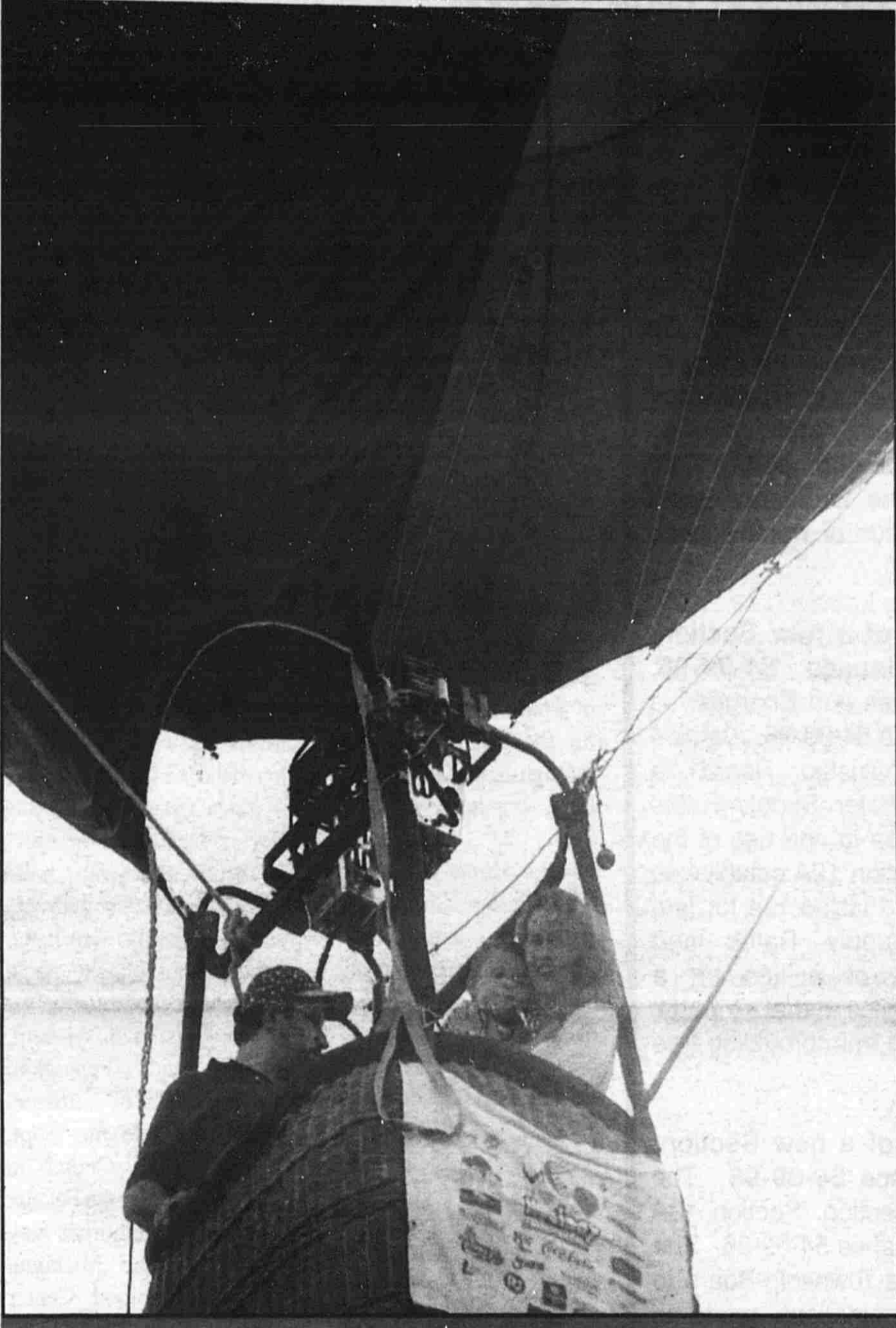


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Cloudy skies make annual airport fly-in more of a float-by last weekend

Sharon and Luke Landman got a bird's eye view of the activities at the annual Lowell Airport fly-in and pancake breakfast Sunday morning. With overcast weather, most of what was happening that day was the consumption of pancakes and sausage. A total of 399 breakfasts were served. The overcast skies kept the airplanes on the ground rather than giving rides as usual. The air was still, however, and the hot air balloon was popular. More than 60 children went up in the black and rainbow balloon for a look around. Balloon operator Tom Brown generously donated three hours of his time for rides during the day.

Festival artists finish season... settle in for winter creativity

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Fallasburg Fall Festival is among the last on the Michigan art show calendar.

With the weather changing, many of the participating artists who live in this state are looking forward to a winter of making art in preparation for next summer's shows.

"Now we'll go back into the shop and rebuild our inventories for next year," said Troy Anderson.

His work has been among the 81 booths at Fallasburg Park for about 10 years. For 13 years, he has created ornamental sculptures out of copper and brass. The most noticeable of these was a giant, bauble-eyed fish perched outside his tent. He works with his father, who has made sculptures for 30 years after quickly becoming bored with watercolor painting.

"He really wanted to do something with more texture and he knew how to weld so he started working with steel," Anderson said.

His father later switched to brass and copper because it was more flexible, and has been using the materials ever since.

Chas Gerding of Traverse City is also a sculptor. His booth was full of small bronze pieces made with what he calls the "lost wax" process. He uses wax to make sculptures, then heats a ceramic mold to 1,500 degrees around the sculpture, melting the wax and preserving the shape. He pours 2,200-degree molten bronze into the

mold and hammers off the ceramic once the bronze has hardened.

"I just like the hot metal, and it just fascinated me that you could mold something with your hands and it's pretty much going to last as long as the planet," he said.

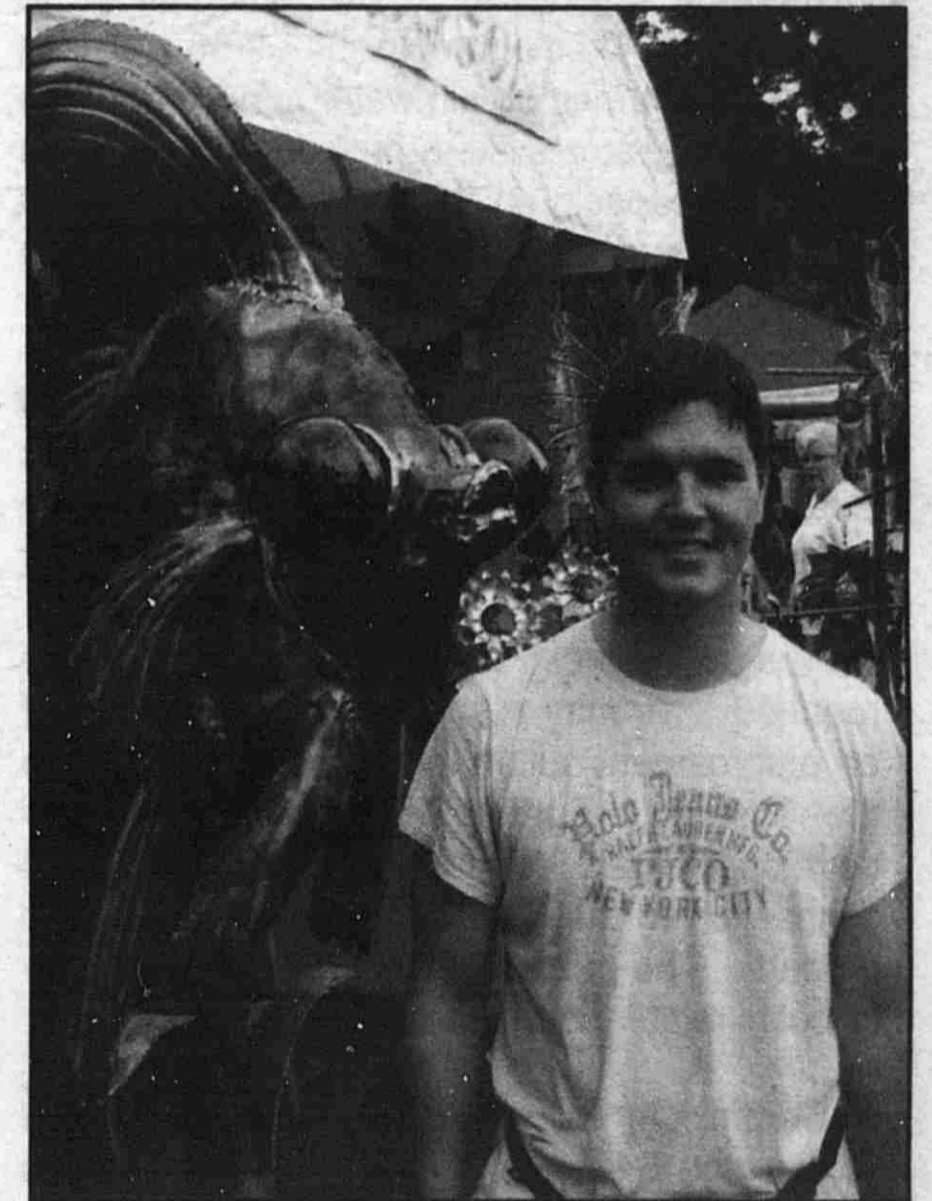
Hands were featured

predominantly in his pieces.

"I like the challenge of hands," Gerding said. "I like to do figurative things."

Hands are a major factor in some of Lowell artist Don Doezema's work. He

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Artist Troy Anderson with one of the large copper and brass sculptures that was for sale at his booth at the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

Lane change on N. Hudson have some drivers confused

By Dan Schneider

North Hudson Street has gone from four lanes to three, and the transition has caused some confusion in town... at least while the appropriate line markings remain unpainted.

The Kent County Road Commission put a new layer of pavement over the top of the street Wednesday, Sept. 14th. But as of early this week, the lanes were still incompletely marked with temporary yellow tape. This has been confusing to drivers, Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said.

"They're using what in essence is a turn lane, but it's not marked like that now," Valentine said. "It's just a state of confusion for the drivers out there."

That state of confusion has been causing trouble for Lowell bus drivers who use the street in their routes. North Hudson is part of 15 Lowell Area Schools' bus routes, said district director of transportation and operations Larry Mikulski.

"With there being three lanes like that and not being marked, people are

using that for their bail out, their suicide lane," Mikulski explained.

Bus driver Tracy Dean said she has seen drivers use the lane for passing, and has seen drivers whip around turning buses in the lane.

"It's like they have no clue and there's people who use it to pass people," Dean said. "And they're zooming right down that lane."

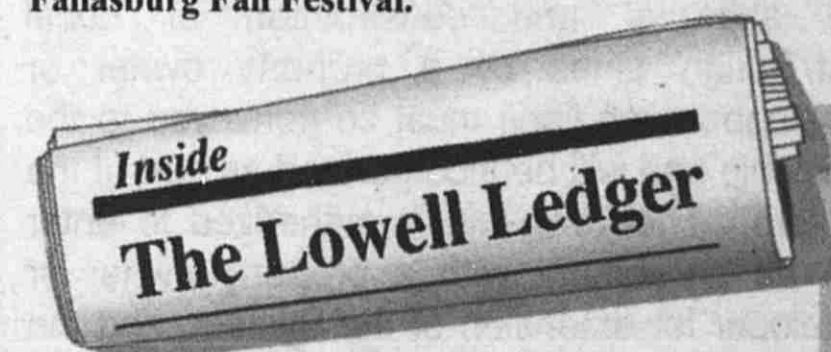
But Valentine said the situation will improve once the new lanes are appropriately marked.

"Then people will know what to do," he said. "The unfortunate part of it is, it was not marked off right away."

KCRC assistant director of traffic and safety Tim Haagsma said there were other counties ahead of Kent on the painting contractors' list of projects. They were scheduled to start three days of line painting in Kent County last Thursday, but rain held them up.

But Haagsma said the three-lane configuration improves the safety of roads. The road commission has been changing roads to three lanes all over the county, most recently two in Sparta.

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Obituaries

ACHESON 2005. He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn Sr., aged 82, of Lowell, passed away September 24, by his son Howard Jr.

(Gail) Acheson of Lowell; grandchildren Ron (Alana) Acheson, Karen (Bill) Ham; one great-grandson Logan James Acheson; also nieces and nephews. Bud served as a member of the 764th Bomb Squadron during WW II. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the

Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Dr. Michael Conklin of First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to VFW of Lowell or the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

LACIC

Mr. Walter Lacic, aged 90, of Belding, went home to be with his Lord and Saviour on Sunday, September 18, 2005. From 1962 to 1970 he owned the Variety Store in Sand Lake and also worked at American Seating Company. For leisure time, Mr. Lacic loved watching old-fashioned Westerns. He also loved traveling. His children were blessed to have a dad who taught them to love everyone, be patient, and never complain. His faith life showed by example and he was very Christ like in everything he did. Mr. Lacic is survived by his daughter Marie and Bernie Schuitema of Greenville; son Don and Millie Mulder of Hudsonville; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; brother Al and Dot Lacic of Lowell; in-laws Mrs. Wilma DeMaar of Grand Rapids, John Quakkelaar of AZ, Mrs. Joan Quakkelaar of Grand Rapids. He was preceded in death by his wife Josephine, son Tom Lacic, granddaughter Cindy VanderMolen. The Service of Praise and Thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ for Mr. Lacic was held Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Pederson Funeral Home in Rockford with Pastor Tony Karns officiating. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Back to Bible Broadcast.



SERNE

Thomas Ralph Serne, aged 62 of Ada, passed away peacefully at his home on September 19, 2005 after a valiant battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 42 years, Christine; daughter Leslie (Rob Passeno); son Richard; granddaughter and "buddy" Robin Christine Passeno; brothers James (Eleanor) Serne, Michael (Joann) Serne, Patrick (June) Serne; sister-in-law Jeanne Serne; many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death are his father and mother William and Doris Serne, brother William Serne, nephew Dale Serne. Tom loved music, and he lived his life to the fullest, whether flying a Learjet, riding his Harley Davidsons or quiet moments enjoying Lake Michigan sunsets with his wife and family. Husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, he touched us all with his love, wisdom, kindness and compassion. A Holy Mass of Christian Burial was held on Sept. 22 at St. Mary Church in Lowell, Rev. George Fekete, Celebrant. Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Community Blood Center Anna's Fund. (www.help-anna.org).



SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 02-2005, AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 54-09-96, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL WATER CONNECTION, USE AND RATE ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL

This is a summary of Ordinance No. 02-2005 (the "Ordinance"), which amends Ordinance No. 54-09-96, the Charter Township of Lowell Water Connection, Use and Rate Ordinance ("Ordinance No. 54-09-96"). The Ordinance was adopted by the Charter Township of Lowell at a regular meeting on September 19, 2005.

The Ordinance amends several sections of Ordinance No. 54-09-96, including Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, and 15. The Ordinance also adds two new sections, Section 12A entitled "Rates and Charges" and Section 13A entitled "Appeals."

Section 1. Amendment to Section 2 of Ordinance 54-09-96. The Ordinance adds or amends certain terms within Ordinance 54-09-96 including the terms "Local Distribution Lines," "Local Service Area," "Service District," "Water Supply Agreement," and "Water Supply Rates and Charges."

Section 2. Amendment of Section 4 of Ordinance 54-09-96. The amendment to Section 4 of Ordinance No. 54-09-96 provides that a person may obtain water service from the Township's water system provided that there is adequate capacity in the System to serve that person and adequate and available Transmission Lines or Local Distribution Lines.

Section 3. Amendment of Section 5 of Ordinance 54-09-96. The Ordinance amends Section 5 of Ordinance 54-09-96 to provide, in pertinent part, that properties abutting a water main are required to connect to the System. Failure to connect to the System within the required time may result in commencement of an enforcement action to compel connection to the System. Further, a property owner or developer may request extension of and connection to the System to serve the owner's property. The property owner is required to pay all costs related to the extension.

Section 4. Amendment of Section 6 of Ordinance 54-09-96. The Ordinance amends Section 6 of Ordinance 54-09-96 to specify the terms and conditions upon which the Township will approve extensions to the System. Upon the approval and construction of Local Distribution Lines by a property owner or developer, such lines must be conveyed to the Township and will be incorporated as part of the System. The Township is authorized to enter into an agreement with a property owner or developer for extension of the System, and the agreement may provide for construction advances, prepayment of rates and charges, pay back arrangements and similar matters.

Section 5. Amendment of Section 8 of Ordinance 54-09-96. Section 5 of the Ordinance amends Section 8 of Ordinance 54-09-96 to permit authorized representatives of

the Township to undertake necessary inspection of any Premises connected to the System for the purpose of observation, measurement, sampling, testing and for other enumerated purposes.

Section 6. Amendment of Section 11 of Ordinance 54-09-96. Section 11 of Ordinance 54-09-96, which previously addressed "Protection from Damage" has been amended in its entirety by the Ordinance and is entitled "System Use." Section 11, as amended, prohibits damage or misuse of the System, authorizes the Township to discontinue service for any reason including, but not limited to, emergencies or construction or repairs to the System, and specifies conditions for disconnection of properties from the System. Further, the Ordinance adds provisions for the restoration of water service after disconnection.

Section 7. Addition of a new Section, Section 12A to Ordinance 54-09-96. Section 12A, entitled "Rates and Charges," is a new section to Ordinance 54-09-96. Section 12A authorizes the Township Board to establish by resolution Water Supply Rates and Charges for connection to and use of the System. Additionally, Section 12A establishes the interest and penalties that accrue for late payments of Water Supply Rates and Charges, the imposition of a lien on a Premises for providing Service to that property, and prohibits the Township from providing free water service.

Section 8. Addition of a new Section, Section 13A to Ordinance 54-09-96. The Ordinance adds a new section, Section 13A entitled "Appeals" to Ordinance 54-09-96. The new section authorizes the Township Board to hear appeals from determinations made in accordance with Ordinance 54-09-96.

Section 9. Amendment of Section 15 of Ordinance 54-09-96. Section 9 of the Ordinance amends Section 15 of Ordinance 54-09-96 to specify that violations of Ordinance 54-09-96 constitute municipal civil infractions. Further, Section 15, as amended, provides that the Township may institute a civil action for violations of Ordinance 54-09-96.

Section 10. Publication and Recording. The Ordinance, or a summary thereof, shall be published within thirty (30) days after adoption and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Township.

Section 11. Effective Date. The Ordinance is effective immediately upon publication.

A true and complete copy of Township Ordinance No. 02-2005 can be inspected or obtained during normal business hours as follows:

Charter Township of Lowell
Ordinance No. 02-2005
2910 Alden Nash Avenue
Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-7600

Charter Township of Lowell
Linda Regan, Township Clerk

Still time to spice up that chili for the cookoff

Larkin's is still accepting entries for the fourth annual Larkin's Chili Madness Chili Cookoff Saturday, Oct. 8.

So far, more than 20 varieties of chili are on tap, or more accurately, on ladle, for the event. That includes last year's winner, "Dragon Spit."

What actually is on tap is beer, and earlier this year. The restaurant and bar will open at 9 a.m. the day of the cookoff.

First place in the red chili contest this year wins four tickets to a Lions game. First place in the white chili

division gets a \$50 Larkin's gift certificate.

Cooking begins at 11 a.m. Chili tasting, 50 cents per cup, runs from 3 to 7 p.m. This year's proceeds will benefit eight-year-old cancer patient Anna

Organeck. Last year's cookoff raised \$1,000 for the Lowell Area Fire Department.

The event will feature live bluegrass music by a band called "Home Brewed." The music lasts from 2 to 6 p.m.

Third annual tour showcases Lowell and its historic homes Oct. 8

By Dan Schneider

This is the third year the Lowell Area Historical Museum has held a tour of the city's historic homes.

This year's tour, which happens Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., features six houses and the Lowell Area Historical Museum. This is the first year the tour has included a house outside the city limits of Lowell. Henry and Yvonne VanderZiel's home on Cascade Road, east of

Alden Nash, is of particular interest to the museum, director Judy Straub said. It is believed the house was designed by the same architect who designed the historic Graham House in which the museum is located.

Another first for this year's home tour is the inclusion of a business. Tour-goers will get a chance to see the former Lowell State Savings Bank at the corner of Main and Monroe streets.

Owner Shannon Parnofiello has made the building into a showroom for her interior design business, Hearthstone Design Studio. But the building still has many of its historical details.

One of the benefits of the Lowell historical home tour, Straub said, is that homeowners are present to guide visitors.

"The homeowners are there and they're there to answer questions and they know the stories and anecdotes that have happened through the years," Straub said. "You're not just going in and looking, but there is some conversation with the people who know the history."

Jan Johnson's home on Riverside Drive, just north of downtown, provides an example of the kind of history contained in the houses in Lowell. The house was built in 1850, one of the first on the west side of the Flat River. When Johnson and her late husband, Phil, bought the house in 1947, it was an integral part of the Lowell Showboat

production. The former owner was Bruce Walter, a local lumberyard owner who was also the high school band director and band director for the Showboat. The boat would stop in front of his house to let the band and performers on.

That continued after the Johnsons bought the house.

"The boat would go up the river and then the performers would get on right in front of the house," Johnson said. "There were parties up and down the street, and there was Louis Armstrong, Bob Newhart, Bob Crosby."

She particularly remembers Dinah Shore. "Dinah Shore was probably the biggest thrill because she was the last big name I can remember who rode down on the boat," Johnson said.

The house has seen modifications over the years. The biggest of these was a major addition built by Walter. But the original structure remains the same.

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At Your Local Library



The Englehardt branch of Kent District Library is offering a program on how to enjoy life more. "Relieve Stress with Brain Gym" will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. with Luci Humphrey, R.N. The program teaches how to use movement to naturally switch on the brain and enhance any area of your life.

For more information call Joy Smith at 897-7957, to register call the branch at 647-3920. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Englehardt Library.

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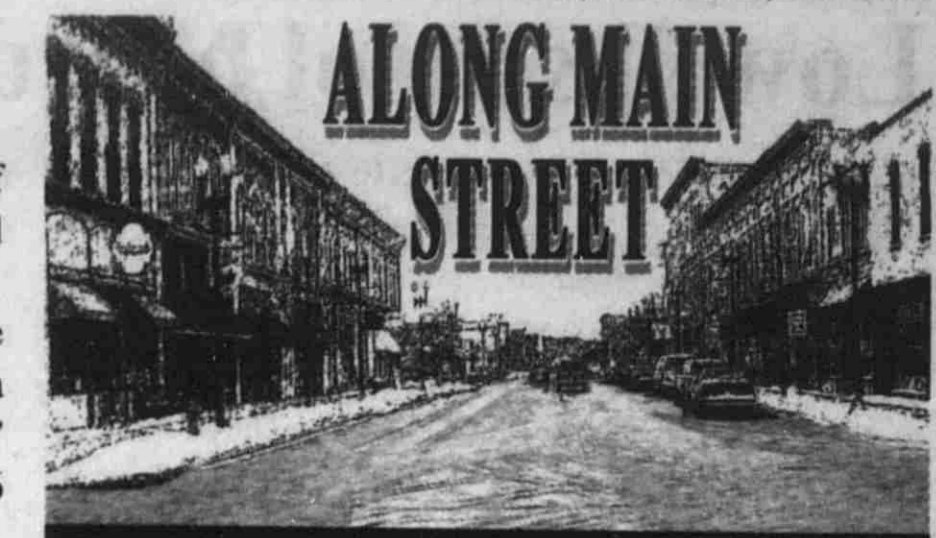
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The last workshop before the Harvest Hustle on Oct. 8 is being held at LHS on Oct. 4, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public 340-7781 or 897-8445.

HURRICANE RELIEF DONATIONS

F.R.O.M. is collecting money for Hurricane Relief. Make checks out to FROM Hurricane Relief and drop off at Huntington Bank in Lowell or FROM Thrift Shop.

CELL PHONE RECYCLING

Lowell Police Dept. is collecting old cell phones through September for domestic violence shelters in W. Michigan. Drop-off: Lowell Police Dept., 6 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

LHS PIC RETAKES

High school picture retakes are Monday, Oct. 3 from 8-10:30 a.m.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

High school conferences are Mon., Oct. 3, 4-7:30 p.m.; Wed., Oct. 5, 3-6 p.m.; Tues., Oct. 11, 3:30 - 7 p.m. Call 987-2900 for more information.

SENIOR PARENTS

There will be information on the 2006 Senior class trip at the LHS conferences Oct. 3, 5 & 11. Visit the Senior class bake sale table.

NATURE CLASSES

Wittenbach/Wege Center will offer nature classes for preschoolers/parents at the center this month. Registration is required/class size is limited. Call 987-1002 for more information.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce presents the Harvest Festival Saturday, Oct. 8. Merchants will have harvest sales and open houses; Flat River antique fair on Riverwalk Plaza; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

HISTORIC HOME TOUR

The Lowell Area Historical Museum's 3rd annual Historic Home Tour will be Saturday, Oct. 8, 10-5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the Museum and other area businesses. Tickets can be purchased the day of the tour for \$12 at the above locations, not at any of the homes. Maps are provided at the time of ticket purchase.

COVERED BRIDGE RUN

King Milling Co. 7th annual Covered Bridge Run is Saturday, Oct. 1 at 9 a.m. at Fallsburg Park pavilion. Call the Animal Hospital of Lowell 897-8484 to register.

HARVEST HUSTLE 5K

Lowell Community Wellness's 5K run/walk on Oct. 8 at 8 a.m. in conjunction with the annual Harvest Festival. Pre-registration is available at the chamber of commerce and Lowell YMCA branch, \$15 per person.

SCARECROW BUILDING HOE-DOWN

Come to the Lowell Fairgrounds on Oct. 8 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and build a scarecrow for Main St. Everything is supplied. Call 897-9161.

PSAT FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

Any sophomore or junior who is college bound should consider taking the PSAT on Wednesday, Oct. 12. The cost is \$14. Make checks payable to Lowell Area Schools. Students should register as soon as possible in the Student Service Center.

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Interested parents should meet in the volunteer room of the high school at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13 for the Academic Boosters meeting.

Lowell school board selects interim superintendent

By Dan Schneider

Pat Murphy retired as superintendent of Godwin Heights Public Schools on July 31 after a 41-year career in education. He was able to take a vacation cruise with his wife, but he had little

time to adjust to a new life of golfing and babysitting grandchildren before he found himself back in a superintendent's desk.

Last Thursday, the Lowell Area Schools board of education unanimously voted to hire Murphy, 63,

as interim superintendent. Murphy will fill in for Shari Miller, who is undergoing a round of cancer treatment.

Murphy, who had worked with Miller on a number of committees in the Kent Intermediate School District Superintendents' Association, said he was glad to take the opportunity to continue Miller's work in her absence.

"I have a lot of respect for Shari," Murphy said. "Hopefully it's a short period of time and Shari's back, that's what everybody hopes for."

In terms of geography, demographics, and size, Lowell Area Schools is a very different district than the small Godwin Heights district. Sandwiched between Grand Rapids and Wyoming

school districts, Godwin Heights is smaller than Lowell, has fewer students and more minorities.

But Murphy spent a good portion of his career in districts about the size of Lowell. He started his career as a teacher and later principal at Vassar High School in Michigan's thumb region.

And Murphy said there are more similarities than differences between Lowell Area Schools and the district from which he retired.

"There are more similarities than you would guess because it's all educational," he said.

For instance, one of the Lowell district's major projects right now is creating a district-wide curriculum that is in line with state and

national standards. "I would say really all the districts in Kent County have been working on that," Murphy said.

Lowell is also not the only district experiencing tight budgets.

"You never have enough money," Murphy said. "You just have to make sure you have the strongest educational program for the kids that you can."

Murphy spent Monday, his first day, touring the different school buildings in the district starting with Murray Lake Elementary and the high school.

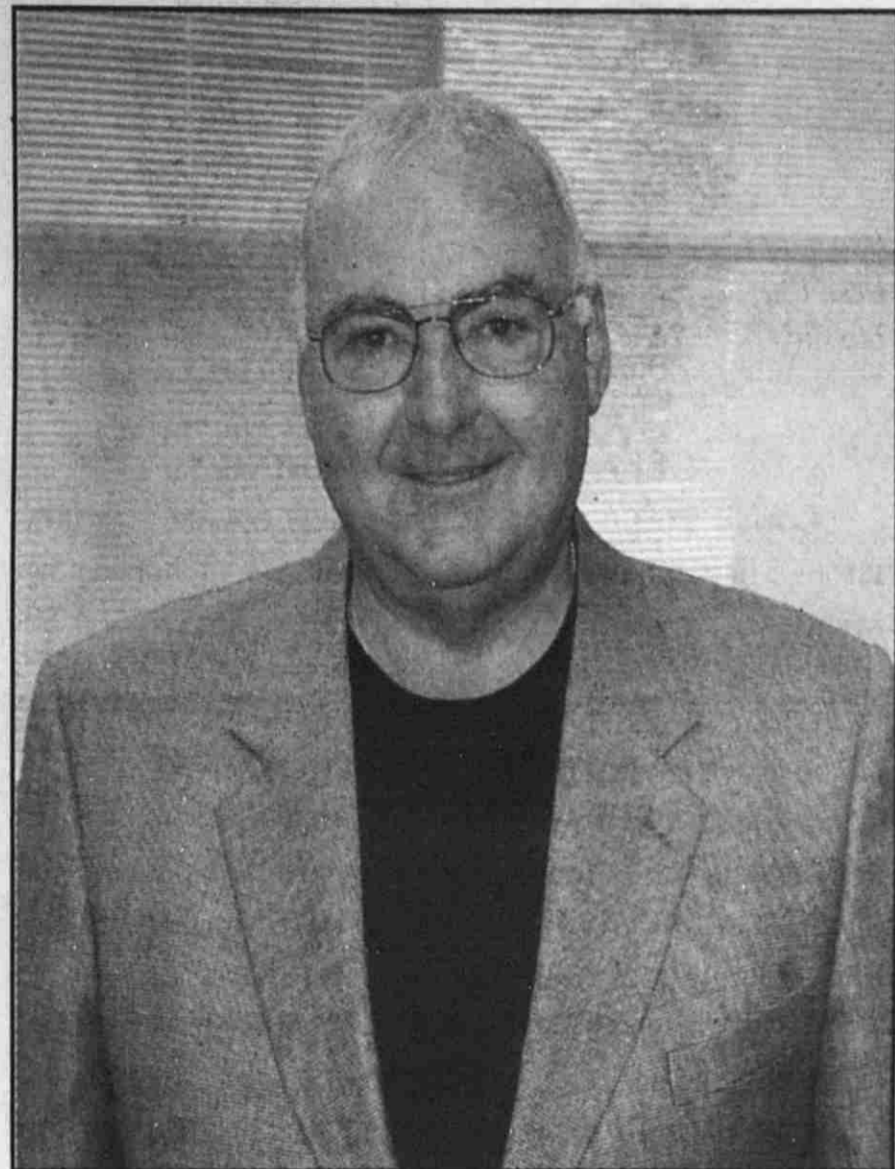
"First blush, here in Lowell, they're all fine, fine people who care a lot about the kids," he said, referring broadly to district employees from administrators to bus

drivers. "The teachers are friendly, they care about the kids. That comes through very clearly."

He also commented on the community's pride in the district. As for his role in the district, he said it is one of following in Miller's footsteps.

"The biggest thing you want to pick up right away and continue is what Shari was working on and what direction she and the board are working in," Murphy said. "It's a matter of continuing moving forward and taking care of things that have to be taken care of."

Among his immediate challenges, he said, will be familiarizing himself with the names, faces and roles of the various employees of the district.



Interim superintendent Pat Murphy.

Mundt joins the city planning commission

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

He's a volunteer firefighter for Lowell, has been a youth group leader and involved in Boy Scouts, is the wastewater treatment supervisor and, as of last night, Mark Mundt became a Lowell Planning Commission member.

Mundt was sworn in at the Monday night meeting replacing Deb Hinton, who resigned during the summer. His term runs through June 30, 2006.

"I think the planning commission is a vital part of our community and something that I wanted to be involved with," Mundt said during a phone interview Monday afternoon.

Mundt and his family have been in the Lowell community for 16 years, coming to the city when Earth Tech was first contracted to take over the city's wastewater treatment

plant. He came from New Buffalo, Michigan, where he was doing similar work at that time.

Recently, the council renewed its contract with Earth Tech for operation of the plant. Many of the council members and city manager David Pasquale noted that Mundt has been a great asset not only to the plant but to the community as well.

Mundt's nomination to the commission was warmly received by the council with unanimous approval. He sees

the planning commission as an opportunity to expand his horizons. He expects to be on a learning curve for a while as he becomes familiar with the procedures and roles the planning commission plays within the city structure. Mundt brings a lot to the table since his position requires him to be knowledgeable about federal and state regulations for wastewater activities; he works closely with Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden, who oversees the city's

sewer lines, on planning for wastewater collection.

"I can tell you that we need to promote our business to the extent that is possible," Mundt said. "Businesses are a vital part of our community. I don't like to see empty storefronts in Lowell."

Mundt added that Lowell is a great community to live and work in and he feels that the "planning commission should support our community to the extent that it becomes an even better one."

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Date of birth: 12/06/1903

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, ELIZABETH WIERENGA, who lived at 415 King, Lowell, MI died 10/20/2004. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will

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Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Having just arrived back from Gulf Coast Mississippi, I am still full of the impressions that I have received. I worked with International Aid, a faith-based supplier of overseas missionaries which, in the past several years, has expanded into disaster relief, as in Kosovo, the Florida Gulf Coast, the Tsunami ravaged areas of South East Asia, and now the unbelievably damaged areas of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

From warehouses in Hattiesburg, MS, and Hancock County, MS, in coastal Mississippi, were sent hundreds of truckloads of supplies: food, water, personal care items, and medical supplies to the people in need. Churches and strip mall parking lots are the focal points for supplying the people ... many of these supplies have originated in Michigan.

The work in these warehouses is being carried out by full-time International Aid employees and many volunteers, who responded to this disaster by making themselves available.

Of course, there are many organizations and individuals that are on the scene, helping besides International Aid.

Food, shelter, medical care and security are being provided. Clean-up has started, reconstruction will follow. Aid is being provided by all levels of government including FEMA, the National Guard, state and local officials. The regional control in Mississippi is in the hands of the county officials except in the larger cities. Of course, there is politics as usual, but the overall goals are being met. Those helping are zealous and passionate. The citizens are beginning to get past their bewilderment and starting to reclaim their lives. The magnitude of the task is gargantuan. Will things ever be the same? ...

Donald Gerard M.D.

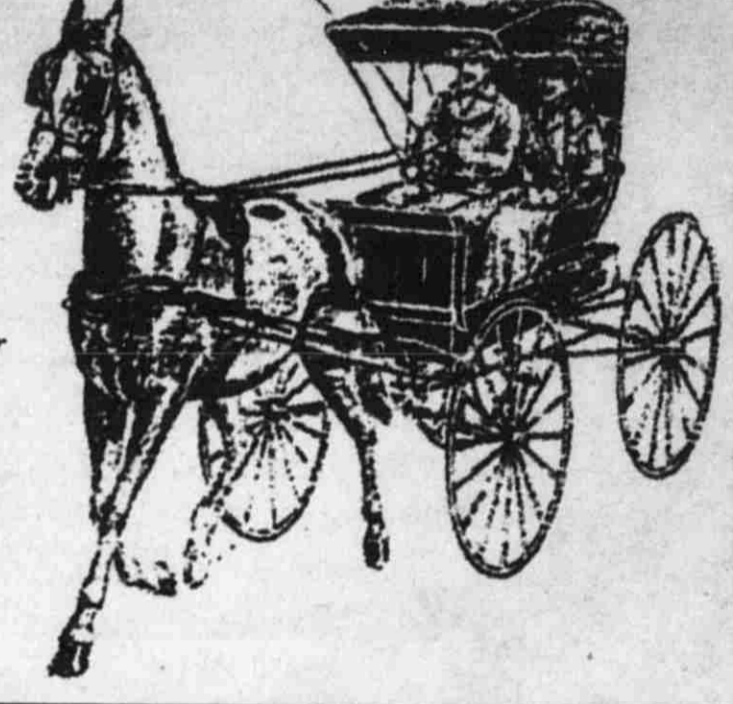
Dear Editor,

I would like to let Officer Steve Bukala of the Lowell Police Department, who went above and beyond the call of duty, to know how much we appreciated his help and comfort when Nancy passed away the previous week.

Richard Heyn
Lowell

Ledger Entries

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



By Priscilla Lussmyer

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 29, 1880

The editor asks for briefer local news items. The largest Early Rose potatoes raised on Mrs. D. M. Miller's farm run 20 to the half-bushel. Wrestling match at Train's Hall Saturday evening; tickets 25 cents. M.A. Holcomb of Bowne brings in a Pippin apple weighing a pound, and almost 14 inches around.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 28, 1905

About 1,200 people went to Ruben's department store opening. "Dainty souvenirs of neatly framed pictures" were offered by white-gowned clerks. The state fair at Grand Rapids was the big attraction last weekend. Kalamazoo has a huge population of rats underneath downtown, digging and undermining many buildings. Acetylene lighting is recommended for the rural home. Calcium carbide is cheap and readily available, to be piped throughout the building from a basement generator.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 25, 1930

The Groesbeck-Brucker gubernatorial vote recount involves Lowell and Vergennes momentarily when the Groesbeck side accuses the town of padding the rolls. A petition by businessmen helps Common Council decide to stay on Eastern Standard time all year. The New York National League All-Star Club will play the Lowell Merchants this Saturday. The Strand Theatre receives a bronze plaque from the motion picture trade association for excellence in presenting sound motion pictures. Michigan planted more trees in 1929 than any other state.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 29, 1955

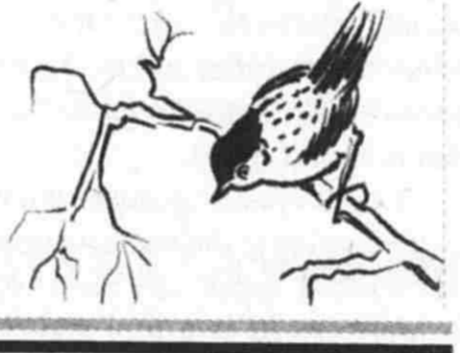
Charles Doyle and Philip Schneider Jr. purchase the Tornga Pontiac dealership at the corner of Main and Vergennes. Two full beehives are stolen from the Lawrence Precious Apiary on Vergennes. Lowell's hydroelectric plant about nine miles north of Lowell is being overhauled; while it is shut down, the new diesels in the village plant will run. Gould O. Rivette is honored for his many years as a scoutmaster with the Scouters Award.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 24, 1980

Planning starts for Lowell's Sesquicentennial celebration this summer. The 12th annual Fallburg Fall Festival, with turn-of-the-century theme, antique autos and a wandering minstrel, is this weekend. The VFW softball team wins the championship of the Lowell YMCA Softball League. "Killer Dogs" is the Cozy Corner column story of three young Labrador retrievers occupying editor Brown's garage.

Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



HEADS UP

There was a time when news of a sick deer northeast of Grand Rapids would not have been cause for concern. But since the discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the whitetail deer herd in Wisconsin during 2001, everyone familiar with the disease and concerned about the health of Michigan deer has been paranoid about the issue. So the appearance of seriously ill deer in the area was alarming. Fortunately, tests for CWD on several of the animals were negative.

CWD has been a continuing problem in several western states after being discovered in Colorado in 1967. Since then it has been found in over a dozen other states and provinces. In September, a road killed deer in West Virginia and a wild deer in Alberta Canada tested positive for CWD. Chronic Wasting Disease is a fatal neurological disease that has been found in captive and free-ranging whitetail deer, mule deer, elk, and some livestock. There is no cure for infected animals.

Wisconsin has been working on eliminating CWD by

attempting to destroy all the infected animals in an area west of Madison for three years and has made some progress, but it is too early to tell if the effort will be successful. Michigan has taken steps to prevent infection in our deer and elk herds. There are regulations controlling the movement of live animals and the importation of game animal parts into Michigan. All animals suspected of CWD and randomly selected hunter supplied animals are tested for CWD.

Anyone concerned about wildlife and our state economy should become familiar with the issues surrounding CWD. A number of nonprofit wildlife conservation organizations have formed a group called the Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance. Their web site at www.cwd-info.org has comprehensive information about CWD.

Game management in Michigan has become a high stakes and sometimes-controversial issue in the new century. For example, there are problems with depleted salmon numbers in Lake Huron, a huge cormorant population that affects fish numbers and the environment, and bovine tuberculosis in the deer herd to name a few.

We can all help by reporting significant observations, joining a conservation group, monitoring legislation, and attending meetings or responding to surveys designed by the Department of Natural Resources to gather public opinion. One must be well informed to respond to these issues. Let's all pay attention.

HEALTH



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



INSOMNIA

Chronic insomnia (difficulty sleeping) is a very common problem. It tends to worsen with age. There are two different

categories, difficulty falling asleep or maintaining sleep. Sleep apnea can present as difficulty maintaining sleep. This is a serious condition which requires medical management.

Initially treatment focuses on sleep hygiene. One should go to bed and awaken at the same times each day. Avoid daytime naps. Avoid exercise, food and alcohol two hours prior to bedtime. The bedroom should be for sleeping only; do not watch television or read. "White noise" products are also available to help drown out background noise which may be waking you up.

If these initial changes do not help, seek the advice of your doctor.

Letters • Letters • Letters

The Lowell Ledger - welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed 250 words. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation



Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Earls

Weddings

Earls/Pretzel

Heather Louise Pretzel and Kyle Robert Michael Earls were united in marriage on August 18, 2005 at Fallsburg Park. Best man was Casey Delnick. Maid of honor was Jess Smith.

Parents of the couple are Dennis and Diane Pretzel of Lowell, Beverly Earls of Lowell, and Michael Earls of Lansing.

The couple, both graduates of Lowell High School, are currently attending Grand Rapids Community College.

College News

Amy Oberlin, a freshman this fall. The 2005 Lowell High School private, Christian liberal arts university is located in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Lead us not into temptation. Just tell us where it is; we'll find it.

-Sam Levenson

New Arrivals

Ponchaud

George and Sara Ponchaud are happy to announce the birth of their son, Ramsey David. He was born August 3, 2005 at 4:03 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches.

Proud grandparents are Kim Davis, David and Kathy Hoseth and Jim and Carole Ponchaud. Great-grandparents are Barb Rivette, Pat Hoseth, Walter and Marion Vander Muelen, Art Ponchaud and Gail and Jerry Doran.



Ramsey David Ponchaud

Skibbe

Jason and Alicia Skibbe of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Elayna Grace. She was born September 12, 2005, weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. and measuring 22 1/2 inches. Welcoming her home are big sisters, Hannah and Marleigh.

Proud grandparents are Gerald and Rosalie Kline and David and Susan Skibbe, all of Alpena.

Reflections of faith

Dr. Roger La Warre

1st Congregational UCC

I am reading Philipians 2 and, in the beginning I read, "So if there is any encouragement in Christ, and incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy (the apostle Paul is speaking) by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Phil 2:1-4)

What a bold statement when you consider the Philipians are struggling in a society that continues to persecute them and even kill them for worshipping or for speaking about God and not giving their full allegiance to rulers and idols. Paul is encouraging them to stand strong for their faith and to live their life based on the understanding of Christ's teachings and not on what society pressures them to do. You and I can take inspiration from the bravery of Paul and the Christians of Philippi. In fact, Christians living through the violence and trauma in Iraq and Afghanistan, or people living through the trauma of Katrina and those struggling in systems of injustice and facing the emotional traumas connected to living with cancers, disabilities, family struggles and personal issues (all) have turned to Philipians for hope and strength. The hope and strength of God's love and grace is there for you and me, also. We don't have to be under physical or emotional trauma to appreciate what Paul is telling us in this letter.

"Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" is a statement that has appeared in other texts and

is something that all of us need to hear. We don't need to be under persecution or under some kind of trauma to appreciate the importance of this admonition. We know that living our day-to-day lives can bring real challenges and problems. Our society tells us to make our own decisions regardless of what religious teachings tell us. To the business minded person, it doesn't make sense to leave the 99 sheep and go for the one that is lost. (Lk 15)

Our corporate leaders would tell us that you can't pay every employee the same wage regardless of the hours he/she has worked. (Matt 20) Most would say the vineyard owner in Matthew 20 is a fool and will run his business into the ground; he'll be bankrupt in no time in the real world.

People make similar comment about the parable of the Prodigal Son, or, while admiring the Good Samaritan, many would shy away from imitating him in today's world. It is simply too dangerous, they say. And, by the way, what is so wrong with building new barns to hold the wealth of

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Former resident's memoir generating local interest

Submitted by Suzanne Thaler Martens

It never will make the Best-Seller list, but Lila Thaler's recent book, "I Remember," is creating a lot of local interest.

Copies of the small, 86-page book with a plain pink cover are now treasured by her children and grandchildren as well as several longtime friends. Copies also were given to the Lowell Senior Center, First United Methodist Church, and the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

"I didn't think anybody other than family and a few friends would be interested in what I had written," said Thaler, who recently celebrated her 91st birthday. "But my daughter Sue persisted and did all the publishing work. I've really been surprised at the interest it has generated." The former first-grade teacher in Lowell now lives at Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids.

Thaler began the narratives and memories in response to requests from her children and grandchildren for information about her life and the lives of others around her over the past 90 years.

"Some are the products of a creative writing class at Clark, while others are simply recollections," she said. "I think it all got started when my granddaughter Cara asked me to write down some of my memories of her grandpa. Once I got going, it was hard to stop. It was the catalyst that got me started," Thaler explained.

Thaler's late husband, Orion, taught science at Lowell High School from 1945 to 1974. He later served on the Lowell Board of Education and was active in the Lowell First United Methodist Church and the Lowell Senior Neighbors until he died in 1999.

Some of the narratives focus on various Lowell

people - including the late Carl Munroe, a local grocer, and community and church leader; the Rev. Gordie Barry, former pastor of the FUMC; Colleen Swan, a former neighbor and mother of triplet daughters; and a particularly poignant one about Evelyn Barnes, a former neighbor and friend who lost three sons and her husband and now lives in the Alzheimer's unit at Cumberland Manor.

An excerpt from the book, a vignette involving the late Louise Schneider, a well-known Lowell resident, was recently published in the newsletter of the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

Jim Doyle, president of the museum's board of directors, noted in his column, "I hope this will spur more museum members and Lowell area residents alike to write down their recollections of items past. Capturing these memories for future

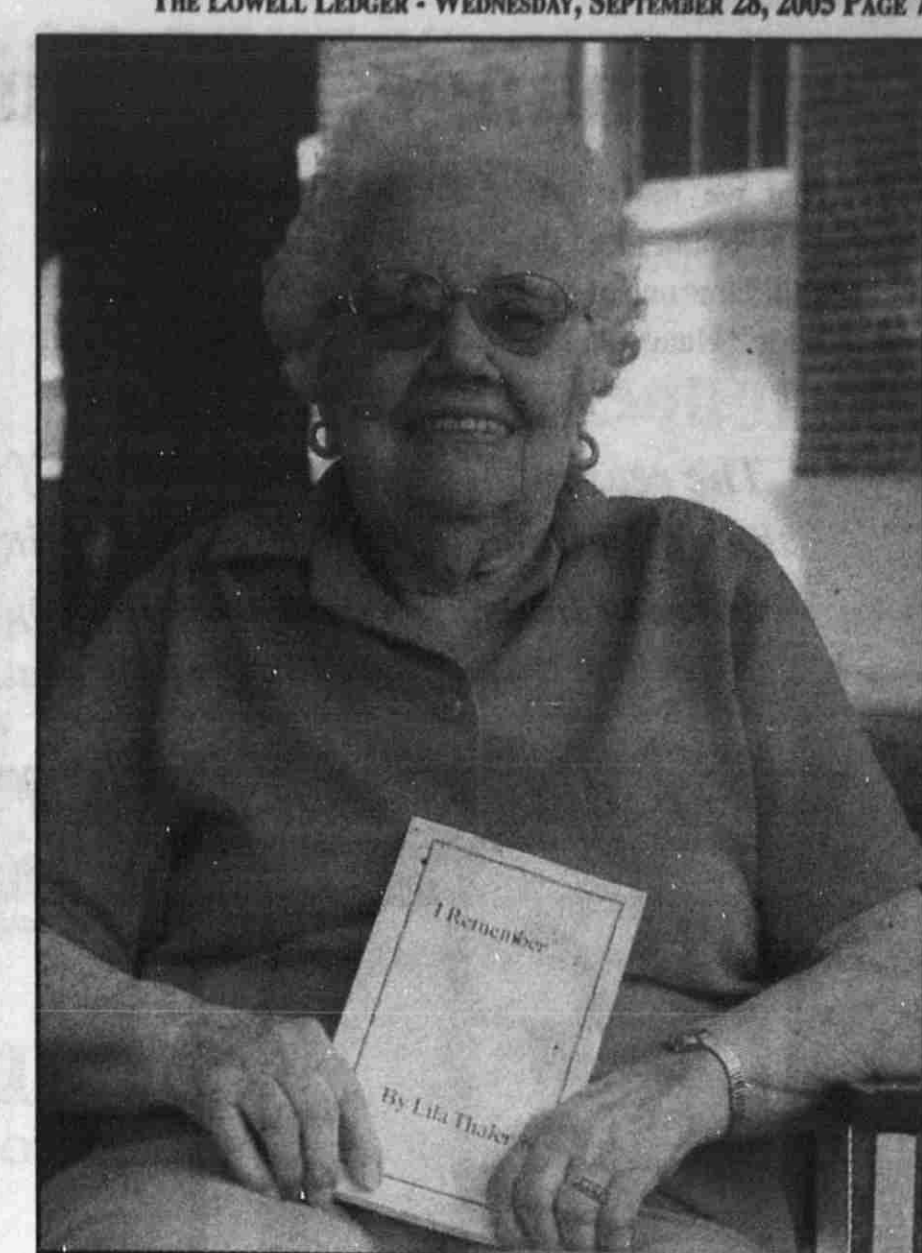
generations provides a more personalized history than what is found in newspapers and formal history books."

Other memories in Thaler's book are about early education in a one-room school, her teachers in the country school, attending high school in Caledonia, college life at Western Michigan University, and her first years of teaching in a rural school and in Battle Creek. There also are stories about growing up on a farm, picking wild huckleberries, being named after a cow, and her grandmother teaching her to read.

"A lot of the narratives are on topics that people of my generation all experienced," she said.

"Some are family specific, since the book was written mostly for my children and grandchildren, but the events are mostly everyday things typical of the lives of many of us during those times."

People interested in reading the book may check out a copy from the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Lowell Englehardt Library, First United Methodist



Lila Thaler

Church library, or Lowell Senior Neighbors. Thaler also has a few extra copies for purchase at \$12 each.

But even at 91, she is not finished writing. She's already at work on a second volume tentatively titled, "I Remember More." Article topics include the Polio Pioneers, the 1952 polio vaccination program in which Lowell school children participated; the telephone party line; and

orange crate furniture. "I guess writing these things is in my blood now," she said.

In addition to the creative writing group at Clark, Thaler also is active in the drama club and bell choir, and spends "quite a bit of time" on her computer, playing Scrabble and card games as well as communicating via e-mail with friends and family around the country.

Happy Birthday

SEPT. 29: Orison Abel, Judy Baird, Kayla Brenk, Kelleigh Walling, Edward Stormzand II.
SEPT. 30: Jimmy Hodges, Lowell Swift, Linda DeCator, Ray Zandstra, Mark Willmarth, Jay Thaler,

Marion Miller, Haley Main, Ernie Barnes, Jessica Spencer.
OCT. 1: Sue Zoodsma, Stephanie Foss, Justin Anes, Sara Schuitema.
OCT. 2: Doris Titcombe.

OCT. 3: Mike Moore, Jim Stoutjesdyk Sr.
OCT. 4: Marj Harding, Raymond Kastanek, Cody Chambers, Rich Wade, Dennis Denton Jr., Morgan Olin, Theresa Baerwalde.
OCT. 5: Bradley Kiczenski, Allen Reynolds, Zachary Willard.

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an abundant year? Seems like a smart idea in today's economy to expand our investments and to maximize our gains. And, talk about a bad idea: to turn the other cheek to our enemy or to give our coat if they take our shirt or to forgive 70 times 70. All this seems impossible in our world; yet, Paul reminds us that we are to "live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

A favorite author/preacher once said, "In our society, temptation to turn away from faithful and loving family relationships abound for people of all ages. In the business world, those who hold up the value of sacrificial giving or humility or justice are easily shot down, as the various corporate scandals of recent years illustrated. In government and politics, those who uphold honesty and a sincere desire for peace are too often laughed at and voted out of office. Our youth, while searching for a career path, are encouraged to seek out as much gain for themselves and as fast as they can.

Yet, you and I can take encouragement and grow strong in our faith by listening to Paul's letter to the Philipians, "do nothing from selfish ambition or

conceit but in humility regard others as better than yourselves." More than a quaint anachronism, we can see this as guidance and

strength from God and be encouraged in living our path of faith to God. Thanks be to God!

You are invited to attend the retirement party for EVELYN MARTIN October 2 from 1 to 4 PM at the Lowell Moose Lodge Recreational Building on Bluewater Hwy. Given by Steve & Robin Martin. Feel free to call if you have any questions 616.642.6014



LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU Week of October 3, 2005

MON: Italian Dunkers (breadsticks) w/meat sauce (Alto & Murray Lake - hamburger on bun also offered), green beans, assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Chicken drumstick (Alto & Murray Lake - 3 meat sub also offered), mashed potatoes/gravy, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: grilled cheese sandwich (Alto & Murray Lake - corn dog also offered), tomato soup/crackers, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

THURS: Soft shell taco w/meat, cheese & lettuce (Alto & Murray Lake - chicken salad sandwich also offered), fresh baby carrots, assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: Pepperoni pizza (Alto & Murray Lake - tuna salad sandwich also offered), fresh tossed salad, assorted fruit, milk.

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Lane change, continued ...From Page 1

"What we find is that striping a road like that reduces the amount of rear-end crashes," Haagsma said.

"It also has a traffic calming effect. People drive a little slower."

The new striping will

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.

- George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)

also result in a bicycle lane between traffic lanes and the curb.

The Lowell Police

Department initiated the change this spring, requesting the three-lane configuration.

A stretch of Main Street east of downtown has been three lanes for five years and has been successful.

"People will be very, very compliant just based on people's behaviors on West

Main Street," Valentine said.

Dean was concerned the striping wouldn't be enough to change people's habits on North Hudson.

"The people who pass in that lane, I think they know it's a left-turn lane," Dean said. "If they're going

to speed, they're going to do it whether the lines are there or not." Valentine said the road markings are not the problem.

"They'd be the extreme type of driver, that regardless of where they are driving, it's going to be aggressive driving behavior," he said.

Lowell Ro-Ken Karate has successful season opener

The 2005-2006 tournament season opening with the Great Lakes All Star Open Karate Tournament was held Sept. 24.

This event welcomed martial artists, ages five to 60 years, from all disciplines of martial arts and all levels of rank.

Areas of competition included weapons, in which competitors perform using the weapon of their choice (such as Broad Sword, Staff, Kris swords, Nan chuck, etc.) to illustrate fighting

an opponent or group of opponents; open hand forms, where open hand techniques (no weapons) are choreographed to simulate fighting an opponent using kicks, blocks, stances and punches; and in fighting,

actual sparring using martial arts techniques in a ring with a minimum of three referees.

The first person to reach a given number of points within the allotted time wins the round. The person who wins the most rounds takes first.

Sensei Aaron Bailey took home a first in forms in the adult lightweight division and fourth in sparring.

Among a field of approximately 15 competitors, Blue Belt Mariah Moore took first in openhand forms and fighting, and third in weapons. Blue Belt Robby Coffey earned second in open hand forms and fighting.

Green Belt Jeff Waltz took home a second in open

hand forms in his division after tying Emily Churches (formerly of Lowell Ro-Ken Karate) twice. In the

third tie-breaking round, Churches edged by Waltz for first. Waltz also took fourth in fighting.

Orange Belt Jacob in open hand forms. Hoofman took home a fourth



Front on side: Jacob Hoofman, center; left to right: Jeff Waltz, Mariah Moore and Robby Coffey; back: Sensei Aaron Bailey.

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Historic homes, continued ...From Page 3



718 Riverside

Johnson has collected several antiques from the Lowell area, which decorate the house. The kitchen cabinets, built by the Johnsons, preserve another aspect of Lowell history.

When it was originally built in the late 1800s, the building followed the Victorian design style. It was remodeled in 1906 in an art deco style. Parnofello's renovations follow that style.

Ray and Beth Wolfe bought a house with some interesting old quirks when they purchased on North Lincoln Lake Ave. The house is 100 years old as of this

can tell. The Wolfes have lived there for 12 years. "The unique thing about our house is if you look at it from the road, you can see the porch and there's a round cupola on the porch," Wolfe said.

The Wolfes' front room still boasts a coal-burning stove, though it is no longer in use. Another interesting element is the house's mechanical doorbell,



414 Lincoln Lake

year. It was built by Leander Post in 1905. Posts lived in the house until at least the 1940s, as near as Ray Wolfe

which must periodically be wound up to maintain its functioning.

"I assumed it was



810 Riverside

"We put in a big glass wall of cupboards that are fronted with windows from the old cutter factory," Johnson said.

One of Lowell's past industries was the manufacture of cutters, or sleighs, which were made in a factory along the railroad tracks west of downtown.

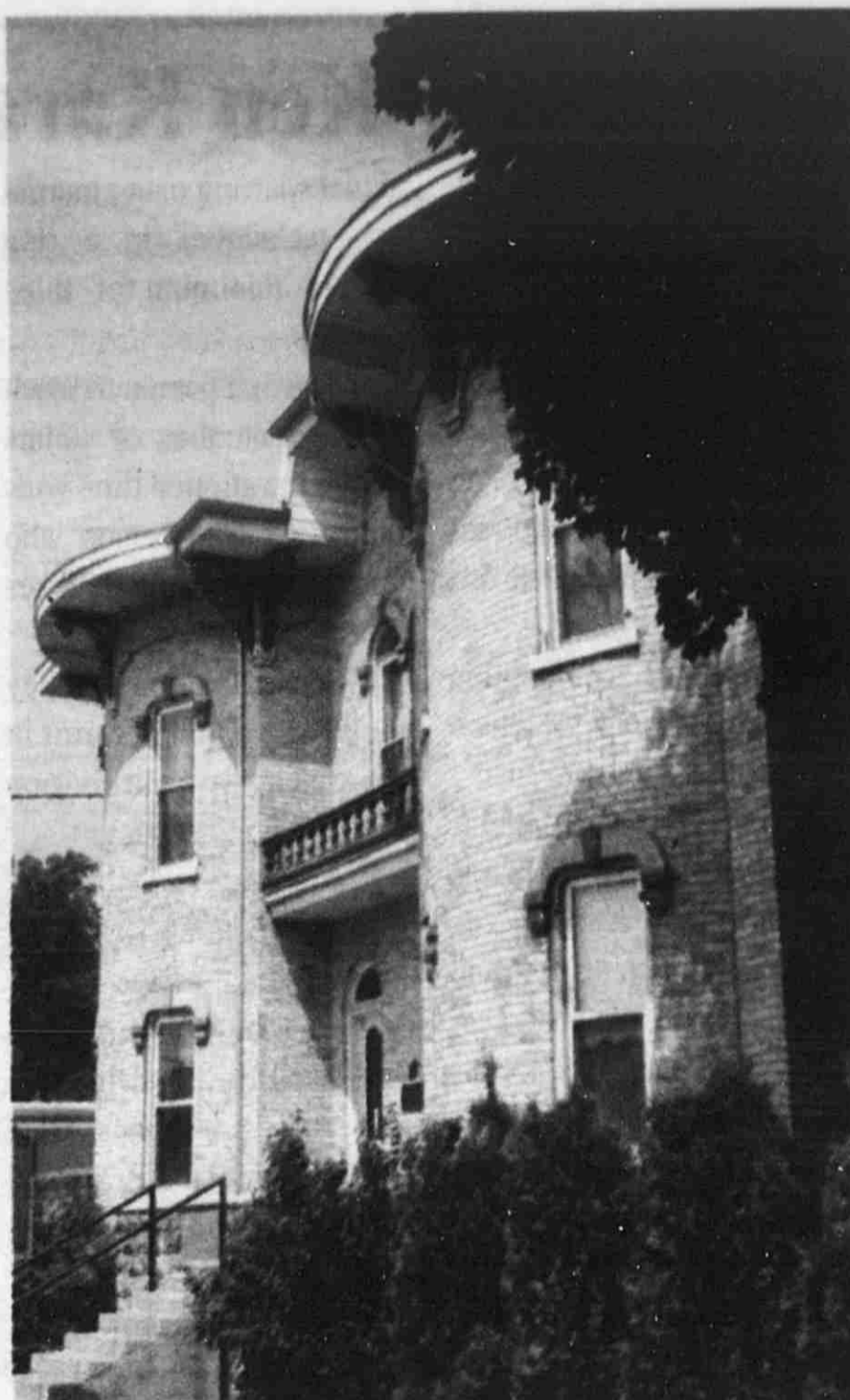
Parnofello said her former bank building works just fine as an interior design showroom.

"We use the mezzanine level for offices and we can look down at the showroom which is what the bankers used to do," she said.

Remodeling the state bank building uncovered a



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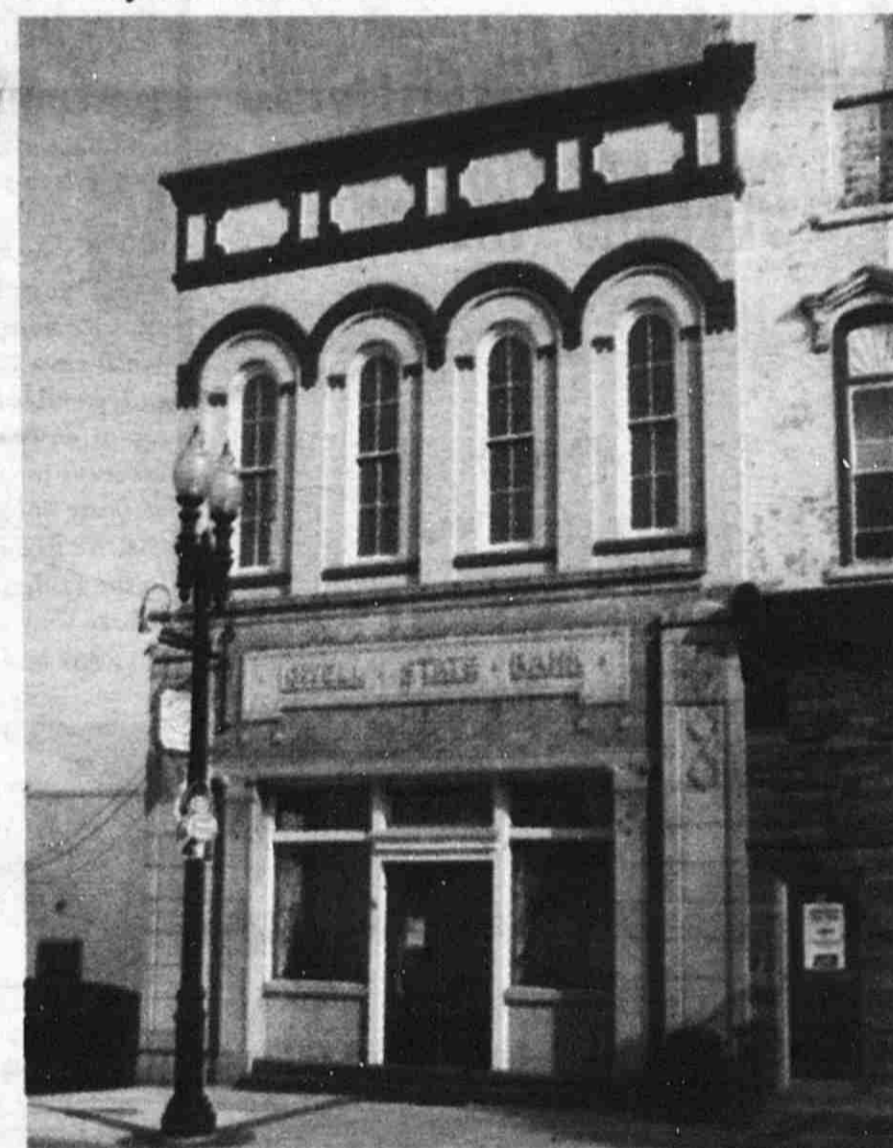
probably original or had to be there for many years," Wolfe said.

The Victorian-era wing of the Lowell Area Historical Museum was not yet completed for last year's home tour. This year, it will be on the tour to show visitors the high life, Victorian style.

Tour tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of. They are available at the

museum, Chimera Design, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Springrove Variety, Dream Pieces, Curves, Huntington Bank, Touch of Country and at the Lowell Ledger offices or by calling the museum at 897-7688.

Tickets may not be purchased at the historic houses on the day of the tour.



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420 Kent

History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon.

- Napoleon Bonaparte (1769 - 1821)

Festival, continued ... From Page 1

doesn't make hand shapes, but wooden boxes shaped for hands.

"For the free-form stuff, it's very important to me that it feel good in your hand,"

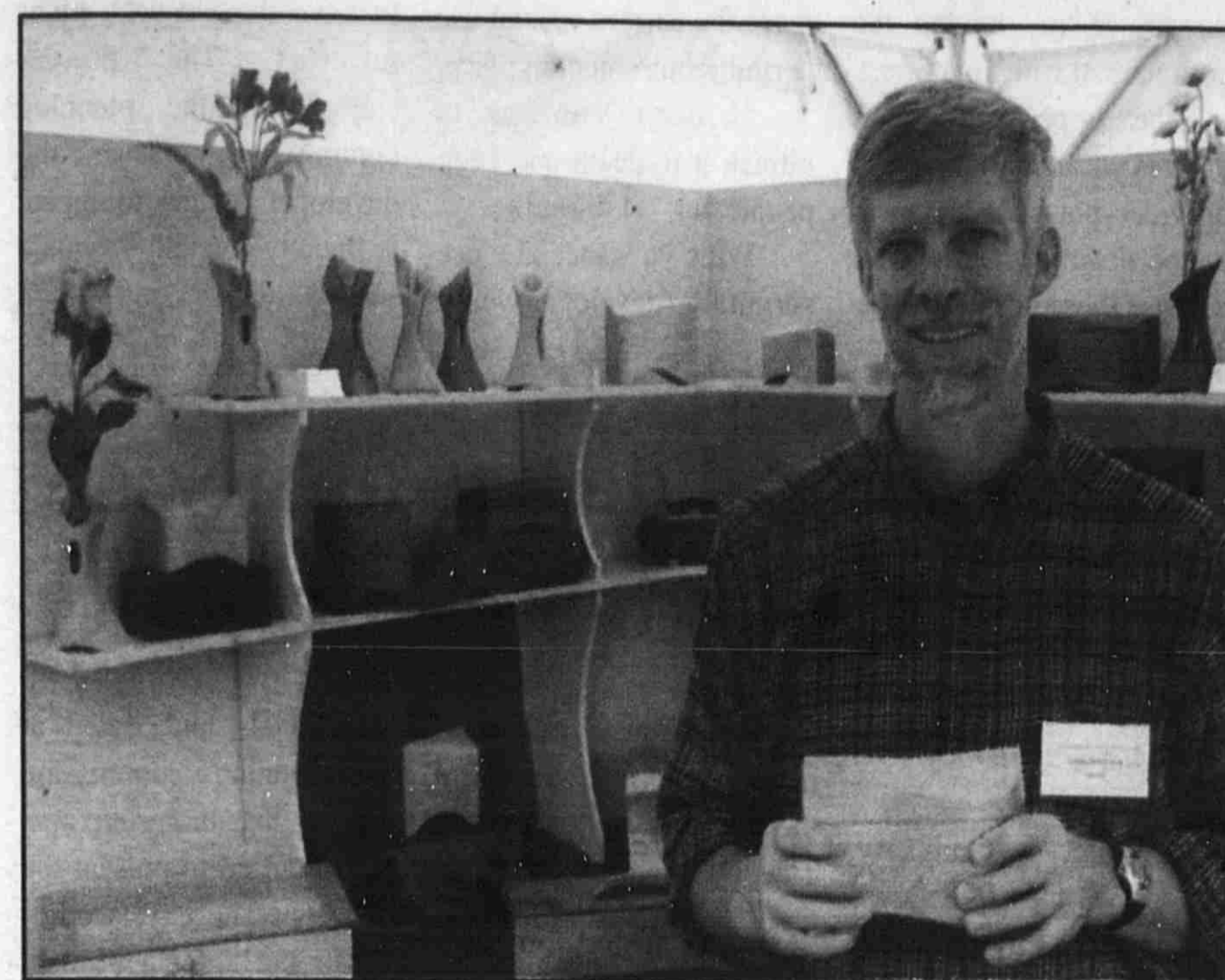
Doezema said. "Because it's a box, it's really kind of an intimate kind of thing . . .

this is something you're going to experience right up close."

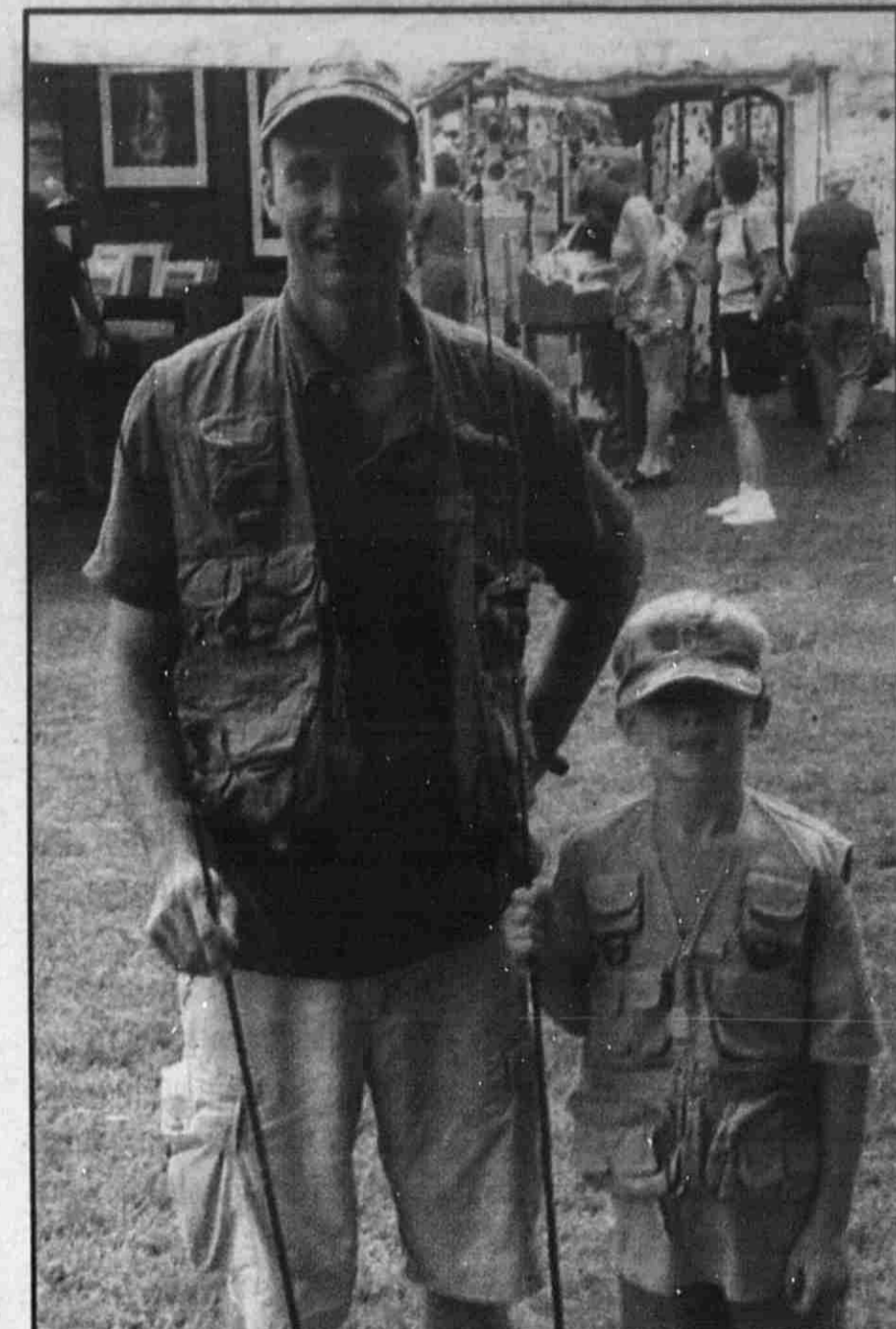
The shapes also come out of the physical facts of the pieces of walnut, mahogany and maple he starts with.

"You see the sap wood and the heart wood core together and you know there's going to be a color difference, and you have to decide what you're going to do with that color difference," Doezema said.

The artist has created wood art for about 30 years and is looking forward to getting back to the smell of sawdust in his backyard workshop.



Lowell artist Don Doezema with a box in hand and other pieces in the background at the Fallasburg Fall Festival.



Jeff, left, and Lucas Vandenberg of Grandville spent some time fishing the Flat River while Vandenberg's wife shopped for art at the Fallasburg Fall Festival.



Maddie Yaw of Ada shows off her painting next to several other creations from the fall festival's children's area.



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Revitalization of old buildings brings question about retail and apartment space

By J. Lobbell
Contributing Writer

Harking back to a time when a person or family operating the grocery store would live above their business in an apartment, many cities are seeing a revitalizing interest in such arrangements.

The only difference is that these days the business may not be owned and operated by the people upstairs.

"The idea is definitely coming back around as a trend," said Doug Hopkins, who is from Imperial Municipality Services which serves as the city's building inspectors. The city of Lowell has a couple of old buildings that have commercial/residential mix, most notably the one located on the northwest corner of Main and Monroe streets.

Hopkins brought the issue before the Lowell Planning Commission Monday night because he

had heard of a project that would include retail on the first floor, and apartments on the second and third floors, something the ordinance does not address.

Currently, those interested in offering apartments above retail space are required to seek a special use permit. The permit requires that retail space, except storage, not occupy the same floor as the residential, and the project must meet all residential R-3 requirements for multi-family dwellings. Issues such as parking and square footage for the units are not covered.

Apartment residents would utilize public parking because, as city manager David Pasquale said, there really isn't anywhere else for these people to park. He added that this was common for most apartment dwellings located in a city.

Commission chair Clark Jahnke raised a concern about having to add parking in the city to accommodate the tenants.

"I'd much rather have that kind of problem than empty buildings," said commission member Jim Hall.

Pasquale said the key element of a successful downtown is having the commercial with apartments in the upper stories. It utilizes vacant buildings and provides potential shoppers to the downtown area who will use those businesses for their needs, he said.

The planning commission decided to leave the current special use permit requirement in place.

"I don't want us to nitpick it to death and keep people out," Hall said.

With a special use permit, the developer would

be required to come before the planning commission to have the project's plans reviewed. The process stays with the planning commission unless the developer decides to appeal to the city council, Pasquale said.

Zoning board denies owner's request over a foot of property

By J. Lobbell
Contributing Writer

Despite a property owner's feelings, the Lowell Zoning Board of Appeals denied a variance request to reduce the lot width at 807 Bowes Road.

Habitat for Humanity presented the request to reduce its lot width size from 66 feet to 65 feet. The foot would be given to the neighboring property at 206 S. Pleasant St., which has a window that hangs over the current property line by four inches. With this additional foot, the entire house and window would be on the property owned by Frances Swearingen.

"I strongly feel that I should be given the foot because my house was built on that land prior to the land being taken and Habitat building there," said Swearingen, who spoke just before the Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, voted.

Swearingen said she has spent years fighting for the land that was once hers. The city, which received the property from unpaid taxes, sold the land to Habitat for Humanity. Through a court settlement, Habitat agreed to present the variance request of exchanging the foot.

Planning commission chair Clark Jahnke said the reason the planning commission recommended denial of the request was because commission members felt there were other options without making a non-conforming lot (807 Bowes) even more non-conforming.

"I think this should have been dealt with on the front side of the issue, not the back side," said councilman Jim Pfaller, who noted that he raised questions about the window and other issues related to the Habitat for Humanity property before construction started and during the construction process.

Habitat for Human-

ity officials had stated at the planning commission meeting that the group was only required to present the request to the city, according to the agreement with Swearingen. It was up to the city whether or not to grant the request.

Habitat officials also stated that in its deed the window is noted, so future residents will not be able to sue over or remove the window.

This was the second request that Habitat for Humanity has sought in dealing with properties at 807 Bowes Road and 206 S. Pleasant. Earlier this summer, Habitat requested a variance for a shed on the S. Pleasant St. property that was too close to the property line. The variance was denied and the city noted that the site did not meet city code since it exceeded the number of accessory buildings allowed.

Business Matters

President James D. Fast recently announced that Brenda K. Burke has



Brenda K. Burke

been named office manager at Ionia County National Bank's Lowell office.

Burke, who has 23 years experience in the banking industry, will oversee daily operations, as well as service consumer, mortgage, and commercial loans.

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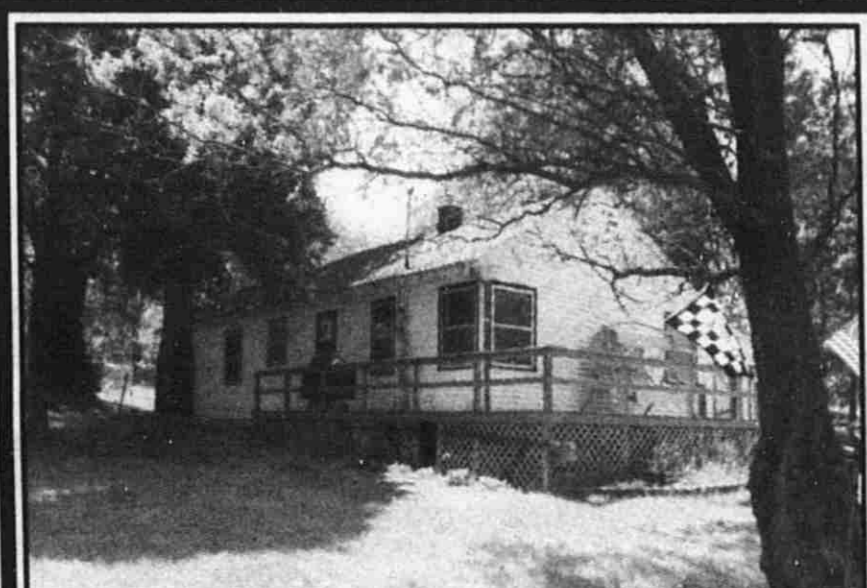
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Why is it potentially dangerous to ignore your investments? After all, if you did a good job picking them in the first place, can't you just leave them alone and let them prosper?

This argument certainly has some validity. In fact, employing a "buy-and-hold" strategy is an effective way of achieving your long-term goals - if you've built a diversified portfolio of high-quality investments. However, "buy-and-hold" does not mean "buy-and-ignore." At a minimum, you should review your holdings once a year. Why? Consider the following:

Your situation may change - Your life can change greatly in a short period of time. You could switch jobs, marry or divorce, add a new member to your family, send a child off to college - the list goes on and on. And, as your life changes, so will your short- and long-term financial goals. Consequently, you really need to review your investments and your strategies carefully, on a regular basis, to make sure you are still on track toward meeting your objectives.

Your investments may change - Your investments, like your life, won't remain static. For example, you might have bought a stock five years ago because its management was strong, its products were competitive and its industry was thriving. Now, five years later, the situation may be different in any or all of these areas. In fact, if you were to take a close look at this stock today, you might decide that it no longer fits your needs. And that's why it's important that you take a close look at this stock - and all the other investments you own. If they are no longer suitable for you, you would be

better off selling them and using the proceeds to purchase other investments.

Outside factors may change - Interest rates, inflation, corporate earnings, political turmoil and other factors regularly affect the investment climate. By and large, however, you probably don't want to continually revise your investment strategy in response to the "news of the day." But some events are far more significant than others, from an investor's point of view. Consider tax law changes of just a few years ago, which resulted in lower tax rates on

stock dividends and capital gains. If you haven't thoroughly reviewed your portfolio since these changes, you could easily be missing out on opportunities to make moves that can benefit you in the long run.

Don't grow complacent

Even if you are generally satisfied with the performance of your investments, don't let "inertia" take over. Review your portfolio regularly and make changes as needed. By being a diligent investor, you can boost your prospects for ultimate success.



In The Service

Navy Seaman Recruit **Justin D. Force**, son of Julie Fones of Alto, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

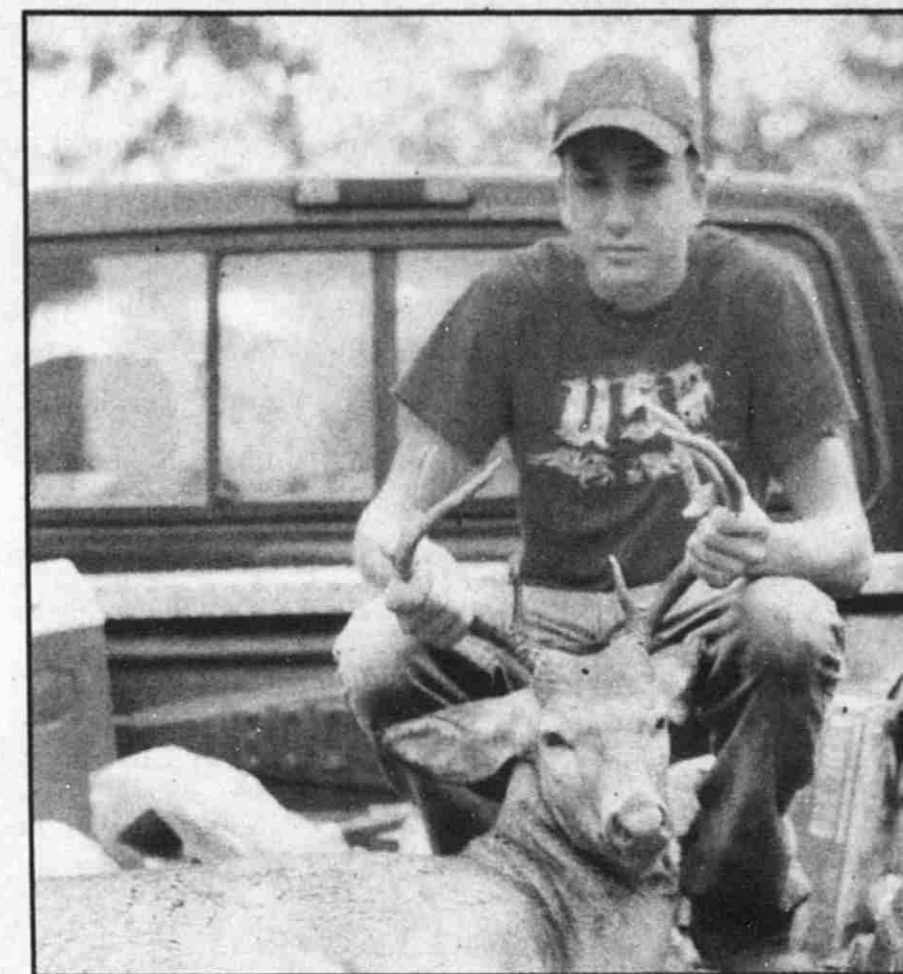
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Red Arrow football wins close homecoming game

Lead changes hands three times in 34-27 Lowell victory over Greenville

By Dan Schneider

Another homecoming football game, another win over Greenville.

But this year's game was different than last year's 54-0 Red Arrow romp. Lowell gave the Yellowjackets their first loss of the season, but it was a close contest.

The score was tied at 20 at half time and both teams

managed a touchdown in the third quarter to tie it up again. A one yard rushing touchdown by Gabe Delnick in the fourth quarter was the deciding score, giving the Arrows a 34-27 victory.

After a grueling first loss of the season to East Grand Rapids the week before, it was good for Lowell to pull out a close one.

"I'm just glad with the win," Lowell coach Noel Dean said. "We're just moving forward, we're going to get this team together."

Lowell looked pretty together on offense. The Arrows scored more in four quarters than opponents had scored against the Yellowjackets in the season's first four games.

"Greenville had only given up 29 points this season and we put 34 up," Dean said.

Though competitive, it

was a tough first loss of the season for the Yellowjackets.

"Our seniors are so competitive, they do such a great job, they're not happy with the loss," Greenville coach Dave Moore said.

The competitive Yellowjackets stopped Lowell on the first drive of the game. Following the punt, they went up 7-0 on a one-yard Kevin Brown run. Delnick took the ball 28 yards to the end-zone on the next drive. Then Lowell quarterback Keith Nichol

ran the ball 44 yards for a score on the next Red Arrow possession.

It was Greenville scoring two touchdowns to Lowell's one in the second quarter. The first was on a 50-yard run by Brown, the second on a 94-yard kickoff return by Eric Thorlund. In between those scores, Lowell also raked up a long-yardage score with a 70-yard Keith Nichol touchdown run. Each team missed an extra point attempt to make the 20-20 score.

Lowell lost a pair of frustratingly close games Saturday at the East Lansing Tournament. Both were tied before Lowell's opponents won shootouts.

In the first game, Lowell tied Portage Northern 1-1, but the Huskies won the shootout 4-3. Ian Beddows scored the goal for Lowell.

In Saturday's second game against Mason, it was a 2-2 tie score with Mason winning the shootout 4-3. Chris Barlow scored first, then Ben Hanson for Lowell's two goals.

Lowell coach Paul Legge said it was good to see the Arrows keeping up with these tough teams, but frustrating to not pull off the victories.

"Mason was the number one team in the state and we completely controlled the game," he said. "It's killing us that we're not able to put games away."

Legge said it will require a few mechanical improvements to turn the Arrows' season around this year.

"The little things are the difference between being 9-0 and being 2-4-3 this year," Legge said. "We have a very good team this year, we're just not pulling out the results. We're in every game and we're gonna be in every

game against the best teams in the state, no doubt about it."

Wins had been hard to come by for the Lowell boys soccer team in the season's early going. But the Red Arrows rolled past Kenowa Hills in last Tuesday's OK White conference opener, winning by a score of 7-2.

Then Lowell notched another win with a 3-1 victory over East Grand Rapids last Thursday. Hanson scored two goals and Cory Anderson scored the third in the win over East.

In the win over Kenowa, Barlow scored two quick goals for Lowell at about the midpoint in the first half. Then Kenowa's Boris Mendez scored a goal to shrink Lowell's lead to 2-1.

With 5:25 left in the first period, Josh Tapia kicked the ball into the back of the net from the right side, outside the penalty box. The long-range shot was the senior's first varsity goal.

Austin DeClercq scored Lowell's next goal 3:07 into the second half. Then Ian Beddows scored on a Ben Hanson assist after an inside rebounding skirmish about a yard away from the goal.

Beddows scored again at the 24:06 mark, this time on an assist from Alex Carpenter. Lowell went up 7-1 on another outside shot

by Tapia.

"He's a kid who deserves the two scores because he has worked for two seasons, just worked his tail off, and it's good to see a player who's worked that hard get rewarded for it," Legge said.

Mendez scored Kenowa's second and final goal of the game with 13:32 left.

"We played a very good first half and we stuck to our game plan," Kenowa coach Jim Unrath said. "In the first half, we were able to attack and in the second half, just not enough possession to even attack on a consistent basis."

Legge said Lowell showed good aggression but not the kind of mechanics that would win games against stronger teams.

"We went in and crashed and went to goal tonight, and that was nice," Legge said, but "the fine-tuning, the organization was not there."

Fortunately, Lowell has risen to the occasion against tough teams so far this year. Though they lost by one to East Kentwood in the first game of the season, the Arrows controlled most of that game. And Lowell tied former OK White rival and state power Unity Christian Sept. 13.

"The two big games we've had this year, we

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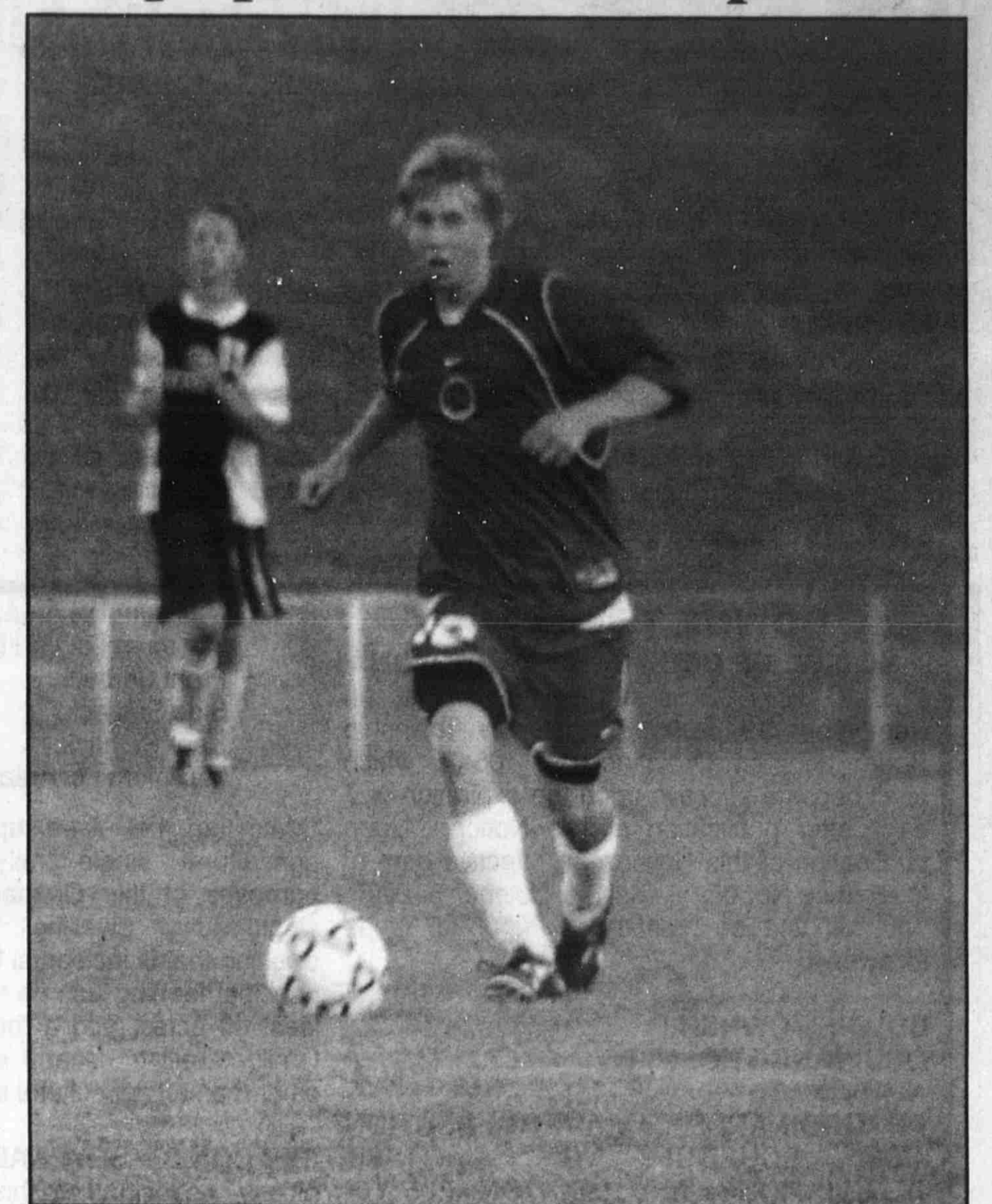
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Soccer wins two in OK White, keeps pace with state powers

By Dan Schneider



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Lowell lost a pair of frustratingly close games Saturday at the East Lansing Tournament. Both were tied before Lowell's opponents won shootouts.

In the first game, Lowell tied Portage Northern 1-1, but the Huskies won the shootout 4-3. Ian Beddows scored the goal for Lowell.

In Saturday's second game against Mason, it was a 2-2 tie score with Mason winning the shootout 4-3. Chris Barlow scored first, then Ben Hanson for Lowell's two goals.

Lowell coach Paul Legge said it was good to see the Arrows keeping up with these tough teams, but frustrating to not pull off the victories.

"Mason was the number one team in the state and we completely controlled the game," he said. "It's killing us that we're not able to put games away."

Legge said it will require a few mechanical improvements to turn the Arrows' season around this year.

"The little things are the difference between being 9-0 and being 2-4-3 this year," Legge said. "We have a very good team this year, we're just not pulling out the results. We're in every game and we're gonna be in every

game against the best teams in the state, no doubt about it."

Wins had been hard to come by for the Lowell boys soccer team in the season's early going. But the Red Arrows rolled past Kenowa Hills in last Tuesday's OK White conference opener, winning by a score of 7-2.

Then Lowell notched another win with a 3-1 victory over East Grand Rapids last Thursday. Hanson scored two goals and Cory Anderson scored the third in the win over East.

In the win over Kenowa, Barlow scored two quick goals for Lowell at about the midpoint in the first half. Then Kenowa's Boris Mendez scored a goal to shrink Lowell's lead to 2-1.

With 5:25 left in the first period, Josh Tapia kicked the ball into the back of the net from the right side, outside the penalty box. The long-range shot was the senior's first varsity goal.

Austin DeClercq scored Lowell's next goal 3:07 into the second half. Then Ian Beddows scored on a Ben Hanson assist after an inside rebounding skirmish about a yard away from the goal.

Beddows scored again at the 24:06 mark, this time on an assist from Alex Carpenter. Lowell went up 7-1 on another outside shot

by Tapia.

"He's a kid who deserves the two scores because he has worked for two seasons, just worked his tail off, and it's good to see a player who's worked that hard get rewarded for it," Legge said.

Mendez scored Kenowa's second and final goal of the game with 13:32 left.

"We played a very good first half and we stuck to our game plan," Kenowa coach Jim Unrath said. "In the first half, we were able to attack and in the second half, just not enough possession to even attack on a consistent basis."

Legge said Lowell showed good aggression but not the kind of mechanics that would win games against stronger teams.

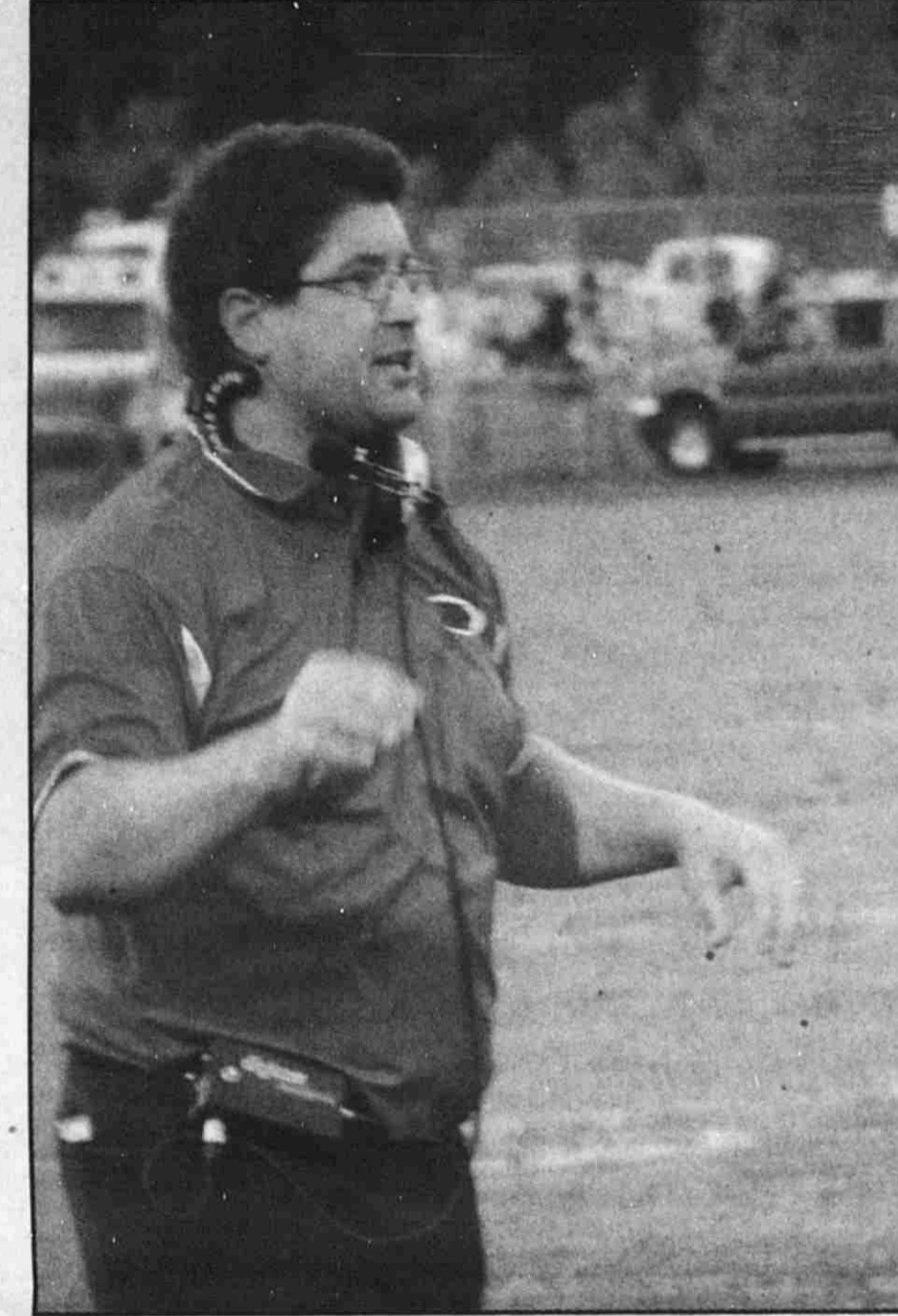
"We went in and crashed and went to goal tonight, and that was nice," Legge said, but "the fine-tuning, the organization was not there."

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Lowell coach Noel Dean celebrates a Red Arrow touchdown.



Lowell's Gabe Delnick outruns the Greenville defense for a touchdown, Lowell's first score of the game.

Basketball tops Greenville, remains undefeated

By Dan Schneider

Hosting Greenville last Tuesday, the Lowell girls basketball team continued its undefeated season with a 45-22 win.

"It was close in the first quarter," Lowell coach Dee Crowley said. "They were able to score some baskets off the press and they got a three."

Lowell led 11-9 after eight minutes of play. Then the Red Arrows made some

adjustments that helped them dominate the next two quarters of play; Lowell allowed only five points in the second and third quarters. They outscored the Yellowjackets 13-3 in the second and 18-2 in the third. It continues a trend the Arrows have had this season of turning things up a notch in those two quarters.

"We just adjust to the game real well," Crowley said.

Scoring leader Brook VanEck had 13 of her 15 points in the first half to get the Arrows off to a good start.

Also helpful were the 23 turnovers the Red Arrows forced. Lowell did almost half of its rebounding on the offensive boards, pulling down 11 of 24 rebounds on that side of the court. VanEck led Lowell rebounding, as well, and six of her eight

rebounds were offensive. Nicole Shepard was the next leading scorer with

eight points. Kelsey Crowley had five assists in the game.

Lowell played at Forest Hills Northern on Tuesday and will host Forest Hills Central Thursday at 7 p.m.

Tennis splits pair of blowouts

By Dan Schneider

Like that," Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said.

The Red Arrows were on the winning side of that score last Monday in a dominating win over Grand Rapids Central.

Later in the week, they found themselves on the losing end of an 8-0 score. It took the second-ranked division 2 team in

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Cross country teams host Lowell Invitational, run at Greenville

Boys need sixth runner to beat Yellowjackets, girls team falls short of victory

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrows invited some tough competition to Saturday's Lowell Invitational at the high school.

Competing in the division 3 race, the Lowell girls cross country team finished in 10th place.

Monica Fitzpatrick (20:22) led the team, finishing in 20th place

just ahead of Karen Judd (20:29). Katie Riddle took 56th place for Lowell in a time of 22:18. Next to finish was Hayley Getzen, who placed 63rd in a time of 23:02. Emily Hauschild was the team's fifth runner, finishing 70th in a time of 23:36. Paige Senters (23:45) finished 73rd and Erin Beddows (26:29) finished 81st.

The team score was 230. Grand Rapids Christian won the race with a score of 50. Christian's Jessica Koster won the overall individual race in a time of 18:52.

The boys' team finished 11th with a score of 223. Keaton Dilly (17:38) was Lowell's top finisher in 24th place. Andy Mark (18:09) placed 43rd; Jon Riddle (18:14) and Kyle Ingebreton

(18:17) finished 50th and 51st. Mike Schumm (18:26) was Lowell's fifth runner, coming in 55th. Cameron Dilly (18:41) and Justin Boss (18:49) finished 64th and 70th, respectively.

Rockford was the top team in the division 3 race with a score of 72. Grand Rapids Christian placed second with 107, just ahead of Lonia, who scored 108.

In boys' OK White action last week, Lowell won a tight race against Greenville. In fact, the race was tied at 28 points after each team's first five were counted. But Lowell's sixth runner, Kirk Geldersma, finished ahead of the Yellowjackets' sixth runner to break the tie.

Greenville took first, third, fifth, eighth and 11th while the Arrows picked up second, fourth, sixth, seventh and ninth. Keaton Dilly was Lowell's top runner with a time of 18:41.

In the girls' race, the Lowell team finished in a large pack. Unfortunately, the pack was behind Greenville's first three runners, which guaranteed a victory for the Yellowjackets. Greenville scored 23 to Lowell's 33. Judd was Lowell's top runner, finishing fourth in a time of 22:03. Lowell picked up fifth place, as well, and places seven through 10.

The Red Arrows' next meet is Wednesday against Cedar Springs at Johnson Park. Saturday is the Carson City-Crystal Invitational.

Red Arrows split two Egypt Valley golf matches

By Dan Schneider

Scores by the Lowell boys golf team were back down last Wednesday at Egypt Valley Country Club.

Lowell won a close match on the course, 160-162 against Forest Hills Northern. Kyle Wittenbach led the Arrows with a one-under-par 35 for nine holes. Josh Gilliard counted a 38, Ryan Kalman a 43, and Vinny Larkin a 44.

After opening the dual season with scores of 156 and 155, the Arrows scored 176 and 174 in their first two conference matches. Now, Lowell seems to be finding the swings it had earlier in the season.

"We're getting back down to where we want to be," Lowell coach Gary Fredline said. "160 is a good score there (at Egypt Valley)."

Last Monday at Egypt Valley, the Arrows' scores were favorable again, but they lost to a tough Forest Hills Eastern team. The score was 158-164.

Wittenbach shot a two-under-par 34 while Gilliard played nine holes in 41 strokes. Kalman shot 44 and Brian Scheider shot 45 for Lowell.

"It was a close match and we played pretty well," Fredline said. "We averaged 41, so that's not bad. We couldn't really handle their depth."

Lowell was leading the match after both teams' top four golfers finished their rounds. But Eastern's fifth and sixth players delivered rounds of 38 and 40 to turn the game in their favor.

Lowell wrapped up OK White competition Monday at home against Forest Hills Central.

"I think we're as prepared as we're gonna be for districts," Fredline said. "They're playing pretty well right now."

Lowell opens post-season play Thursday in the district 2 action at Cascades Golf Course in Jackson.

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Not just horsing around: Lowell Equestrian team advance to regionals

B-Team, C-Team compete this weekend in Ludington

The Lowell High School Equestrian Team competed at the MIHA meet in Cedar Springs last Saturday. Competing against nine school teams, the A-Team placed third; both B and C teams took first, proving once again they have the skills to take the "gold."

The two teams will go on to the Regional MIHA meet in Ludington Oct. 1 and 2. Seniors Lauren VanEns, Mary Mendez and Collette Benmark sparked the B-Team to victory with a total score of 222 points. Rockford followed with 133 points, Grant with 109, Sparta with 83, and Allendale with 38.

The C-Team also took a first with 136 points. Kent City nabbed second place with 112 points, Home School was third with 107, and Kenowa Hills had 100.

The A-Team, in third place, had a total of 88 points. Lead points were gained by Ian Blodger (Western Equitation, Western Bareback, including a first for Western Riding); Mikhaila Hart (Trail), and a first place for Hunt Seat Equitation; Christian Koning (speed Flag Race, Clover Leaf, and Timed Event); Jessica Rehl (Hunt Seat Showmanship); Miranda Rueggegger (Hunt Seat Showmanship, Western Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, and Western Equitation); Katie Slatten (Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Equitation, Western Bareback, and Trail); Amber Waldron (speed Flag Race, Clover Leaf, and Timed Event).

B-Team senior Collette Benmark accrued lead points in Saddle Seat Showmanship, Saddle Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Pattern, and Saddle Seat Bareback; senior Lauren VanEns took first place in both Hunt Seat Equitation and Hunt Seat Bareback, and then went on to place in Western Riding, Clover Leaf and Timed Event speed races; senior Mary Mendez placed in the speed Clover Leaf, Timed Event, and won a first for the 2-Person Relay

with April Wolf.

Additional B-Team points were earned by Jess Bouman (Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunt Seat Bareback, Western Equitation, Western Bareback and a first in Western Riding); Randi Drier (Saddle Seat Showmanship, and Saddle Seat Equitation); Jenny Humphries (Hunt Seat Showmanship, Western Showmanship, Western Trail); Amy VanEns (Saddle

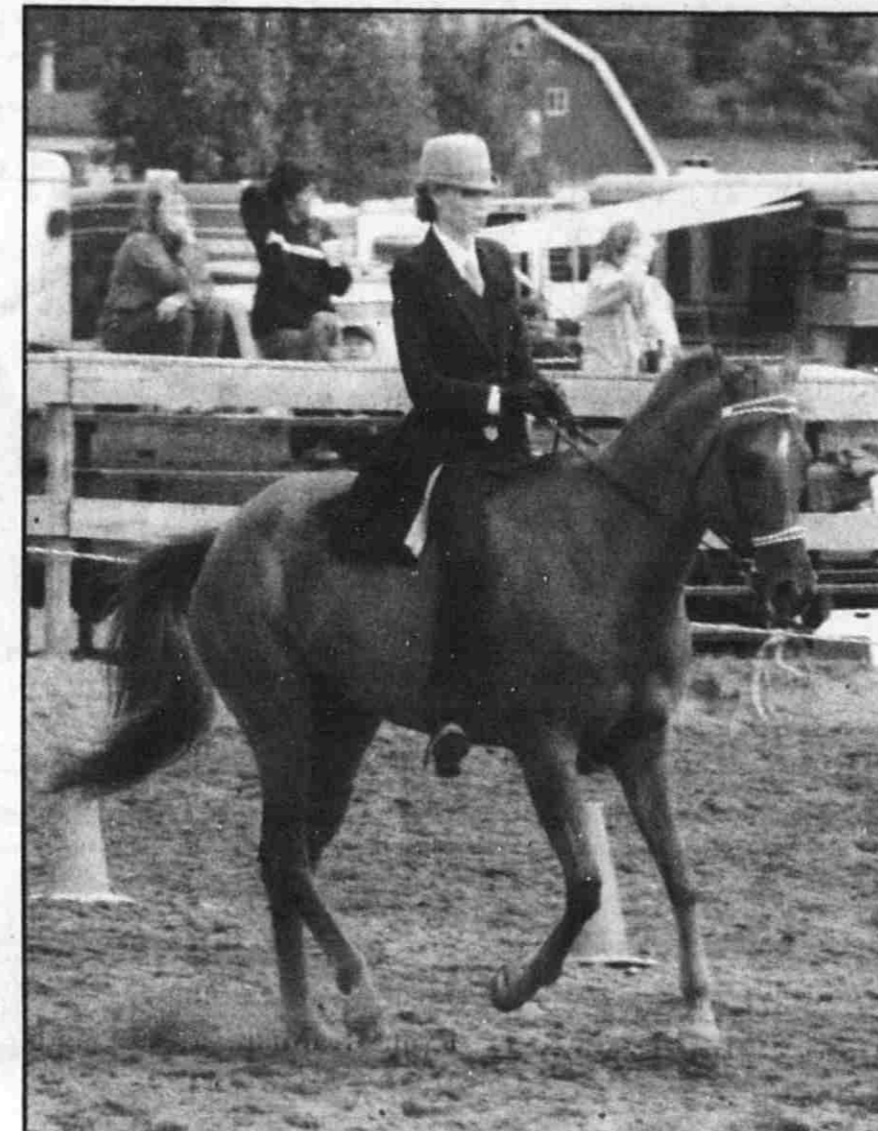
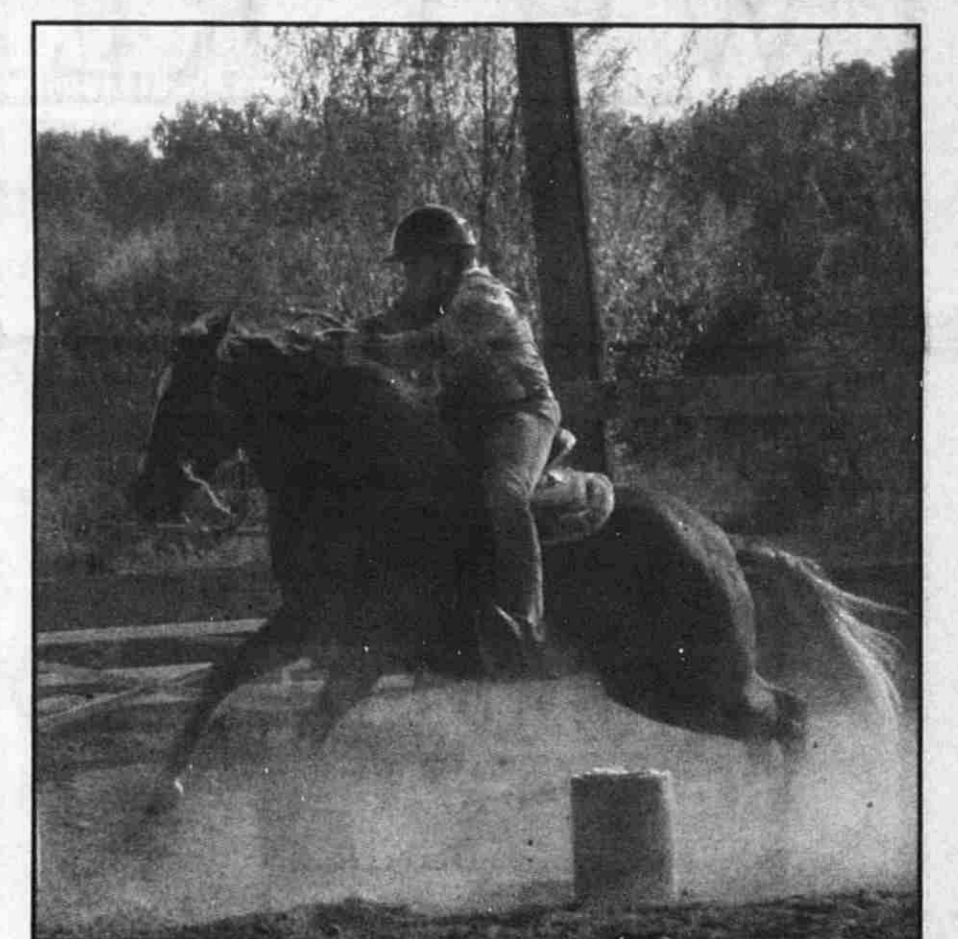
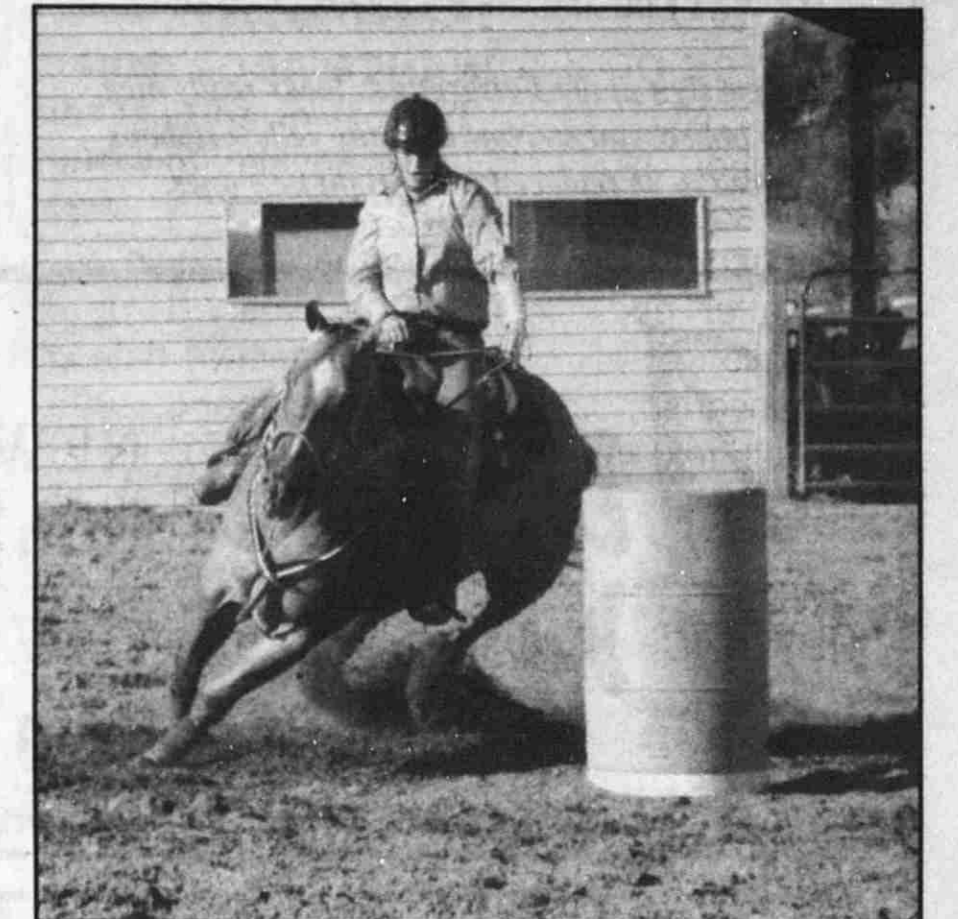
Seat Showmanship, Saddle Seat Equitation, and a first place in Saddle Seat Pattern and Western Bareback; Ashley Vanspronsen (speed Flag Race, Clover Leaf, and a first for the speed Timed Event); Cara Wilcox (Hunt Seat Showmanship, Western Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, and Trail); and April Wolf (speed Timed Event, and a first in Clover Leaf and the 2-Person Race with Lauren VanEns).

C-Team member Andrea Kuhawik scored first place in Western Riding, and additional lead points in Saddle Seat Pattern, Saddle Seat Bareback, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Equitation, and Trail; Jessi Meyers placed first in Saddle Seat Pattern and Saddle Seat Bareback, and gained lead points in Saddle Seat Equitation and Hunt Seat Equitation; Lisa Nugent earned lead points in Western Showmanship, Saddle Seat Showmanship, and Hunt Seat Showmanship; Ashton VanderWarf beat the other teams' speed in the 2-Person Relay (with Jessi Meyers help), and also scored lead points in Western Bareback, Flag Race, and the Timed Event.

C-Team member Kourtney Wittenbach took a first in Saddle Seat Showmanship, Hunt Seat Showmanship, and Western Equitation, and placed in Western Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, and the 2-Person Relay (with Andrea Kuhawik).

Mike and Linda Foote, coaches for the equestrian teams, said, "Everyone pulled out the stops on the last meet and made it a spectacular finish for the end of the season."

At right; top: Christian Koning rounds a barrel on his horse, Dinky Blue Eyes; middle: Lauren VanEns competes in the cloverleaf event; bottom: Mary Mendez kicks up dust with her horse in the speed races.



Collette Benmark competes in a saddle seat event.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a proposed special land use for a new Consumers Energy electric substation to be located at 8050 Lincoln Lake Avenue, in the A-1 Agricultural District, on the following described lands:

That part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 2, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 2; thence North 243 feet along the West line of said Section 2 to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing North along said West section line 207 feet; thence East 410 feet; thence South 207 feet; thence West to the point of beginning, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, up to the time of the public hearing. Dated: September 21, 2005

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on September 19, 2005, the Bowne Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 05-05 which shall become effective upon the expiration of 7 days after publication of this Notice. Upon publication of this Notice, the effective date of Ordinance No. 05-05 shall be October 6, 2005. The full text of Ordinance No. 05-05 is as follows:

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 05-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4.08, SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS, AND SECTION 5.05 OF THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING MINIMUM LOT AREA, MAXIMUM LOT AREA FOR NON-AGRICULTURAL DWELLINGS, MINIMUM LOT WIDTH AND REAR SETBACK IN THE AG AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on the 19th day of September, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Christian Wenger, Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Tammi Wingeier, David Fuss, Kim Culbertson.

ABSENT: None. The following ordinance was offered by Wingeier and seconded by Culbertson.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENT OF SECTION 4.08

The table of the Schedule of District Regulations in Section 4.08 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended) is hereby amended by amending the column for the AG District to change the Minimum Lot Area in the AG District from "3 acres" to "1 acre," change the Minimum Lot Width in the AG District from "330 feet" to "250 feet," change the Rear Setback in the AG District from "70 feet" to "40 feet," and to add footnote (11) to the Schedule of District Regulations to read as follows:

"(11) The maximum lot area in the AG District for non-agricultural single-family residential dwellings shall not exceed five (5) acres, as provided in Section 5.05."

SECTION 2 - AMENDMENT OF SECTION 5.05

Section 5.05 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

5.05 HEIGHT, AREA, AND DIMENSION REGULATIONS

The use of land and buildings in this zoning district, including parcel splits pursuant to Section 5.06, shall meet all regulations in this Ordinance, the Schedule of Regulations, and the following:

Minimum Lot Area: 1 acre
Minimum Lot Width: 250 feet
Front Setback: 40 feet
Side Setback: 25 feet
Rear Setback: 40 feet
Maximum Lot Area 5 acres*

*Maximum Lot Area applies only to non-agricultural single-family dwellings. For purposes of this Ordinance, an "agricultural single-family dwelling" is a single-family dwelling that is incidental to or subordinate to a principal farming use on the same parcel of at least 40 acres, and a "non-agricultural single-family dwelling" is any single-family dwelling other than an agricultural single-family dwelling.

SECTION 3 - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - FULL FORCE AND EFFECT

As amended by this ordinance, the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after publication hereof.

The Township of Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, hereby approves this Ordinance.

ADOPTED:

Ayes: Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Fuss, Culbertson
Nays: None
Abstentions: None.

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COUNTY OF KENT)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Board of Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on September 19, 2005, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to an in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, P.A. of Michigan 1967, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by law.

This ordinance can be inspected or purchased at the Bowne Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and on Fridays between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk
AUTHENTICATED:
Chris Wenger, Supervisor

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FOR SALE

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WANTED

WANTED ROOMMATES - 25 year old would like roommates to share house expenses. New carpet, paint, fully furnished. \$425 per month. Call 706-6433.

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2ND SHIFT INVENTORY CLERK - Manpower is looking for a candidate who possesses excellent data entry skills and has the desire to work 2nd shift. Proficiency utilizing MS Word and MS Excel, and prior inventory experience would be a plus. This is a long term/possible permanent position with a customer located 20 minutes East of Grand Rapids. Qualified candidates are encouraged to fax their resume to Angela at 897-4801. Candidates may also apply directly at the Lowell Manpower Office 505-D West Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.

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SALES

GARAGE SALE - Fri. & Sat., Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. Fall clothing, men's & women's, no children clothing. 1301 Sibley St., 9 a.m. - ?

CALVARY CHURCH GARAGE SALE - Thurs. & Friday, Sept. 29 & 30, 9-4 pm, across from Lowell's Burger King. Quality clothes for kids through grandparents. Lots of treasures - dishes, books, toys, games. Great prices. Benefits Coffee Break Ministry.

HUGE GARAGE SALE - All proceeds go to adopting a baby. 6891 McCords, Alto, by Campau Lake public access. Sept. 29 & 30, 9-5 pm.

SALES

LOWELL 3 FAMILY GARAGE/ESTATE SALE - Fri., Sept. 30, 9-7 & Sat., Oct. 1, 9-3. SciFi books, children's books, carpet, china, silverware, glass, pottery, Christmas, Halloween, women's plus size clothing, almost anything imaginable. 7 miles E of Ada down M-21, follow signs. 10807 Woodbushe. Rescheduled from previous date.

BIG SALE - household items, kids clothes, some furniture & misc. 1653 Barnsley Ct. Sept. 28 & 29, 9-3 pm.

GARAGE SALE - 1888 Woodfern, Eastgate area. Thurs. - Sat., Sept. 29, 30 & Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SALES

GARAGE SALE - Sept. 28 & 29, 9-5 p.m. Clothes: boys sz. 12 & up, men's, women's & plus sizes; golf clubs & more. Spruce Forest off Montcalm between Grand River & Oberley.

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KEY CARDS ARE HERE!!! Help support the Lowell Youth Football League by purchasing a 2005-2006 key card for \$15. Available at Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide office and also at PepTalk. Expire 10-31-06. Lots of discounts at local businesses and surrounding areas.

EVENTS

3RD ANNUAL OUTDOOR FLAT RIVER ANTIQUE FAIR - Sat., Oct. 8, 2005 in downtown Historic Lowell, along the Flat River, 10 a.m - 5 p.m. Vendor space available. Call the Chamber for more information 616-897-9161 or visit our website at www.lowellchamber.org.

Now is the time for Homecoming 2005

Lowell celebrated homecoming with a full week of activities. The week culminated with a parade along Main Street and a football win at Red Arrow Stadium.

The freshman class's "Lost" float, complete with part of an airplane fuselage, took first place in the float competition. The homecoming theme this year was "Our time is now ..." which, the freshmen and seniors felt, demanded pop culture

references. The senior float had nods to summer movies "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith," and "Dukes of Hazzard." The junior class collected donations for Hurricane Katrina relief with their float, while the sophomores' float paid homage to Lowell sports.

Bragging rights in this year's Powderpuff football game went to the seniors, who won 30-26.

With the float competition victory, the freshman class also built up enough points to win the homecoming week "Spirit" competition.

The senior homecoming court consisted of Louie Glinzak, Jenna Mitchell, Drew Happie, Malley Cahoon, Onwon Griner, Brittany Foley, Jay Eldridge and Melissa Telman. Brock Graham and Audrey Grummet were the 2005 homecoming king and queen.

Junior class representatives were Cassie Hanrahan and Tony Ellison. Representatives from the sophomore class were Kelsea Fillingham and Nick Rempalski. Ellie Timpson and Kyle Nichol represented the freshman class.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Chad Drenth and Amanda Durkee.



The Lowell High School marching band color guard leads the band.



A classic convertible full of cheerleaders.



The winning freshman class float makes its way west on Main Street without getting "lost."



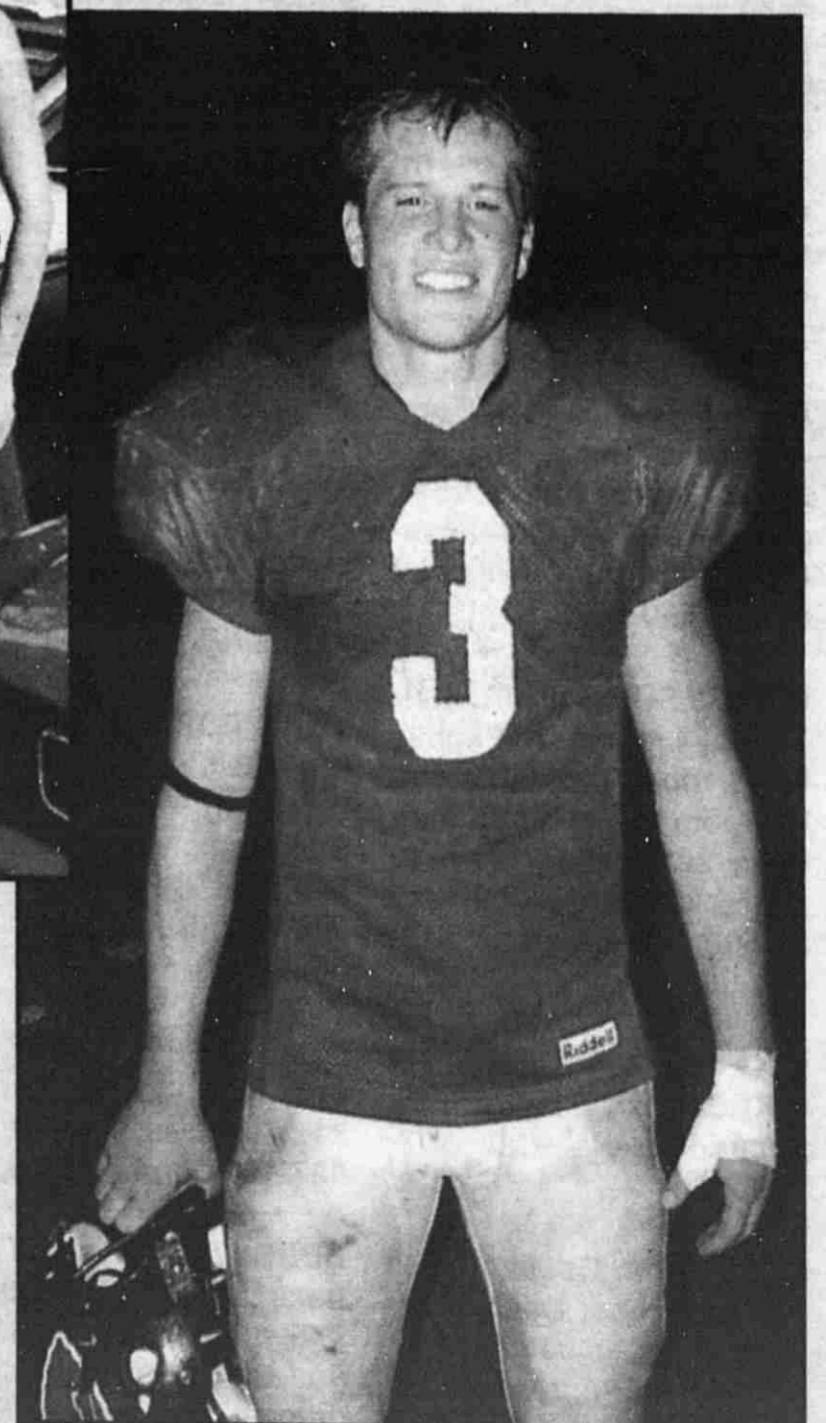
The trumpet section marches down Main Street in the homecoming parade.



The 2005 homecoming court, pictured at the parade staging grounds, from left to right: Jenna Mitchell, Drew Happie, Brittany Foley, Louie Glinzak, Malley Cahoon, Onwon Griner, Melissa Telman and homecoming queen Audrey Grummet. Not pictured are court member Jay Eldridge and king Brock Graham, who were getting ready to play in the football game.



Homecoming master and mistress of ceremonies Chad Drenth and Amanda Durkee.



Homecoming king Brock Graham after the home team won the football game.