quickly added four points, two from the line, to put them back on

top where they remained for the duration of the game.

Despite solid offensive effort from Katie Holzhueter, Kate Montgomery and Frederickson, the first half ended with Lowell trailing

37-20. The lag was due in large part to strong defense from the Eagles that forced bad passes and caused loose balls throughout the first half of play for the Arrow squad.



Freshman player Cassie Dean scored five points.

"Christian is just very good," explained Lowell head coach Jake Strotheide, "Their pressure forced us to rush things a little bit."

The Eagles outscored Lowell again in the third pushing their lead to 53-31 moving into the final stanza of the game. Lowell came out motivated in the fourth and pushed past GRC outscoring them 22-12 as they soared from nearly thirty to just six behind late in the fourth.

Despite their effort, GRC came out on top with a final score of 65-53. Strotheide said he was impressed with his teams fortitude, "It's hard to dig yourself out of a hole like that against a good team like them."

Bridget Garter was Lowell's second-best offensive player of the night earning twelve points for the team, Holzhueter added nine, Montgomery contributed eight and Cassie Dean and Tara McQueen each chipped in five.



Senior standout Katie Holzhueter heads for the glass after making a steal to earn two of her nine point total last Friday night on the road.

## obituaries

## DYKHUIS



Kenneth J Dykhuis, age 83 of Alto, born August 8, 1932, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, February 13, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Anna Dykhuis; sister Lois (Hess) DeJong; and children Kevin, Steven and Cynthia Mitchell. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years Elaine; children Sharon (Alonzo) Miller of Clarksville, Kenneth (Shirley) Dykhuis of Watauga, TX, Scott (fiancée Peggy Hall) of Belding, Jelaine (Mark) Smoes of Lowell and Kimberly (Gerald) Hale of Lowell; son-in-law John Mitchell of Lowell; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and brother Roger (Virginia) Dykhuis of Kent City. Ken graduated from Lee High School, attended Calvin College until enlisting in the Air Force in 1951, studied Elect Fund and Sight Sys Mech. with Honorable Discharge in 1955 as S/SGT with Korean Service Medal (2 Bat. Stars), National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and United Nations Service Medal. He was a hard working man of great integrity, a man of faith, long-time attendee of First Baptist Church of Alto. He was dedicated to providing and taking care of his family. While working at Smith Industries as an electronics tech and Union Steward protecting the workers' rights, he enjoyed working with his boys on 'Ken's Funny Farm' raising beef cattle, hay, corn, and a large garden. He loved hunting, fishing, camping with family, his dogs and playing cribbage. Ken liked sharing stories: Do you worry? Why? If it's worth worrying about it's worth doing something about, if you can't do anything about it, why worry about it...When the price of feathers is up, down is up. A funeral service will be held Wednesday 12:00 p.m. First Baptist Church of Alto, 6015 Bancroft Ave. SE. Reverend Timothy Teall officiating. Visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Mel Trotter Ministries, 225 Commerce Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.



## HAWK

Myrta Ann Hawk, age 80 of Wyoming, formerly of Lowell, passed away Saturday, January 31, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband William 'Bert' Hawk and brother I.R. Anderson. She is survived by her children Roberta (John) Kimble and David Danielson; sister Bonnie Terpstra; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell.



## HEIM

Victor Lee Heim, age 73, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord and Savior on February 14, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents, Godfrey and Evelyn Heim. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 48 years, Judith (Mulder) Heim; his children, David and Jamie Heim, Steven and Carolyn Heim; grandchildren, Abigail, David, Elizabeth, Peter, Jacob and Ann Heim; his mother-in-law, Ella Mulder; his sister, Donna and Leroy Geiger; and several nieces, cousins and many friends. Victor worked at Steelcase for just over 33 years and he enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time in the great outdoors. He was a charter member of Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Lowell and served the church in many capacities throughout his years there. Private interment rites were accorded at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. The family will host a memorial service on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at 11:00 am at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main Street (M-21), Lowell, Michigan 49331, with Pastor Rod Galindo officiating. A luncheon will follow. Those considering an expression of sympathy are welcome to consider a memorial contribution in Victor's memory to Calvary Christian Reformed Church or Hospice of Michigan, West Michigan Region. Envelopes will be available at the service or by contacting Verdun Family Funeral home, who is caring for the arrangements, at (616) 794-1300 or www.verdunfh.com

## HOOVER



Jacob V. Hoover, born February 15, 1925 to John and Elizabeth (Feuerstein) Hoover of Lowell. Jacob passed away peacefully at home at the age of 89 on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, brothers and spouses: George, Ollie (Marion) Henry (Mildred), Andrew (Dorothea), Ernest (Beatrice), Leo (Maxine), Mike (Pauline) and Gerald; and sister Catherine Powers (Don). Father and mother in law, John and Alvena (Strouse) Tesch, Brothers and Sister-in-law Rachel (Edward) Przybylo and John (Bud) Tesch. Jake is survived by his wife, Margaret (Peg Tesch) Hoover of 65 years; sons Jacob (Sharon) Hoover, Vince (Lucy) Hoover, Matt (Kathy) Hoover, daughter Judy Hoover-Brown; grandchildren Jennifer (Chad) Tolson, Brianne (Matt) Schuiteman, Aaron Hoover & Andy Hoover, Lisa Brown & Mike Brown; 4 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Doris Tesch; and many nieces and nephews. Jake, a lifelong resident of Lowell and parishioner of St. Mary's church was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. He was an Army Air Corp veteran of World War II. He retired from General Motors 36th St. plant in 1983 after 37 1/2 years. Jake was a very kind and giving soul and volunteered for many years at church and for the Grand Valley Blood Program. He spent his winters in Florida upon retirement. A Mass of Christian Burial was held. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church.

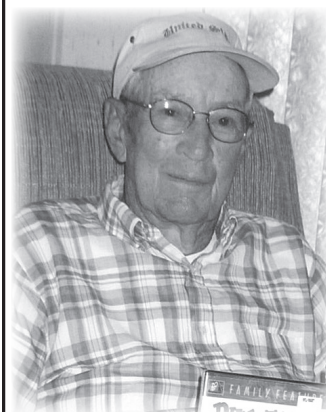


## HURLEY

John C. Hurley, age 89, of Grattan, passed away Monday, February 16, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lena Hurley; sister, Julia Hurley; brothers, Kenneth, Charles, Harold, Robert and Gerald Hurley. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Ella Hurley; dear long time friend, Larry Douthett; and many nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4351 Parnell NE, Ada. Rev. Mark Peacock presiding. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. with vigil at 6:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church or Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St., Lowell, MI 49331.



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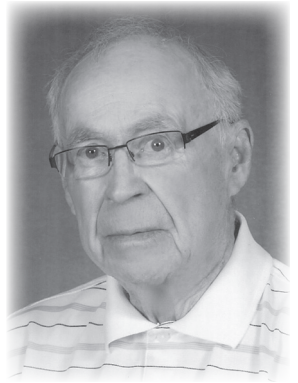


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## MYERS

William Edward Myers, age 90 of Plainfield, formerly of Lowell, passed away Monday, February 16, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Ellan; children, Neal (Diane) Myers, Paul Myers, Therese (Tim) Bliese, Jack (Nylce) Myers, Peter (Patrick Wojatak) Myers; sister Flora Bishop; grandchildren, Lena (Andy) Keri, Matthew (Bliese), David (Michelle) Bliese; great grandchildren, Maxton Keri, Owen and Evan Bliese. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4351 Parnell NE, Ada. Visitation Thursday 6-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Patrick Educational Fund or Marywood Health Center, 111 Lakeside Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



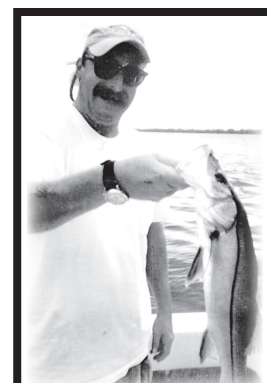
## THOMAS

Charles "Charlie" Thomas, of Port Charlotte, FL and Grand Rapids, passed away on February 8, 2015, in Port Charlotte at the age of 78. Charlie was born on July 4, 1936, in Grand Rapids to Michael and Esther Thomas. He became a young entrepreneur at the age of 16 starting a dairy farm with his "Pa." Later, in partnership with his brother Fred, he built his father's small machine shop into the formidable Industrial Tool and Machine (ITM) with Charlie automating the work his father had machined by hand. Charlie left ITM to start his own production machining company, Metric Manufacturing Co. His sons Chuck and Greg with partner Pat Gilbert continue to build the business Charlie started. Today Metric is celebrating 37 years in business and employs 150 people. Charlie lived each day to the fullest on his own terms. In addition to being an accomplished engineer, inventor and entrepreneur, he was a skilled pilot, motorcyclist, boater and operator of anything that moved. He had a passion for hard work and play and relished the great gratification that came from it. Charlie was a giving man and along life's journey he helped and donated to many individuals and organizations. He helped people start their own businesses, built a home for special needs kids in another county, donated riverfront land to the city of Lowell for a park; the list is long. He was a member of the Royal Order of Conquistadors, Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte Elks, and also the Port Charlotte Moose. Charlie enjoyed his family and many friends. He is survived and will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Sheri; children, Charles S. Thomas, Gregory Thomas, Lisa Thomas, Heather Rosenwald, Gregory Rosenwald, and Anson Rosenwald; grandchildren, Heather (Brad) Zahm, Michael Thomas, Brandon Murray, Matthew Rosenwald, Michael Rosenwald, Colin Gomez, Gavin Gomez; and great-grandchildren, Olivia Zahm and Grace Zahm. He is also survived by his brothers John and David (Elaine) Thomas and sister-in-law Nancy Thomas. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Fred Thomas. The family invites Charlie's friends to share in a "Celebration of Life" at the Watermark, 5500 Cascade Rd SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Charlie may be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929.



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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 2014 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, 2014. 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.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low	Range High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
<b>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfectant By-Products</b>								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
THMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	0.0138	ND	0.0138	2014	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (ppm) City of Lowell	4	4	.487	0.32	0.63	2014	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (ppm) Lowell Twp.	4	4	.46	.23	.64	2014	No	
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	1.4	1.0	1.4	2014	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.74	NA	NA	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (optional) (ppm)		MPL	12	11	12	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>								
Total Coliform (positive samples/month)	0	1	0	NA	NA	2014	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal coliform/E. coli - in the distribution system (positive samples)	0	0	0	NA	NA	2014	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.								

Radioactive Contaminants								
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source	
Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	2.7	NA	NA	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits
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.

**Water Quality Report, continued, next page**

**THEME:**  
**ROCK AND ROLL**

**ACROSS**

1. Harvest helper
6. Obi \_\_\_\_
9. Disagreeing votes
13. \_\_\_\_ in the sand
14. International workers' group
15. \*One of Violent Femmes?
16. Consumed
17. Common Russian given name
18. Dead-on
19. \*He took a "Walk on the Wild Side"
21. \*First woman in Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
23. Cauliflower \_\_\_\_ on a boxer
24. Garden intruder
25. Attorneys' org.
28. Italy's obsolete money
30. Mexican liquor distilled from desert plants
35. Bolsheviks
37. \* \_\_\_\_ Kirkwood, founder of the Meat Puppets
39. Indian side dish
40. Pelvic bones
41. Pale with fear
43. Fill to excess
44. 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
46. Wife of Zeus
47. \*Video didn't do it to the radio star
48. Motion sickness
50. Casino chip
52. Book org.
53. Ardent
55. Online pop-ups
57. Hot dish stand
60. \*"It's Only Rock 'n' Roll (But \_\_\_\_)"
64. "All joking \_\_\_\_"
65. Vatican vestment
67. "Odyssey" enchantress
68. \*Van \_\_\_\_

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| 69. Floral necklace    | 2. Choir member                   | 9. *"Who's ____" 1971 album by The Who  |
| 70. Social group       | 3. French "place"                 | 10. Wet nurse                           |
| 71. Greek god of war   | 4. Accustom                       | 11. Village People hit                  |
| 72. *"Roundabout" band | 5. Sometimes done to a ban or law | 12. Workout segment                     |
| 73. Flower holders     | 6. *Born to be this?              | 15. Bird supplier                       |
|                        | 7. A in IPA                       | 20. Author ____ Jong                    |
|                        | 8. Star bursts                    | 22. *"Losing My Religion" band          |
|                        |                                   | 24. Cold War deterrent                  |
|                        |                                   | 25. Born under the sign of Aries        |
|                        |                                   | 26. Isabella Swan of "Twilight"         |
|                        |                                   | 27. Farewell in France                  |
|                        |                                   | 29. *"Tom Sawyer" band                  |
|                        |                                   | 31. Quarterback's downfall              |
|                        |                                   | 32. Locomotive hair                     |
|                        |                                   | 33. Bikini ____ in the Marshall Islands |
|                        |                                   | 34. *Clapton hit                        |
|                        |                                   | 36. Depletes                            |
|                        |                                   | 38. Seaside bird                        |
|                        |                                   | 42. Birth-related                       |
|                        |                                   | 45. *Famous stairway destination        |
|                        |                                   | 49. " ____ Maria"                       |
|                        |                                   | 51. Authoritative proclamations         |
|                        |                                   | 54. Europe's "boot"                     |
|                        |                                   | 56. It's often mini                     |
|                        |                                   | 57. Boris Godunov, e.g.                 |
|                        |                                   | 58. Agitate                             |
|                        |                                   | 59. Middle of March                     |
|                        |                                   | 60. Wading bird                         |
|                        |                                   | 61. U.S. lake                           |
|                        |                                   | 62. Ballistic missile acronym           |
|                        |                                   | 63. *Shirts sold at rock concerts       |
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**DOWN**

1. Worshipped by ancient Semitic peoples

# Water Quality Report, continued

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.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances 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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- The White House promised an appeal Tuesday after a federal judge in Texas temporarily blocked President Barack Obama's executive action on immigration and gave a coalition of 26 states time to pursue a lawsuit aiming to permanently stop the orders.
- A powerful winter storm dumped snow from Nashville to Nantucket, and arctic-like temperatures gripped much of the U.S. and hundreds of thousands of people were without power in the South.

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING At 9:00 am.**

The March board of review of Vergennes Township Will meet at the Vergennes Township Hall to hear appeals on:

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015 Hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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You may appeal 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**

2.) By \* letter addressed to:  
Vergennes Township/Assessor  
10831 Bailey Dr.  
P.O. Box 208  
Lowell MI 49331

**\*MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO MARCH 6, 2015**

Mari C. Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

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# Gymnastics, continued

in at 8.9 and Alise Forward who recorded a 8.85.

Kaufman took top honors for the team on the bars leading the pack with an 8.75. Sarena Wilterdink (8.35) placed second and Fitzpatrick and DeHaan followed tying at 8.3.

DeHaan topped Lowell scoring on the floor exercise as well, to earn her three top finishes out of four events for the team. Her high score, 8.925, was followed by teammates Fitzpatrick (8.8), Browning (8.7) and Kaczanowski (8.65).

Coach DeHaan said this was an important win as they head into the last month of this season's competition, "We knew going into this meet if we came out with a win it would put us in a better position for the final conference meet."

Based on current statistics Rockford looks to clinch the conference championship with East Kentwood likely landing in fifth. That layout leaves the Red Arrows, Kenowa Hills and Forest Hills fighting it out for middle spots. All

three of the teams will enter their final showdown 4-4 in duals meaning their finish that day will determine their season finish.

"Lowell's program has never finished higher than tying for third so our goal is to finish second," said DeHaan. "We still want to break that 140 team mark too! History has proven that beam is usually the deciding factor so with us three teams scoring so close together, whichever team stays on the beam will most likely finish highest."

The team's season deciding conference meet will be held at nearby Rockford on Saturday, February 21 beginning at 12:30 pm.



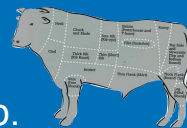
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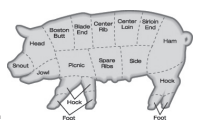


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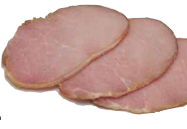
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