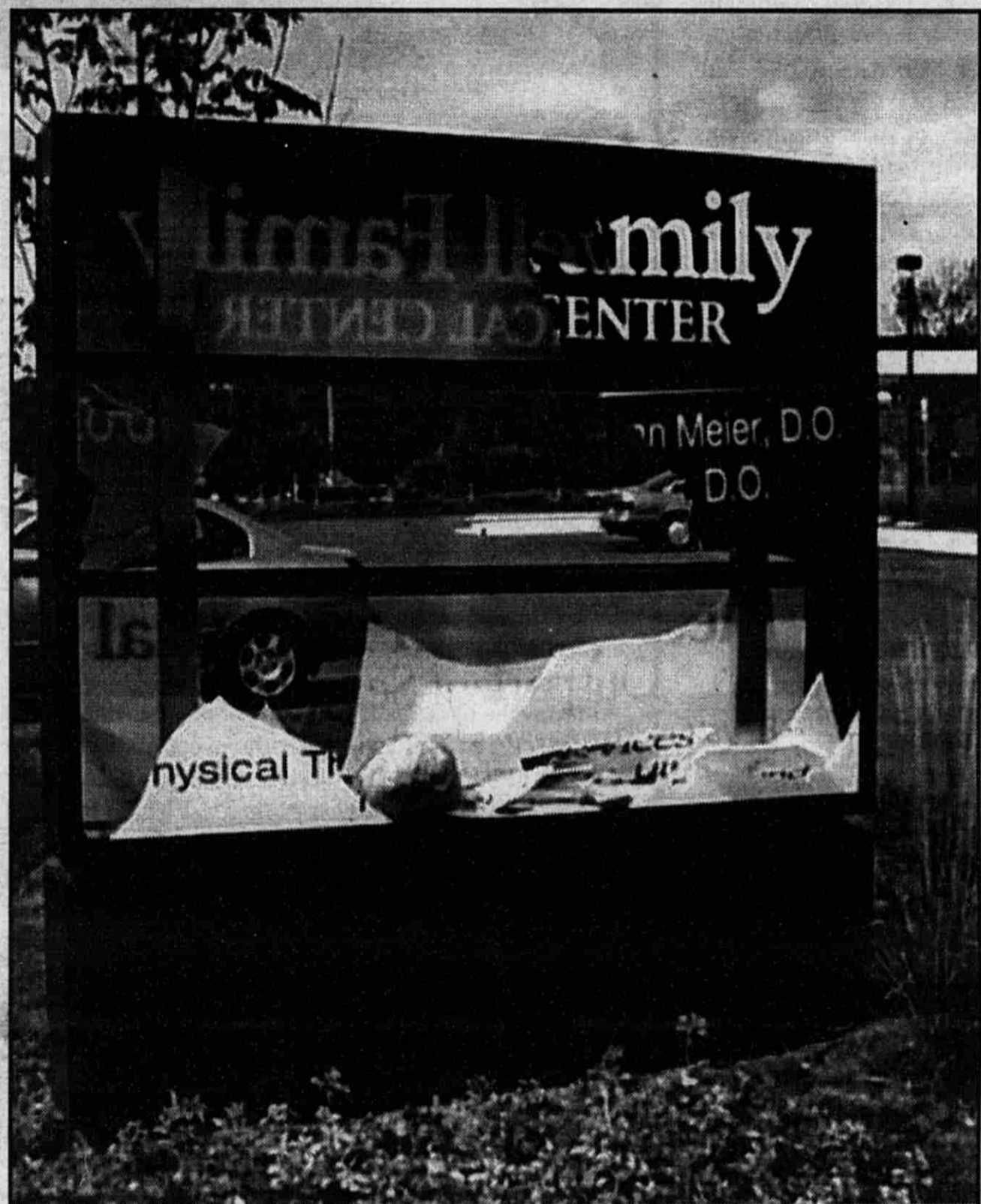


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The Lowell Police Department continues its search for the vandals who damaged this Lowell Family Medical Center sign, along with an illuminated sign at Fuller Septic, a sign, window and door at Hooper Printing, and the corporate ducks and poles along Main Street which were taken and/or destroyed.

Area businesses' world rocked

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A large rock sits in the frame of a ground-mounted, illuminated Lowell Family Medical Center sign at 2550 W. Main.

It was one of three local businesses victimized by vandals over Labor Day weekend.

"The damage was inflicted late Friday (Aug. 31) night, early Saturday (Sept. 1) morning," according to Lowell Police Chief, James Valentine.

Other businesses to incur damage were Hooper Printing (sign, door and window) and Fuller Septic (sign).

The Family Medical Center estimates that the damage incurred was roughly \$2,500. The dollar tags to repair Fuller Septic's illuminated sign is \$2,500 and Hooper's sign, window and door is \$400.

"We've had a couple of witnesses come forward, stating they saw two subjects running from the Lowell Medical Center and hiding behind some bushes," Valentine said. "They were able to give us partial descriptions."

This all took place on the heels of an incident involving damaged or stolen corporate ducks and poles along Main Street totaling \$1,300. Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker

said, "Within the last week (the week before Labor Day), there were six corporate ducks and/or poles stolen or damaged."

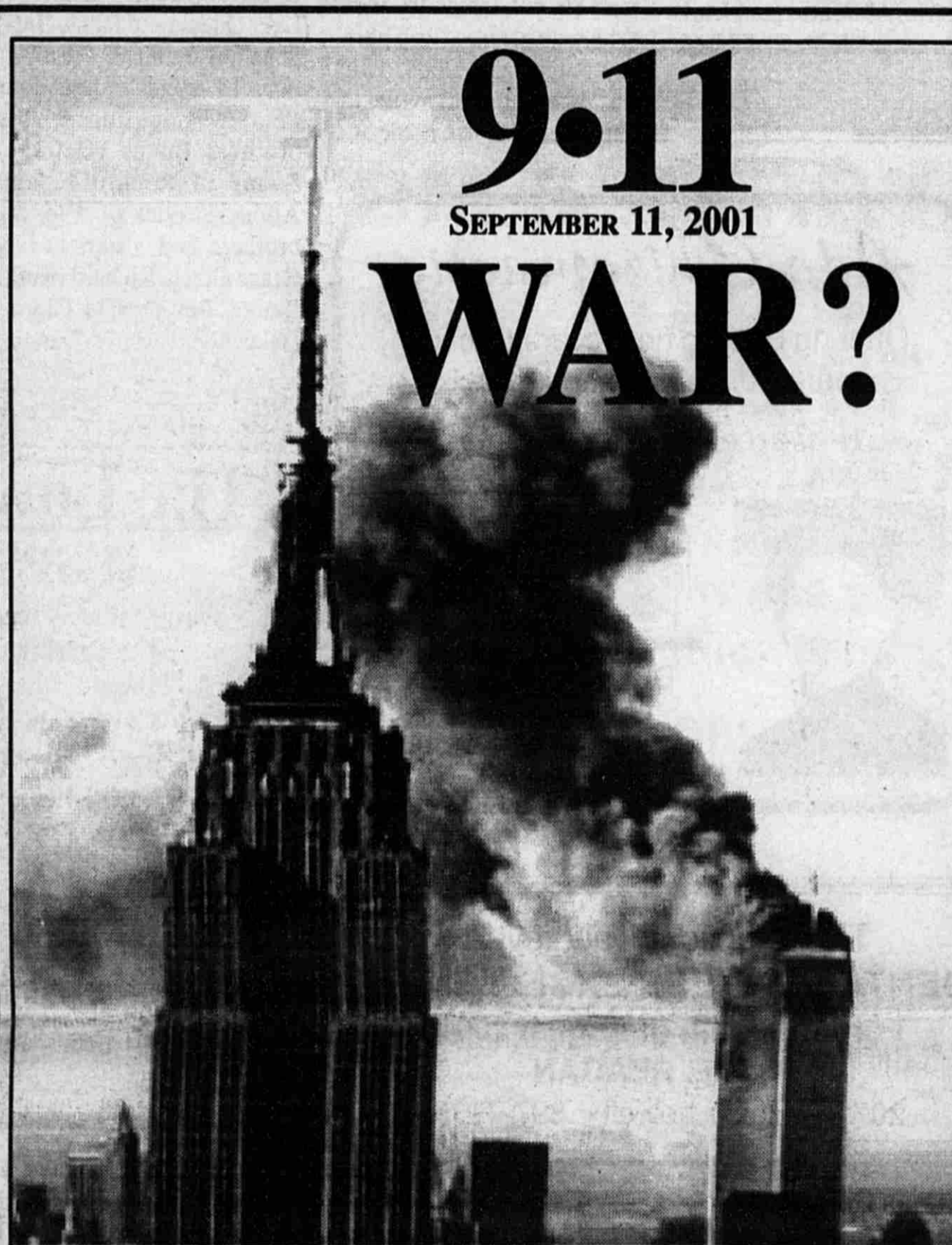
This trend started a couple of weeks ago, shortly after the chamber began erecting the corporate ducks along Main Street.

Anyone with information relating to the aforementioned activities can report it to the Lowell Police Department or Silent Observer (774-2345).

Valentine notes that the merchants are offering a cash reward to individuals who provide information leading to the arrest of the party or parties responsible for the vandalism and stolen property.

"Silent Observer also gives out a cash reward," Valentine adds. "Cash rewards serve as a motivation to call as does being able to remain anonymous when calling. Vandalism acts are difficult to track down, because it takes just a few seconds to commit and then the culprits are gone."

A third incident occurred Saturday night/Sunday morning Nextel, at 1410 W. Main, was broken into and a small amount of cash was taken from its cash register. Valentine said he was unsure if the incident was related to the others, however, he suspects it was.



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

WAR?

Two planes crashed into the upper floors of both World Trade Center towers minutes apart Tuesday in what President Bush said was an apparent terrorist attack. The first plane to hit the World Trade Center was hijacked after takeoff from Boston, reported a U.S. official. Heavy black smoke billowed into the sky above the gaping holes in the side of the 110-story twin towers, one of New York City's most famous landmarks. When the second plane hit, a fireball of flame and smoke erupted, leaving a huge hole in the glass and steel tower. All New York City-area airports were shut down as well as several subway lines. Trading on Wall Street was suspended. A senior government official said the agency is pursuing reports that one or both of the planes were hijacked and that the crashes may have been the result of a suicide mission. In Washington, officials said the FBI was investigating reports of a plane hijacking before the crashes. The picture (from ABC via APTN/AP) shows smoke billowing from the Trade Center. The Empire State Building is in the foreground. The information comes from the Reuter News Service.

Slowing economy and student growth may change district's building schedule

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Much like the economy, the Lowell School District is realizing a decline in student growth.

"The declining economy has had an impact on the district's growth pattern. Growth in the Lowell School District has slowed considerably," Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke said. "The numbers have changed since the demographic study."

The result may change the landscape of the recently approved school bond. Bleke said what and when it's built will be re-looked at.

"What we don't want is to build too many seats which would have a negative impact on the general fund," Bleke explained.

Also negatively impacting the general fund is the distinct possibility that the \$72.24 per District Growth, cont'd pg. 8

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OBITUARIES

ABEL - Mrs. Doris Ellen Abel, aged 91, of Lowell, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, September 4, 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband Gustav C. Abel and their daughter Marilyn Abel. She is survived by her children Marlene (Patrick) McCormick, Orison (Addie) Abel, Terry (Gerre) Abel, Jane (Jerry) Comp, Douglas (Terrie) Abel; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Gordie Barry of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan.

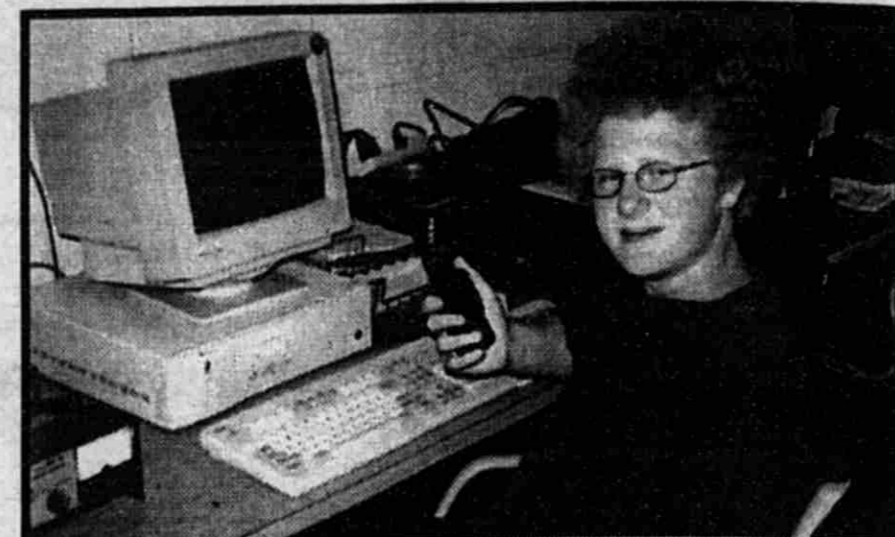
EVANS - Clifford K. Evans, aged 86, of Clarksville, went to be with his Lord on Thursday August 30, 2001. Cliff was born in Clarksville on May 18, 1915, to Claude and

Mabel (Kinyon) Evans. He was raised in Clarksville and graduated from Clarksville High School in 1935. He had farmed in the Clarksville area for most of his life. He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother Clark; his infant son Roger; and his brothers and sisters-in-law Howard Dennie and Rev. Harold Green and Joyce Sterzick. Clifford is survived by Leila, his beloved wife of 62 years; his children Sidney (Sharon) Evans of Lake Odessa, Gloria (Ed) Kenney of San Bernadino, CA., Rodney (Elaine) Evans of Lake Odessa and Jackie (Jeff) Schaa of Senegal, West Africa; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his brothers Boyce (Delores) Evans of Rockford and Adrian Sterzick of Alto; his brothers and sisters-in-law Grace Green, Richard (Ruth) Dennie, Rev. Donald (Gloria) Dennie and Marie Dennie;

and many other loving relatives and friends. The funeral service was held Sunday, Sept. 2 at the Clarksville Bible Church. Burial was in Clarksville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Clarksville Bible Church to be used for the construction of a new airplane hangar for New Tribes Mission in Senegal, West Africa.

HAFEY - Matthew Robert Hafey, aged 16, of Ada, passed away Tuesday, September 4, 2001, of accidental automobile injuries. He was preceded in death by his grandma Helen Galbreath. Matt is survived by his parents Robert and Lee Ann Hafey of Ada; sister Stefanie Hafey of Ada; grandparents Stanley Galbreath of Lowell, Norman and Opal Hafey of Howard City; aunts and uncles Sherry (Tom) Grimm, Patty (Bart) Kjolhede, David (Sue) Hafey, Karen Moon,

Rev. Gordie Barry officiating. Interment Graceland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the drama department of Lowell High School. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.



Drew Morrison

LHS amateur radio student attains extra class license

Drew Morrison was recently licensed as an "extra class" amateur radio operator and a member of the Lowell Area Schools Amateur Radio Youth Club. The degree of skill and knowledge that a candidate demonstrates to examiners determines the class of operator license for which the person is qualified. He successfully passed his entry-level technician licensing test in April after completing a licensing course.

In May, he passed a five-word-per-minute Morse code test to become a technician-plus radio operator; the following month he became a general class amateur radio operator and in July passed a one-class-higher test which included heavy technical questions to give him "extra class."

Morrison's instructor for the technician class licensing course, Al Eckman, states: "It is very rare that an individual can reach the top in such a short time, especially someone who is 14 years of age and just completing eighth grade. Drew learned by self-study the material he needed to pass his last three tests, without benefit of a structured class."

Morrison presently has a special call sign - WE2RD - his first name spelled backward with a "2" inserted in the middle. He is also interested in computer programming. He is the son of Vaughn and Marjorie Morrison of Lowell.

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NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

An amendment to a Special Exception Use Permit will be considered at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on September 17, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Roger Odell is requesting to amend his special use permit in order to construct a shed roof on a barn currently used for rental storage. Rental storage is allowed as a Special Use under Section 201.304C(10), Rental Storage in RA, of the Vergennes Township Ordinance.

Copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The complete application is available for review at the Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 during office hours of Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Call with questions at 616-897-5671, or fax to 616-897-5674. Written comments will be accepted if received by 7:00 p.m. September 17, 2001. Comments can also be emailed to clerk@vergennestwp.org.

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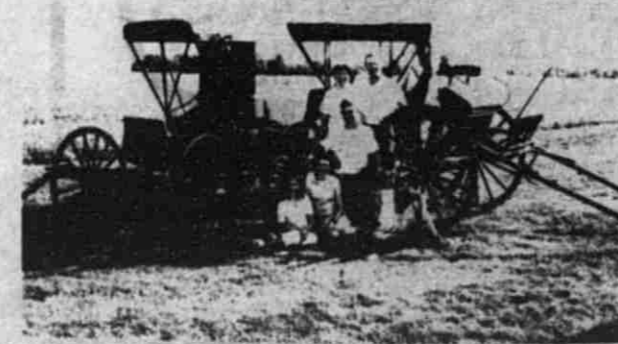
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Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre
pastor of First Congregational Church

What becomes of the grace of God when that grace is understood as a nonjudgmental, sentimentally sweet love that accepts everything and every one? In fact, this understanding of God's grace is very popular right now. We like to think of God as a God of "compassion" and of "sincerity." After all, these are the words of our age. Compassion seems to imply that people not only love me but they accept whatever I do in ways that protect my feelings. Sincerity is so important that we can even minimize consequences of bad behavior or wrong behavior if we believe the person was sincerely trying his or her best. God's grace becomes synonymous with being a God of compassion, a God that rewards sincerity.

I would like to challenge

"compassion." Our accountability is on God's terms. The commandment of Love is not negotiable with God. The ten commandments are not just suggestions for living. This is important for us to recognize because the tendency of our "new age" of compassion and sincerity is to substitute our judgment for God's. Where there is no accountability to God for one's behavior in life, there is also no room for or need for forgiveness.

"First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people; for kings and all others who are in authority, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and with proper conduct." 1 Timothy 2:1-2) The writer of 1 Timothy gives us a prescription for renewing our vision and understanding of God's grace. In the midst of our daily prayers, we open ourselves to God, recognizing that God brings to our awareness the wounds we inflict on the Body of Christ as we live in ways that separate us from the way of God's love.

In our awareness there is the seed of repentance and forgiveness that continues to move us to achieve new community, new levels of relationships and new systems of justice and peace. Yes, God's grace does empower us in faithfulness and does judge us unfaithful when we walk the ways of sin. And God continues to seek us when we are lost, calling us to choose life.

Let your reflection on these thoughts be helpful to you as you seek to "choose life" in your day to day decisions. And let all praise be to God.

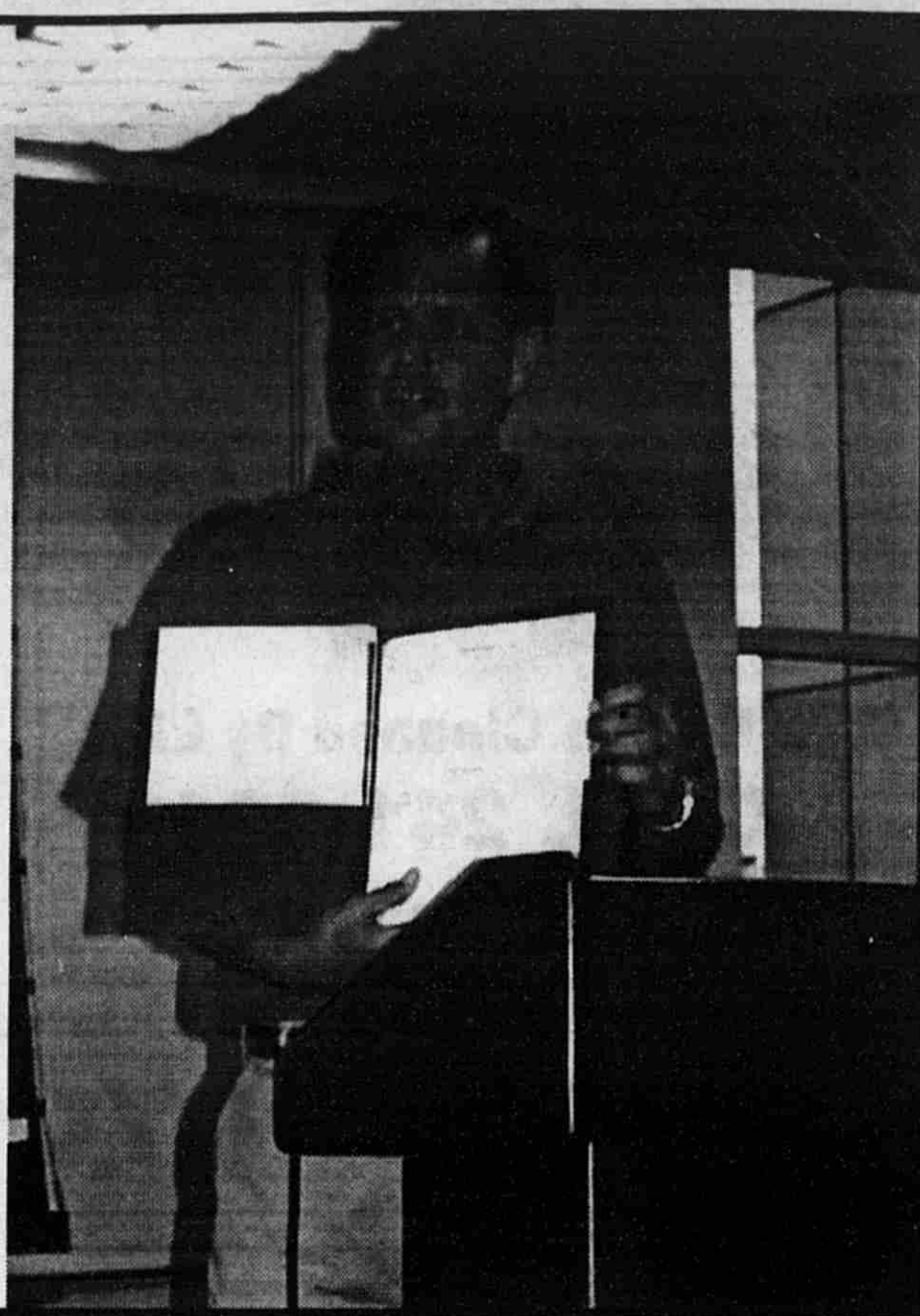
the "cheap grace" that has arisen in segments of the Christian community by virtue of linking grace and compassion/sincerity. These words, by virtue of their intense subjectivism, lead us to abandon the objective criterion of good and evil. As one writer put it: "One way to save everyone, of course, is to hold that everyone is 'sincere' or that God is so 'compassionate' that nothing really makes any difference. We develop a theory in which it is impossible for anyone to reject God." We are asked, just as Job was asked as God spoke to him from the whirlwind (Job 40:8): "Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be justified?"

How tempting it is. We make our feelings be the guide of our life rather than approaching life with a clarity of Christian value that says this is right and loving behavior, and "that" is unacceptable behavior. God loves the person, each and every person, and the person (you and I) must be and will be held accountable for our behaviors. Job and his comforters would want to have God's thinking be as their own.

But God reminds them (and us) that accountability is not on our terms, based on our feelings or the misguided understanding of "sincerity" and

Smiles, Shorts & Success

Tom Burredell and Lowell elementary student Sara Fosburg gave a brief report on Lowell's LEAP into MEAP summer school program. There were 60 students enrolled in the summer program. Burredell was one of seven teachers who served as a summer school instructor. Lowell's summer school program is partially funded through Englehardt's Lowell Community Fund.



COLLEGE NEWS

University officials have announced that 2,017 students received academic honors for the winter 2001 semester at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

To be eligible for academic honors, students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level

or higher during the winter semester (January-May).

Of the 2,017 students honored, 528 earned a 4.0 grade point average.

Among the students honored were **Darrin L. Helms, Marvin Kladder and Andrew D. O'Connor**, all of Alto.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

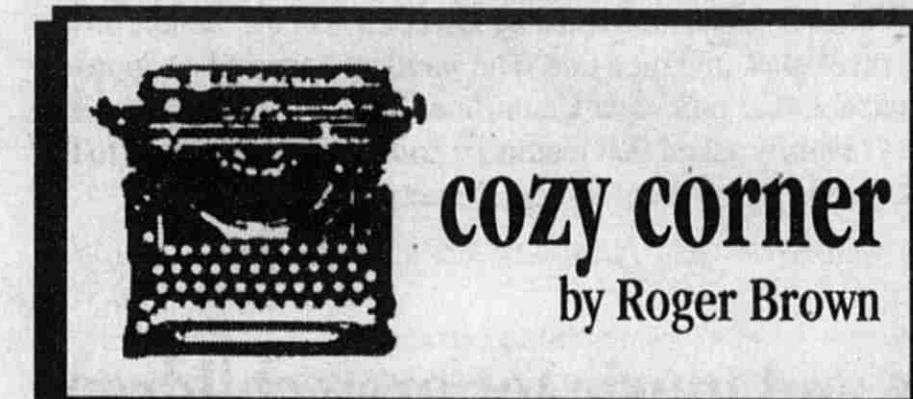
SEPT. 13: Ami VanDyke, Beatrice Kuiper, Randy McIntyre, Gloria Ossewaarde, Harley Briggs.

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SEPT. 18: Jon Ossewaarde.
SEPT. 19: Abbey Goff, Megan Claypool, Brian Ryder, Renae Heinicke, Griff Brenk, Julie Kline.

SEPTEMBER 15: Brandi Phillips, Mark Trierweiler.

Viewpoint . . .



Last week was the 30th annual Stearman Fly-in held in Galesburg, Illinois. About 125 of the antique biplanes were flown in for the event from all over the country. There were ten of us from Michigan. Most are beautifully restored. Looking around, I'm convinced the judges need a new category if I'm ever to win a prize for my airplane. "Aircraft most in need of restoration" would be the inscription on the plaque.

This year's fly-in was a bit of a bust. We arrived on Wednesday to find out that the much anticipated corn boil and the aerobatic competition had been cancelled. Both events are held at a neighboring airport with a single grass runway. Earlier in the year the runway had been plowed up and reseeded. Mother nature didn't cooperate and the grass didn't grow. On the plus side, I was spared the embarrassment of performing my aerobatic routine in front of people who know bad aerobatics when they see them.

Financial Focus

With Christopher J. Bouma

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PAY YOURSELF FIRST AND KEEP INVESTING

Investing in the stock market can be like riding a roller coaster as prices occasionally move up and down. As an investor, there isn't a lot you can do about market volatility—but you can become better prepared for it. Here are a few suggestions:

Pay yourself first. Before you get a chance to spend all of your paycheck, you should invest some of it. If you want to achieve your financial goals, you need to make investing a priority. The best way to do this is to *pay yourself first*. If you wait until you pay all your other bills before you invest, finding the money will be more difficult. By setting up a bank authorization, you can automatically deposit money in an investment account every time you get paid. Once you've gotten in the habit of investing this way, you'll find it easier to increase your contributions as your income increases.

Invest systematically. Everyone says you should always "buy low" and "sell high." But the fact is that nobody can accurately predict market peaks and valleys, and it just doesn't make smart investing sense to try. So, instead of waiting for the "right" moment to buy as low as possible, or to sell as high as you can, take a different approach and become a systematic investor by dollar cost averaging.

Dollar cost averaging involves putting a fixed dollar amount into an investment on a monthly basis. By investing a regular amount of money each month, you'll purchase *more* shares when the price is down and fewer shares when prices are high. While this strategy cannot guarantee you a profit or prevent a loss, it helps to ensure that you won't be investing all your money at a market high. Keep in mind that dollar cost averaging is a long-term investment strategy, so you need to evaluate your ability to continue investing through up and down markets.

Stay in the market. When the market heads south, you might be tempted to go on an investment vacation yourself. However, getting out of the market is not a good idea, because you never know when it will bounce back. When it does come back—as it historically has—you may miss out on some great opportunities if you are not still investing at the time.

Need proof? Consider this: If you had invested in the stocks making up the Standard & Poor's 500 Index every day between 1970 and 1999, you would have earned an annualized return of 9.7 percent. But if you had missed just the 100 best days over this 29-year period, your annualized return would have been a *negative 0.8 percent*. In other words, by jumping out of the market at the wrong time—even for a very short while—you would have ended up losing money. The lesson to be learned? *Stay invested.*

By following these few basic techniques, you won't get rich quick—but you will be laying the groundwork for investment success. And that's no small feat.

Gusty winds on Thursday kept a lot of planes on the ground. A fly-out luncheon at a nearby farmer's strip was poorly attended because the gusts were coming across the runway. I went, but as mentioned earlier, I don't have as much to lose as the guys with the beautiful restorations. It was a bumpy approach, but once down behind the tall corn, the landing was a piece of cake.

That afternoon the flour bombing competition was held, and it too was short on participants because of the wind and threatening skies. My front seat passenger and I both entered. We went to school on my pass. My little bag of flour missed the target by a hundred feet or more. That's about like a wild pitch that hits the third baseman. On the next pass my front seat bombardier came within thirty feet. That sounds like a lot, but from 100 feet at 80 miles per hour and gusty winds, thirty feet isn't bad.

The short take-off and spot landing competition closed just as the skies opened. Everyone rushed to get their cockpit covers on. The next morning, Friday, half the planes in the Michigan group wouldn't start because of wet magnetos. My ratty old beast started just fine. Three guys from our group left for home because of weekend commitments and a lousy weather forecast. The rest of us had been watching the Weather Channel too, but we weren't talking about it.

Finally, in the early afternoon we got up the remaining seven Michigan airplanes for a missing man "V" formation fly-over in memory of one of our group who died in a crash earlier this year. The guy's father rode in the airplane that did the traditional pull-out and departure to the west. Much to my surprise, it went off perfectly.

There was a brief and impromptu memorial during our debrief. Everybody was choked up and the father got a lot of hugs. Even if the rest of the event was not going so well, the chance to participate in this little display of respect for a lost friend made the trip worthwhile.

That afternoon we practiced for the formation flying competition scheduled for Saturday. The four planes in our group bounced around in turbulence with our wingtips just a few feet apart. I was so tense my hand on the control stick kept going numb. Yeh, we call this fun.

We were up early Saturday morning for a dawn departure to a nearby airport for breakfast. This "dawn patrol" is always a treat. It's an amazing sight to see scores of these old antiques rumbling off just as the sun is coming over the prairie horizon. The phone rang just as we were ready to leave the hotel room. What the ???

It was one of the guys from our formation group. "Have you been watching the Weather Channel?" he asks. "No, I've been brushing my teeth," I replied. It was 6:00 in the morning and he had been on the phone with flight service. The prognosis was—Leave now or wait until Monday . . . or maybe even Tuesday. Just about everybody, including me, had to be home Monday. This meant missing the formation competition and the awards banquet, not to mention the Sunday morning Boy Scout rubber pancake breakfast at the hangar. We were disappointed, but started packing.

By the time we packed, checked out, rode to the airport, gassed the planes, loaded them, paid the fuel bills and got in the air, it was well after 9:00. Six of us did a formation fly-by (one guy decided to stay) and headed east. The first leg went pretty well, but the weather gradually worsened. We got to our respective home airports by dodging the darkest stuff and flying through some rain.

Before we split up, we went to lunch while at a fuel stop in Indiana. Over a wilted salad, I asked the rather glum group if they knew the really, really sad part of heading home early. Nobody had the right answer, so I told them. Getting home on Saturday meant we'd be home on a rainy Sunday with nothing better to do than watch the Lions play. There was general agreement all around. Of course, the Lions didn't let us down. Green Bay humiliated them 28-6 in the opener. It's going to be a long season.

On a dreary Sunday afternoon with rain coming down in buckets and tornado watches on the tube, I called the guy who made the decision to leave early. I congratulated him on making a good call. He said he was glad the weather service was right because he'd have felt awfully bad if the sun had been shining.

I guess I'll have to wait until next year to see if I win "Aircraft most in need of restoration."

School Memos

Week of 9/17 - 9/21

ELEMENTARY

MON: Pizza dippers or turkey & cheese on a bagel, mixed fruit, peas, celebration cake.

TUES: Mini corn dogs or dinosaur pasta with ground beef, French bread, fresh fruit choice, golden corn.

WED: Turkey & gravy w/biscuit or cheeseburger on bun, whipped potatoes, real fruit juice, finger jello.

THURS: Grilled cheese sandwich or hot dog on bun, tomato soup, peas, celery & carrot sticks.

FRI: Walking taco (taco fixings in a bag of Fritos corn chips) or chicken drumstick w/bread slice, peaches, baked beans.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Grilled cheese sandwich with tomato soup or chicken salad croissant, mixed fruit, peas.

TUES: 2 turkey & cheese on a bun or meatball sub sandwich, fresh fruit choice, corn.

WED: Chicken nuggets or turkey gravy, biscuit, whipped potatoes, jello.

THURS: PASTA BAR. Spaghetti, rotini, meat sauce, veggie sauce, cheese sauce, garlic toast, fresh vegetables & choice of fruit.

FRI: Pizza wedge or cook's choice, applesauce, baked beans.

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By
Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL, SEPTEMBER 13, 1876

Mrs. Wm. Parker brings in a basket of very large fall pippins for the Journal staff.

A woman staying at the Rathbun Hotel in Grand Rapids blew out the gas light before retiring and was found dead (asphyxiated) in her bed next morning.

The Ionia County Fair and the State Fair at Jackson will be on next week.

Nine out of 10 items in *Journal Jottings* are about the presidential campaign, and there is an additional double column of *Campaign Comments*.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 12, 1901

This issue is missing as well as every issue until May 1902; we substitute columns from the first year Ledger Entries was published, 1987, 114 years September 15, 1887.

A bumper peach harvest this year, still coming in.

The sewer line from Train's Hotel to the river becomes clogged and is replaced.

A charivari ("shivaree") in Grattan broke doors, poured swill in the cellar, emptied the milk, broke a lamp and put turkeys in the house. The hired man was tied to a post during all this. Participants paid the owner \$25 for their fun.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 16, 1926

Fred Green/Luren Dickinson win handily over Alex

Groesbeck/George Welsh for Governor; also our own Rep. Dexter Look.

Lowell Board of Trade will sponsor the convention of Kent County Rural Mail Carriers and Grange next week.

Newton L. Coons of Lowell is the president of the group.

The Morse Lake School reunion features history of the school, which started as a board shanty in the early 1840's and soon progressed to a log school house. Since books were scarce, the teacher used her scrapbook of newspaper articles to teach reading.

Ionia gives its native son-now-governor Fred Green a celebration with schools and factories closed, a miles-long parade and thousands of visitors, starting as soon as it was heard that he was firmly in the lead.

Commercial signs along highways multiply and some have been painted on the pavement, often beginning with "Stop!"

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 13, 1951

A Cities Service Oil Company propane distribution plant is being built at the southeast edge of Lowell.

Lowell's share of the motor vehicle highway funds this time: \$430.97.

The Parent-Teacher Association will start off Wednesday evening with introduction of the teachers by Principal Stephen Nisbet, followed by a discussion, "Homework vs. School Social Activities."

Polio season has passed its peak, with about one-fourth of the paralysis of last year.

Lamprey eels are being found in more and more places in Michigan. The latest is the Rifle River.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 16, 1926

Mid-October to early November is when spectators can watch fall salmon spawning runs right on Main Street, and fishermen can catch the chinooks.

State police endorse the Lowell-Alto Sky-Hi REACT teams (CB owners reporting accidents and highway emergencies) and will train the volunteers.

The school board decides to use the Building and Site money to build administrative space at the Middle School, tennis courts, an experimental greenhouse, equipment for buildings, and debt retirement.

Michigan Inlet Conservation Clubs will have their annual shoot on Kent County Conservation League grounds near Ada. 1500 are expected.

Attwood Corp. will have a Sunday open house, including the recently built warehouse.

Single car accident kills Lowell High School junior

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Matthew Hafey recorded some of his writings, poetry and comedy sketches onto a CD for a couple of his friends.

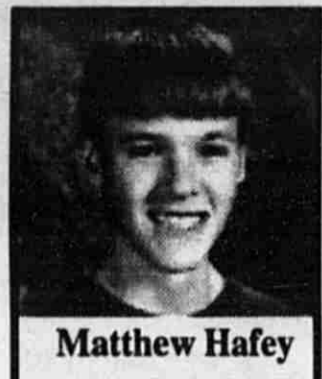
Listening to it, he questioned why anyone would like his voice.

The answer was in his writing. Hafey, who was killed in a single car accident on Tuesday, Sept. 5, was remembered by friends and teachers for his ability to entertain and make people laugh, as well as his strong sense of self.

"He was just a really funny person," said Hafey's close friend and Lowell High School junior, Teresa Kimble. "I met him a year ago in Mr. Biernacki's (Jerry) U.S. History class. We hit it off and became best friends."

Lowell High School drama teacher Laurie Summerfield called Hafey a prolific writer. "He won creative writing awards for his poetry and prose. Matthew was highly creative."

Hafey was known for his distinctive dress. Summerfield recalled it as bright and shiny. In talking to some of Hafey's



Matthew Hafey

friends, Summerfield added that they all respected him for his strong sense of self. "Matt did what he cared about and it didn't matter what others thought," she said.

He enjoyed music, played the guitar and sang. He enjoyed acting and was cast as one of the flying monkeys in last year's school play, "Wizard of Oz."

Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw recalled Hafey's dry sense of humor. "I think he connected to people through humor and music."

Hafey also was a fan of the WWF, the Simpson's Monty

Python, and punk classical and hard rock music.

Ionina County Sheriff's Department reported that Hafey, on his way to a friend's house, was driving northbound on Whites Bridge Road when he lost control of the vehicle on the gravel road and hit a tree. The accident occurred at approximately 4:25 p.m. near Centerline Road.

Family asked that memorial contributions be made to the Lowell High School Drama Department.

Kindermusik combines farm life and music for area children

Franciscan Life Process Center will begin its 15-week fall semester of Kindermusik in October at its 230-acre farm near Lowell.

Children newborn to seven years can participate in an exciting program that combines farm life with music. Children will be able to see their favorite farm animals as part of each class.

Kindermusik is a music program developed specifically for young children. Research shows that music facilitates

brain development of young children, enhances spatial reasoning and motor skill development, and contributes to the emotional and perceptual growth. Early exposure to music is very important to a young child's total development.

Kindermusik classes begin the week of Oct. 1 and the cost ranges from \$165 to \$210.

For further information contact Judith Madden at 897-7842 ext. 380.

Wittenbach Agriscience/Environmental Center celebrates one-year anniversary, Sept. 28

It has been one year since the grand opening of the Wittenbach Agriscience/Environmental Center and the Wege Natural Area.

To celebrate the one-year anniversary, several activities have been planned for Friday, Sept. 28. An Ox Roast dinner will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.; all ages \$5.

For kids, there will be a 1 mile "Fun Run" at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5. A 2.5 mile "Trail Run" will take place at 6 p.m. at a cost of \$15. To register send a check to: Wittenbach Agriculture Center, 11715 Vergennes, Lowell, MI 49331. Register by Sept. 21; late registration at Wittenbach Center from 4-5:30 p.m.

Following the celebration, the Lowell football team battles league rival Forest Hills Central at Red Arrow Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

McPherson Foundation tenure ends

Lowell Area Education Foundation board members, past and present, gathered Monday night to recognize Pinky McPherson's six years of service on the foundation board.

McPherson has spent the last six years as president. The foundation bylaws state that a board member can only serve two consecutive three-year terms.

McPherson served on the steering committee which helped form the foundation and served on the first foundation board.

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TOTS FAMILY OPEN HOUSE
A TOTS on Track for School Family Open House will be held Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at 300 High St. Free ice cream and fun. Learn more about TOTS, a program for all Lowell area families with children birth to starting kindergarten; also register for fall programs. Call Kathy at 897-1232 for more information.

CABLE TV PRESENTS RIVERWALK ACTIVITIES
The Lowell Cable TV, channel 20, will show the Duck Race and Showboat Calliope Music at the following times: Wed., Sept. 12, 7 p.m.; Thurs., Sept. 13, 5 p.m.; Fri., Sept. 14, 3 p.m.; and Sat., Sept. 15, 10 a.m.

NATURE'S DESIGN - A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPLORATION
On view from Sept. 11 - Oct. 27 at the Lowell Area Arts Council is a black and white photography exhibition of images by West Michigan artists. A public reception will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16 from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

GRANTS AVAILABLE THRU LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND
Kate Democoeur, Vergennes Twp. rep. to the Lowell Area Community Fund's advisory committee, will present a roundtable discussion on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at Vergennes Twp. Hall. This meeting is for anyone who would like to learn more about the fund, especially if involved with a nonprofit group. Contact your city or township offices for grant application forms.

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All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office at the above address up to the time of the public hearing.
Dated: September 10, 2001
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

LOWELL AREA CUB SCOUT FUN NIGHT
On Saturday, Sept. 22 from 1-6 p.m. the Lowell Area Cub Scouts will have 5 hours of fun - mini golf, roller-skating and bowling at Roll-Away Fun Center. Admission is free for newly registered Cub Scouts and Cub Scouts of Pack 3188. Please be in uniform. Will gladly take \$15 new member registration with adult before admission. Call Gary Liu at 691-7753 for information.

BLOOD DRIVE COMING TO YOUR AREA
The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 3-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

SAVE THOSE NEWSPAPERS!!!
A drop-off will be available at the Lowell High School from Oct. 19 thru Oct. 21 for your newspapers. Please help support the Lowell High School Girls Softball team by donating yours! If you have any questions, call Lorrie at 868-6365.

District Growth, cont'd... From Page 1

student in state revenue cut by the Governor may not get reinstated. If the cut sticks, Lowell will lose \$260,000. As of Monday, Lowell High School is just below the 1,200 capacity. The middle school is filled; Bushnell is filled, and Cherry Creek Elementary is functionally filled. Alto Elementary is down 30 students from a year ago. It is the second year in a row that Alto's student enrollment has shrunk. Construction on a new elementary building was scheduled to start this fall. "The district's approach has always been a conservative one. We will have to decide if this is still the right thing to do. Maybe we will add onto the high school first and wait a year on the new elementary building. Any decision will be based on common sense data that the district has," said Bleke. The superintendent is sure that all available options will be discussed. Time is on the district's side. There is a five-year cap on use of the bond funds.

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Charles Dickens

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at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell.
The following change of zoning will be considered:
Mark Velting and Mike Slachter have requested rezoning of property located at 4431 Bancroft Avenue (PP#41-20-28-200-016) and 4433 Bancroft Avenue Road (PP#41-20-28-200-020), Lowell, Michigan, from the current zoning classification of Agriculture (Ag1) to Light Industrial for the purpose of light industrial use.
The original application and the Township zoning map may be examined at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.
Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Lowell sophomores count their blessings during summer visit to Kosovo



Holly Young, back left, and Andrea Kropf, back right, enjoy some treats and fun with three Kosovo children.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two years after the ravages of war devastated the people of Kosovo, the number of adult and youth services around the world looking for an opportunity to give from their hearts, extend their hands and share hope through the living word of God is growing.

Lowell youth, David Kropf and his twin sister, Andrea Kropf, from the Lowell Christian Life Center, recently joined a 24-person team from Michigan on a 10-day trip to Kosovo to present the gospel, skits and videos. It's the first time in 400 years that the country has in-

vised any one group to come in and introduce the living God and to bring hope to its people.

"The visit was a reminder to us just how fortunate we are," said David, a sophomore at Lowell High School. "The people love you so much. They cling to you. They just appreciate Americans wanting to help their children."

The Kropfs, along with the visiting group of which they were a part, made presentations to children and provided teen worship services. "I had an idea of what to expect. It was better in parts, but was as I imagined,"

David said. "Bridges were blown up; houses had cloths for roofs; clay, mud and sticks were being used to build walls; and some families were living in stables."

Andrea adds that the kids clinged to them, climbed on their backs and shared their version of Duck Duck Goose and the Hokie Pokie with them. "They are very hospitable people," she explains. "The visit brings you back to reality."

Both of Dan and Rhonda Kropf's children would like to visit again.

That, though, will have to wait. Their parents, as part of an Assembly of God dis-

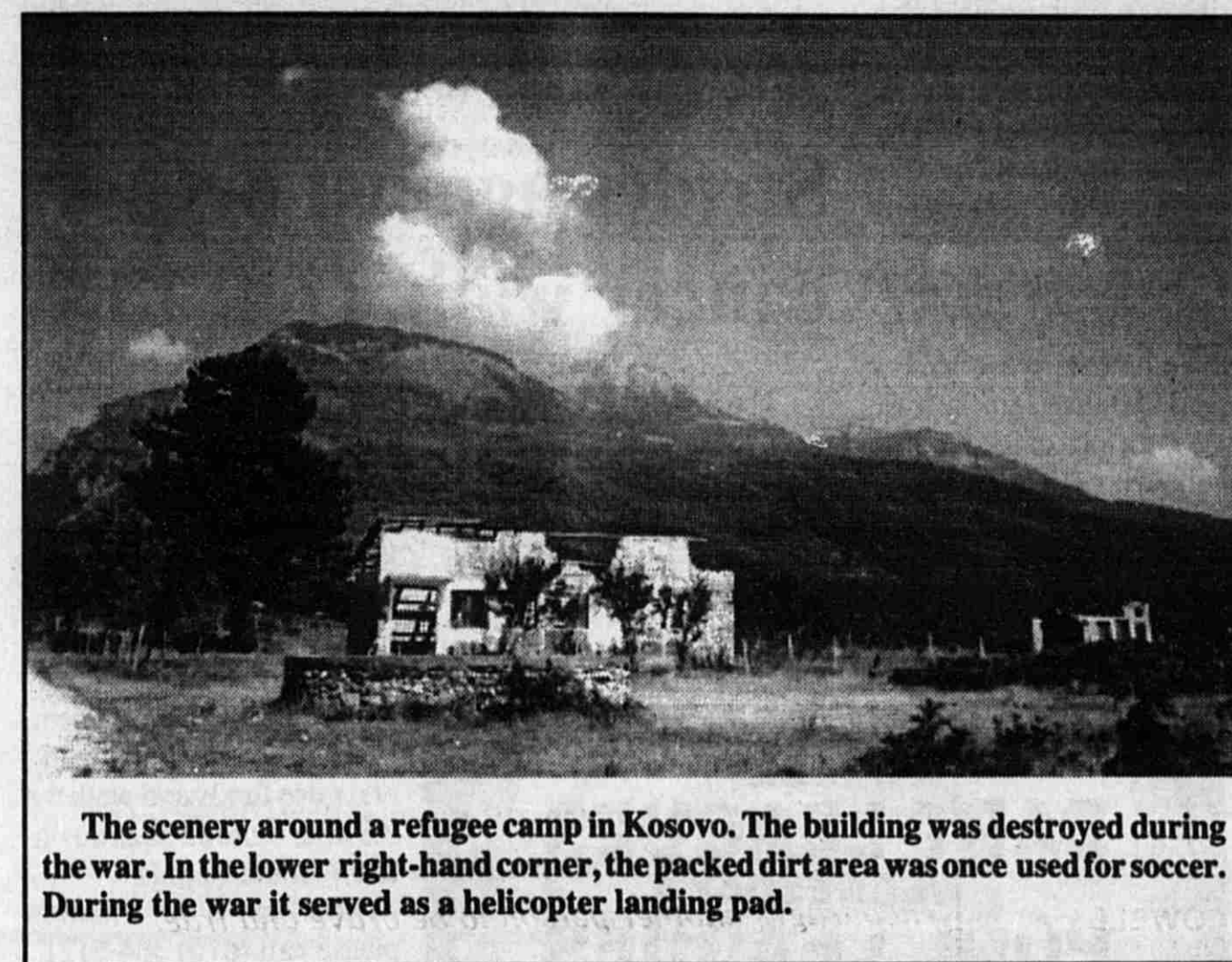
trict group, will visit for 10 days in October (6th through the 16th).

"We will be working on the finishing stages of a new bible school building in Mitrovica, near the Serbian border," Dan explained.

Rhonda adds, "It's a great opportunity to scatter gifts to the poor abroad and to build relationships."

The Kropfs will be seeking donations to help fund the trip. "We have received a great deal of help from friends and family so far," Dan said.

For more information on how to support the Assembly of God District of Michigan trip, call 897-1100



The scenery around a refugee camp in Kosovo. The building was destroyed during the war. In the lower right-hand corner, the packed dirt area was once used for soccer. During the war it served as a helicopter landing pad.

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By
Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: I am a widow. I have three grown children, two of which are responsible, hard-working adults raising wonderful families. My third child, a son, drifts from job to job, is unstable and very irresponsible. I have a modest estate of around \$300,000. My question is whether I should omit my irresponsible son as a beneficiary under my will and leave everything I have to my other two children. I really do not want to do this because I know it is going to create hard feelings between my son and my other two children and I know that he will take it out on them after I am gone. Even though my other two children do not need the money, I can't see giving this money to my one son. He would blow it in no time. Besides, I have already loaned him approximately \$60,000 over the past

10 years and he has not made any effort to repay any of it. Do you have any suggestions?

JONATHAN SAYS: You are probably right that if you omit your irresponsible son as a beneficiary, it will create hard feelings and cause a lot of tension and stress for many years to come among your children. Since you indicated that you really would prefer not to do this and that you would like to avoid creating hard feelings, one approach might be to set up a living trust and then transfer your assets to that trust during your lifetime (or at death if you prefer and assuming probate avoidance is not an issue) and name your three children as equal beneficiaries of those trust assets. You could further indicate that the \$60,000 that your irresponsible son has borrowed from you is to be treated as an advancement against his share, with the net result being that his share of the trust assets would be reduced proportionately.

For example, you would add back the \$60,000 he borrowed from you to the \$300,000 already in the trust, leaving a total of \$360,000 to work with. Since he is 1/3

beneficiary of the trust, he would receive \$120,000 less the \$60,000 he has already received, or a total of \$60,000. Your two other children would receive \$120,000 each of the remaining \$240,000. This way they are all being treated equally, it's just that your one son received \$60,000 of his share early.

You could also provide in the trust that your two responsible children would receive their shares outright after your death, while your irresponsible son's share is to be held in trust on his behalf. Regarding your irresponsible son's share, you can get very creative as you decide when he is to receive distributions from the trust. For example, you could require the trustee to make distributions to your son on a monthly basis in the same amount that he receives from whatever job he is working at at that time. In other words, you can match whatever he

earns. This would give him an incentive to keep working. On the other hand, if he is not working, then you can indicate that he is not to receive anything unless there is some type of emergency, in which case the trustee can make distributions to your son in his discretion based on your son's needs at that time.

This is just one way you could address this issue - there certainly are other ways to approach this. By addressing it this way, however, you at least include your son as a beneficiary and you make him partly responsible for the timing and manner of distributions from his share of the trust.

I recommend that you meet with an estate planning attorney who can review the attributes of the living trust and how you might deal with your son in a more detailed fashion.

Strides against breast cancer walk, Oct. 13

The American Cancer Society, the largest public health organization in the country, is hosting the largest community event benefiting breast cancer

research in the country. The fourth annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk is being held at the Calder Plaza in Grand Rapids on Saturday, Oct. 13. Community members from West Michigan will create teams of family members, friends and co-workers, raise funds and walk the 3.5 mile route through downtown Grand Rapids.

For more information please call (616) 364-6121.

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



BUSINESS MATTERS

Greenridge Realty announced that **Jayne Reedy** received Realtor of the Month in August.

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Jayne Reedy

COLLEGE NEWS

Cara Lin McQueen, of Lowell, is one of 339 Michigan State University students to have earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for summer semester 2001. She is majoring in Social Relations.

If at first you don't succeed, failure may be your style.

Quentin Crisp

Americans have different ways of saying things. They say 'elevator,' we say 'lift'... they say 'President,' we say 'stupid psychopathic git'...

Alexi Sayle

Otitis Externa (Swimmer's Ear)

Swimmer's ear is an infection of the ear canal. The more common ear infection that we see is an infection of the middle ear, and one that has nothing to do with swimming.

If you swim a lot, too much water can get into your ears. Water tends to remove protective wax, making it easier for bacteria and/or fungus to grow. The typical symptoms of swimmer's ear are itch, pain, and perhaps drainage from the ear. The pain of swimmer's ear is usually re-created by pulling on the outer ear - this tends to cause the ear canal to move, which elicits the pain.

Swimmer's ear is treated with prescription drops when

you are seen by your physician. The drops should be continued for several days after all of your ear pain has subsided.

The best way to prevent swimmer's ear in the future is to make sure that the ear canal is well protected, and can use its natural defense mechanisms to their fullest.

- Keep your ears dry.
- Never put anything in the ear canal (cotton swabs, paper clips, etc.)
- Use a bathing cap while swimming if you have recurrent infections.

Along The Trails of The Wittenbach Center

By Tammy DeBaar

The Wittenbach Center has been humming (and hopping) all summer. Katyids, grasshoppers and crickets have been sharing their songs while students have been building butterfly gardens, digging for fossils, and families have been hiking the shaded, cool trails. How do they make these soothing classic summer songs?

Katyids rub their wings together in warmer temperatures. The combination of friction and temperature allows the katydid to offer the familiar "Katy did...Katy did" sound, much like a stringed instrument. The grasshopper

and crickets follow suit by scraping one wing over the other to add to the orchestra.

On another note, many teachers participated in a "Learning Across the Nation" trip which focused on Experiential Learning, one of the goals of the Wittenbach Center. They lived on the Crow Indian Reservation (in teepees), studied wolves, bears and eagles in Yellowstone, and experienced the Geology of America's oldest national park.

Call director, Tammy DeBaar for further information at 987-1002.

Full offers a few special events at the Center:

- As the first Trout Un-

limited Junior Chapter in the nation, the Michigan Council will be present for a meeting/luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 22 (9-3 p.m.). Duncan Blair, youth coordinator, and Kelly Smith, chief of Fisheries, will speak. New members (12-18, both male and female) are welcome as well as families.

• First anniversary celebration Friday, Sept. 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ox roast, trail run and live music on the trails.

• Women's Hunter Safety Class: Sept. 11, 13, 15 (\$3)

• Breadbaking with the Franciscan Life Process Center: Wed., Oct. 10, 4-6 p.m. \$6.

• National Wildlife Federation sponsors a Wetlands Workshop on Wed., Oct. 17 from 8-3 p.m. for K-8 educators. It is free.

Call director, Tammy DeBaar for further information at 987-1002.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI on:

Wednesday, September 19, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Dave Buckius has made application for variance from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance to split apart parcel into two (2) non-conforming lots - Article 4, Section 4.04D and lots would be 60'-0" wide in lieu of required 80'-0" Article 3, Section 3.16A. Said parcel is located at 11756 5 Mile Road, Lowell, MI 49331. Permanent parcel #41-12-33-202-014.

Tony Paul of 7511 Ravine Drive, Belding, parcel number 41-12-10-201-005 has made application for variance from Article 4, Section 4.04 (C) defining building height in the R-L District. The requested variance is for a variance from a maximum of 20' 0" to 36' 0".

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Al Berry Grattan Township, Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

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SUMMER CATCH (PG-13)
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EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times call 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

EVERY SUN. THRU OCT. 21: Free admission to the Fallasburg one-room schoolhouse on Covered Bridge Rd. between Fallasburg Park Drive and McPherson/Potters Road. From 2 to 6 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills

that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES.: WINGS Parent Group meetings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings are on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested parents.

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

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

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

EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

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

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

EVERY WED.: The "Poppers" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week to cover expenses. Transportation available. For information, call Pat at 897-7842.

EVERY SECOND WED.: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Boves Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell in different seasonal activities. Times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W., Grand Rapids. Call 897-9794.

EVERY WED.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

EVERY THURS.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

THURS.: Weight Watchers meets at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 5:30 and 7 p.m. Registration begins 1/2 hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

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

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development projects. Meetings held at Lowell Middle School choir room. For information call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY THURS.: The Saranac Community and Area Music Makers begin their new season at Saranac High School on Sept. 13. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Band: 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Christmas Concert Dec. 1, 2. New members are invited to join! Call Kathy at 642-6316 or 897-5981 for information.

EVERY SECOND THURS.: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary #8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main St., Lowell.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics and discussion for parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

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

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Located at a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

SECOND THURS. OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - The Alto Family Tree Club meets at Alto Public Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH: James C. Veen Observatory (3308 Kissing Rock Rd.) Visitors Night from 9-11:30 p.m. if the night is clear. \$2 adults; \$1 children to 18. For info. call Starwatch at 897-7065.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club meets at the west end of Lowell High School. 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada at 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Open other times by appointment. Call 676-9346.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.-Wed., Noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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

WED., SEPT. 12: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. S.E. will serve a family-style turkey and dressing dinner at 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$7; children 5-12, \$2.

WED., SEPT. 12: TOTS Family Open House, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 300 High St. Free ice cream and fun. Learn about TOTS; register for fall programs. Call Kathy at 897-1232.

THURS., SEPT. 13: Saranac Community and Area Music Makers begin choir (6:30 p.m.) & band (7:30 p.m.) practice at Saranac High School. Call Kathy at 642-6316 or 897-5981. New members are invited to attend!

MON., SEPT. 17: The Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. A book review will be given by Ruth Boelma. Doris Ellis is hostess; Nora Belle Rash is sponsor.

WED., SEPT. 26: Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a blood drive for Grand Valley Blood program, 3-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1: Kindermusik classes begin, 15-week fall semester at Franciscan Life Process Center for children newborn to 7 years. Call Judith Madden at 897-7842 ext. 580.

FRI., SAT., SUN., OCT. 19, 20, 21: Paper Drive for Lowell High School Girls Softball team. Drop-off truck at Lowell High School. Contact Lorrie at 868-6365 with questions.

It is not enough to do good; one must do it the right way.
—John, Viscount Morley of Blackburn

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:30 a.m. Armchair Exercise. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., SEPT. 12: Noon, Movie in G.R. **THURS., SEPT. 20:** Noon, Dance.

THURS., SEPT. 13: 8:30 a.m. Trip to Flint. **FRI., SEPT. 21:** Noon, Children's Museum.

FRI., SEPT. 14: Noon, Birthday/anniversary party; Bingo. **TUES., SEPT. 25:** 12:40 p.m. Sam's Club and Dollar Store.

MON., SEPT. 17: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Big Lots; Cribbage. **WED., SEPT. 26:** 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast.

TUES., SEPT. 18: 12:40 p.m. John Ball Park Zoo. **THURS., SEPT. 27:** 12:40 p.m. Shop at Aldi's.

WED., SEPT. 19: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; Shop at Family Fare. **FRI., SEPT. 28:** 12:40 p.m. Bingo.

Pioneers punish Red Arrows for their mistakes

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It took a 5'11" halfback to convince Lowell football coach, Noel Dean that former Pioneer coach, George Barcheski was right: East Grand Rapids is too small to play in the O-K White.

"I think they should move to the O-K Gold," Dean said following his club's 25-8 loss to EGR.

Pioneer freshman halfback, Kevin Grady's three touchdowns and 151 yards rushing were all the convincing Dean needed. "He has three more years of eligibility," Dean said as he rubbed his hand through his hair. "He's a very nice player. Pete (Stuursma) did a nice job of preparing his kids. He's a classy guy and a good coach."

Grady ran the ball 29 times. The freshman ran the ball 32 times the week before against Ottawa Hills. "Physically Kevin is a good football player. Joe Gritter (fullback) complements him well," Stuursma explained.

The loss ended Lowell's 12-game regular season winning streak. The Red Arrows last regular season loss came in 1999 to Zeeland (27-14).

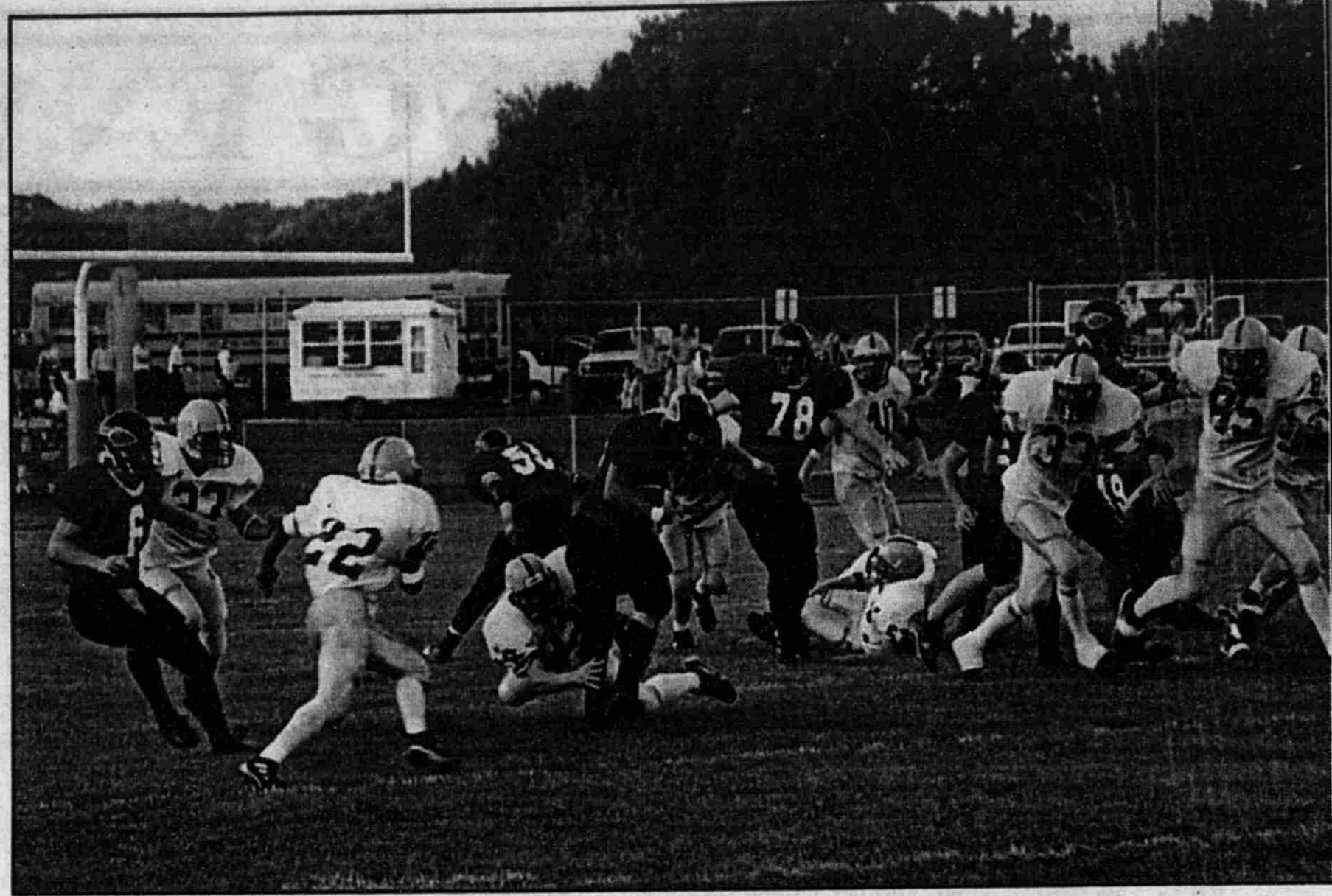
The two losses have some similarities. Lowell turned the ball over five times against Zeeland and Friday night it was guilty of seven fumbles (two of which it recovered), and an interception. The Red Arrow offense shot itself in the foot with five illegal procedure calls.

"I thought we were able to move the ball up front, but things happened along the way for which I don't have answers," Dean said.

East took advantage of Lowell's inability to sustain a first-half drive.

"Having turnovers go our way is obviously big, however, we were also able to capitalize and make the big play," Stuursma said.

The Pioneer coach was also pleased with his club's defensive effort. "The kids played well. They bent but didn't break



Travis DeVoid (#25) rushes for a couple of his 60 yards in Lowell's loss to East Grand Rapids.

against a good, strong football team. This is only a small step. This league is tough - we must work within our framework and not get ahead of ourselves. I think our kids are smart enough to know that," Stuursma said.

East scored first. Following a Lowell fumble inside its own 10 yard line, the Pioneers needed five plays to find the end zone. Grady ran it in on a fourth and five.

East got the ball back three minutes later after a high snap got by the Lowell punter. With the ball at the 31, it took five plays and a 34-yard touchdown run by Grady to give East a 12-0 lead.

A 16-play, 76-yard drive on the Pioneers' next possession consumed nearly seven minutes of the second quarter clock with the reward being a one-yard touchdown run by Grady, giving EGR an 18-0 halftime lead.

Lowell's only score of the game came on its opening possession of the third quarter. The Red Arrows drove 48 yards in five minutes with Mark Catlin scoring on a three-yard run.

Lowell's defense held East and gave the ball back to its offense at its own 44. A fumbled snap from center and two illegal procedure calls left Lowell to punt on fourth and eight at its 46 and with it any momentum it had built.

The only other score came on a seven-yard touchdown run by Gritter with 4:23 to play in the game. East rushed the ball for 197 yards and threw the football for 74 yards.

Lowell ran the ball for 164 yards (Catlin 72/Travis DeVoid 60) and threw for just 24.

Lowell, now 2-1, 0-1, hosts Forest Hills Northern on Friday.

Lowell equestrian team begins defense of title with grand first win at Cedar Springs

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The 2000 defending state equestrian champions began defense of their crown in successful fashion at the season-opening meet in Cedar Springs.

Competing with 16 other schools, however, Lowell and Sparta were the only two teams in the "A" Division (i.e., teams with more than 11 riders). Schools like Grant and Rockford split their riders into teams of less than 11 so that they would compete in Division "B."

Lowell ran away and hid from Sparta in Division "A" with 242 points. Sparta garnered 54.

Lowell's junior varsity

team placed eighth in Division "C," while the freshman team was third in Division "B."

Lowell split 28 riders into three teams. There are 15 returning riders from last year's teams and 13 new riders. The teams are coached by Gail and Casey Parker.

After competing in 13 of 17 scheduled classes, the high point rider for Lowell's varsity team was Jessica Hamp with 43 points. Other riders scoring a significant number of points were Kelsey Scheider 41; Katelyn Bush 30; Ryanne Oetman 27 and seniors, Jessica Richardson 22 and Jasmine Steele 19.

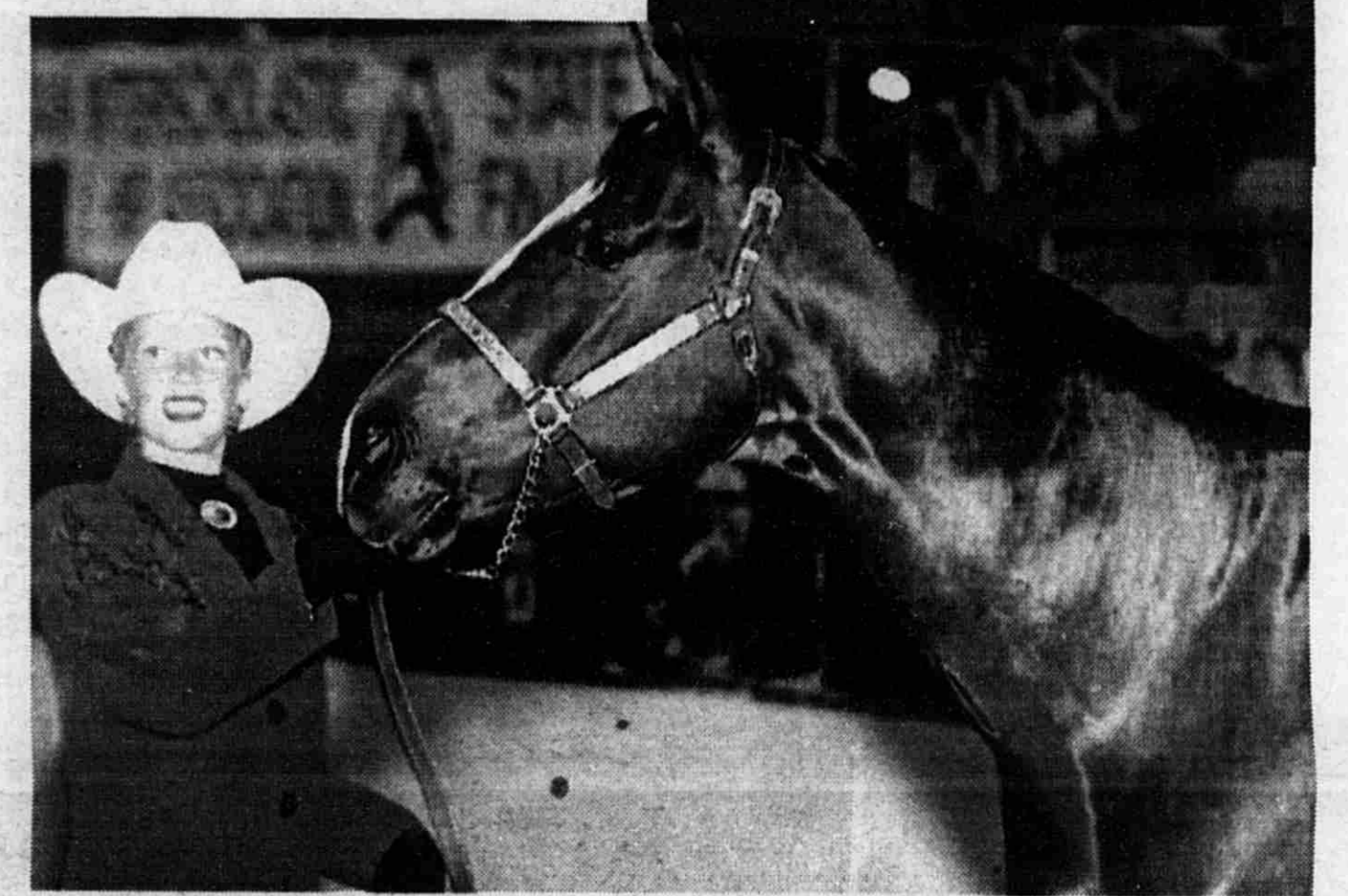
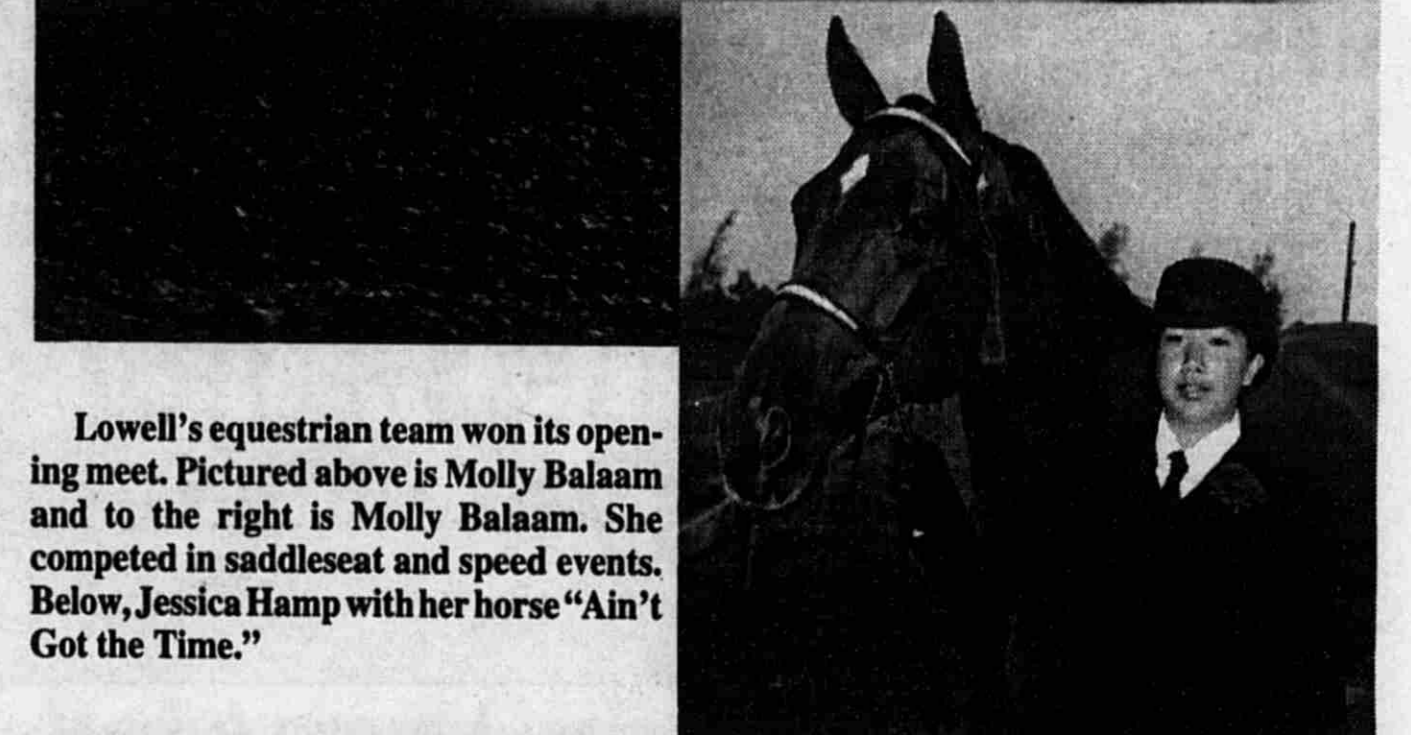
"We were disappointed that our speed riders were not

able to show on Saturday. It affected the posted score for our freshman and JV teams - which are anchored by their speed teams," Gail Parker explained.

Lowell's speed riders are some of the best in the state, led by seniors, Kirk Johnson, Molly Balaam and Michelle Strzyzewski, and freshmen Kim Vandenberg and Michelle Wolf.

"We have a seasoned team and have the talent to return to state again this year and that is our goal," Parker said.

District champs will be announced on Sept. 22 with the best of the A, B and C divisions going to Detroit in October for the state championship.



Lowell's equestrian team won its opening meet. Pictured above is Molly Balaam and to the right is Molly Balaam. She competed in saddleseat and speed events. Below, Jessica Hamp with her horse "Ain't Got the Time."

Red Arrow girls easily outrun Pioneers in key O-K White meet

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In its first stiff test in defense of its 2000 league title, the Lowell girls cross country team easily outdistanced East Grand Rapids 20-37.

"I thought it might be closer, but we've run a few more races, so I think we're a little stronger than East right now," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf.

The Red Arrows claimed four of the top five spots. Lisa Wojciakowski led the way, stopping the clock in 21:15. Abbie Blanding continued her strong season as she came home second with a time of 21:44.

"Abbie's been the surprise. Last year she was our fourth or fifth runner; this year she's been our number two runner," VanderWarf said.

Pioneer Laura Malnor came off the course in 21:48. Red Arrow Holly Plattner was nine seconds in back of Malnor at 21:57. Teammate, Sarah Swab was fifth, stopping the clock in 22:09.

Lowell's Natalie Kent finished eighth, coming home in 23:05. Other Pioneer times were Kim Humplakies, sixth, 22:18; Betsy Frayer, seventh, 22:43; Morgan Smith, 10th,

23:21; and Ashley Wolf, 23:29.

Bullock Creek

Lowell was first in a field of nine at the Bullock Creek Invitational.

The Red Arrow girls finished with 36 points. Midland finished second with 56.

Lisa Wojciakowski led Lowell's contingent with a time of 20:55. Sarah Swab was the second Red Arrow home in 21:11.

Holly Plattner stopped the clock in 21:20 and was followed by Abby Vos's 22:31 and Molly Kirsch's 22:34.

Red Arrow freshman blast East

The Red Arrow freshman football team continued its winning ways with an impressive 29-0 win over East Grand Rapids.

The scoring began with an 85-yard punt return for a touchdown from Matt D'Agostino.

Ryan Esbaugh added a 23-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, giving Lowell a 14-0 lead.

D'Agostino scored his second touchdown of the evening when he returned a fourth quarter punt 53 yards for a touchdown.

Lowell led 21-0 late in the fourth quarter when Frank Mulder ran 52 yards for a touchdown from Matt D'Agostino.

Next up for Lowell is a visit to Forest Hills Northern.

Love, Bryant

P.S. Thanks Mom & Dad Love, Angie

Love, Bryant

Lowell boy harriers place fifth at Bullock Creek; fall to EGR

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A strong East Grand Rapids boys cross country team ran away from Lowell in a season-opening league meet at Johnson Park.

The Pioneers took five of the top six spots in upending Lowell 17-43.

Nick Fisher led East with a top time of 17:55. Teammate, Eric Syverson placed second at 18:02. Matt Casillas came off the course in 18:20 and finished third. Following him home were teammates

Andrew Giguere (19:16) and Andy Faulkner (19:29).

Lowell's top runner was Steve Ellison. The Red Arrow placed fourth with a time of 19:08. Other Red Arrow times were Dave Anderson, seventh, 19:29; Scott Riddle, ninth, 20:12; John Hayes, 11th, 20:25; and Kris Kohrey, 12th, 20:31.

At the Bullock Creek Invitational over the weekend, Lowell boys finished fifth in a field of nine.

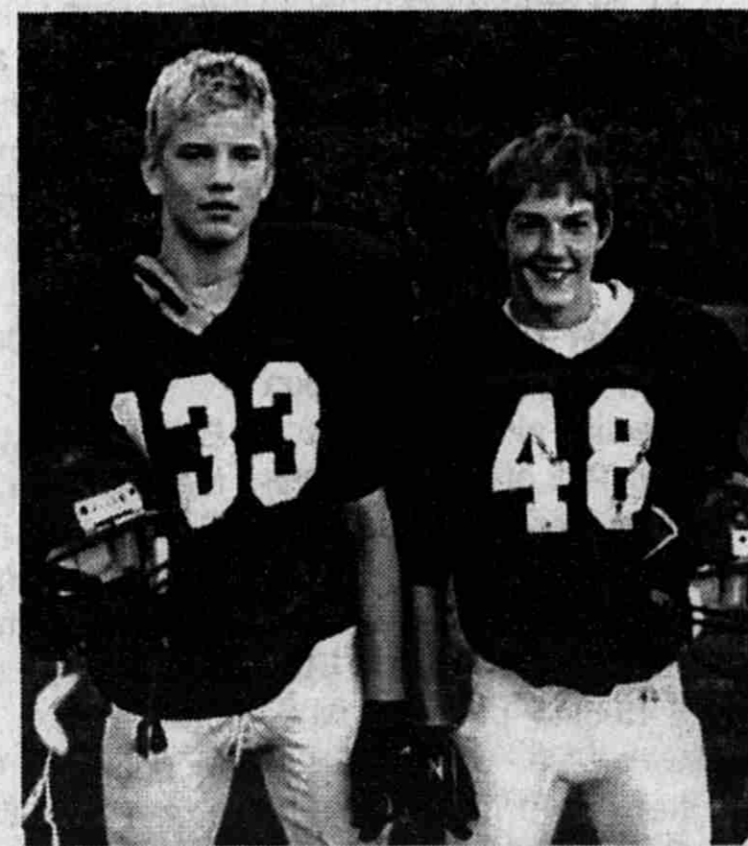
Midland won the tournament with 53 points. Lowell finished with 115.

"I was pleased with our times. The boys continue to improve. The times are coming down," VanderWarf said. "We placed three runners in the top 20 on Saturday."

The Red Arrow times were Ellison, 18:35; Riddle, 18:45; Anderson 19:05; Bobby Gingerich, 20:07; and Pat Cavanaugh, 20:29.

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Freshmen Frank Mulder, left, outside linebacker/running back and Matt D'Agostino, right, safety/running back.

The Lowell freshman football team is off to a 3-0 start to the season.

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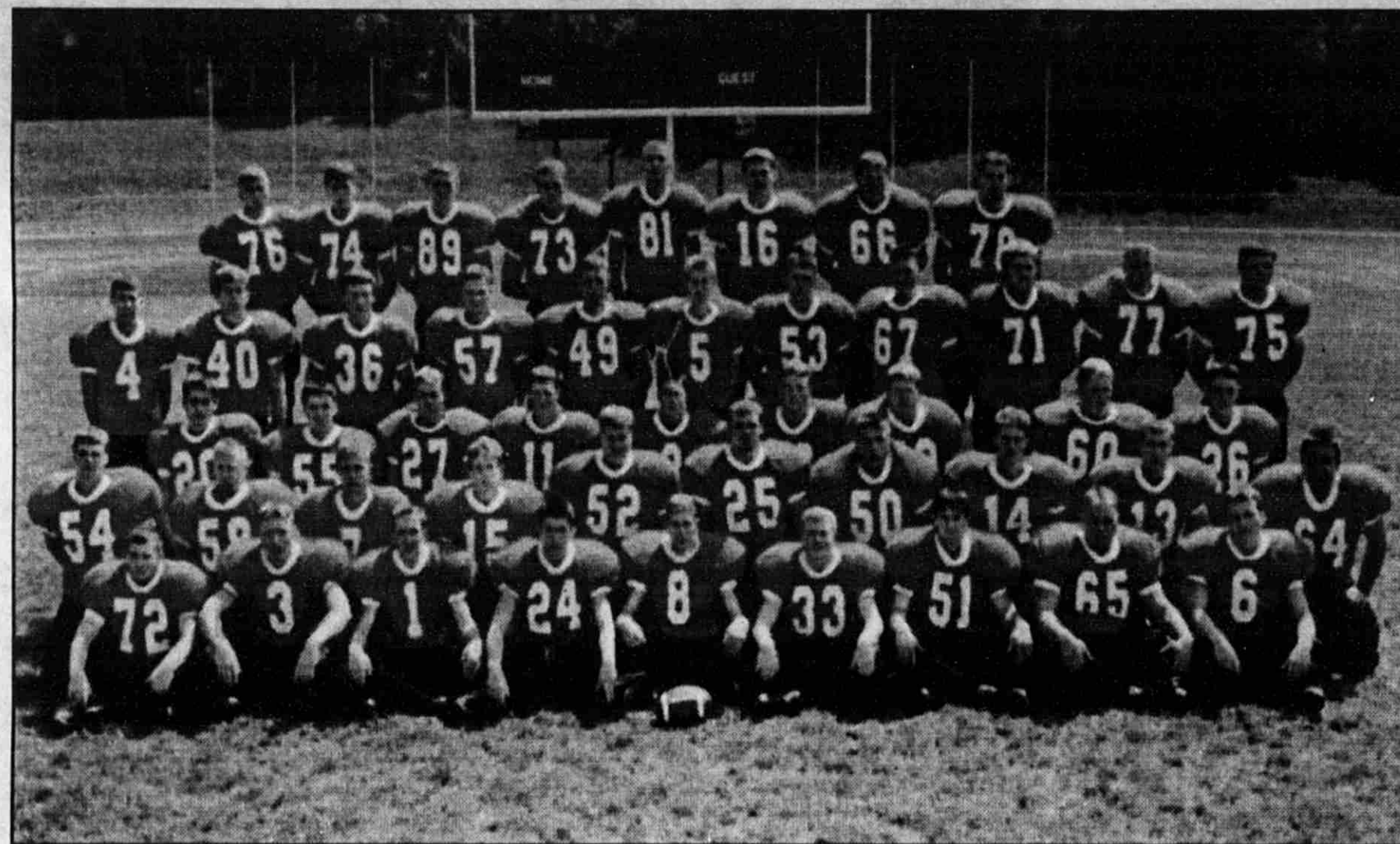
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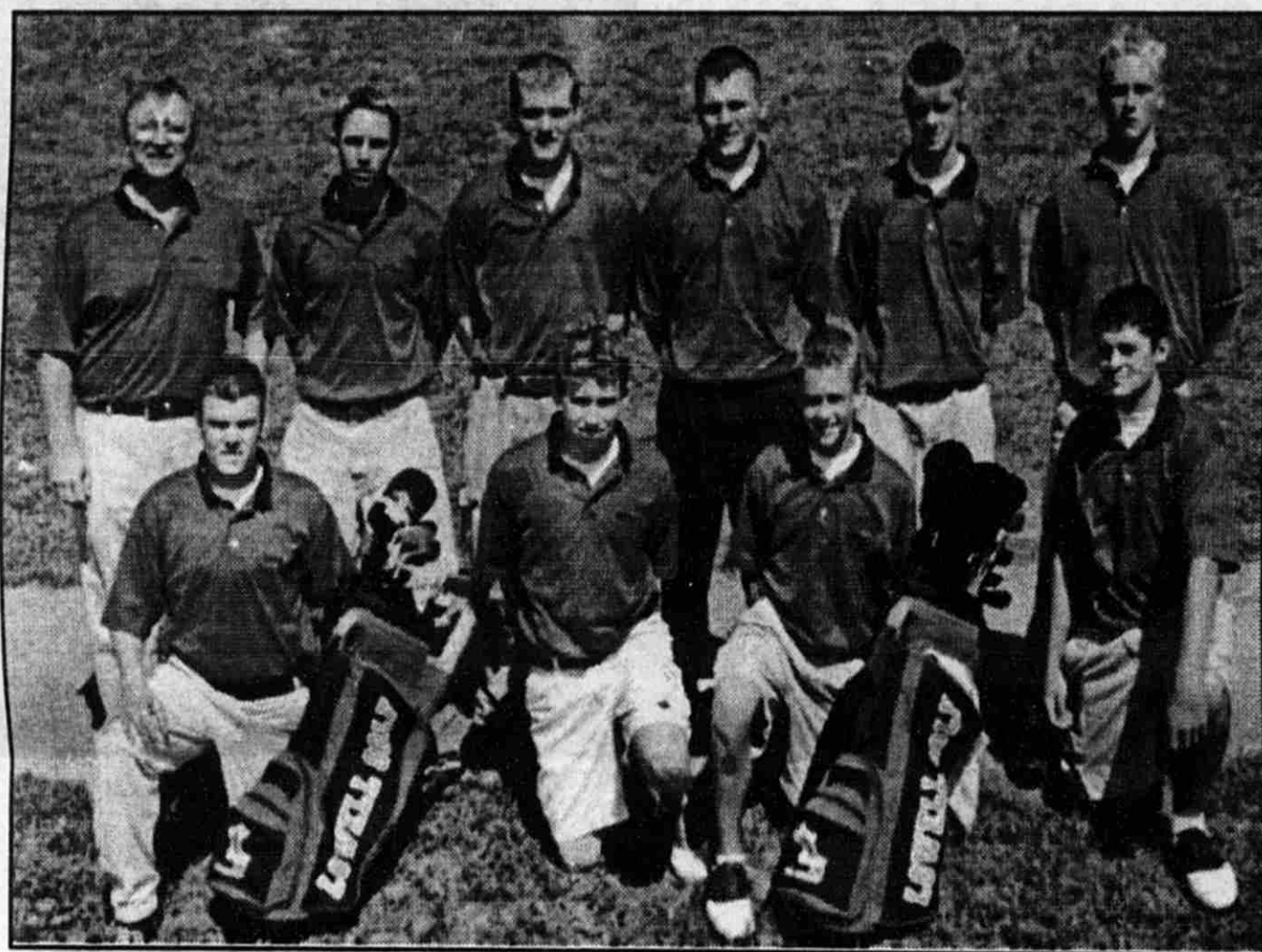
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Lowell Fall Sports Team Pictures



Lowell Varsity Football

Members of the Lowell 2001 Varsity Football team, 1st row, left to right, are: Casey Conley, Mark Catlin, Patrick Kaufman, Nick Onan, Matt Tschaenn, Matthew Barry, Phillip Moerdyke, Michael DeVries, Brad Eldridge; 2nd row: Neal DeVoid, Rob Latva, Matthew Foster, Kraig Brown, Jason Craig, Travis DeVoid, Benjamin Barie, Bill Harrison, Todd Drenth, Ben Fleet; 3rd row: Nathan Parnofello, John Hauschild, Brandon Duprey, Ryan Nugent, Nate Junglas, Brian Green, Allen Metternick, Jim Dewit, Jordan Moore; 4th row: Zach Beachum, Andrew McQueen, B.J.Frazier, Bryan Posthumus, Bryan White, Craig Carpenter, Kyle Sitzer, Tim Sherwood, Jason Hill, Kevin Klahn, David Hefferan; 5th row: Pieter Serne, Jason Murray, Peter DeBoer, Brandon Biggs, Logan Dykstra, Austin Hunt, Jacob VanPutten, Ben Vaught.



Red Arrow Varsity Golf

Members of the Lowell 2001 Varsity Golf team, 1st row, left to right, are: Steve Palasek, Dan Harrison, Matt Scheider, Chris Lechner; 2nd row: coach Jack Ogle, Mark Kimberlin, Andy Pullen, Wade Gilchrist, Luke Tomczak, Jeff Telman.



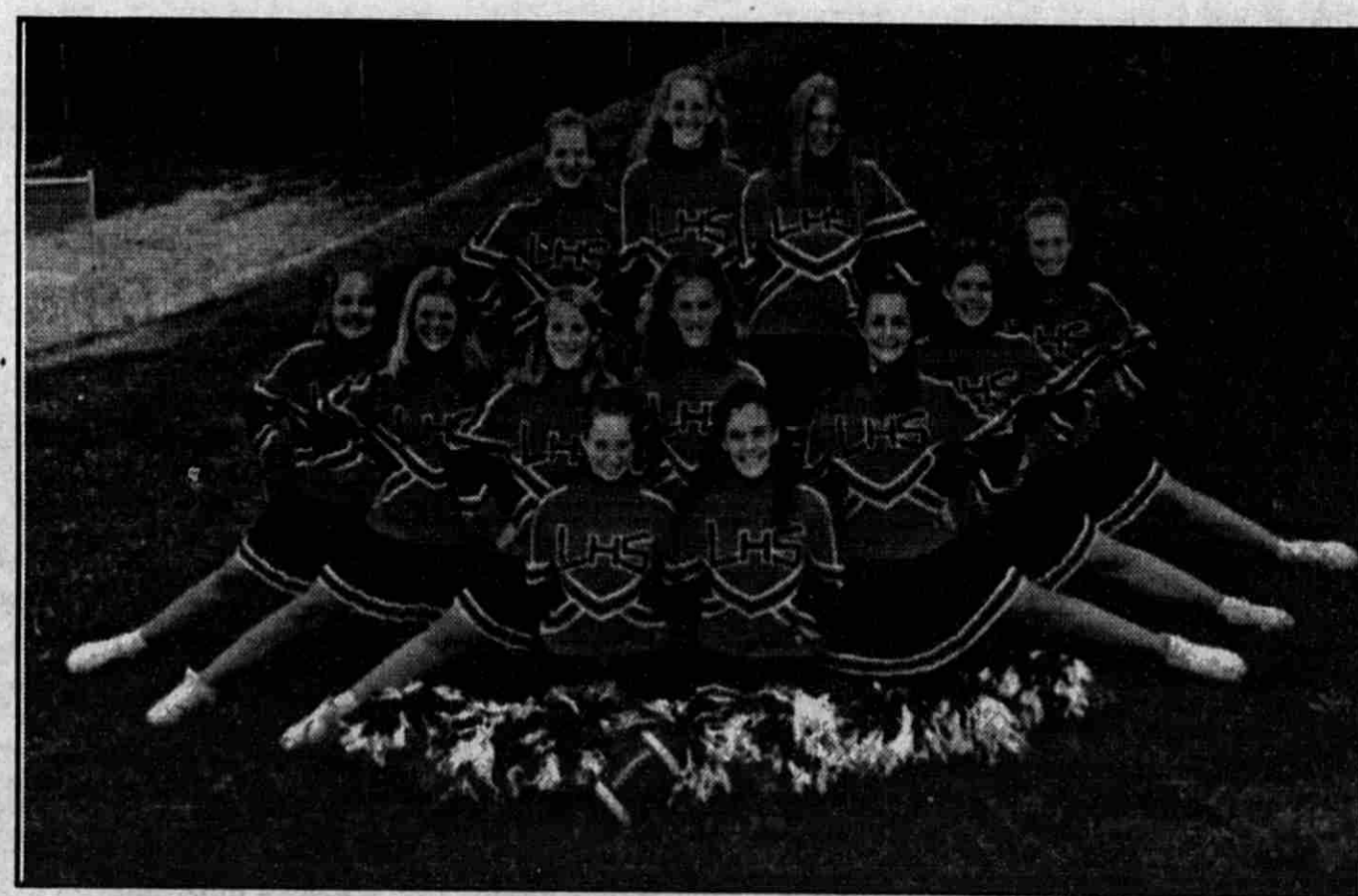
Lowell JV Golf

Members of the Lowell 2001 JV Golf team, 1st row, left to right, are: Zach Foley, James Denney, Kalen DeCenzo, Anthony Johnson, David Blair, Nicholas DuBois; 2nd row: coach Gary Fredline, Adam Meis, Dan Miller, David Maylone, Corey Scudder, Timothy Vezino.



Lowell JV Soccer

Members of the Lowell 2001 JV Soccer team, 1st row, left to right, are: Michael DeVries, A.J.Nyson, Brandon Lawrence, Jakub Pala, Ben Baughman; 2nd row: Bob Payne, Ramsey Charrouf, Ben Raymor, Andy Jousma, Andrew Vogel, Justin Quist; 3rd row: coach Mike Lincolnhol, Jake Baker, Wes Tweedale, Eric Staal, Joseph Mull, Luis Vera, Jonathon Walker, Jayme DeLiefde, Josh Abdo.

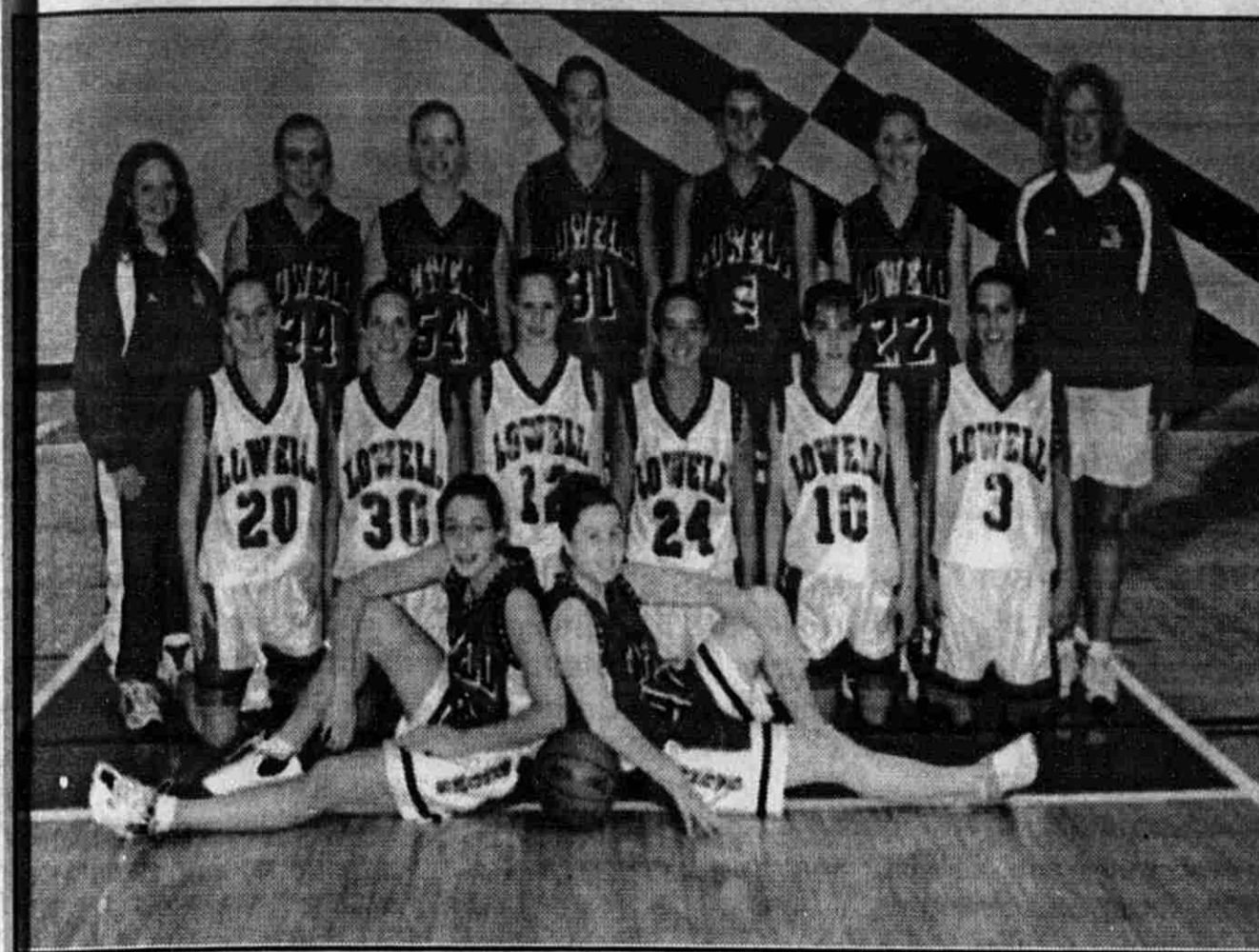


Red Arrow Freshman Cheerleaders

Members of the Lowell 2001 Freshman Cheerleaders team, 1st row, left to right, are: Kerri Kinsley, Jenna Dickerman; 2nd row: Kyleigh Gilliard, Erin Craig, Tiffany Wilkins, Chantel Todociuk, Alyssa Rash, Karis Prill, Nichole Swift; 3rd row: Chelsea Karas, Jenna White, Shannon Alger.

GO RED ARROWS!

Lowell Fall Sports Team Pictures



Lowell Varsity Girls Basketball

Members of the Lowell 2001 Varsity Girls Basketball team, 1st row, left to right, are: Kelly Fitzpatrick, Shelby Tomczak; 2nd row: Valen VanZyl, Nicole Gillikin, Courtney Phillips, Kendra Gallert, Becky Bossard, Lauren Vashaw; 3rd row: asst. coach Danielle Gallert, Kelsey Capps, Stacey Arnsward, Leslie Crowley, Blair Meyer, Jenell Gemell, coach Dee Crowley.



Red Arrow Girls Cross Country

Members of the Lowell 2001 Girls Cross Country team, 1st row, left to right, are: Amanda Roberts, Holly Plattner, Abigail Blanding; 2nd row: Amanda Oracz, Kristie Luebs, Angela Wood, Rebekah Woods; 3rd row: coach Clay VanderWarf, Megan Shellenbarger, Natalie Kent, Lisa Wojciakowski, Julie Webb.



Red Arrow Boys Cross Country

Members of the Lowell 2001 Boys Cross Country, 1st row, left to right, are: coach Clay VanderWarf; 2nd row: Bobby Gingerich, Scott Riddle, Steve Ellison, Andy Roberts, Sean Fitzpatrick.



Lowell Girls JV Cheerleaders

Members of the Lowell 2001 JV Cheerleaders team, 1st row, left to right, are: Emily Nurmikko, Amanda Bouwkamp; 2nd row: Caitlin Searfoss, Holly Yonker, Lisa Roth, Julie Halbelsen; 3rd row: Kaitlyn Hanrahan, Renee Catlin, Amber VanSpronsen, Heather Essich, Kristen Maki; 4th row: coach Betsy Maki, Leslie Koehn, Jamie Zoodsma, Heather Becker.



Red Arrow JV Girls Basketball

Members of the Lowell 2001 JV Girls Basketball team, 1st row, left to right, are: Heather McQueen, Ashley Kehoe, Amanda Grochowalski; 2nd row: Ashley VanEck, coach Roxanne Gallert, Sarah Vuong; 3rd row: Ashley Claypool, Larinda Marker, Amy Oberlin, Devon Collins, Kathleen Sullivan, Kristen Lee.



Red Arrow Varsity Girls Tennis

Members of the 2001 Lowell Varsity Tennis team, 1st row, left to right, are: Melissa Neubecker, Mellissa Blattner, Jennifer Emser; 2nd row: mgr. Shaun Koning, Mandy Gunberg, Jenny Gunberg, Jodi Laux, Heather Geelhoed, mgr. Pat Regan; 3rd row: coach Bonnie Wall, Kelly Riddle, Kristie Noall, Maggie Mayhew, Stevie Thompson, Shannon Livingston, asst. coach Roger Wall.

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EVENTS

Red Arrow girls basketball team bounces Belding and Byron Center; await EGR on Thursday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls basketball team got and needed increased minutes from Leslie Crowley in its come-from-behind 41-35 win over Byron Center Thursday night. The junior's play so far this season has been limited to a half in the Red Arrows' loss to Jenison (38-31). Crowley is still nursing back to health a knee injury suffered over the summer. "It's definitely the most Leslie has played in any game this year. Her knee held up pretty well," said Lowell basketball coach, Dee Crowley. Crowley netted 19 of her club's 41 points, including two key three-point shots in the third quarter. The Red Arrows outscored the Bulldogs 14-5. Lowell fell behind early 9-2 and spent the rest of the first half battling back to within two of the lead at 22-20. "The girls did not have much intensity to start. Defensively, they were out of it," Crowley explained. The second half was a different story, as Lowell outscored Byron Center 21-13. "Our defense took away what they did," Crowley said. Even with Crowley's return and a solid defensive effort in the second half, Lowell needed two critical foul shots from Blair Meyer with 30 seconds remaining to secure the victory. Lauren Vashaw tallied seven points and had a big night on the offensive boards. "She grabbed some key rebounds for us in the second half," Crowley explained. Freshman guard, Kendra Gallert scored six points and was steady at the point in not committing a turnover. "We were able to build a seven-point lead in the third quarter but the girls didn't finish them off," Crowley said. "We have to get that killer instinct."

White confrontation Thursday night. Lowell 50 Belding 28 Lowell's pressure and speed took Belding out of their running game and hindered their three-point shooting effectiveness. "Defensively we just took away what they do on the offensive end," Crowley said. The Red Arrows were led offensively by Becky Bosserd's 14 points. Kelly Fitzpatrick added 11 and Vallen VanZyll contributed with nine. Lowell led 14-2 after one; 27-12 after two periods; and 35-19 after three quarters of play. Lowell, 3-1, entertains East Grand Rapids in a key O-K

Lowell soccer team battles to 1-1 tie with Pioneers; upends Bulldogs

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Paul Legge thought he was watching an East Grand Rapids' scrimmage during the first half of the O-K White season-opening game between the Red Arrows and the Pioneers. "We were playing their game (kickball) in the first half," Legge said. "It wasn't until the second half that we started to play our game." Lowell scored early and East scored late as the two teams battled to a 1-1 overtime. "I was pleased with our play in the second half and in overtime. It provided us with plenty of opportunities, but the ball just didn't fall where we needed it to," said the Lowell varsity soccer coach. Lowell outshot East Grand Rapids 30-10.

The Red Arrow goal was netted within the opening 10 minutes of the contest by Sam Oberlin on an assist by Shane Stokes. Brandon Teets scored a controversial goal in the second half to tie the contest at 1-1. "The ball was taken over the end line and then brought back in; it crossed in front of the net and they scored," Legge said. "The lesson in this is players should not stop play until they hear a whistle. We stopped and got caught watching." Lowell had been averaging over five goals a game in its first three contests against Tri Unity, Greenville and Ionia. "Our defense played strong enough to hold them to one goal," said EGR coach, Leo Radakovich. "This is always a tough game. Lowell is fast to the ball. They kept us out of what we wanted to do." Lowell hosts Forest Hills Northern on Thursday.

Lowell linksters card wins against Belding and Byron Center

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell golfer, Wade Gilchrist, has spoken softly so far this golf season, but he's been carrying big sticks. The senior fired two rounds of 39 and a 41 as Lowell won two nonconference matches while dropping a pair of league matches. "Wade is really playing well and he's doing it while playing with varying lineups of young kids," said Lowell boys golf coach, Jack Ogle. "He's also able to help the younger players out." The Red Arrows may have played their best round of the year against Belding at the Candlestone Golf Course. Gilchrist led the way with a 39. He was followed home by Matt Scheider's 41; Luke Tomczak's 44; and Steve Palasek's 44. Lowell defeated Belding 168-179. "That's a good score on a good, tough course," Ogle said. "If we shoot between 165-168, we're going to win our share of matches." Lowell also defeated Byron Center at the par 37

Ironwood Golf Course. The Red Arrows needed a fifth score as the two teams were tied at 167-167 after four scores were in. That fifth score was Mark Kimberlin's round of 44. Gilchrist led the way with a 41. Teammates Tomczak, Dan Harrison and Chris Lechner all carded rounds of 42. Lowell opened its league season against two of the O-K White's elite: East Grand Rapids and Zeeland. The Red Arrows carded a 174, falling eight shots in back of the Chix (166) and 21 behind the Pioneers (153). "East is very strong and Zeeland's good," said Ogle. "I thought we had Zeeland on the ropes, but we let them get away."

Gilchrist led Lowell with a 39. Scheider carded a 44 while Will Nevers and Kimberlin finished with rounds of 45 and 46 respectively. "We're beginning to build a little depth," Ogle said. "We continue to work on it."

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Pantry's food wishes are answered

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It cannot be overstated how important it is for a community food pantry to have food stocked on its shelves.

Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry director, Jody Haybarker, however, was in jeopardy of the "bare pantry shelf" quandary.

Before she could get the word out — of asking for food donations, her thoughts and wishes were answered.

Through an anonymous call, Haybarker learned that Spartan Stores and WZZM TV-13 had donated four palets (1,800 pounds) of food.

"The donation was so timely because our shelves were bare," Haybarker said. "What also makes this great is the

variety of food which was donated."

The food pantry also was the recipient of a gift of delivery. Spartan Stores and WZZM TV-13 were unable to deliver their generous food gift. Tipped off by an anonymous call, Admiral Petroleum warehouse foreman, Cliff Walker generously offered the use of a company truck and a driver to pick up the four palets and deliver them to the Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry.

Admiral Petroleum warehouse truck driver, David Shank carried the delivery honors a week ago Wednesday. On Thursday of that week, pantry volunteers, Esther Newell and Joyce Hawkins were busy stocking the bare shelves.

"Our shelves are full now," Haybarker concluded.



Pictured above is Neil Johnson (Truman) with Lowell's Justin Harden and Patrick Misner.

Truman to "Give Lowell Hell," Sept. 28

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

In conjunction with the grand opening of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the Lowell community will be treated to "An Evening with Harry S. Truman."

Neil M. Johnson, a nationally recognized authority on Truman, will conduct a one-man show and a news conference at the Lowell Area Performing Arts Center on Friday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

The show, sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Museum and The Benjamin Morse Society of Lowell High School, is free to the general public.

Johnson is a retired archivist and oral historian for the Harry S. Truman Library, located in Independence, Mo.

Since his retirement in 1992, Johnson has appeared in several hundred programs as an impersonator of Truman.

His published works include "Power, Money and Women - Words to the Wise from Harry S. Truman."

Michigan 'Goes for the Gold' during fall color season

Like a magician sweeping a wand across the breadth of the state, fall turns Michigan to a magical place when the greens of summer give way to the dazzling colors of gold, crimson and russet between mid-September and late October.

And despite higher fuel prices and a drought over much of the state, travelers will experience a color season that is expected to be as good or even better than normal, says AAA Michigan.

The Auto Club estimates that higher fuel prices will have little effect on the fall tourism season. AAA's survey of 500 state residents found that some 2.4 million Michiganders plan to enjoy a fall color road trip this season. Half of those planning trips will spend up to three days and about \$345 each to take in the color. According to the survey, 92 percent of travelers will remain in Michigan, compared with 89 percent a year ago.

The Northwest Lower Peninsula remains tops on the list of areas to visit, with 46 percent of those surveyed planning to go there.

The 45-day fall color season is short by tourism standards, but it is becoming one of the most popular times of the year to see the state. Residents and out-of-state leaf-peepers will spend more than \$2 billion on food, fuel, lodging and sundries from mid-September to late October. It represents about one-quarter of the state's annual \$10-billion tourism revenue.

Low rainfalls most of the state experienced this summer shouldn't keep travelers from seeing a great color show, says Michigan State University forestry professor, Melvin Koelling.

"We had a good amount of snowfall last winter, which recharged the ground water across the state. And, historically when we had dry summers and falls we've also had brilliant color," Koelling says. "What we don't want is warm cloudy, muggy weather for the next five to six weeks. We need sun for sugar formation that becomes a precursor to fall colors. Bright

sunny days and crisp nights would be ideal. Rainy, wet autumns may be good for lawns but not for color." Koelling adds that gypsy moths, which defoliated large tracts of northern hardwoods a few years ago, should be minimal this season.

When planning trips, be aware of factors that influence color. They include lake-effect warming along Great Lakes and inland water shorelines, delaying peak color there compared with inland, and valleys and exposed hills and roadways, where trees often turn earlier.

Regardless of where they go, travelers will see Michigan at its best. Pick from 18.6 million acres of forest to explore. Camp in the midst of the splendor in a state or private park campground, or find a secluded state or national forest facility, or a local park.

Have fun at scores of fall-themed festivals and events around the state, or drive the hundreds of miles of state and local roads and specially designated scenic highways. Check with some local chambers of commerce and visitor bureaus, which also have prepared color routes. Sip sweet cider at a local mill, or enjoy the season from a bicycle seat, horse saddle or on a hiking trail, or take a color cruise.

Starting September 12, fall color lovers wanting the latest on the season's progression can call Travel Michigan at (888) 78-GREAT (784-7328) for color conditions across the state updated by AAA Michigan each Wednesday through October. Updates also will be listed on the Web site, www.aaamich.com.

AAA Michigan wants you to use good safety sense on fall trips. Stay alert at the wheel. Switch drivers often to reduce fatigue and give everyone a chance to see without any distraction. Wear safety belts and avoid alcohol. Watch for deer, especially on two-lane roads near dawn and dusk. Stop to let faster traffic pass, and use scenic turnouts wherever possible to enjoy the show.

Fall Color Driving Tips

Don't let scenery distract you from driving. Use specially designated pull-offs or scenic overlooks to admire the view.

Wet leaves or frost on the road can create a slippery surface. Plan your emergency braking procedures. If your car has anti-lock brakes, brake firmly. For standard brakes, use a repeated squeeze-and-release method.

Cool nights and warm days of autumn can create fog. Drive with caution. Use low-beam headlights on both foggy days and nights.

Watch for deer, especially on two-lane roads during dawn and dusk. Car-deer crashes peak in the fall.



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