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Red Arrow wrestlers State Champs!

—Lakeland proved toughest challenge on road to championship—

By Dan Schneider

It was a hard road to the Division II state wrestling championship last weekend at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. But the Red Arrows overcame all opposition to take the state championship trophy back to Lowell.

The Arrows struggled in the early going against Flint Kearsley in the Friday-night quarter-finals. Josh Vaught provided a spark for Lowell with a major decision over Pete O'Brien in the 171 match. But Lowell was down 26-4 before winning the next seven matches in a stunning come-from-behind victory.

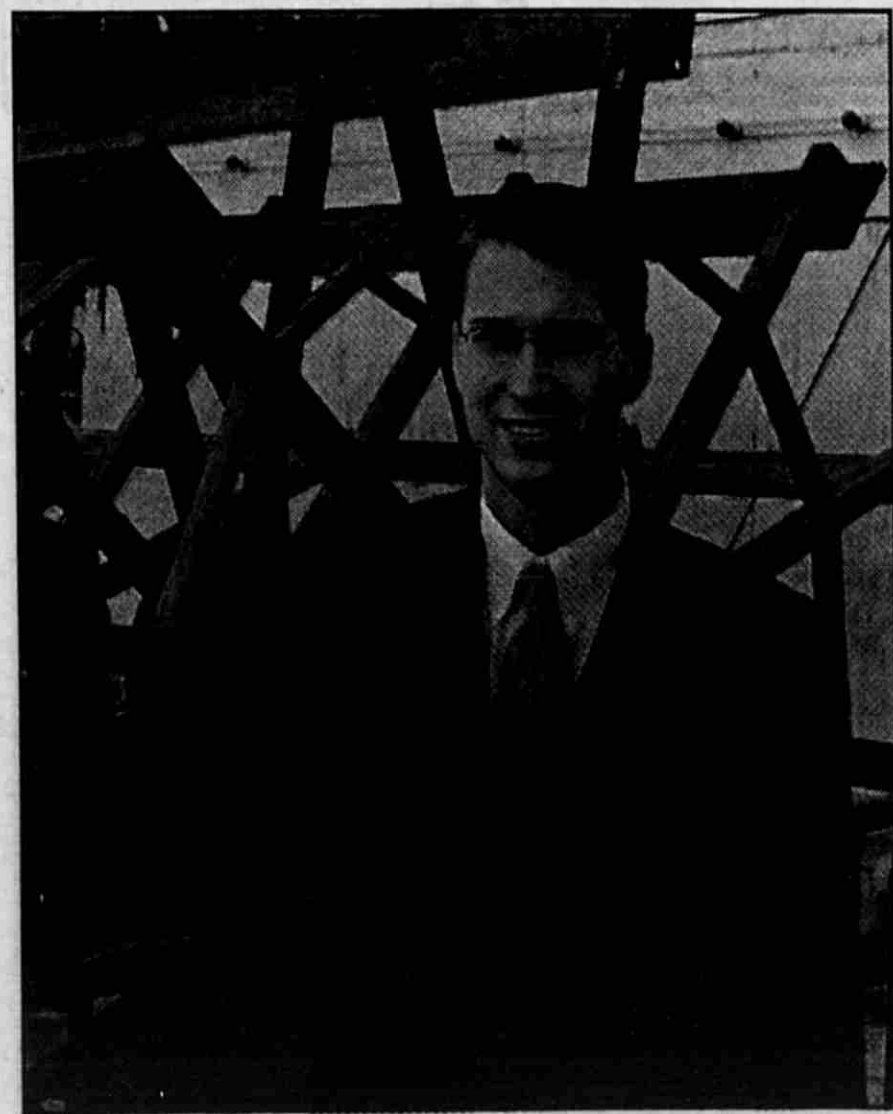
Rob Karasiewicz started the comeback for Lowell. He was tied 4-4 with Dustin Anger when he scored with :08 left in the match. Anger slammed him out of bounds after the whistle, and likely broke some of Karasiewicz's ribs. Karasiewicz gutted it out for the final seconds and won the decision, 6-4.

Joe Mendez really got Lowell rolling against the Hornets, pinning Chris Diehl in 49 seconds. Diehl had been *Champs, cont'd., pg. 15*



The Red Arrows celebrate with the Division II state wrestling championship trophy. Lowell defeated Mason in the finals to win the championship and give coach Dave Strejc his 200th career win.

Local candidate runs for State House of Representatives



David Hildenbrand stands in front of the Lowell Showboat, where he graduated with the 1992 Lowell High School class. Hildenbrand is running this year for state representative for the 86th congressional district.

By Dan Schneider

Lowell area voters will have one of their own as a ballot option in this August's republican primary. After eight years on the staffs of Lansing legislators, David Hildenbrand is running for the State House of Representatives.

He has thought about running for office for a number of years. With incumbent Jim Koetje's term expiring at the end of this year, now seemed like the best time.

"We're so courteous in Kent County politics that generally no one runs against an incumbent," Hildenbrand said. "This is an opportunity to give it my all and be on a level playing field with the other candidates."

Hildenbrand grew up on

an 80-acre farm on the corner of Alden Nash and McPherson in Vergennes Township. He went to Lowell High School where he was active in FFA. He graduated valedictorian of his class in 1992.

In 1996, he graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in public resource management. It's an economics degree with a course of study examining the interaction between government and local organizations.

After graduating college, he immediately began working under then-Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus. Hildenbrand was Posthumus's district representative, liaison between Lansing and a constituency that included the Lowell area and most of Kent County.

Posthumus is the treasurer for Hildenbrand's campaign.

"I think he has a solid base of understanding of what people in the area need in terms of creating jobs and

keeping the tax base low," Posthumus said. "He's a guy

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OBITUARIES

DEHAAN - John S. DeHaan, aged 85, of Lowell, passed away March 5, 2004. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sybrand and Gertie DeHaan, brothers, Gary and Siebren DeHaan. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Gertrude; children, Joyce VanDyke, Harold DeHaan, Sidney (Elaine) DeHaan, Gordon DeHaan, Don DeHaan; brother, Harry (Fena) DeHaan; sisters, Anna (Ed) Pylman, Gezina Zylstra; 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and one great-

great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell First United Methodist church of American Legion.

SITZER - Ronald Sitzer Sr., aged 67, of Ada, passed away March 2, 2004. He was preceded in death by his brother Larry Sitzer. He is survived by his wife of 48 years Marilyn; children Roxie

(Randy) Fairchild, Ronald Sitzer Jr., Suzanne Dent, Kathleen (Doug) Butts; stepmother Ethel Sitzer; brothers Richard (Lynette) Sitzer, Dan (Janet) Gehrett, Tom (Sally) Gehrett, Roger (Sandy) Sitzer, Jerry (Karen) Sitzer; sister Shirley Durocha; sister-in-law Paula Vollmer; brother-in-law Dan (Maggie) Blain; grandchildren Weston, Nikki and Keri Fairchild, Kyle Sitzer, Ariel Tilma, Austin Dent and Alissa Butts. Ron was a very devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Mass of Christian burial was offered Saturday at St. Patrick Church, Father Rock Badgerow presiding. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery. Memorial contri-

butions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

WEBBER - George A. Webber died February 29, 2004 at age 95 in Grand Rapids. Surviving are his wife Alice (Yaw) Webber and two sons, G. Robert (Elizabeth) Webber of Alto and Richard L. (Stanley) Webber of Statesville, NC; his brother Ernest J. (Irma) Webber of Battle Creek; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service was held in the Clark Retirement Community Chapel on March 5. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Clark Retirement Community

Benevolent Fund, 1551 Franklin St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

WITTENBACH - June Mary Wittenbach, aged 85, of Cascade, died peacefully at home in her apartment at Sentinel Pointe on Thursday, March 4, 2004. She lived in the Grand Rapids and Lowell area all of her life, and had been a long-time member of St. Mary's Church of Lowell and most recently has been a member of St. Robert's Parish, Ada. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Everett ("Steve") and her son E. Robert. Mrs. Wittenbach is survived by her daughter Mary (Thomas) Dewey, her son Steve (Debbie) Wittenbach;

grandchildren Charlie and Nicholas Dewey, Stephen II and Alexandra Wittenbach; brothers James (Janet) Rose and Bishop Robert Rose; sister-in-law Annabelle Wittenbach; several nieces, nephews, their spouses and children. Mrs. Wittenbach was a member of the Lowell Women's Club and Vergennes Club. Mass to celebrate her Eternal Life was offered Monday at St. Mary Church, Lowell, with Bishop Robert Rose as principal celebrant. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church, St. Robert's Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Leadership project needs volunteers to restore Showboat

By Dan Schneider

This year's class at the Lowell Leadership Institute has chosen an ambitious project for their community service project: they will raise funds and coordinate volunteers for the restoration of the Lowell Showboat.

"We chose that because

of what the showboat means to the community," project manager Anne Hoyt said. "What caused people to build it in the first place and what inspired Ivan Blough to rebuild it after it blew up."

A windstorm destroyed the Lowell showboat in the

1978. This inspired a community wide "Re-float the Lowell Showboat" campaign to raise money to build a new one. Ivan Blough, a local contractor, built the latest Robert E. Lee.

July 9th of this year marks the 25th anniversary of the

completion of the re-floated showboat. The boat is showing its age after weathering the elements all that time. The leadership class's project will have the boat looking shipshape in time to celebrate the anniversary.

The showboat will be thoroughly repainted. Its trim, much of which has deteriorated, will be replaced. Curt Kaeb's shop class at Lowell High School will fabricate the new trim. Kaeb helped Blough do the showboat woodwork 25 years ago. Window sashes will be replaced and the stern paddle wheel rebuilt.

The leadership class has already secured a grant for \$4,690.00 from the Lowell Area Community Fund to help finance the project. What it now needs most acutely is volunteer labor. Work will begin Wed., April 21. Between that date and the project's completion, planned for May 23, the showboat restoration is expected to require nearly 700 volunteer hours.

The leadership class is looking for groups in the com-

munity to volunteer as well as individuals.

"The goal is that with their volunteering they have some ownership in it and some pride," said Pat Allchin, one of the project's volunteer coordinators. "That's how the Lowell Showboat started with community pride."

Work days are Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Wednesday shifts start at 6 p.m. and last until 9 p.m. Each weekend work day includes two shifts, one from 8 a.m. to noon and another from noon to 4 p.m.

To sign up to volunteer contact the Lowell Leadership Institute for Volunteer Excellence at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza or by phone, 897-9161.

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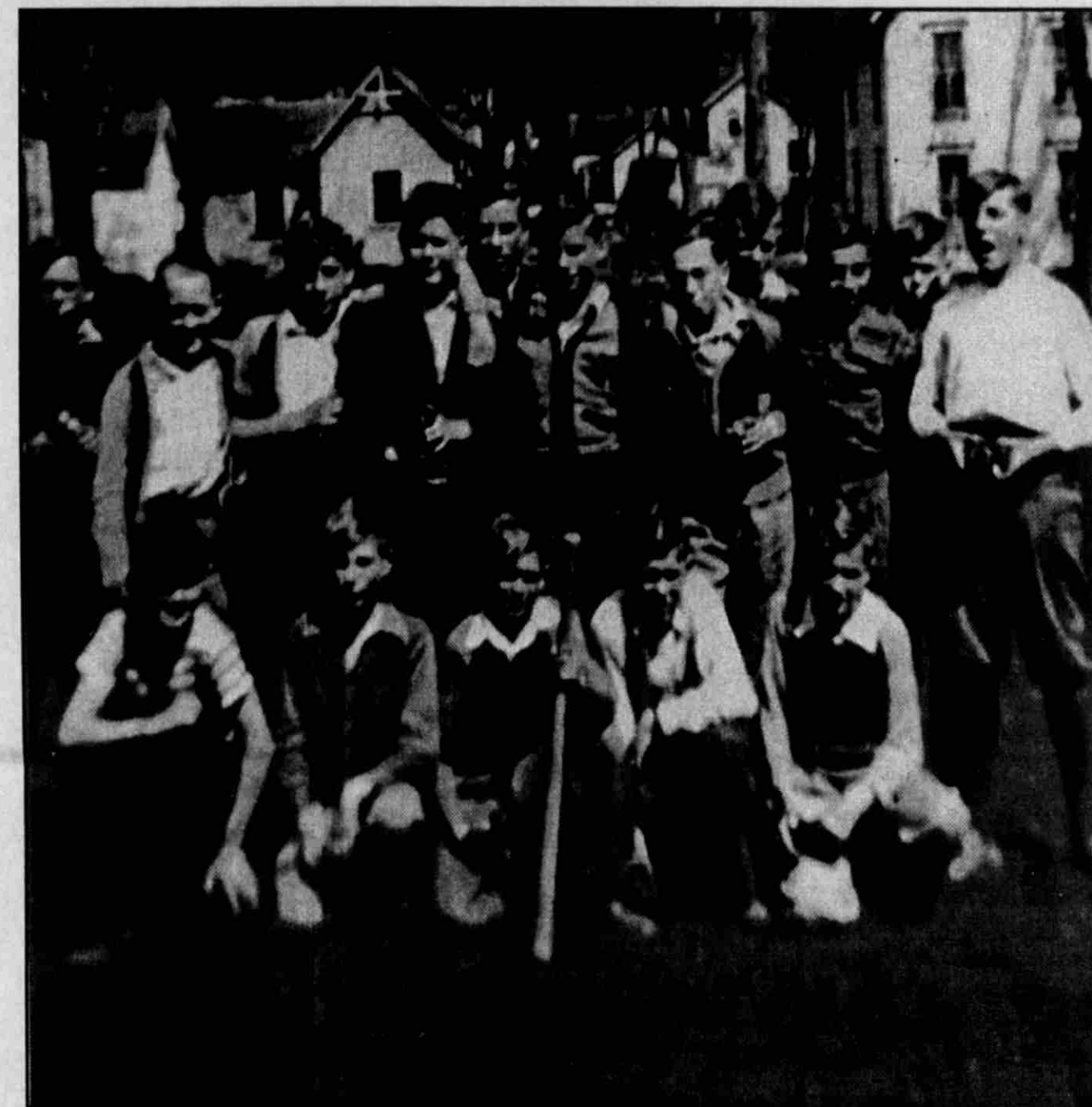
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Do you know these kids?

This picture of the seventh-grade class in front of the old Lowell High School on Monroe Street was taken in 1940. The person who can name the most people and who has the earliest postmark will win a dinner for two at Larkin's. Deadline is March 31. Please list names and place in an envelope marked "Lowell Area Historical Museum." Mail entries to: P.O. Box 81, Lowell, MI 49331.



In honor of **RACHEL PENNINGA**, we would like to have her name engraved on a leaf for the tribute tree at Lowell High School. If you would like to contribute, please contact Alex McMahon at 897-6584 or 989-4569. Thank You

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Are you living life on purpose or by chance? You are invited to join us at Calvary Church for a life changing event: **The Purpose Driven Life** discussion based on Rick Warren's book. For five weeks, beginning March 7, at 10 a.m. Rev. Bill Renkema will preach on the topic, following the discussion after coffee time. Prepare for a profound experience! Calvary Church is located across from Burger King on M-21

Lowell School board approves bond sale

By Dan Schneider

At its Monday meeting, the board of education for Lowell Area Schools approved a resolution authorizing the sale of bonds for the completion of the Murray Lake Elementary project.

The total amount of the bonds to be sold is \$3,565,000.

The bonds are part of the bond proposal approved by district voters in September 2000. Voters approved a total of \$27.5 million in bonds, of which \$13 million worth was

sold directly after the passage of the proposal.

"With the first bond sale we added a gymnasium to Alto, we added the ninth-grade wing on the high school, we funded most of Murray Lake," said Connie Gillette, LAS assistant superintendent for personnel and finance.

The purpose stated in the 2000 bond proposal was to build, furnish and equip two new elementary schools and make additions and other im-

provements to existing school buildings. Once bonds are sold, the money must be used for its stated purpose within a certain time period. After the first bond sale, it became apparent that the district would need more room at the high school before it needed either of the two planned elementary buildings. So the district built the freshman wing at the high school and made other building improvements before beginning the Murray Lake Elementary project.

The district will sell the remaining bonds, about \$11 million worth, when they build the next new elementary school.

"At this point, we don't know when we'll need to build that second elementary or where it's going to be," Gillette said.

Also at Monday's meeting, the school board approved a food service bid from Chartwells, the company that currently provides food service for district schools. The bid was for \$1.083 per meal, which is a 24 percent increase over the Chartwells bid the board accepted five years ago. The Chartwells bid was the only bid the district received this year. LAS goes through a new bidding process for food service every five years.

New bank branch opens in Lowell

The new Fifth Third banking center at 11915 E. Fulton Street will have its grand opening celebration Wednesday at 3 p.m. Lowell mayor Jeanne Shores and Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson will be on hand for the event.

The festivities will include

refreshments and drawings for gift certificates to Flat River Grill, Meijer and Subway. The bank branch will also kick off a food drive to support Flat River Outreach Ministries.

The new banking center has been open since Feb. 23.

It is more than double the size of the previous Fifth Third Lowell branch building. Expanded services at the new banking center include safe deposit boxes, more customer service area, more drive through lanes, drive-up ATM and additional parking.

Online watercraft registration

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land has announced that boat owners can now renew their watercraft registrations online at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

The Web-based program provides watercraft owners with the convenience of renewing from their homes or offices anytime of the day or night. Residents may also renew watercraft registrations by touch-tone telephone or mail, or at a branch office. Online and touch-tone renewal options end Aug. 31. All watercraft on Michi-

gan waters, including privately owned lakes and waterways, must be registered except:

- Watercraft 16 feet or less, propelled by oars or paddles, and not used for rental or commercial purposes
- Nonmotorized canoes and kayaks not used for rental or commercial purposes
- Rafts, surfboards, sailboards and swim floats, regardless of length
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DON'T FOLLOW LATEST INVESTMENT "FADS"

Sometimes, it can be enjoyable to participate in the latest trends in music, food and clothes. But if you regularly follow the latest investment "fads", you might hurt your chances of achieving your long-term financial goals—and that's no fun at all.

Investment fads are nothing new. From the railroad boom of the 19th century to day trading and the Internet dot-com frenzy of recent years, we've always had fads. While the specifics of these fads vary, there's been one constant: People lose their skepticism and get swept up in market hype and euphoria.

What causes stock market fads to take off? In general, three factors seem to be responsible:

• **The thrill of it all** - Some people are risk takers—plain and simple. They want high returns from their investments, and

they're more than willing to take big risks to achieve these results. They are drawn to new developments in business and new ways of packaging investments. While this group might not be in the majority, it may have enough power to get fads going.

• **Social acceptance** - Once an investment fad has emerged, it attracts more and more people - even some who might not typically be prone to taking risks. Why? Because these investors perceive a fad and think that if "everyone else" is following it, it must have some validity. In other words, the more people who buy a fad stock, the more acceptable it becomes for others to buy it.

• **Fast-rising prices** - Almost by definition, fad stocks are those whose prices rise rapidly over a relatively short period of time. And, of course, these rapidly rising prices will, in the short term, reward both the risk takers and the people who don't want to miss out on a "good thing."

Sooner or later, fad stocks run their course, and their prices fall. And if these stocks truly lacked the proper fundamentals for success, they never again attain their previous highs.

How can you avoid being hurt by stock fads? Here are a few suggestions:

• **Look for quality** - Instead of hopping after today's hot property or tomorrow's sure thing, you're much better off investing in high-quality stocks that may bear fruit next year—and for years afterward. Look for those companies with strong

management, solid business plans, good track records and competitive products. If you're investing in stocks that have historically paid dividends, try to find those that have consistently increased these payouts over the years. Companies that regularly boost dividends are typically well-run, with a strong concern for their investors.

• **Look for diversification** - Instead of going after the latest fad stocks, try to find others that best fit your need for a diversified portfolio. Remember, your holdings should reflect your individual risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term objectives. So, if your asset allocation already contains the proper amount of growth vehicles, you could be adding more risk than you're comfortable with by taking on some fad stocks.

• **Look for progress** - Most successful long-term investors follow a well-planned, personalized strategy, often developed with the assistance of a qualified financial professional. If you've got this type of plan, you generally know what sort of moves you need to make—and when you need to make them. But if you periodically deviate from your financial "road map" by going after investment fads, you could lose your way. And it could be expensive and time-consuming to get back on course.

So, when you're investing, forget about the fads. As an investor, you've got a lot to gain by being a little "old-fashioned."

Cherry Creek Staff Member of the Month

Cherry Creek Elementary School named third-grade teacher, Bob Titcombe, as its Staff Member of the Month. He was nominated by several staff members. They nominated him for displaying all of the character traits to the students and staff members in the building.

Earlier this year, Titcombe contacted the Family Links, and organized a work bee with several parents. He and the parents built several new benches, painted lines along sidewalks, added games of hopscotch and four square on Cherry Creek's playground.

He has touched the lives of the hundreds of students he has taught over the years.

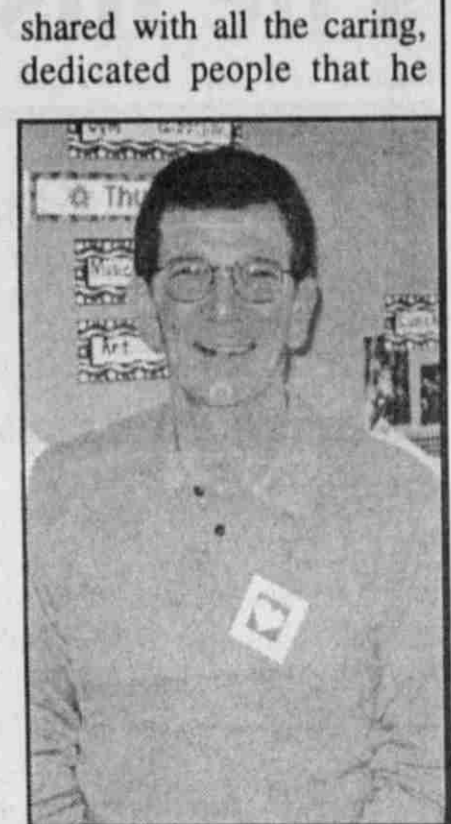
Titcombe has been married to his wife Carol for 25 years. They have three chil-

dren: Carrie is completing a master's degree at Calvin College Seminary. Ryan is a junior at Grand Valley State University and Claire is a high school senior at Calvin Christian and just received a full scholarship for academic excellence to Grand Valley.

A Lowell native, as a child, he walked to Runciman Elementary every day. This is his 32nd year of teaching in Lowell. "I've taught every grade from kindergarten through sixth. This has been a career I've been blessed to have. When I was hired I was given a paddle and told to use it as needed; I used it once.

Years later, that young man invited me to his wedding. I guess I made an impact," said Titcombe.

He appreciates the recognition, but says it is to be



Bob Titcombe

works with in Lowell. "I love Lowell Area Schools. You've helped me more than I can say."



Elementary art

First graders from Bushnell Elementary drew their favorite artworks at the Lowell Area Arts Council last Thursday. Over the course of last week, art teacher Dawn Price brought all the Bushnell first grade classes to the LAAC "so that they can see a variety of artworks by adults and have an opportunity to examine one closely by drawing it." Director Lorrain Smalligan said she especially encourages school groups to come during the West Michigan Regional Competition exhibit because that is when the Arts Council gallery displays its widest variety of art. The Regional Competition show will run until March 20 at the Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson St.

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The history of Lowell's Strand Theater



The Lowell Strand Theater as it looks today. The marquee sign advertises a fish special at Larkin's Restaurant, the building's current owner.

In printed words and still pictures

By Dan Schneider

STRAND THEATER BUILT, PLUS EARLY YEARS

Harvey Callier completed construction of the Strand Theater building in 1928. It opened to the public on June 12 of that year. It was described in the Oct.

27, 1927 edition of the Lowell Ledger: *Architect's sketches of front and side elevations and of the stage and auditorium have been received. These provide for a substantial and handsome brick building, 50 by 120 feet, two stories high, with an auditorium seat-*

ing 400, fronting a twenty-five foot stage providing for vaudeville entertainment as well as moving pictures.

There were several other Strand theaters in the Grand Rapids area at the time of Lowell's Strand, though none as long-lived. The name "Strand" identified the class of the theater. In the theater industry, a Strand theater was a theater without balcony seating. It was classier than a Bijou theater, showing higher-profile movies than the foreign films typically screened at a Bijou.

Callier was already an established businessman in the area when he built the Strand.

The 1927 Ledger article further reported:

To consolidate his interest, Mr. Callier will sell his ice business and confine his activities to his Saranac Light and Power plant and his Lowell and Saranac theaters.

He is certainly an enterprising citizen and the Ledger wishes him success in his latest undertaking.

The Strand Theater in Lowell opened with a bill including illustrated news, a newspaper drama, comedy and a quartet of vaudeville dancing girls. This is the combination of live performance and screen theater that would define the theater in its early years. Laurel and Hardy were among the widely-known live acts to take the stage at Lowell's Strand. The WLS Barnance group from Chicago made multiple appearances.

Not long after the Strand theater opened, Callier advertised:

STRAND THEATRE

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Watch for the Opening of the New Strand Theatre

What occasioned the advertisement was the installation of sound equipment in the theater to accommodate the new "talkies," the films with sound. To Callier, it was apparently enough of a revolution to justify designating the Strand Theater "new." Little changed despite the addition of sound. But that was a big deal in those days, as evidenced by Callier's advertisement of Jan. 27, 1932:

STRAND

LOWELL

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"People who had gardens would sell their garden stuff (produce) from door to door to get some money to go," Wayne Stebbins said.

Born in 1925, Stebbins was a projectionist for 65 years. He ran the projector in Callier's Saranac theater, at the Ionia Drive-In and later at the Strand when it was owned by the DeNolf family.

The theater had movies and performances. It also hosted bingo games, high school plays and the 1935 Lowell High School graduation. The names of some of the graduates from that class can be found scrawled in black on the walls of one of the dressing rooms below the stage.

MORE OWNERS

Earl Evans and Ray Engle bought the Strand in 1948. Evans was also a painter.

"Just outside the projection room was a sign shop," Stebbins said.

Evans painted signs to advertise movies at the Strand. He and Engle owned the theater until 1972. In that year, Robert DeNolf bought the Strand.

DeNolf trumped all previous owners for diversity of business pursuits. When he

March LHS Students of the Month

Lowell High School Students of the Month for March are being recognized by faculty members for their exper-

tise and dedication in a particular area.

Joshua John Anderson was chosen by the Technol-

ogy Department. A senior, he is the son of Don and Nancy Anderson of Lowell. Anderson's extracurricular

activities include being co-captain of the soccer team, a member of the basketball and baseball teams and Men's club. He is employed at BC Pizza. His teacher nominator says he is a focused individual who is not afraid to try and can figure out most new problems. He also treats everyone with respect. Anderson plans to attend Indiana Tech next year and play on that school's soccer team.

Katie Serne was selected by the Agriscience Department. A junior, she is the daughter of Pat and June Serne of Lowell. Serne is a member of FFA and band. She also participates in Pals and other volunteer activities. Her teacher nominator says she is an excellent example of a hard worker and someone committed to achieving high goals.

Elizabeth Wood Stengel is being honored by the English Department. She is a senior and is the daughter of

Diane Stengel of Rockford and Gene Stengel of Lowell. Stengel's extracurricular activities include marching band, drum major and International Club. She plans to attend Aquinas College next year, working toward a degree in social work. Her teacher nominator says she is a wonderful writer, a voracious reader and a deep thinker. In addition to her many talents in the English classes, she is also caring and willing to help others with either academic or personal problems. She is the kind of person we all strive to be every day.

Ben Den Houter is the choice of the Science Department. He is a sophomore and the son of Kathryn and Leonard DenHouter of Lowell. DenHouter is active in BPA, FFA and the lacross team. He is also a member of a Boy Scout troop and is employed at Outdoor Storage,

Inc. in Cascade. His teacher nominator says he works very well with other students, actively participates in class and is very responsible. He always is on task and is willing to do more than is necessary or required.

Karl Bouwhuis was chosen by the Social Studies Department. A junior, he is the son of Rich and Renay Bouwhuis of Lowell. His extracurricular activities include Model UN, bowling team, FFA and Pals. He is employed at McDonald's and Cascade Hills Country Club. Bouwhuis's teacher nominator says he is a participant in the A.P. U.S. History and A.P. European History. He also has been an award winner in the Model United Nations program. Bouwhuis will also be a member of the World Studies Council study tour this summer.



Students of the Month, left to right, are: Katie Serne, Ben DenHouter, Karl Bouwhuis, Elizabeth Stengel and Josh Anderson.

New AAA program benefits low income families

If you are in need of a child safety seat or booster seat, you may qualify for a free one through the Michigan AAA. A new event, the Michigan AAA Strollerthon, will take place July 10 at the Detroit Zoo.

Volunteers, made up of AAA employees, members and the public, will walk or push baby strollers along a marked 1.8-mile route and seek pledges to raise funds to purchase child safety seats for distribution to families in need, free of charge.

AAA Michigan will partner with a local nonprofit organization, and use the collected funds to purchase and distribute child safety seats to low-income families with

children who might otherwise not be able to afford the proper equipment. Child passenger safety is AAA's major traffic safety initiative for 2004.

"Most young passengers between the ages of four and eight need booster seats to prevent serious injury or death in the event of a crash," said Doug Bower, AAA Michigan

president and COO. "Unfortunately only about 15 percent of this age group actually uses them."

AAA Michigan is joining with other safety organizations to encourage parents and caregivers to have their child safety seats inspected and to remember that all children under the age of 13 should

ride in the rear seat of motor vehicles. Parents should also follow these four guidelines to protect children in motor vehicles:

1. Rear-facing infant seats - newborn to 1 year old and up to 20 pounds.
2. Forward-facing child safety seats - 1-4 years old, between 20-40 pounds.

3. Booster seats - Up to age 8 or about 4'9" tall.

4. Adult safety belts - Age 8 and older, at least 4'9" tall.

Although the AAA Strollerthon does not take place until July, parents may benefit from a one-time, limited coupon offer, taking place now through the end of

March. AAA is providing a \$10-off coupon, good for any car seat priced at \$30 or more at Toys R Us/Babies R Us. The coupon can be ordered by calling 1-800-646-4222.

If you need your child passenger safety seat inspected, call 1-888-327-4236.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Western Michigan University recently announced its dean's list for fall semester ending December 2003.

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Lowell High School presents The Pirates of Penzance

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell High School spring musical, *The Pirates of Penzance*, opens Thursday, March 18 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. By all indications, it should be a great show.

As of last Wednesday's rehearsal, the cast members were quite comfortable with their lines and ready to begin rehearsing with the orchestra. The set was on its way to completion with the important pirate ship ready to sail the prop seas. The script calls for the set to have the visual aspect of a pop-up book. But the set for this production is more three-dimensional, complete with multi-tiered cliffs of England.

The *Pirates of Penzance* begins with the pirates toasting Frederic. Frederic's nursery maid, Ruth, accidentally apprenticed him to the pirates when he was young. He is bound by his sense of duty to serve the full term of his indenture. His indenture expires at the beginning of the play. Because, in truth, he is an



The daughters are left, the pirates are right and Tom Eldridge is the very model of a modern Major General in the Lowell High School spring musical, *The Pirates of Penzance*.

upstanding kind of person and not a piratical one, he feels duty-bound to destroy the pirates.

The major theme of the play is duty to the detriment of self. It is rendered well with humor and absurdity.

Jay Eldridge plays the part of the pirate king. Chris Corlett is Frederic. Tom Eldridge plays the Major General, whose daughters are the first women Frederic sees upon disembarking the pirate ship. Among these

daughters is Mabel, played by Kacy Kilgore, who falls for the late pirate.

The challenge of *The Pirates of Penzance* is that the solid majority of the lines are sung rather than spoken. It is not the typical musical in which the actors speak along, then break into choreographed musical numbers at appropriate times. It is just about all song from start to finish.

The musical was first produced at a Bijou Theater in Devon, England Dec. 30, 1879 and the following day at the Fifth Avenue Theater in New York. Despite being so old, the comedy is surprisingly in tune with modern sensibilities.

The opening performance of Lowell High School's *The Pirates of*

Penzance will begin at 7:30 p.m. on March 18. There will be 7:30 performances on March 19, 20, 26 and 27. On Saturday, March 27 there will be an additional matinee performance at 1 p.m. The prices for advance tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$7 for the general public. Tickets at the door are \$8.



Above, some of the pirates peak out from behind the pillars of the Major General's mansion. Under construction during last week's rehearsal, it will be ready for the opening performance next Thursday.

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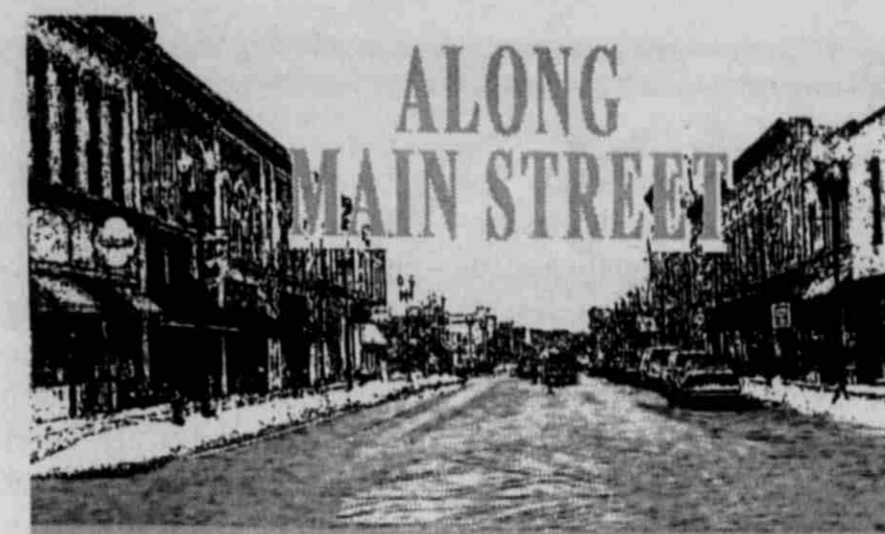
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CROP WALK RALLY

The 10th annual Lowell Crop Walk organizational rally will be held on Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at Lowell First United Methodist Church. Walking papers will be handed out.

FREE FOOD...FOODMOBILE

The Foodmobile will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Foremen Building on S. Broadway on Saturday, March 13, from 10-11 a.m. or until food (mostly produce) is gone. Bring your own box or bag. Distributed by Flat River Outreach Ministries. Visit our website at www.flatriveroutreachministries.org.

OPEN SPACE EDUCATIONAL FORUM

The Open Space Citizen Committee of Vergennes Township will host its 4th Annual Educational Forum on Wednesday, March 17 from 7-9 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center, 11715 Vergennes. There is no cost to attend, refreshments will be served. For more information call the Vergennes Township offices, 897-5671.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. is participating in the feed the hungry campaign during March and April. If you would like to donate, food barrels are at Fifth-Third Bank, Dollar Superstore, Curves, Gary's Country Meats, Dollar General, Parnell Grocery and Saranac Market.

LHS CREW TEAM NEEDS A BOAT!

The LHS crew team has doubled in size to over 20 rowers in just one year. They are looking for a 14 ft. aluminum boat with a 10-15 horse outboard to use for coaching and as a safety boat while the girls are practicing. If you or someone you know has a boat they can donate or the team can borrow or buy (at a reasonable price) contact Missy Harrison at 676-2674.

LECTURE SERIES ON DIABETES CONTINUES

Dr. Michael Valitutto will speak at Metro Health Lowell Plaza, 2550 W. Main on March 17 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Free to public; no registration is necessary.

LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO MARCH 27

Call the chamber of commerce for an application/information for this premiere marketing opportunity at 897-9161 or www.lowellexpo.org.

8TH GRADE READING PROJECT

Pencils, paper, erasers, etc., to fill backpacks in the Greater Grand Rapids area in August are needed for an 8th grade honors reading project. Donations may be dropped off at the First Congregational Church or Englehardt Library until March 29. ????, call Ellen Mork, 897-0835.

LHS FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Students in the eighth grade and their parents are invited to attend a high school orientation in the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, March 23 from 7-8 p.m.

LOWELL FIRE DEPT. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson, will be the location of the Lowell Area Fire Dept.'s pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 27 from 7-11 a.m. Donation at the door. Proceeds go to fire equipment.

RECYCLE THOSE NEWSPAPERS

The trailer for newspapers is at the Lowell High School by the loading dock for your convenience. Sponsored by the Lowell softball team.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD PHONE BOOKS

Cherry Creek Elementary will be participating in the Earth Day 2004 Recycling Challenge by collecting unwanted phone books. Drop them off in the main hallway; used for insulation in homes built by Habitat for Humanity.

High marks for LHS bands



Members of Lowell High School's symphonic band performed last Thursday in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's district band festival. The event was held at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. The White Band and the symphonic band earned Division I rankings at the festival while the Red Band earned a Division II ranking. The Lowell Performing Arts Center will host a middle school band festival Saturday starting at 8 a.m. The Lowell Middle School band will be among the first to play.

Local candidate, continued...From Page 1

who has deep roots in the district but an understanding of how to get things done in Lansing."

Hildenbrand has the endorsement of Senator Bill Hardiman. He is currently Hardiman's chief of staff.

He has also served as agriculture policy advisor to Gov. John Engler and then deputy chief of staff for Dick Posthumus when he was lieutenant governor.

Hildenbrand now lives in Lowell Township with his wife, Sarah. He is a member of the Lowell YMCA board of managers.

One of his main priorities as a state representative, he said, would be to protect the

West Michigan way of life by promoting low taxes and efficient government. He believes the time he has spent in Lansing will allow him to quickly make the transition to a legislative role.

"One of the advantages I think I have is I have eight years of experience in Lansing and I can hit the ground running," Hildenbrand said.

He has already gotten started on his campaign efforts. The district is so heavily republican, Hildenbrand said, that the real contest for state representative occurs during the primary. He feels the best way to win an election is by meeting voters face to face. By August 3, he plans to visit

all of the 14,700 households in the district that vote in republican primaries.

Hildenbrand is a member of Michigan Right to Life, the Kent County Farm Bureau, the National Rifle Association and the Kent County Republicans.

He supports low taxation, low regulation, efficient state government and strong local government.

"The more that the cities and townships and schools can do as opposed to the state government, I think, the better," Hildenbrand said. "Because I think the local governments are more directly accountable to the people."

MURRAY LAKE ELEMENTARY NOW ACCEPTING ENROLLMENT

Parents of students living in the Murray Lake Elementary attendance area should have received (via mail) enrollment information for their child/children. Parents of students living in proximity to the attendance area also should have received information on how to enroll their children using Schools of Choice. Schools of Choice can be used for students living outside the Murray Lake Attendance area, provided there is space available.

If you feel you should have received this information and did not, or if you need more information about enrolling your child at Murray Lake, please contact Brent Noskey (Principal of Murray Lake) at 897-9257.

TWO POSITIONS OPEN FOR LOWELL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

There are 2 four-year Board of Education positions to be filled at the regular school election which will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004. These positions are for four-year terms ending June 30, 2008.

Residents interested in running for a board seat must first file nominating petitions (or a \$100 non-refundable fee in lieu of petitions) and an affidavit of identity. Candidates must be 18 years of age, a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Lowell Area School District for at least 30 days before the election, and a registered voter in the school district.

Nominating petitions and affidavit forms may be obtained by any candidate from the Board of Education office located at 300 High Street,

Lowell, MI 49331 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The petitions must contain at least 40 signatures of registered school electors of the district. It is recommended that a reasonable number of signatures over the minimum be obtained to protect against invalid signatures.

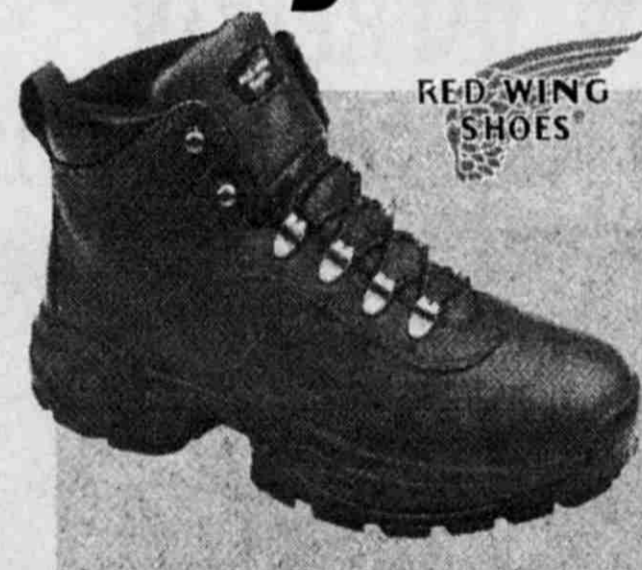
Petition circulators need not be a registered school elector, individual petitions must be taken for each township and city in which signatures are obtained, and ELECTORS CAN SIGN AS MANY PETITIONS AS THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED.

If you are interested in running, please note the following dates:

Monday, April 12, 2004 - 4:00 p.m. last day for filing nominating petitions;
Thursday, April 15, 2004 - 4:00 p.m. last day for a candidate to withdraw his/her name;
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For more information contact Kay Jones at 897-8415

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Strand Theater, continued...From Page 8



A relief set into the brickwork of the former Strand Theater, in the past frequently called "Michigan's Finest Small Theater."



A flyer advertising a movie starring Lucille Ball that played at the Strand Theater.

bought the Strand, he was primarily a salesman of automotive parts and accessories. He had been an usher in theaters in Detroit, which is where his theater interest came from.

DeNolf was also a hypnotist, putting on performances as well as making office visits.

"He was doing hypnosis and had an office building in Grand Rapids offering Western Union, laminating, pass-

port photos, answering service," Steve DeNolf said.

Steve is Robert DeNolf's son. He was ten when his family bought the theater and moved into it in March of 1972.

"What made the theater even more enticing for my family to purchase it was the fact that there was space that allowed us to live there as well as run the operation," Steve DeNolf said.

The DeNolfs made few modifications to the auditorium. The most significant was to remove some rows of seats for more leg room. Under the DeNolf's ownership, movies ran Friday night to Monday night. Steve DeNolf worked as the theater's manager while he was attending Lowell High School.

Films shown at the Strand in 1973 included "Easy Rider," "Elvis on Tour," "Dr.

Zhivago" and "M*A*S*H." These were all second-run films, the rising cost contributing to the theater's closing.

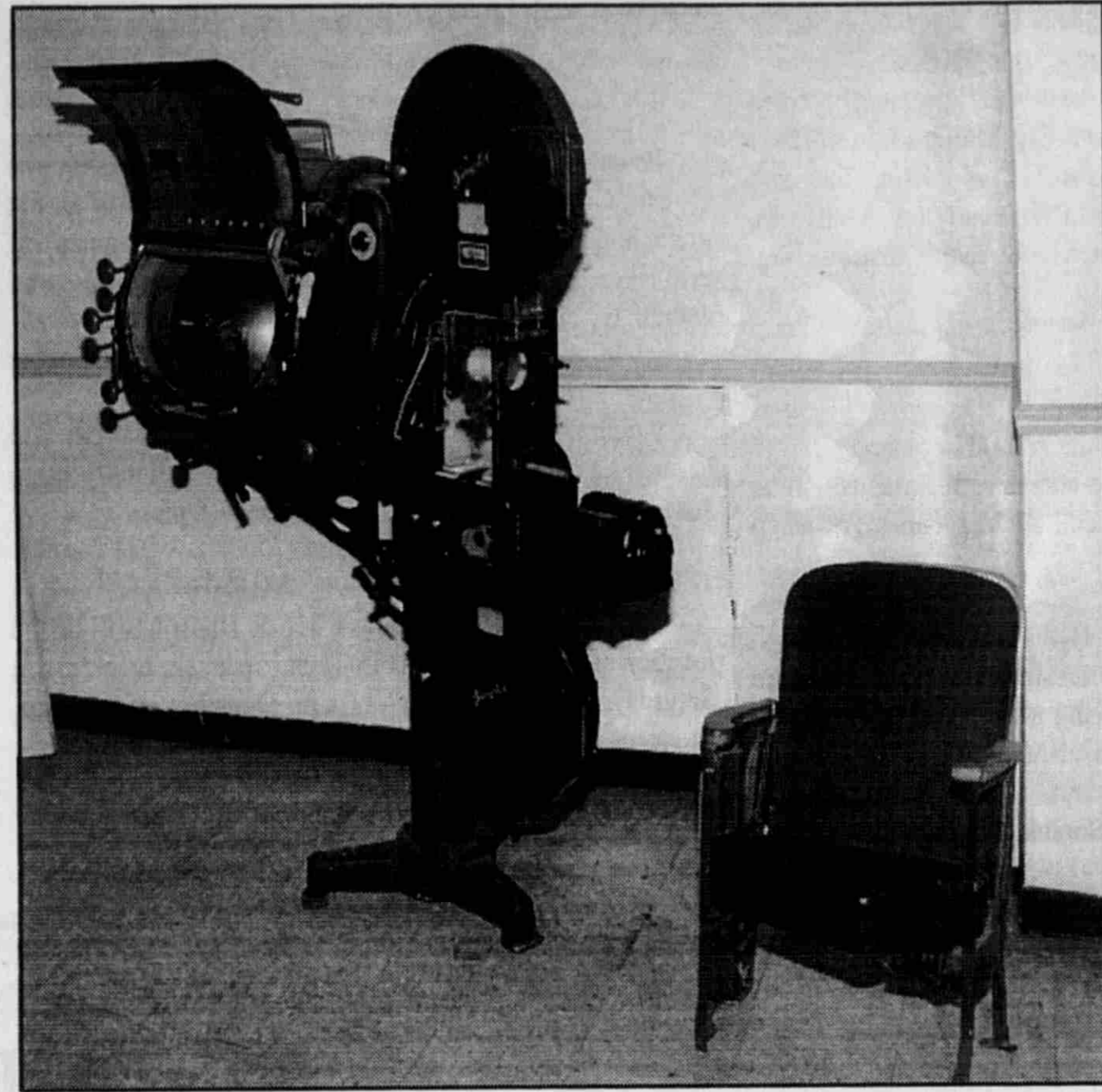
"When my father purchased the theater in 1972, you could make 40 percent on the box office," DeNolf said. "By the time we closed the theater in 1984, you only made 10 percent on the box office—the rest went to the film companies."

The DeNolfs sold the Strand to Steve Larkin, then owner of Larkin's Saloon. He and a business partner turned it into a furniture store. They took out the screen and the seats; Larkin replaced them with a three-tiered sales floor for furniture. They called the furniture store S.J. Bob Furniture. The furniture store eventually failed.

"Art Van came into Grand Rapids and we couldn't compete," Larkin said.

So he turned the place into a dance club. Lowell was not big enough to support such a venture.

In 1995, Mike Larkin, current owner of Larkin's Restaurant, bought the building from his brother. Calling it "Larkin's Other Place," he has rented it out as a hall. For the last four years, the Thebes Players of the Lowell Area Arts Council have been putting on dinner theater performances there, returning the space to a live performance venue. A production of "Escanaba in da Moonlight" was recently completed there.



A projector and a theater seat still sit in the lobby of the former Strand Theater.

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

SUNDAYS: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

EVERY MON.: LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. 676-1355.

EVERY MON.: Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elem. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

THIRD MON.: Fallsburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber office or Fallsburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

SECOND MON.: Lowell Board of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meeting at Historical Museum, 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

THIRD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Nazarene Church. Call Dave, 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts, boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call school for more info.

FOURTH MON.: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

THIRD MON.: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin. Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society meets in O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group, 9:30 Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers

...because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304 for details.

SECOND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. meeting & program. Olga, 975-9977.

EVERY TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

EVERY TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers, LAAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. For all or part time; Anyone is welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466 for info. A light dinner will be provided.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

EVERY THIRD TUES.: Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Ages 8-13. 897-8694.

EVERY WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church upstairs.

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell

Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake Ave.

EVERY WED.: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program at 7 p.m., ages 5-12 years. Call 897-8800.

EVERY WED.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Call Larry 754-7104. Public welcome.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting at 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center at 4-H Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

EVERY THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info., 800-651-6000.

EVERY SECOND THURS.: Loyol Order of the Moose, men's general meeting from 7:30 p.m. - ? All members in good standing are invited to attend.

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Call Kathy Maatman at 897-5981.

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

EVERY THURS. - SUN.: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create scrapbooks, share supplies. Dawn 862-8841.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. 897-7842.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women; Ada church. 752-8300.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parent Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. at The 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Many educational topics related to parenting and parenting issues are discussed. Call Bev or Melissa at 642-6466 for more information.

SECOND THURS.: Genealogy-Alto Fam. Tree Club, Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

EVERY FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers meet at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or Judy at 897-7842 to meet new friends, share your talent.

SECOND SAT.: Ada Historical Society at 10:30 a.m., Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN-Tues., Sat./Sun.: 1-4; Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members: free.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed. - Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

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LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 12-5 p.m.; Thurs.: 12-7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs.: 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. For info. call 897-8565.

EACH WED. - APRIL 7: Franciscan Life Process Center lunch thru Lenten season. Soup, fresh bread, dessert, beverage for a donation; 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Call 897-7842 to RSVP.

THURS., MARCH 11: Lowell Crop Walk rally at 7 p.m. at 1st United Methodist Church, Lowell.

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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MON.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

TUES.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 12:45 p.m. Bible Study **FRI.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

WED., MARCH 10: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast. **TUES., MARCH 16:** 12:45 a.m. Traveling Breakfast.

THURS., MARCH 11: 4:30 p.m. Stew Dinner at Saranac. **THURS., MARCH 18:** 11 a.m. Chris Wilkes; 12 p.m. Center Shower; 12:45 p.m. Grand Rapids Art Museum.

FRI., MARCH 12: 12 p.m. Community Senior Neighbors Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Ford Museum: "All That Jazz - The 1920's."

FRI., MARCH 19: 11 a.m. Dr. Flohr "Glaucoma"; Birthday/Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.



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Shift change for LHS community-based instruction

By Dan Schneider

Students in community based instruction (CBI) at Lowell High School are finishing their second of three job periods for the school year. The CBI program puts special needs students to work at different businesses in the Lowell community.

"It's a vocational program where kids go out and work three days a week and then two days in class," CBI teacher Keith Boeve said.

The CBI students work two-hour shifts at local businesses on the work days, learning job and social skills. Over

the course of a year, a student will rotate through three different workplaces.

During class time, students learn how to look for jobs and about the hiring process. This includes instruction on writing letters of application and resumes as well as job ethics. At the end of the class, the students go through video-taped job interviews.

The students don't get paid for working at the various job sites. It is strictly for the job experience. Several businesses do hire CBI students who have worked for them, however.

"I would say 40 to 50 percent get hired at one of the places they're working," Boeve said.

The hands-on job experience helps the students get a different perspective on what the job world is all about. Mark Pepper is finishing his term at Springrove Variety on Main Street.

"My brother said he wouldn't want to work at a store because he doesn't like dealing with people," Pepper said. "I would never have thought about working at a store, but now I wouldn't mind it."

Before Springrove, Pepper worked at L.A. Video for the work portion of the CBI class. He has severe dyslexia, so shelving the videos was a struggle for him. He said he is better able to deal with the dyslexia because of the experience.

Rose Bruinsma is the paraprofessional who works with the students on the job sites.

"We couldn't run the program without her," Boeve said. "And we couldn't do this without business owners participating."

There are 19 work sites participating in the CBI program.



Mark Pepper, a student in the community-based instruction program at Lowell High School vacuums the aisles at Springrove Variety on Main Street.

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The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the city Council chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance to amend Section 4.07 of Chapter 4, "Fences and walls" of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.
- An Ordinance to amend Section 26-4 of Chapter 26, "Historic District" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinances are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
616-897-8457

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS DRIVER TRAINING:

Students living in the Lowell Area School District, wishing to take driver training, can pick up an application form at Lowell High School, Lowell Middle School, or Unity High School. The application forms need to be returned before Thursday, April 1st. Two sessions of driver training (Segment 1) will be offered:

- #1. June 14th thru July 1st, and
- #2. July 12th thru July 29th.

The cost for driver training is \$240 and can be paid in two installments: \$120 when the application is turned in, and \$120 on or before the first day of class. A student must have been born before November 12th, 1989 in order to be eligible. A certified birth certificate must be shown when the application is turned in. A Michigan state identification card or moped license is also accepted. Information can be obtained by calling Al Eckman at 616-897-4125

Arthritis Foundation & Lowell YMCA co-sponsor exercise program

The Arthritis Foundation, Michigan chapter, and the Lowell YMCA are co-sponsoring a fun, new exercise program designed specifically for people with arthritis. The program is called PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) and it's a way to get moving and stay active.

Exercise is one of the most effective methods of controlling arthritis pain, but not just any form of exercise - it should be one mindful of flare-ups and pain, and one designed specifically for people with arthritis. PACE is just such a program.

"A properly designed and executed exercise program helps people with arthritis keep joints flexible, maintain muscle strength, and build overall stamina," said Rebecca Williams, manager of Community Programs and Education for the Arthritis Foundation. "But before any exercise program is started, you should always check with your physician." Also, if you think you have arthritis, you should seek an early and specific diagnosis. With more than 100 forms of arthritis and related diseases, a specific diagnosis is critical because each form requires a different treatment strategy.

Classes (\$20) will start on March 16 and run through April 21 at the Lowell YMCA, 1335 W. Main. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is requested. Call 897-8445. For a free copy of the brochure, Exercise and Your Arthritis, call 1-800-968-3030.

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49-0 going into the match, including a win over Mendez. Matt Kilmartin put Lowell on top, 28-26, with a technical fall over Greg Westenbarger. David Kropf and Ryan Karasiewicz had pins for Lowell. The Red Arrows advanced the semi-final with the final score 39-26.

Flint Kearsley coach Craig Golembiewski took the loss in perspective.

"It's been a dream year for a first-year head coach," he said. "I'm happy for the kids that we made it here, it's a successful season."

For Lowell, the victory meant they would face Lakewood the next day in the semi-finals. Last year, the Vikings kept the Arrows out of the state finals, beating them by tie-breaker in the regional tournament.

"What I love about wrestling Lakewood is its such a great rivalry," Lowell coach Dave Strejc said Friday night.

The Saturday match would be the fourth consecutive time Lowell met Lakewood in the post-season. In the past it hadn't been this close to the state title.

"There's no second chances at this level, you can't come back next week," Strejc said. "And I firmly believe that the team that comes out with the most heart tomorrow will go home with the hardware."

On Saturday morning it quickly became clear that the

semi-final match between the Red Arrows and the Vikings would determine the state champion. Lowell hit the mat with intensity and focus. David Kropf pinned Evan Terry in 5:05 at 130. Matt Kilmartin won a major decision against Adam Wruble. Lowell was up 16-0 before Nathan Hummel pinned Jayme DeLiefde in 2:41 at 152 and the Vikings came charging back.

Eddie Phillips put Lakewood within one. It was 16-15, Lowell, after he pinned Ryan Dykhouse in the 171 match. Dykhouse was wrestling with a broken hand. Neither team could get a pin for the next five matches. Then Scott Blocher pinned Mike Nearing to put the Vikings on top, 29-25. The Lakewood side of the arena exploded.

It all came down to the 125-weight match. Mendez tore onto the mat like an animal, scoring takedown after takedown against Kyle Root to win a 21-4 technical fall in 1:16.

"We needed at least five, so I figured I'd not even go for the pin and just tech him," Mendez said. "I always try to pin them so hard and then I get gassed and I can't do anything."

Lowell beat the Vikings 30-29.

"I said yesterday that the team with the most heart was going to win it," Strejc said. "I was wrong because both teams

showed the same amount of heart today. I don't see how any team could have put more out there today, it was tremendous . . . I hate to see someone lose that kind of match."

For Lakewood coach Bob Veitch, it was a hard loss to swallow at the end of a great season, not knowing when the Vikings would get another shot at the finals.

"This was the year and this was the most stable year that we could have had," Veitch said. "This was our window of opportunity and we didn't come up with it."

The Bulldogs from Mason High School had gotten to the finals by first beating Warren Lincoln 49-21. They then beat Tecumseh—who had decisively beaten Warren Fitzgerald—by a score of 35 to 21.

They then faced a battle against the Red Arrows. It started at 112, where Rob Karasiewicz took the mat once again with his chest wrapped in a bandage. This time, he couldn't hold on against Mike Mullholland, who pinned him in 1:31. Mason was out to a 10-0 lead after Jordan Rozeboom won a major decision over Mike Nearing, 12-4.

Then Kropf pinned Scott Skriba with two second left in the 125 match. Mendez pinned Adam Cogswell in 3:01 at 130. Frazier, at 145, and Ryan Esbaugh at heavyweight had

the other two pins for Lowell. Dykhouse, with his broken hand, got his first win of the finals at 189. It was a 7-6 decision over Matt Swab.

"That was a huge match for the team," Strejc said. "He couldn't have picked a better time to get it done. What courage and determination."

Brock Graham's 8-3 decision over Pat Paulsen sealed the deal for Lowell.

The Red Arrows beat the Bulldogs 42 to 23. It was coach Strejc's 200th career victory.

"We won it the year before, they won it last year so it was kind of a fitting match to have these two teams in the final," Strejc said. "You have two teams like that, both teams know what it's like to be here and get it done."

Mason's strategy had been to re-adjust its lineup.

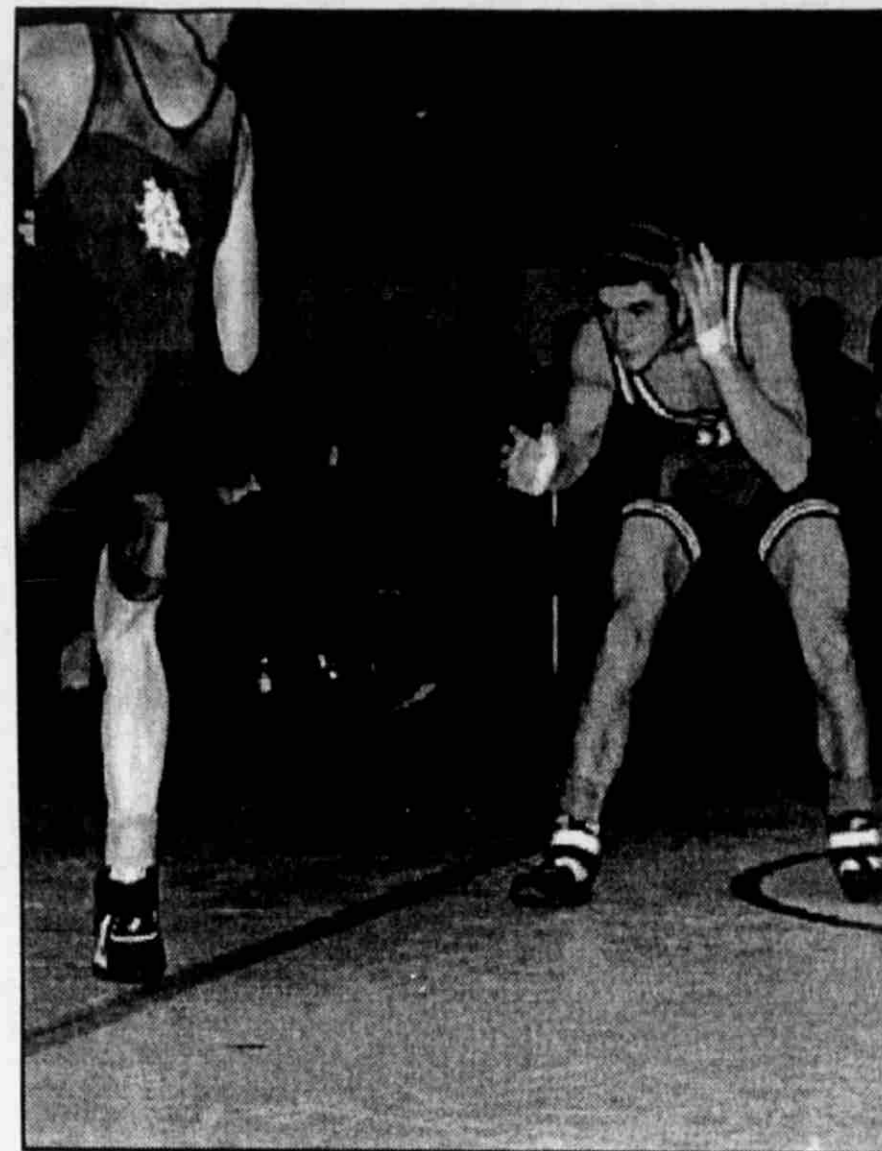
"Lowell is really tough in the middle," Mason coach Jeff Pitman said. "We were hoping we could hold it close and maybe bump up a little bit, get some favorable matchups."

"We were doing a good job, we just got outwrestled."

For Frazier, a senior standing under the lights amid the roar of the crowd and the team's celebration, the moment was hard to describe.

"Everyone on our team showed a lot of heart," Frazier said. "I get choked up thinking I was part of something so great."

"It means everything. All my high school dreams have



Joe Mendez sizes up Mason's Adam Cogswell. Mendez pinned Cogswell and won his other two matches by pin and technical fall last weekend in Battle Creek.

come true so far. Next week is my last one, to become a state champ."

Frazier will go to the Palace of Auburn Hills Saturday with four other Red Arrows to compete in the individual state finals.

For Strejc, it was a fitting end to long, rocky road the Red Arrows travelled this season.

"There were a lot of things we were working against this year, a lot of frustration and a lot of trials," Strejc said. "Just to see it through to the end, heads held high, no regrets, knowing that you did it the right way is what makes it all worthwhile."

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Volleyball team comes up short in district tournament

By Dan Schneider

Nerves got the best of a young Lowell volleyball team last Saturday at Owosso as they fell short of a district title.

The Red Arrows lost in two games to St. Johns in the final round of the district tournament. St. Johns won the first game 15-9 and the second, 15-13.

"They were a better team that day than we were," Lowell coach Gigi Peal said. "We just made too many mental mistakes and we had quite a bit of nerves."

To advance to the final round, the Arrows beat host Owosso 15-12 and 15-5.

"I was really excited because against Owosso, I could tell the girls were playing a little nervous and a little tense," Peal said. "I hoped they'd played out a little bit of their nerves before the finals but the finals started and the nerves were still there."

Peal credits Kristin Johnson with a strong offensive performance against St. Johns and Heather Becker for a strong defensive game. Taylor Verdon served four straight

aces in the first game against St. Johns.

"It was a great season, it's just disappointing losing to a team you feel on any given day you can beat," Peal said. "St. Johns was the underdog in the district with a 22-25 record going in."

"St. Johns were district winners last year so they had that experience."

The experience of playing in a big game was probably the best thing the Lowell team took away from Saturday. Most of the teams starters will be back next year to

put the experience to work.

"It's been a growing year, a stepping stone," Peal said. "We'll keep working and be better next year."

Still, the team finished the season with a 40-15-1 record. Becker and Johnson both made the OK White all conference team. Verdon was honorable mention. Peal figures the team broke five or six school records.

"It's sort of bittersweet," Peal said. "It's been a great season but I don't know if anyone was ready for it to end."

Three-point shooting key in Red Arrow victory over Crusaders

By Dan Schneider

It didn't take Unity Christian basketball coach Scott Soodsma long to summarize what caused his Crusaders to

fall last Tuesday in Lowell. "Number 42," he said.

That's Lowell's Josh Hettinga. The sophomore lit up the scoreboard with 31 points in Lowell's 81-77

shooting-match victory. It was the Red Arrows' highest-scoring game of the season.

Hettinga was deadly from downtown, nailing nine three-point field goals to tie Lowell's

school record for most triples in a single game.

"Josh can shoot that way," Lowell coach Jeff McDonald said. "We've seen him shoot

that way all the time. He shoots that way in practice."

The game was tight going into halftime, with Lowell up 30-29. The Arrows blew the contest wide open in the third quarter, leading at one point by 18 points. This was against a team that had beaten them by 25 earlier in the season.

The Crusaders showed their mettle in the fourth quarter. They went to a full-court press and closed the gap on the Arrows by hitting three-pointers of their own. They were within three during the last minute of play, but Lowell held on.

"Yeah, we came back, we made a nice run at it," Soodsma said. "It's unfortunate that we got that far behind but the kids showed some character coming back."

Unity Christian had some high scorers, as well. Paul Nysse had 28 and Kurt Gruppen had 25. The other scoring leaders for Lowell were Sam Oberlin with 20 and Andrew Min with 15.

Lowell hit 25 out of 32

shots from the free-throw line. Mike Koster and Oberlin each had nine of Lowell's 24 rebounds. Unity Christian had 23 rebounds as a team.

The win improved Lowell's record to 9-5 and put them into a tie with Unity Christian for second place in the OK White conference.

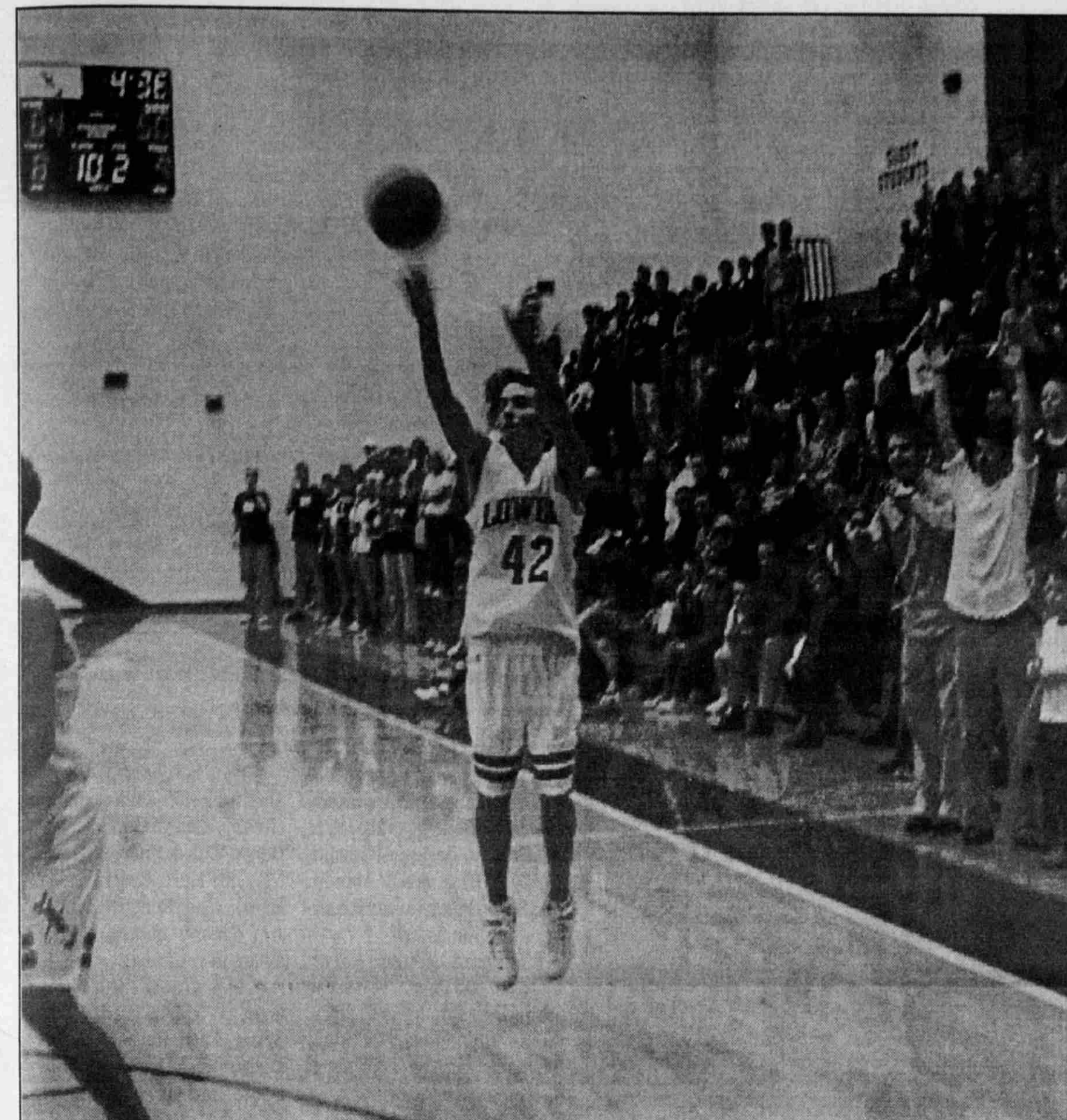
"It was a great win for us," McDonald said. "We talked before the game and I told them we had 32 minutes to do something that hasn't been done in 20 years."

The last time Lowell tied for second place in conference was in the 1983-1984 season.

"It's a great accomplishment for our boys and I'm proud of them."

Lowell finished the regular season with a 65-56 against Holland Christian at home last Friday. It was the OK Gold crossover game. The loss puts their overall record at 14-9.

Lowell plays in the semifinal round of the district tournament Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Rockford High School.



Lowell's Jason Hettinga shoots from downtown in last Tuesday's home win against Unity Christian. Hettinga had 31 points in the game, mostly by nailing nine three-point field goals which tied the school record.

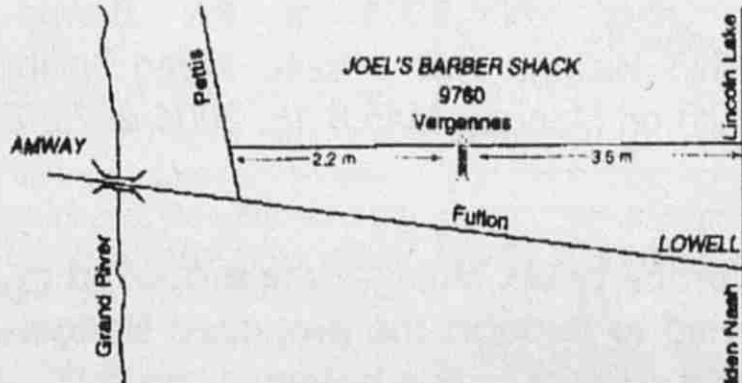


2004 LHS CREW TEAM

The Lowell High School crew team is growing. The 25-member club team, coached by Missy Harrison and Marc Fryling, started conditioning three weeks ago. Their first regatta is scheduled for Saturday, April 17 at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids. The team roster (not all are pictured) includes: Ashley VanEck, Jordan Pitsch, Wendy Seif, Trisha Wilkins, Lindsay Aiken, Robin Figley, Karen Judd, Dana Zerbe, Samantha Rinke, Nicki Freed, Brittany Lyman, Hollie Gunderson, Jessica Wilson, Katie Shepard, Katy Barnes, Katie Huver, Edith Chittenden, Megan Vaught, Carey Crout, Kelly Koning, Hannah Cunningham, Danielle Duprey, Stephani Thompson, Ashley Slatter and Kelsey Quain.

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Regionals a disappointment for Lowell gymnasts

By Dan Schneider

It was a disappointing Saturday for the Lowell gymnastics team.

Only two gymnasts were able to compete in the Division II regionals. It was not enough for a team score.

Despite a season-high 8.75 on bars, an 8.35 on vault,

an 8.6 on beam, and 8.825 on floor, Lowell's Jenna Dickerman was unable to advance to state competition. She came within .05 on the beam, though.

Freshman Amanda Vezino gained regionals experience and scored 6.75 on the balance beam.

The weekend highlight for

the Arrows was Alicia Weeber's performance on beam last Friday. She qualified for the Division III regionals competition at Plymouth High School in Canton. She scored a personal-best 7.5 which put her in a tie for first place on beam at the regional.

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It's 10 p.m. on Monday night and thanks to someone's good thinking you can call the City Hall at night and leave them a message. It's nice to be able to accomplish

something you might want them to do. For instance they helped me with garbage pickup and helped me take care of a lost pet.

Thank you very much City Hall it's so helpful to be able to get through to someone when you need assistance.

I'd like to see at Lowell Meijer parking lot their no parking fire lane enforced. To the

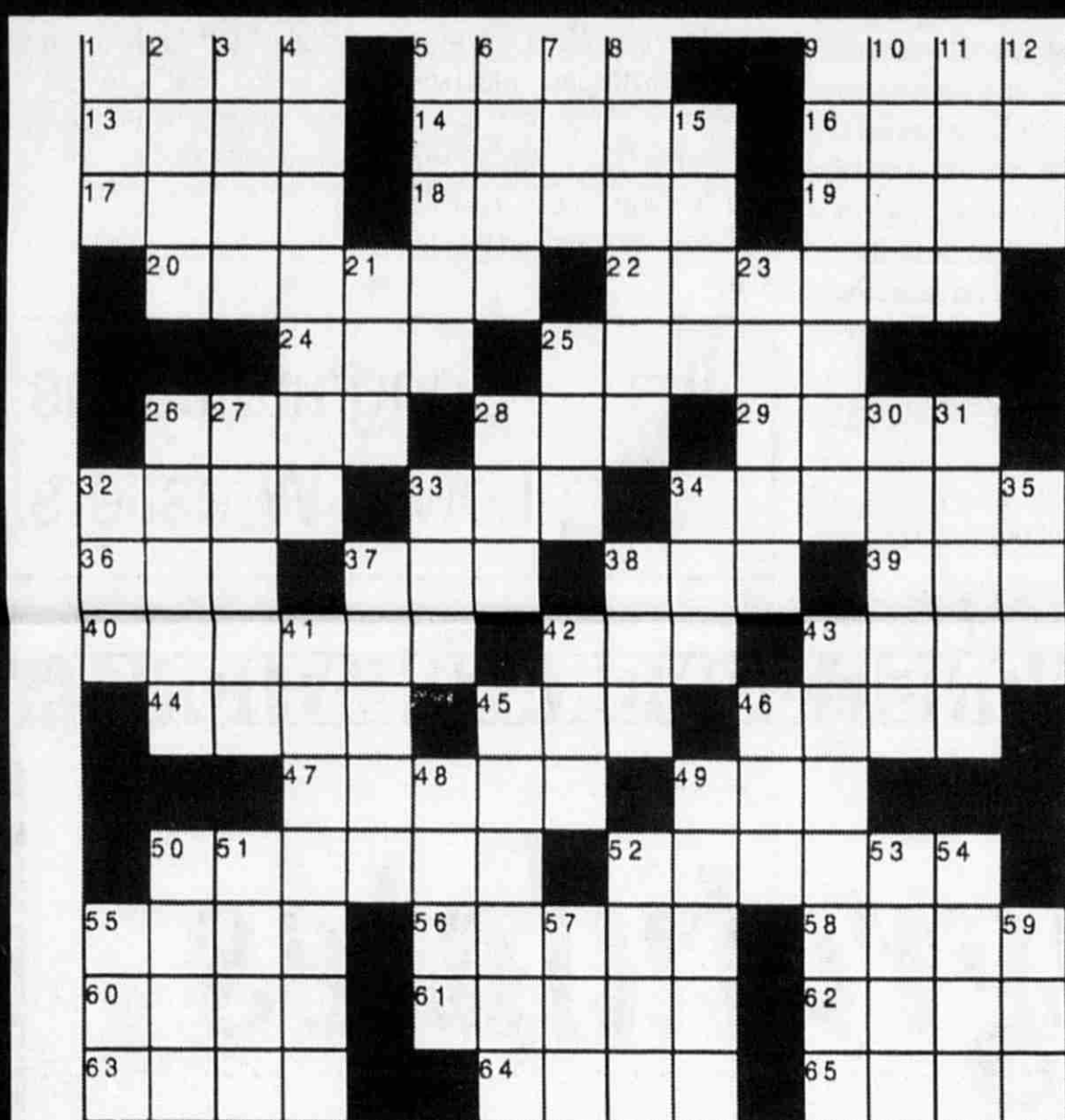
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VOLUNTEERS SPOTLIGHT

As a public service, The Lowell Ledger will be periodically listing the need for volunteers throughout organizations in our community. Organizations who need volunteers should feel free to contact the Ledger office by phone, 897-9261 or fax 897-4809 to have their requests printed. Please try to keep your requests as short as possible. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Ph.D. postulant's exam
5. Big bundle
9. Actor Mullavey
13. Copenhagen
14. Aware
16. Greases
17. Harrow rival
18. Creed
19. Protester Parks
20. Interest
22. Foment
24. "Los" or "les"
25. Israfil, e.g.
26. Sounds from the bleachers
28. Shade
29. Supporter
32. Ire
33. Pull forcefully
34. Former Pistons star Thomas
36. Japanese sash
37. Hershey unit
38. M's spouse
39. Wind direction
40. Kitchen gadget
42. Baby's seat
43. Skywalker of "Star Wars"
44. Wooden nickel
45. Bomb with no bang
46. "A ___ in the Dark"
47. Take five
49. Jewel
50. Combat zone
52. An optimist looks for a silver one
55. Byway
56. Playful water mammal
58. Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
60. Song
61. Signified
62. Give forth
63. Cry of woe
64. Biblical figure of devotion
65. Drysdale and Mattingly

DOWN

1. Poetic homage
2. Deserve
3. Presently
4. Like too many after-dinner speeches
5. Merit, for one
6. Bitter drug
7. Shake a ___!
8. White fur
9. Zoo animal
10. Tumult
11. Alternative indicator
12. Govt. pencil-pushing agency
15. Pungency
21. Sounds of appreciation
23. Desist's partner
25. Summer mo. (abbr.)
26. Rustics
27. Prospero's helper
28. "Ben ___"
30. Nobelist Pauling
31. They're coming, in "Over There"
32. Jim Dandy
33. Cigarette byproduct
34. Little demon
35. Laugh start
37. Engender
38. Very foolish or badly thought out
41. Sways abruptly
42. European nation (abbr.)
43. Restricted
45. Small fish
46. Range of knowledge
48. Impend
49. Circumference
50. Father of Jonathan
51. Sicily's high point
52. Loaned
53. Verne's captain
54. Show of pleasure
55. Harper Valley group
57. Type of cross
59. "___ Only A Paper Moon"

FFA members continue strong traditions in leadership contests

Lowell FFA chapter members continue to promote leadership and personal growth through a number of different career and leadership development events.

Of the 73 members performing in the district leadership contests Feb. 4, two teams competed in the regional level on Feb. 18. Teams were rated as gold or silver. Following regionals, the state finals are being held on March 9 and 10 at Michigan State University during the Michigan FFA convention.

Lowell FFA co-advisor John Schut said, "I am pleased with the students. They worked together to perform well and represented our community well." Co-advisor Dan Young shared, "We were excited to see so many students participate and learn about leadership skills."

Members of the Lowell Agricultural Supporters such as Jaime Frain, Mary Nugent, Teresa Leasure, Kara Schut, Kate Dernocoeur, Melissa Moser, Matt Oesch and Dr. Paul Bieneman mentored stu-

dents in preparation for the contests. Twelve teams from Lowell advanced to regional competition; seven have advanced to the state contests.

The results are as follows:
Prepared Public Speaking - Samantha Mol earned a silver at districts.
 Megan Stubbs earned a third place silver and alternate to regionals.

Extemporaneous Public Speaking - Matt Smith earned gold at the district contest.

Greenhand Public Speaking - Brian Langlois advanced to the state contests.

Creed Speaking - Stephanie Wade earned gold at regionals.

Andy Oesch advanced to the state contests.

Middle School Public Speaking - Jenny Humphries advanced to the state contests.

Ian Blodger advanced to the state contests.

Job Interview - Melody Dernocoeur advanced to the state contests.

Megan Beachum earned a silver award at regionals.

Demonstration - Ben Ritzema and Louis Glinzak earned a silver award at districts.

Patrick Doyle, Ryan Ward, John Rasch, Brandon Gessler, Colin Walsh, Phil Hogan and Bruce Langlois earned a silver award at districts.



Lowell FFA had the largest delegation of participants at the district level contests held at Caledonia High School. Lowell competed against teams from Caledonia, Lakewood, Ionia, Saranac and Belding.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Bowne Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal years 2004-2005 at the Bowne Township Historic Hall - 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

"The property tax Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed Budget will be a subject of this hearing".

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township office, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto MI 49302 Wednesday & Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
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Parliamentary Procedure - The team of Erin Rolfe, Holly Young, Heather McCreedy, Jessica Kincaid, Cassidy Wheat, Andy Hewitt, and Justin Peterson earned silver at regionals.

The team of Adam Baker, Caleb Baker, Andrew Wilterink, Samantha Collins, Adam Ingraham, Nathaniel Clements and Abbot Kastanek earned a silver at districts.

Conduct of Meetings - The team of Katie Rottier, Grady Drown, Regan Doyle, Morgan Olin, Holly Vaught, Mike Roth, Nick Canfield, Patrick Walsh and Tim Harden advanced to state.

Middle School Conduct of Meetings - The team of Bob Crosby, Leara Glinzak, Keri Bergy, Dakota Bergy, Jessica Meyers, Kara Rasch, Logan Brenk, Cheyenne Brown and Jim Crosby earned a silver award at regionals.

Agricultural Issues - The team of Marie Wade, Katie Serne, Patti Leasure, Shelly Wernet, Katie Ward, Kelly Foote and Julie Dunn advanced to state.

The team of Hannah Knudstrup, Megan Vaught, Missy Blough, Edith Chittenden, Tara Zamaron, and Amy Junewick earned a gold at districts.

Pets need healthy hearts, too

Did you know that heartworms can be potentially fatal to your dog and can be transmitted by a single mosquito? In an effort to emphasize the importance of heartworm prevention, the Humane Society of Kent County will be sending all adopted dogs home with an extra dose of heartworm medication during the month of March.

If you are considering making a loyal canine part of your family, visit the Humane Society during Heartworm Awareness Month and get your new pet off to a healthy start.

For more information, call the Humane Society of Kent County at 453-8900 or visit www.HSKC.org.

Show Us Your Smile!

FEBRUARY SMILES OF THE MONTH:

"No Cavities" Club Members

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Erin Smithee	Joe Sweet	Jacob Sweet
Shelby Stielstra	Nikki Nugent	Dillon White
Eli Boulton	Alex Nurmikko	Carrissa Paiz
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 In memory of
Fred Probst

To some you may be forgotten. To others a part of the past. To us who lost and loved you, Your memory will always last. May you always walk in sunshine, God's love around you glow. For the happiness you gave us, No one will ever know. It broke our hearts to lose you, But you didn't go alone For part of us went with you, The day God called you home. Your memory is a keepsake, With that we'll never part. God has you in His keeping, But we have you in our hearts. We miss you! Love, wife Sandie & your family

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Vibe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,589.60	EMPLOYEE \$9,509.51 EVERYONE \$10,406.74	48,000	.20
Grand Prix	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,995.00	EMPLOYEE \$9,708.79 EVERYONE \$10,883.79	48,000	.20
Canyon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,892.80	EMPLOYEE \$10,841.49 EVERYONE \$11,921.08	60,000	.15
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