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Bluegrass on the fairgrounds

Douglas Foster played the dobro with his bluegrass band, Kreekside, Saturday at the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association's Fallfest at the Lowell Fairgrounds. Also pictured is Lee Schalfleys on standup bass. Kreekside was among the 10 bands and one Appalachian Clog-dance group on the festival bill. Fallfest lasted from Friday evening through Sunday morning.

Lowell airport upgrades on the agenda in Vergennes Township

By Dan Schneider

Vergennes Township's board heard a laundry list of concerns related to the upgrade of the Lowell airport at its meeting Monday night.

Residents with property near the airport were concerned about the impact the upgrade would have on their quality of life and property values. About 40 people filled nearly every available seat at the township meeting room. Most were there to discuss the airport upgrade.

Some were concerned

the airport upgrade may lead to future airport expansion. Bill Schreur was worried the upgrade would increase airplane take-offs and landings.

"That hurts our quality of life around the airport. People don't want to see that around the airport," he said.

Germaine Thompson had concerns about environmental impact.

"There is a substantial wetland between ... the grass runway and the cement runway," Thompson said. "That's home to over 300 redwing blackbirds. I'm not a tree-hugger, but I know one

thing: that wetland provides the oxygen you breath."

Airport manager Jim Sowle attended the meeting. He said he was there for the same reason as most of the others: to get information as a property owner.

"I have more land, other than Mr. Schreur, than anyone else around that airport," Sowle said.

But he ended up fielding several questions on the nature and intent of the upgrade.

"It has everything to do with the safety of the airplanes coming into the

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Fire interrupts operations at King Milling last week

By Dan Schneider

A hammer mill in the whole wheat flour line at King Milling Company

caught fire last Thursday morning.

Thick smoke filled the wheat flour mill's basement but no one was injured in the incident. Clogged flour

backing up in the machine caused the fire.

"Something clogged in the machine and the flour burned," Lowell fire chief Frank Martin said. "It turned

it to charcoal. It smells like really bad burnt popcorn if you're outside around there at all."

The wheat was pretty far along in the milling process by the time it got to the hammer mill, King Milling president Brian Doyle said.

"It just sat there while it kept grinding and grinding and grinding," Doyle said.

The fire started around 8 a.m. Martin said the Lowell Fire Department was on the scene for about half an hour. A King Milling employee, aided by one of the respirators kept on site, attempted to extinguish the fire but quickly realized it was too far along and called the fire department.

The fire shut down King Milling's whole wheat flour operation for the rest of the day.

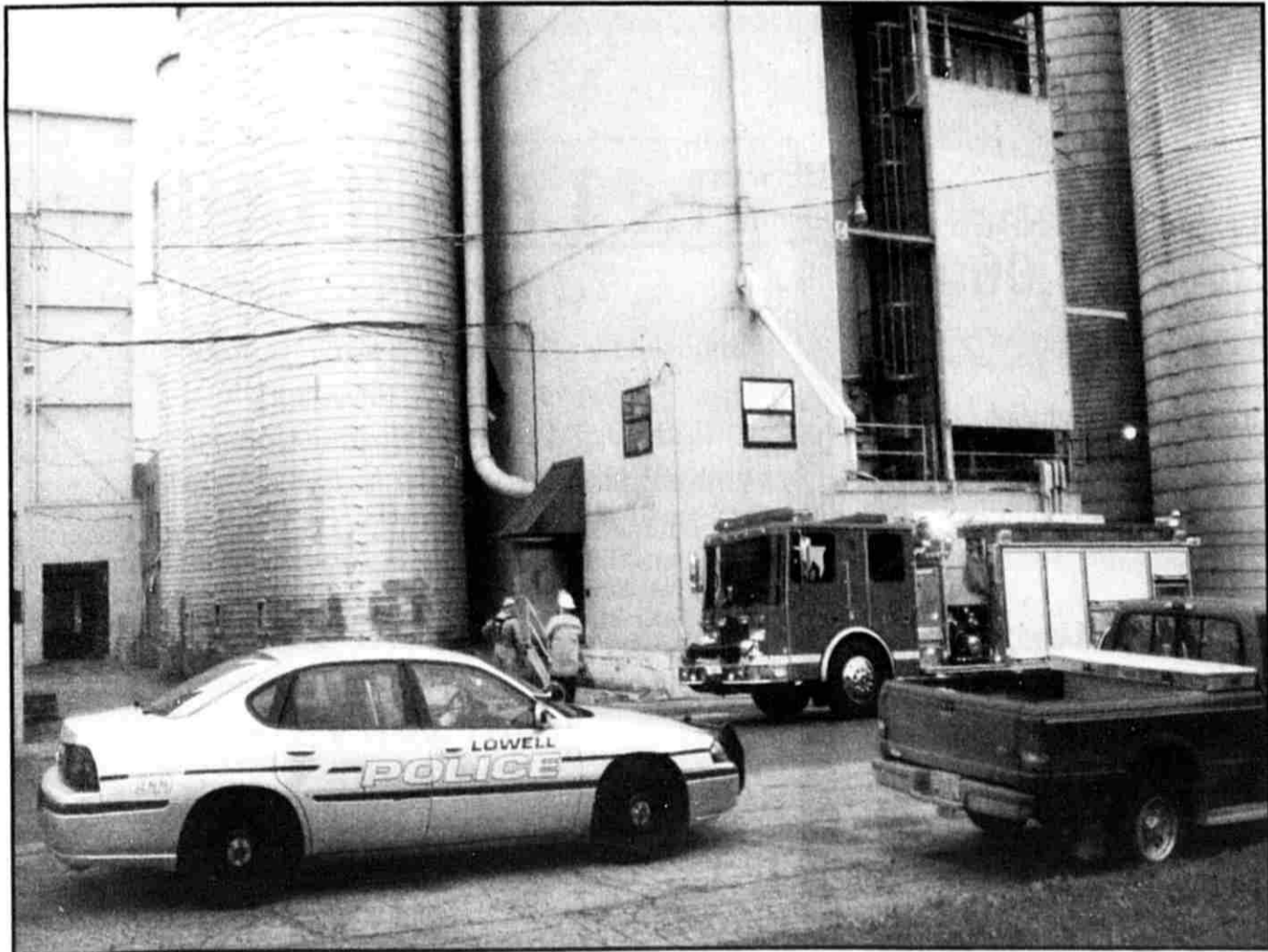
"It shut us down, we lost a day's run and anything

that was in the system at the time," Doyle said.

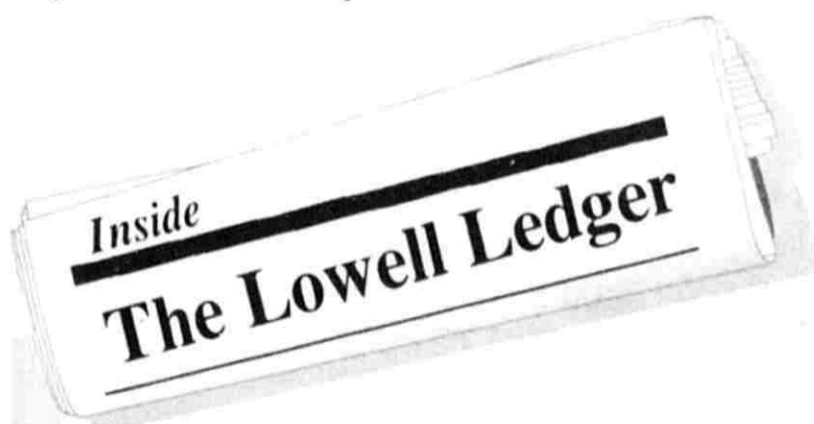
King Milling also shut down its white flour milling, which takes place in a separate building, for a few hours because of the fire.

Damage to the hammer mill was easily repaired, Doyle said. It required

only the replacement of the mill's rotors and hammers. Replacing those parts is part of the regular maintenance for the hammer mill, he added. But the fire forced their replacement earlier than scheduled.



The Lowell Area Fire Department responded to a fire at King Milling Company last Thursday morning.



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Obituaries

FEDOROWICZ
James T. "Jim" Fedorowicz, aged 55, died Saturday, September 16, 2006, at his home in Blaine Twp. Jim, formerly of Lowell, was born in Grand Rapids on February 6, 1951, the son of Charles and Trudy Fedorowicz. Jim was employed as a social worker for the State of Michigan. He played the guitar in a band. He was an avid dog lover and loved the companionship they showed him. Family was very important to him along with



HUMPHREYS
Ramona Ruth (Gerst) Humphreys, aged 34, of Grand Rapids, went to be with her Lord, Sunday, September 17, 2006, surrounded by her family, after a very courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her former husband Joshua; loving sons Jalen and Jerrod both at home; parents William (Judy) Gerst; grandmother Elva Gerst; sisters Juanita (Ben) Walder, Karla Gerst;

nephews Kyle, Keith and Jason Walder; nieces Marlise and Lynn Walder. Visitation is Wednesday from 5-9 p.m. at Roth Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St. Funeral services will be Thursday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Apostolic Christian Church, 7157 Wingeier, Alto, Aaron Steffen and Ted Steffen officiating. Interment Apostolic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice (Trillium Woods), 8214 Pfeiffer Farm Dr., Byron Center, MI 49315.

KAZLAS - (Roth)
Antanas Kazlas, aged 82, of Ada, formerly from Ohio, passed away September 12, 2006. He was preceded in death by his wife Adele. He is survived by his daughter Nora (Richard) Roth; three grandchildren Melinda, Katrina and Alicia. Funeral service was held Saturday,

Sept. 16 at St. Wenceslas Church in Maple Heights, Ohio. Interment Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio.

ORT
Richard Lynn Ort, aged 62, of Morenci, Michigan, was called home to his Heavenly Father on September 12, 2006. He was born May 29, 1944, in Adrian, to Mahlon and Aldythe (Milliman) Ort. He married Judith A. (Culp) Rorick on Sept. 19, 1987, in Medina, Mich. and she survives. Richard was employed at Bil-Jax Inc., in Archbold, Ohio, for the past 19 years. He graduated from Morenci High School in 1962. He was a member of the Medina Federated Church, the Men's Monday Night Bowling League in Morenci, served on the Morenci Fire Dept. for 41 years and was named Fire Fighter of the Year in 2005. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He dearly loved his children, grandchildren and will be greatly missed

by all. Surviving Richard besides his wife Judith of Morenci is one son Lynn (Juli) Ort of Lowell; mother Aldythe Ort of Morenci; three stepchildren Falinda (Timothy) McCarty of Sand Creek, Mich., John P. (Andi) Rorick IV of Morenci, Cassandra (John) Dominique III of Morenci; sister Mary Ann Beaverson of Morenci; father-in-law and mother-in-law Jack (Pat) Arnett of Morenci; daughter-in-law Pam Ort of Nevada, Ohio; aunt Kora Terry of Morenci; 14 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Mahlon Ort and sons Chris and Tim Ort. Funeral services were held Sept. 16 at the Medina Federated Church with Pastor Darren Lemmon officiating. Interment at Oak Grove Cemetery in Morenci. In lieu of flowers those planning an expression of sympathy may make memorial contributions to the Morenci Fire Dept. or Medina Federated Church.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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FILE NO. 06-182-063-DE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, **ROBERT WESTLEY KRUGER JR.**, who lived at 5899 Buttercup Ct. SE, Wyoming, MI, died 06/03/2006. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, **THOMAS G. SCHICHEL**, who lived at 2314 Plainfield Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI, died 04/21/2006. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever

barred unless presented to **TOM ARTHUR SCHICHEL**, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Fallasburg festival this weekend

This year's 38th annual Fallasburg Fall Festival, sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council, will feature 81 artists selling work in a wide variety of media. The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Fallasburg Park. In addition to the artworks for sale, a number of different crafts people will be on hand giving demonstrations of their crafts. Planned children's activities include pumpkin painting and other art. Musicians will perform on the stage at the center of the festival, surrounded by local nonprofit groups' food booths. This year's quilt raffle features a quilt made by Dawn Ysseldyke. It features a multi-hued interlocking circle pattern framed within a border containing a Celtic knot motif. Admission to the festival is free. Parking is available for a donation, with one-third of the parking proceeds benefiting the Lowell High School Future Farmers of America.

Before the art festival on Sunday, a good place to have breakfast is at the Lowell Airport's annual Pancake Breakfast and Fly-in. The breakfast runs from 8 to 11 a.m.

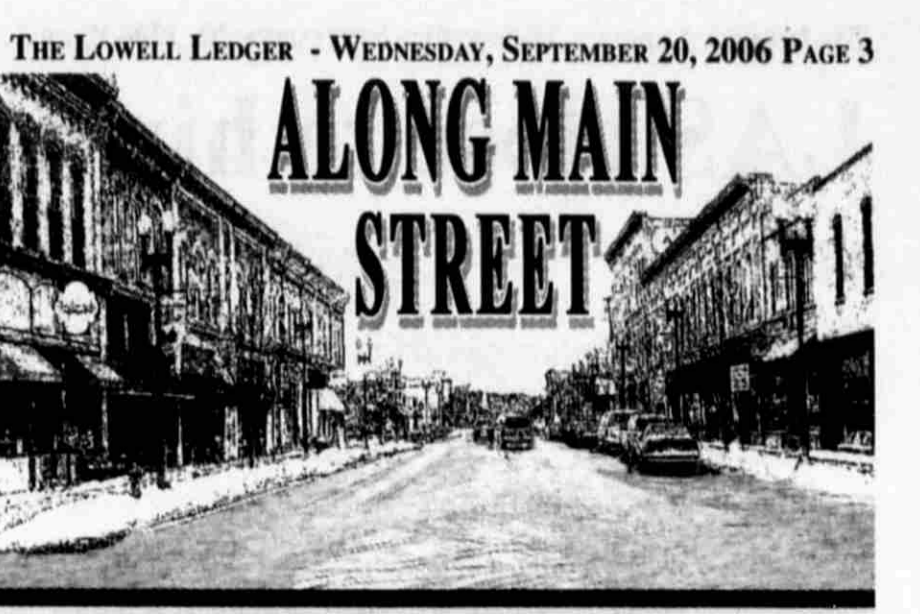
Local high school teacher selected as Michigan service-learning specialist

Jamie Christians, a Lowell High School teacher, has devoted himself to creating a positive learning environment in his Freshman classroom for the past three years. This year his efforts are being rewarded as the Michigan Community Service Commission named him a 2006-2007 Michigan Service-Learning Teacher Fellow.

"Christians has a true passion for teaching and service-learning," said principal Scott Vashaw. "His passion shows and is contagious because his students gladly serve the community and learn while doing so. We are proud to have him representing Lowell Schools." As a 2006-2007 Teacher Fellow, Christians will receive a \$500 award made possible by State Farm Insurance. He will also have opportunities for professional development. The Service-Learning Teacher Fellows is a corps of experienced teachers who run exemplary service-learning projects and share their expertise and enthusiasm with their peers. They mentor and train teachers and administrators in effective service-learning practices, write curricula, publish articles, and promote the use of service-learning as an effective teaching tool. For more information about service-learning in Lowell Area Schools, contact Carla Stone at 987-2900 or at cstone@lowellschools.com.

Masons help provide fire equipment

Mike Rooze, senior warden of the Belding-Ionia Masonic Lodge, presented a check for \$1,350 to Lowell fire chief Frank Martin earlier this month at the Look Memorial Fire Station. The check was a donation toward the purchase of fire fighting equipment. A donation in the same amount was also given to the Saranac Fire Department. The Lowell Masonic Lodge merged with the Belding-Ionia lodge two years ago, but continues to make donations to organizations in Lowell.



F.R.O.M. NEEDS ITEMS
The F.R.O.M. Food Pantry needs boxed potatoes, cereal, crackers, pork and beans, toilet tissue.

PAGEANT QUEENS NEEDED
Looking for former prom, homecoming, 4-H, pageant, etc., queens from the community for the clown parade on Oct. 14 during Harvest Festival. Call Becky Reagan at 897-9656.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment 2007 books are being offered by Lowell Women's Club to raise funds for senior high school girls' scholarships and local projects. \$25 each; 50% off and 2 for 1 offers. Good thru Oct. '07. At Brenda's Hair Design, Huntington Bank, club members or call Marj 897-8107.

FALLASBURG FALL FEST
The 38th annual Fallasburg Fall Festival is this Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 897-8545 for more information.

LHS ALL ALUMNI GATHERING
The 3rd annual LHS alumni gathering is Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Monterey Center near Alto. For reservations call 987-2501 or visit www.lowellschools.com.

TOTS FALL SALE
Tots Fall Almost New Sale is Oct. 7, 9 a.m. - noon at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center Gym, 300 High St. Bring own tables; set up is 8-9 a.m. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to reserve space. Participation is free.

ALUMNI BAND IN THE WORKS
If you are interested in joining the alumni band for the Harvest parade Oct. 14, call Nancy Raymor at 897-6149 or Bob Rice at 897-8959.

LARKIN'S CHILI COOK-OFF
Enter your team in Larkin's Chili Madness Cook-off Oct. 14. \$40 entry fee. Call 897-5977.

SCARECROW BUILDING HOEDOWN
At the Lowell Fairgrounds Oct. 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Visit www.discoverlowell.org

THEBES PLAYERS
Performances for "Alice in Wonderland" are Oct. 20 - 29 at the LPAC. Purchase tickets at www.lowellartscouncil.org, the LAAC or at the box office on day of performance.

CHRISTMAS PICTURES
Children's pictures taken with Santa are needed. Send to Lowell chamber, attention Jody. Pics will be made into collages and displayed during Christmas season on the showboat.

PARENTING CLASS AT TOTS
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Until the day we meet you there.

Remember Me
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Early in the spring
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In the fun that summer brings
Remember me in the fall
As you walk through leaves of gold
And remember me in the wintertime
In the stories that are told
But most of all remember
Each day, right from the start
I will be forever near
For I live within your heart.

Forever,
Your Family and Friends

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance:

An amendment to Section 4.4.8.D Issuance and Denial of sign permits. The proposed ordinance would change the requirement that a permit be issued within seven days of receipt of a valid application to 120 days.

The hearing will be held as follows:
WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2006
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

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ANT BULLY (PG) 1:00, 2:55, 4:50
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LAS close to hiring new curriculum chief

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Area Schools is close to hiring a curriculum coordinator. The new position, with the formal title of Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, will replace the assistant superintendent position vacated by Mark Kasmer in April. "We have narrowed the scope of the job," LAS superintendent Greg Pratt said.

The new coordinator will focus on the three job responsibilities listed in the title. Previously, the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction had various administrative responsibilities in addition to the curriculum role.

"With that narrow focus, this person would not have to deal with things like the budget end of things and other pieces like that and could just focus on student achievement," Pratt said. The job will include assimilating new state and federal requirements into the LAS curriculum. It will also involve evaluating the results of tests such as the Michigan Educational Assessment Program. The coordinator's early tasks will likely involve helping the district keep on target with the state high school reform initiative.

There were 18 applicants for the position. After two rounds of interviews, Pratt said they are down to a finalist candidate who awaits school board approval at a Sept. 25 workshop meeting. "I think once we can fill that position, it will be one of our final pieces for continuing with our success in curriculum here in Lowell," Pratt said.



Sharing The Vision

With Gregory Pratt
LHS Superintendent

DATA WAREHOUSING TO INCREASE DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING

School districts have collected and stored large amounts of student data for years. Unfortunately, this data was often stored in ways that were inaccessible to most educators, creating a situation in which schools were "data rich" but also "information poor."

Recently, a growing trend in school systems has been to implement an effective solution gathering the data and using emerging technologies to analyze the data to make it more meaningful for those who need to use it. Simply put, a data warehouse is a data base that consists of different data sources (e.g., student demographic information, MEAP Test, ACT, Accelerated Reader Test, MAP Testing, SAT, district generated data, library systems, etc.). The beginning of data warehousing has allowed for fast, efficient organization and delivery of information. While the concept may sound simple, organizing large, complex databases into one common store is not a trivial task.

The Kent Intermediate School District (KISD) has a data warehouse that is currently used by 17 of 20 public school districts in Kent County. Each of the 17 districts utilizes the data warehouse in various ways. Data warehousing helps meet the changing mandates of No Child Left Behind and Ed YES, by providing greater information to evaluate our programs and individual student achievement. The KISD has developed more than 250 reports (e.g., MEAP, MLPP, ACT, Work Keys, etc.) that are currently being used which can be accessed by administrators or teachers.

The districts' ability to manage data will become increasingly more important as the layers of accountability are added to the responsibilities of school districts. Districts are gathering more data on a regular basis to inform planning, decision-making, and reporting activities. Lowell Area Schools will continue to improve and expand in its ability to gather data and analyze the information. The partnership with the KISD will be a valuable resource as schools become more proficient in managing data systems. The KISD will provide the infrastructure saving school districts time and money, allowing local districts to focus on improving student achievement.

Grandfather & grandson in Times Square production



Pictured above are Liam, 3, son of Cheryl and Brian Doyle, with Liam's grandfather King Doyle, prior to the 2006 Memorial Day parade in Lowell. King is wearing his W.W.II navy uniform that he has worn in every Memorial Day parade in Lowell since 1945.

The video production, coordinated by NDSS, illustrated children, teens and adults with Down syndrome working, playing and learning with friends and family.

The event is in honor of October being National Down Syndrome Awareness Month which includes the 2006 Buddy Walk. In West Michigan the Buddy Walk will be held at Millennium Park in Grand Rapids on Sept. 30. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10. The local walk is one of the primary fundraisers for the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan. For more information, call 866-665-7451 or dsawm@iserv.net.

Local reporter leaving Lowell

By Dan Schneider

Welcome, readers, to the first and last installment of my newspaper column.

I'd tossed around the idea of writing a semi-weekly column for just about my whole three years here. It was going to be called "Saw A Fair Sized Trout Today" and it was going to be folksy. The editor even signed off on it, or at least didn't say no very loudly, probably thinking I'd never get around to writing it, anyway.

The reason I never got around to writing it is I could never think of anything folksy to write about. Any column idea I had was always having to do with some moderately serious political or social issue, and that kind of column just wouldn't work under a header featuring a picture of a giant trout on the back of a flatbed truck.

The picture is from a postcard I bought at an antique shop in Milwaukee while I was in journalism school at Marquette University. I'm hoping the copyright on it is expired by now.

It's a picture of the kind of trout they apparently have in Wisconsin's bucolic vacation havens. Or at least had 50 years ago when that postcard was published to draw people out of the cities and into the trout streams and roadside tourist cabins.

I'm hoping it's also the kind of trout they have in the streams of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, which brings me (finally) to why I'm writing (finally) a folksy column after three years of not doing so here at the Ledger. On 26 September I will be leaving West Michigan and my post at the Lowell Ledger for the copper shores of Lake Superior and a reporting job at the Daily Mining Gazette in Houghton. That's in the Keweenaw Peninsula, the second greatest place on earth. I say second greatest because after working here in Lowell for three years, I know better than to imply to the residents that there is any better place on earth than Lowell, Mich.

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Viewpoint



COZY corner

My grandkids and I play the "Fourteen Game." The origin is lost, but we've been having fun with it for a couple of years. I would tell you it's a stupid game, but according to my grandkids "stupid" is a bad word.

To play the game, whoever has the floor makes up an outlandish math story problem. The only catch is, the problem must have fourteen as the correct answer at the end. The more exotic, ridiculous and gory the details of the problem... the better. It's a silly game, but you can see the wheels turning in their young noggins as they back out the math and make up stories. Yes, it's probably good exercise for an old poop's noggin as well.

The earliest problems involved Tuk-Tuks. Terese and I visited my daughter's family in China last year. Everyone except my son-in-law went on a side trip to Thailand. We spent a Saturday night in Bangkok.

While in Bangkok we all rode in Tuk-Tuks when we went to dinner. These vehicles are three-wheeled motorcycles with room for about four passengers in back. They have surrey tops, are elaborately decorated and have been souped-up by their crazy drivers.

Part of the experience is that two or more Tuk-Tuks automatically constitute a race. The girls rode in one, Boog and I in another. Everywhere we went was a race. It is great fun, but I'm guessing Tuk-Tuk drivers have about the same life expectancy as members of the Baghdad bomb squad. I'm not sure what that says about people who pay good money to ride in these things.

Since that trip, our fourteen game has often involved varying numbers of Tuk-Tuks and their passengers smashing into garbage trucks, racing off cliffs, crashing together at an intersection, etc. At the end of each story the teller

has to work the number of survivors, or fatalities, out to??? Then everyone screams out loud "FOURTEEN!"

Boog, my seven-year-old grandson and I were on the phone recently. He started up with the "fourteen" game. It was a problem involving kids on a school bus and a crash. They are in a different school this year and ride a bus every day. Told you the more gory the details, the better.

I responded with a story about his mom's finger. We had a little accident when they were visiting here this past summer. She and I had a miss-communication involving the anchor windlass on my boat. Long story short, I hit the button while she grabbed the anchor chain. The result was a mangled pinky. She just got the cast off. And yes, she totally blames me.

My story problem went something like this. "Your mom was born normal, at least when it came to fingers and toes. She had ten of each. When mommy and grandpa were trying to get the anchor up, mommy got one hand and one foot caught in the chain. It was pretty bad. When mommy got to the emergency room they had to amputate two toes and four fingers. How many does she have left?" Boog screamed out, "FOURTEEN!"

Boog laughed and laughed. Now it was his turn. He went back to the old well, and came up with a story about Tuk-Tuks. He was giggling and the phone connection wasn't the greatest, so I didn't catch all the details. In the end I screamed "FOURTEEN!" and it was my turn again.

My daughter's family took a trip out west this past summer. They towed a small camper and stayed in many of the big parks. Apparently the issue of safety around bears came up. When the grandkids said something to me about bears, I told them that they just had to make sure they were faster than at least one person in their group. This upset Boog. He's not very fleet of foot, and knows it. He felt better when we came up with a short list of people he thinks he could beat in a foot race.

My next story problem had some families camping together. "There were moms, dads, kids, uncles, aunts, cousins, etc. There were 21 of them, all together in one large campsite out in Yosemite. Along came seven big, hungry grizzly bears. The seven slowest family members became lunch. How many got away?" Boog screamed, "FOURTEEN!"

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Ledger Entries

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



By Priscilla Lussmyer

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 21, 1881

This issue is missing; the next one will be October 5, 1881.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 20, 1906

Dr. McDannell's new, 18-horsepower runabout is wrecked and his wife and brother-in-law injured when the car hits a graveled area at high speed.

Several prizes in the West Michigan Fair races go to Lowell horse owners.

Five Ionia boys playing with an airgun put a dynamite cartridge in the barrel end: two are badly hurt.

Dexter G. Look purchases the Reyburg drug store at Alto. Charles Brown will move there this week to manage it.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 17, 1931

The first night football game plays to a record crowd, of whom many sneaked through the fence. Police will be on hand next time.

Problem: continued dry weather affects power at the municipal dam, and the auxiliary engine is being used beyond capacity.

After Sept. 18, all Michigan public agencies will operate on Eastern Time.

Sale of colored oleo margarine is not yet legal in the state.

U.S. wheat growers plan to cut acreage in view of depressed wheat prices.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 20, 1956

Vergennes Street will be the detour for building the M-21 approach to the new Ada bridge (a sweeping curve instead of a hill).

A moving van knocks off a fire hydrant at Main and Monroe, making a minor flood and interrupting water service.

The Grand Opening this week celebrates Christiansen's expansion from a small ice cream plant in 1928 to the present-day giant supermarket extending from Main to Avery; many freebies and a grand-prize drawing for a color TV.

King Milling advertises weekly recipes featuring their flours.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 16, 1981

Showboat Corp. sponsors Boxcar Willie for a one-night stand this Wednesday at the Amphitheatre.

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To The Editor

Dear Editor,

We would appreciate your paper printing our firm's position on why we resigned from the audit of the Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV. Our firm submitted this letter to the City of Lowell Council meeting on September 5, 2006. Thank you. Virgil A. Biggs Shareholder for Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson, & Dickinson, P.C.

Dear City Council, This letter is to inform the City that our Firm will resign as auditors for Lowell Light & Power and Cable TV funds of the City. Due to Mr. Richards' lack of support, we feel we no longer can effectively function as auditors for the entities he manages. Mr. Richards has never directly approached us regarding his concerns, and this situation greatly increases the audit risk to an unacceptable level for our Firm.

We have performed the audit for Lowell Light & Power and Cable TV for nearly 30 years, and we know we have followed all reporting requirements for these audits with a high degree of professionalism and accuracy. Our reports were presented in the same manner as the other firms who have also audited these entities. It is important to note the most unique quality of proprietary funds, (Light & Power and Cable TV), is their "for profit" motive. Our Firm works with over 200 "for profit" entities and is qualified to perform these audits. Since we have prepared these audits for nearly 30 years, we are well beyond the stage of "being taught" by Mr. Richards.

As noted above, our Firm works with many businesses that are involved in many different industries. Every industry has accounting and reporting peculiarities while following basic universal accounting principles. FERC accounting for utilities is no different; however, these utility funds are

still considered governmental entities and are required to be reported as such, in the financial statements of the City of Lowell. We may not perform 20 individual electrical and cable TV utility audits, but we do audit several governmental entities and have done so for 30 years and have never had reporting problems. This is validated by our peer reviews that have been unqualified since the peer review process was initiated by the CPA profession. We use a peer review firm that specializes in governmental entities and they have found our procedures and reporting to meet or exceed professional standards on these specific audits.

It is true, we were late with finalizing the audit reports for last year. However, we do not feel this had any negative impact on the City itself. There are some penalties for submitting audit reports excessively late, but as far as we know, the City did not experience any. During our exit conferences last year, the schedule for the 2006 audits was set to avoid audit delays from occurring in the current year. Unfortunately, Mr. Richards has never communicated directly with us to discuss his concerns about our qualifications. It is usually brought up and heard second-hand through communications with the City Council. It is unfortunate that Mr. Richards never felt able to discuss this directly with any associate of our Firm. We can also assure the City Council that we have not "blown off" meetings with any part of City management.

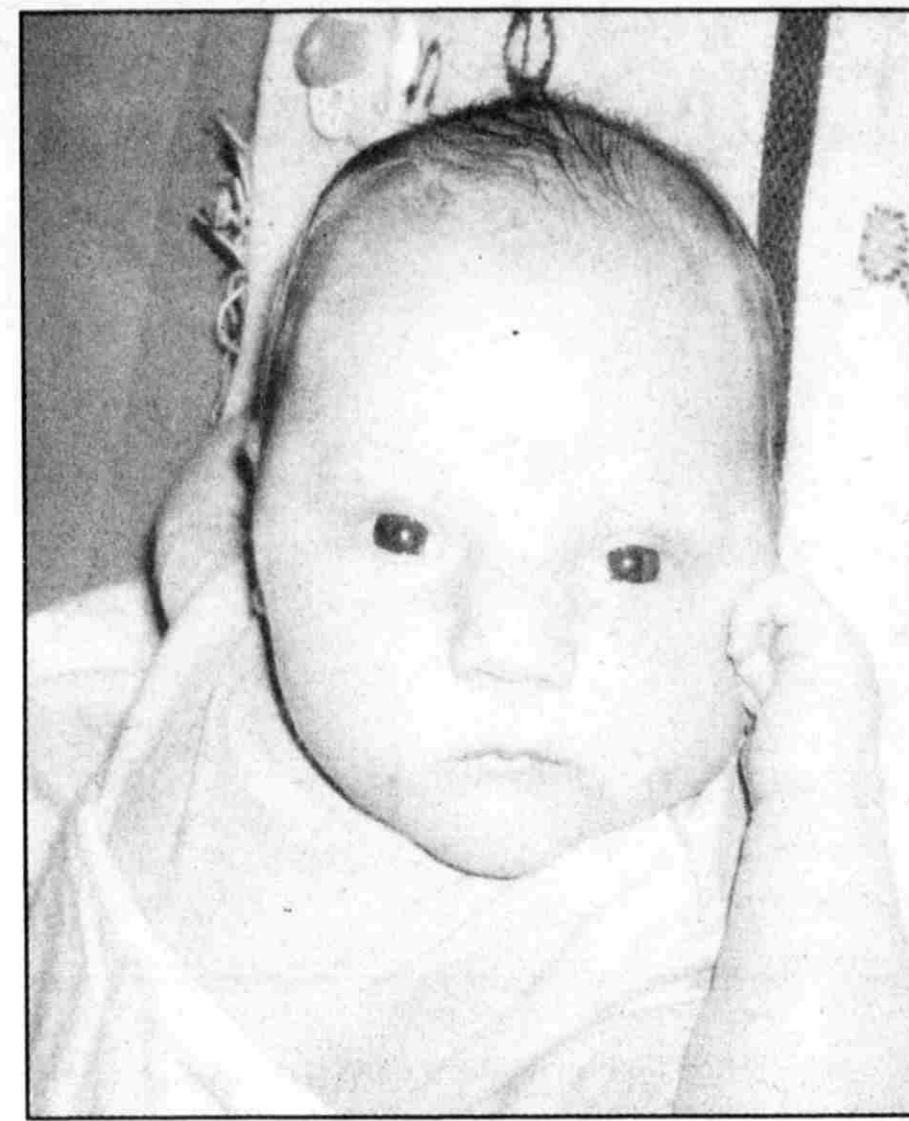
We have too much respect for the City Council to create unnecessary friction between the separate boards of each entity, therefore, we regretfully resign from the Light & Power and Cable TV fund portions of last year's audit agreement.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the City of Lowell.

Very truly yours,
BIGGS, HAUSSERMAN, THOMPSON & DICKINSON, P.C. Certified Public Accountants

New Arrivals

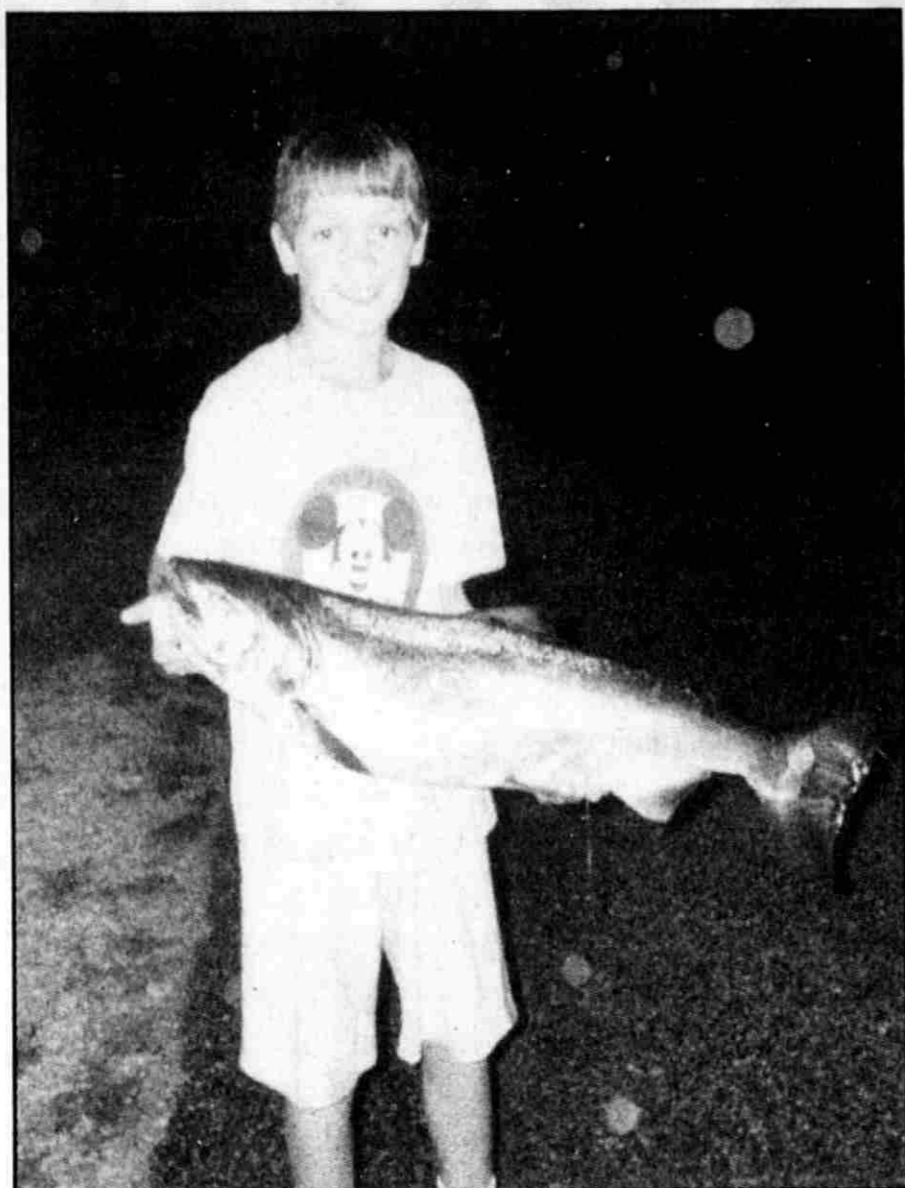
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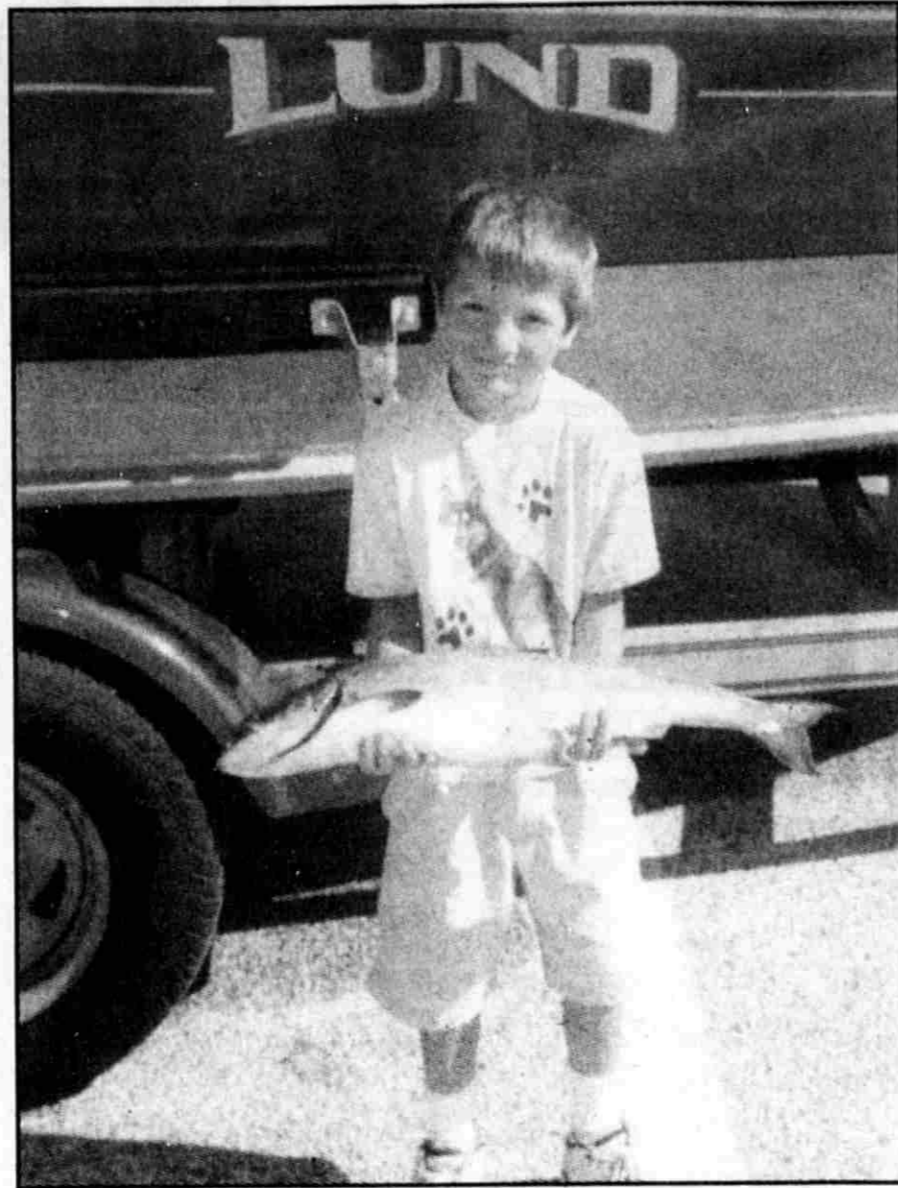
Brycen Scott Peters

Brian and Cindy weighing 10 lbs. 9 oz. and (Kosnik) Peters are happy measuring 22 inches. Proud grandparents are their son, Brycen Scott. He Leonard and Ruth Kosnik was born Aug. 14, 2006, at of Lowell, Don Peters of 12:13 p.m. at Metropolitan Dorr and Betty Biggs of Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mecosta.

Big catch for brothers



Tanner Owens, 11, of Lowell, above left, caught this 21.5 pound king salmon Aug. 26 in Lake Michigan off the shores of Ludington. The fish was big enough to make Owens the current first-place Small Fry fisherman with the Grand Rapids Steelheaders Club. He also holds second place among the Small Fries with a 17.2-pounder he caught Aug. 7.



Hunter Owens, 7, right, of Lowell, caught this 6.5-pound salmon Aug. 7 off the shores of Ludington. He was fishing with his father, Rick Owens and brother, Tanner Owens.

You can only be young once. But you can always be immature.

- Dave Barry (1947 -)

Reflections of faith

Dr. Roger La Warre, pastor
First Congregational Church

I would like you to think with me as together we read Mark's version of a story that is also found in Matthew and in Luke. It is a story of Jesus quizzing the disciples on Jesus' identity as the crowds perceive it and as the disciples see him (Mark 8:27-38). Each writer puts a little different twist to the story and what happens after Peter's declaration that Jesus is the Messiah. Yet, each challenges us to ask ourselves the same question, "Who do you say that I am?" It is not an easy question because it implies that the true answer to this

question can only be revealed by the way we live our life. It is a question about discipleship, about the central, driving loyalty and purpose of our life. It is a tough question. We can't just recite someone else's creed or statement of faith. In fact, when Jesus tells us to "take up our cross and follow him" ... our cross is truly the "powers that get us up and going, give us focus and identity, the 'boat' that we have constructed to carry us across the sea of life. Who we say our God (or god) is, that is communicated in actions, not in words. Words are too cheap and easy to come by.

The separate gospel writers, and for us, Mark in particular, challenges us to face the upside down logic of Christian reality. Life comes through downward mobility, self-denial, sacrifice, extravagant generosity, and even suffering. Yet, we want a religion that brings us the new and the glittery. For example, it is no accident that the jewelry industry makes a great deal of money selling beautiful

crosses that have no resemblance to a Roman cross nor do they reflect any of the ugly, cruel and sacrificial nature of Jesus' death. Diamond studded, gold-laced crosses are everywhere. Yet, there is nothing flashy about the way of Jesus and there is nothing glamorous about the cross. Wearing a cross does not speak of following Jesus or being Christian in the context of Jesus' question of "Who do you say that I am." If we want to tell the world who Jesus is, then we must answer Jesus' questions with works of Justice and Peace arising from our faith in the God that brings a saving love to all humanity. That saving love as seen in Jesus is our challenge and that is the hope that springs eternal.

Who do you say that I am? ... By your words, your actions, your friendships, your checkbook, your relationships, your thoughts, your reading, your worship, all that you do?

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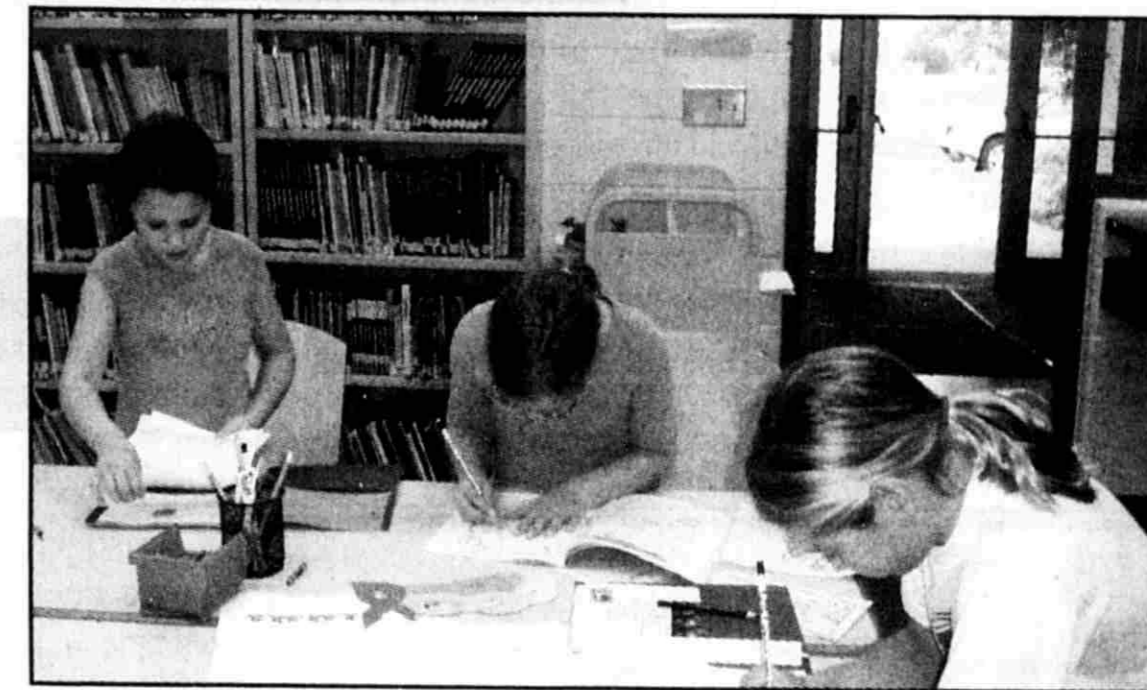
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Greek week at St. Patrick School



Katie Pniewski and Kaeleb Brown mold Greek urns.

Cassie Herrington, Elizabeth Pniewski and Katie Pniewski work on activities during Greek Week.



Librarian Kathy Leeuwenburg and art teacher Lori Coffman at St. Patrick School hosted Greek Week Aug. 22-25. Students read Greek myths and wrote mythological stories of their own creation, which made for a most enjoyable learning experience. Ancient Greek urns were cast to honor the Greek stories.

In addition to these activities, the students sampled food eaten by both ancient and modern-day Greeks.

HEALTH

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OSTEOPOROSIS

Osteoporosis is a disease that causes loss of bone mass. When bones thin, they become more fragile and tend to fracture easily. It mainly affects older men and women, but can strike at any age. One out of every two women and one in eight men over 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in their lifetime. When osteoporosis becomes severe, these fractures tend to occur with minimal stress or injury. These fractures tend to occur in the spine, which leads to loss of height, chronic pain, and a "stooped-forward" posture. They may also occur at the hip with minor trauma. This can lead to decreased mobility, which can be detrimental to seniors. The good news is that osteoporosis can be prevented and treated in most cases.

Factors you cannot change that put you at risk for osteoporosis include: age, gender, ethnicity, and family history. Risk factors you can change include: poor diet, poor calcium and vitamin D intake, inactivity, smoking and certain medication usage.

Prevention of osteoporosis should begin at an early age and continue throughout your lifetime. All postmenopausal women, and at-risk men, should have a bone densitometry (or DEXA scan) performed, in order to determine their bone quality. If you presently have osteoporosis, make sure you are being treated with one of the newer medications, in addition to modifying your risk factors. Talk to your health care provider about developing your own strategy to prevent and/or treat osteoporosis.

In The Service

Air Force Airman Ryan R. Mosey has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

College News

Lisa Wojciakowski, a senior at Aquinas College, helped set the pace for this season's women's cross country team. She led the Lady Saints, ranked 16th in the NAIA National poll, in their opening meet, Sept. 8, at the Aquinas Invitational at Riverside Park. Wojciakowski placed ninth at the Aquinas College Open with a time of 19:02. Her time was the second fastest performance ever recorded for a Saints' runner

training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill marches, received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises,

and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Mosey, a 2002 graduate of Caledonia High School, is the son of Robert Mosey of Lowell.

at Riverside Park. In their second meet in the Calvin College Invitational, she had a time of 19:06, good enough for a 12th place finish.

Wojciakowski is a 2003 Lowell High School graduate.

Happy Birthday

SEPT. 21: Deanna Anchors, Renee Fox, Rich Briseno, Joseph Scott, Megan Racine.
SEPT. 22: Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan, Tara Thornton, Linda Barnes, Grandma Modlin.
SEPT. 23: Steve VanLaan, Mike Racine.
SEPT. 24: Hillary Boss, Kenneth Gregersen II, David Powell, Clara King, Stephanie Vickers, Jake Baker, Stephanie Clouser.
SEPT. 25: Carolyn Thaler, Sara Swift, Carol Wingeier.
SEPT. 26: Micah Soyka, Torin Hacker, Alexis Shaffer.
SEPT. 27: Brooke Tetzlaff.

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TUES: Cheeseburger on bun (stacked ham/cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), oven baked beans, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

WED: Italian dunkers (breadstick) w/ meatsauce (stacked turkey/cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray), green beans, assorted fruit, milk.
THURS: Pancake w/ syrup or cereal/graham cracker w/scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, cinnamon applesauce, milk.
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If you see this hockey player on September 23rd wish him a Happy Birthday!

Happy 18th Birthday Vinnie!



Lowell's new Eagle Scouts

Three Lowell Boy Scouts, Alex Fleet, Thomas Fleet and Eric Mundt became Eagles on Saturday, Sept. 16. In a formal Eagle Board of Honor ceremony held at First United Methodist Church of Lowell, the boys earned Scouting's highest award. Family and friends honored the boys who became the 46th, 47th and 48th Eagles in Lowell Scouting history. Pictured, left to right, are Alex Fleet, Eric Mundt and Thomas Fleet, Lowell's newest Eagle Scouts. Dirk Ritzema is in the background.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HELP PROMOTE LITERACY

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Monday, Sept. 25 for prospective volunteer

tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

By training people to be tutors, the council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor.

The information session will be held at the Yankee Clipper Library, 2025 Leonard St. NE, Grand Rapids. Call 459-5151 to register.

Airport upgrades, continued ... From Page 1

airport," Sowle said. "A number of trees have grown up and are at a level where airplanes cannot take off and land."

Sowle was careful to make the distinction between "upgrade" and "expansion" relative to the airport.

"The airport is 88 acres, it's never going to get any bigger," Sowle said. "In the five 5-year plans that I know of, there has never been a mention of expansion at the airport. There has only been mention of the removal of

trees that are encroaching on the airport."

The airport board asked the Michigan Department of Transportation to consider the upgrade five years ago. Sowle said in a past interview with the Ledger that the primary reason for the request was safety.

MDOT agreed a general utility designation was a good idea for the airport. Attaining it requires tree removal to open up take-off and landing space at either end of the airport's one paved

runway. Six of eight affected landowners have already signed agreements for tree trimming and removal on their property. The other two feel proposed air easements on their property would render them unable to use their property.

"You talk about trimming trees, but when they came to talk to me about easements, it's a lot more restrictive than that," said Dale Fegel, one of the two property owners holding out.

In a past Ledger interview, he said the proposed easement on his property would render him unable to build a second house, which was his intention when he bought the property nearly 20 years ago.

Residents wanted to know what the township could do to defend the property rights of its taxpayers. The city of Lowell owns the airport. And the regulations governing the airport upgrade come

from the Federal Aviation Administration.

"That being the city airport and city property out there, the city takes care of all of this. They don't ask us what they should do with it," township supervisor Tim Wittenbach said.

The board had invited state representative Dave Hildenbrand to the meeting. He said his staff was researching what role the township is allowed to play in an airport upgrade. He answered a question about

state funding of airports, saying the funds come from taxation of aviation fuel.

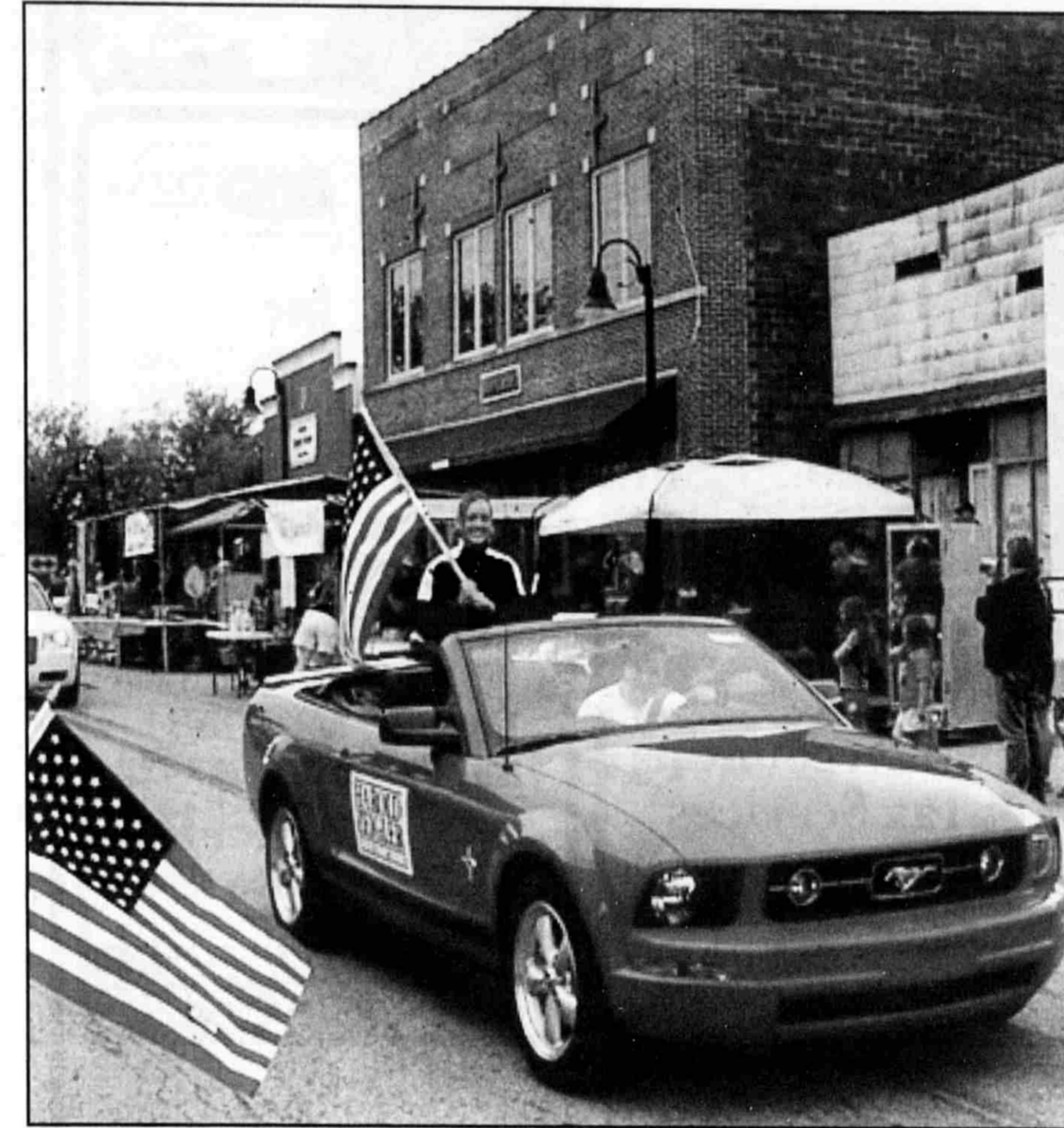
Another concern dealt with the installation of new runway lighting at the airport, which incoming pilots can turn on using their radios. One resident worried about the effect fencing around the airport would have on the movement of deer through adjacent forests. Sowle said fencing would only be put in place where the airport abuts public property.

Alto Fall Festival packs in the fun

It was hard to find a parking space Saturday in Alto. While that is an unusual scenario for the quiet village just off 60th Street, it was certainly the case during the Alto Fall Festival.

People lined the streets for the festival parade. Children lined up to play games and to attempt roping simulated calves. The streets were filled with people who

enjoyed baking contests, pie eating contests, a talent show and the Miss Alto and Little Miss Alto pageants. This year's was the 26th annual festival.



Young martial artist Mariah Moore was the grand marshal of the Fall Festival parade.



Olivia VanZegeren and Whitney Mitchell's parade float. The theme was "The Good Old Days." Theirs was the only Alto Fall Festival's family float in the contest which earned them \$100. Festival organizers are hoping more families will compete in next year's float competition.



Ellie VanderHart, 4, a kindergartner at Murray Lake Elementary, attempted to rope a simulated calf Saturday at the 26th annual Alto Fall Festival.



John Erickson led his crowd of barnyard animals along Linfield Street during the parade.

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ALTERNATIVES IN MOTION

Giving Back to the Community

As part of Homecoming week, the High School will be raising money to provide wheelchairs for those people in need.

WHITE OUT

Friday the 29th

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To show support for the Lowell Varsity Football Team, the Student Council is encouraging fans to create a White Out at the Homecoming Football Game on Friday the 29th.

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FRIDAY THE 29th

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Relay, even donating their time to DJ through the night and announce the events laps, and guiding student DJs. They wholeheartedly jumped right into it. And, of course, we used Red Arrow Memorial Stadium for the event itself, with help from the entire facility's staff."

And that's the Lowell difference, according to Lindhout. At a post-Relay celebration for team captains, 20 people showed up on a rainy, cold evening at the Fallasburg Park pavilion to celebrate the event's success.

"They were already talking about how to improve next year's event. It could have been snowing and they would have come out!"

The excitement is already building for the June 29-30, 2007, Relay for Life of Lowell.

"People who attended Relay come up to me on the streets of Lowell, to tell me they've already begun fundraising for next year's event. And people who attended but didn't have a team are asking me how to get one started. I'm betting that, no matter what goal the American Cancer Society sets for Lowell's next Relay, Lowell is going to blow their numbers right out of the water!" said Lindhout.

Members of a local girl scout troop helped hold the Relay for Life banner as survivors took a final lap at the closing ceremony



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Lowell basketball falls to East at home, wins at Greenville

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls basketball team split its pair of games last week.

At Greenville last Thursday, the Red Arrows won a low-scoring game, 38-28.

"We didn't shoot particularly well, but scored enough to win," Lowell coach Dee Crowley said.

She called it a "defensive, physical" game.

Lowell started with a 9-0 run and didn't relinquish the lead for the duration of the game. The Arrows led 16-13 at halftime and outscored Greenville 18-10 in the fourth quarter.

Brittany Bueche led

the Lowell offense with 10 points. Kelsey Crowley scored nine and Amanda Geelhoed added eight.

At home last Tuesday, the Arrows lost a tough game to East Grand Rapids by a score of 44-39.

After a sluggish first half, Lowell trailed the Pioneers 23-14. But in the third quarter, the Arrows battled back. Lowell scrambled for loose balls, got steals on defense and pulled down offensive rebounds. They took the lead 28-27 on a put-back layup by Geelhoed.

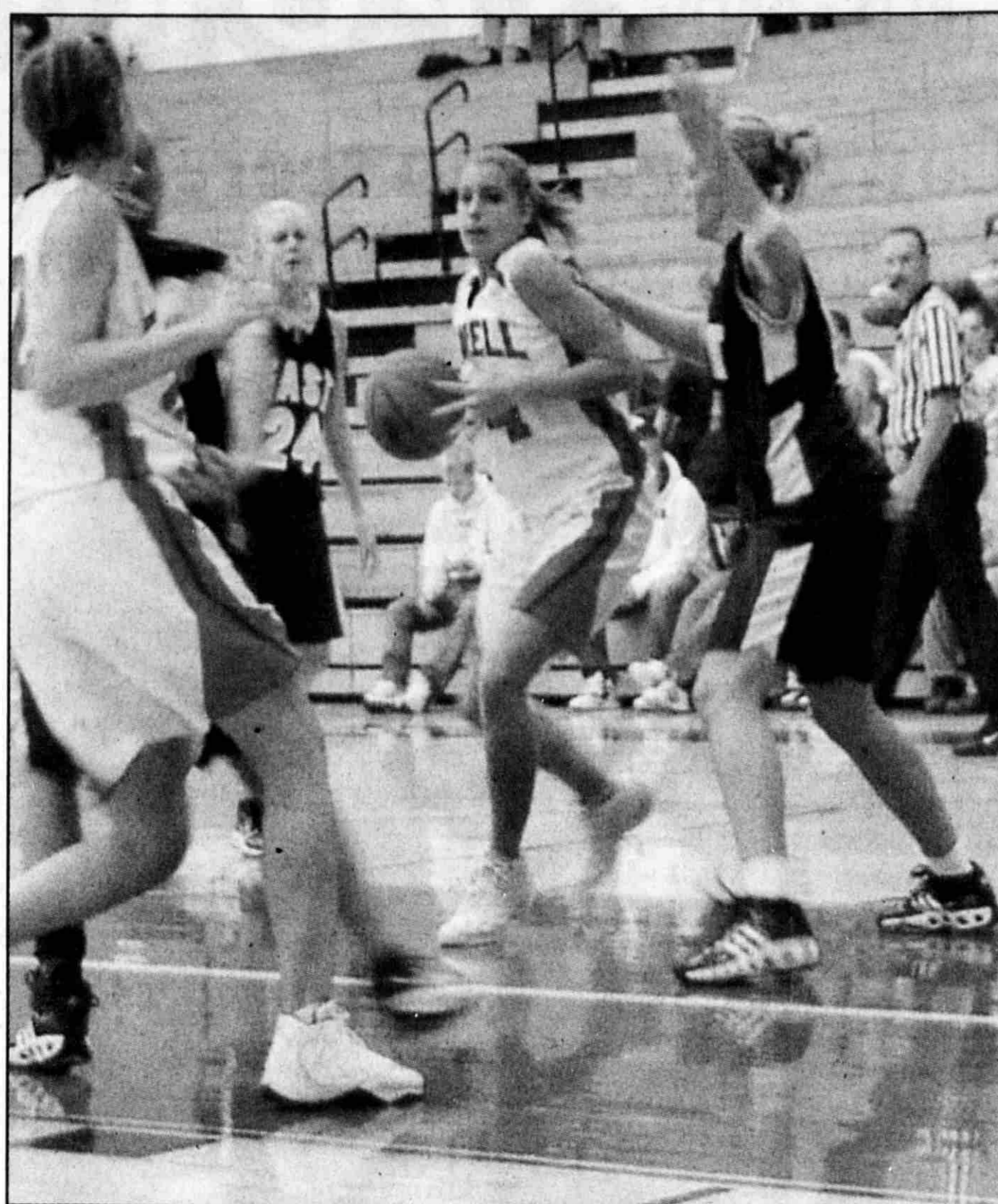
Lowell outscored East 14-4 in the third quarter and built a six-point lead early in the fourth quarter, 33-27,

capped by another Geelhoed shot following an offensive rebound.

But then the tables turned and East was getting the steals, loose balls and offensive rebounds. At one point, Lowell allowed the Pioneers to get offensive rebounds on six consecutive possessions. Those rebounds and a pair of three-point field goals by Greer Bratschie helped East retake control of the game.

"I'd say East wanted the ball more," Crowley said after the game. "They had more energy. We just sort of stood still and were flat."

East coach Michael Ellis was proud of his team for staying in the game



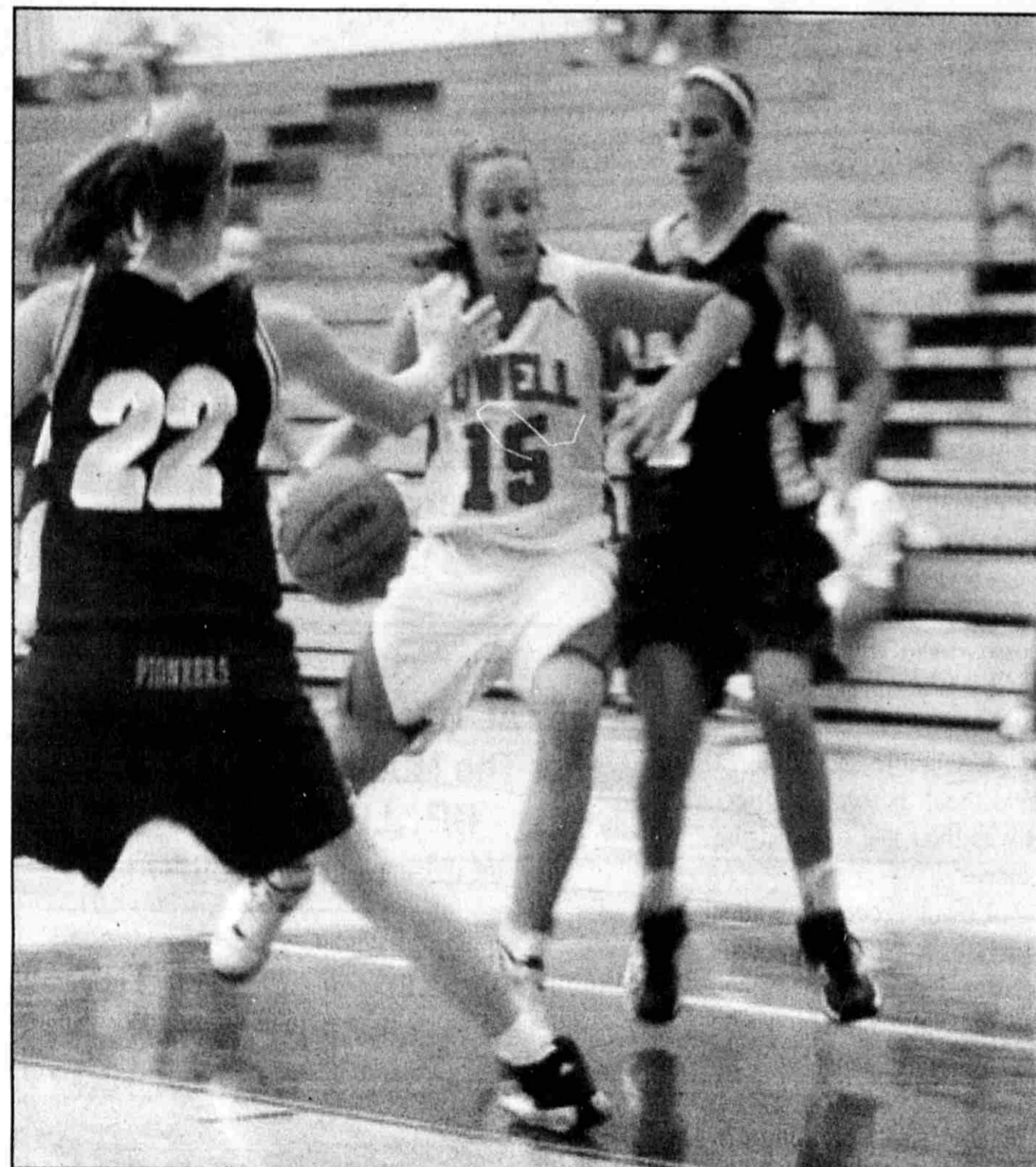
Lowell's Amanda Geelhoed looked for an open teammate from inside the paint in last Tuesday's game.

after Lowell's third-quarter dominance.

"The girls just settled themselves down, made

some good decisions, hit some good shots and really played some outstanding defense," Ellis said.

Lowell's next game is Thursday, when the Red Arrows host Forest Hills Northern.



Lowell's Brittany Bueche drove the lane in last Tuesday's game against East Grand Rapids.

Season's lowest boys golf score not enough to beat Greenville

The Lowell boys golf team's lowest dual-match score of the season was not enough to beat Greenville last Thursday.

The Red Arrows shot a team score of 156, but the Yellow Jackets shot 150. The match took place

at Glenkerry Golf Club, Greenville's home course.

"We actually did really well but it wasn't good enough under the circumstances," Lowell coach Gary Fredline said.

Brian Scheider led Lowell with a 39 for nine holes. Rich Porter shot a 36, Eric Mundt shot a 39 and

Lance Perkins, a 45.

Lowell was scheduled to host Forest Hills Eastern last Monday. They played three holes of the match before rain put an end to it.

The Arrows hosted Forest Hills Northern, Monday and played at Forest Hills Central on Tuesday.

Cross country hosts Greenville, travels to Sparta Invite

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's cross country teams hosted Greenville last Wednesday.

The boys team beat the Yellow Jackets in a close race. It was so close, in fact, that after both teams' top five runners were counted, the score was tied 28-28. It came down to the sixth

runners to determine the outcome of the race.

Lowell's sixth man, Kyle Ingebretson, placed 10th with a time of 18:45. Greenville's sixth man John Davis finished 13th.

Lowell's Keaton Dilly won the race in a time of 17:58. Andy Mark finished third for Lowell in 18:10. After a pack of three Yellow

Jackets crossed the finish line, Lowell runners took seventh through 10th place. Cory Fitzpatrick finished seventh in 18:23 followed by Cameron Dilly (18:35), Kirk Geldersma (18:37) and Ingebretson.

Greenville came out on top in the girls' race by a score of 37-21. Karen Judd was Lowell's top finisher,

placing second with a time of 21:36. Monica Fitzpatrick placed fifth for Lowell with a time of 22:08.

Saturday at the Sparta Invitational, the Lowell boys team finished fourth out of nine teams with a score of 113. West Ottawa's score of 42 won the invitational.

The Lowell girls finished fifth out of seven

teams at the invitational with 122 points. West Ottawa also won the girls race with a score of 25.

Lowell's top five finishers in the boys race were Keaton Dilly (12th, 17:32), Mark (15th, 17:40), Fitzpatrick (24th, 18:07), Cameron Dilly (28th, 18:16) and Ingebretson (34th, 18:30).

Top five Lowell runners in the girls race were Judd (10th, 21:05), Fitzpatrick (13th, 21:20), Katie Riddle (24th, 22:37), Austyn Foster (32nd, 23:30) and Morgan Olin (45th, 24:20).

Lowell's next meet is Saturday, when the Red Arrows host the Bob Perry Invitational at Lowell High School.

Rain subsides, allowing Lowell girls tennis team to play

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls tennis team had a rollercoaster of a week.

Rain forced the Red Arrows to play their matches on consecutive days late in the week. It started last Thursday when Lowell swept all flights for an 8-0 win over Lakewood.

In first-flight singles, Lowell's Heather Spratt defeated Emelie Enz 6-1, 7-5. Melissa Zuiderveen

beat Lacy Chase 6-4, 6-0 in the second singles match. In third flight, Lauren Heemstra defeated Casey Flessner 6-1 6-3. Patty Lawrence defeated Elizabeth Studt 7-5, 6-2 in fourth singles.

Doubles play featured a lot of close matches. In first-flight doubles, Lindsay Aiken and Terrah Tawney defeated Chelsea Bickford and Sarah France, 6-7(9-7), 6-2, 6-3. In number two doubles, Erin Brechbiel

and Megan Willemstein beat Danielle Graham and Addie Hunter, 6-2 6-4. In third-flight doubles, Leara Glinzak and Caitlin Baker defeated Michelle Bolling and MacKenzie Chase in a super tie-break, 6-7(3), 7-6(3), (10-4). Katrina Schollaart and Ellen Mork defeated Kayla Bite and Amber Chase in a super tie-break, 6-7(4), 6-3, (10-4) in fourth doubles to secure the sweep for Lowell.

The next day, against

East Grand Rapids, Lowell found itself on the other end of a sweep as the Pioneers won all eight flights. Lowell's first-flight doubles squad of Aiken and Tawney had the closest match against East, losing doubles lost 6-3, 6-4.

The Red Arrows were the champions of the Lowell Invitational tournament held Saturday. Their team score was an 18-18 tie with Caledonia, but Lowell won by virtue of a tie-breaker

criterion: fewest sets lost. Cadillac placed second in the invitational with a team score of 12 and Big Rapids finished last with zero.

Lowell won championships in all four singles flights; Caledonia took first place in all four doubles flights.

Spratt won first singles for Lowell. Tanya Baker won the championship in second singles. In third singles, Zuiderveen was the champion and Heemstra

won fourth-flight singles.

Aiken and Tawney placed second in first doubles for Lowell. Glinzak and Baker were the second place third doubles team. Schollaart and Kelli Kowalski placed second in fourth-flight doubles.

Lowell hosted Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg, Monday. Their next match is Wednesday against Forest Hills Northern. A rain make-up match is scheduled for Thursday at Greenville.

Red Arrow equestrian team heads upward in standings

Submitted by Mary Slatten

The sun was shining Saturday in Cedar Springs as Lowell's equestrian team competed against 12 other school districts from Allendale, Belding, Cedar Springs, Creative Technologies, Forest Hills Eastern, Grant, Kent City, Kenowa Hills, Rockford, Sparta, Tri-County and West Catholic.

In a close contest of skills, Lowell E-team members were awarded high points in the first 12 events, but total points showed that they were behind two other teams. There were still four more events to run - the speed races. The riders gathered the final points to grab victory a second time.

The Lowell A-team scored 214 points; Cedar Springs A, 192 points; Rockford A, 96; Tri-County 62; and Belding 42.

The Lowell-B team totaled 71 points, moving up to fifth place. Rockford-B was first (172 points), Grant second (105), Kenowa Hills third (104), Allendale fourth (80) and Sparta sixth (67).

The Lowell-C team scored 136 points, leaping up to first place ahead of Kent City (131 pts.), Creative Technologies (69), Cedar Springs (70), Forest Hills Eastern (31) and West Catholic (4).

The following riders received first place: Amy VanEns in A-team Saddle Seat Showmanship; Lisa Nugent in B-team Saddle Seat Showmanship; Jessi Meyers in Saddle Seat

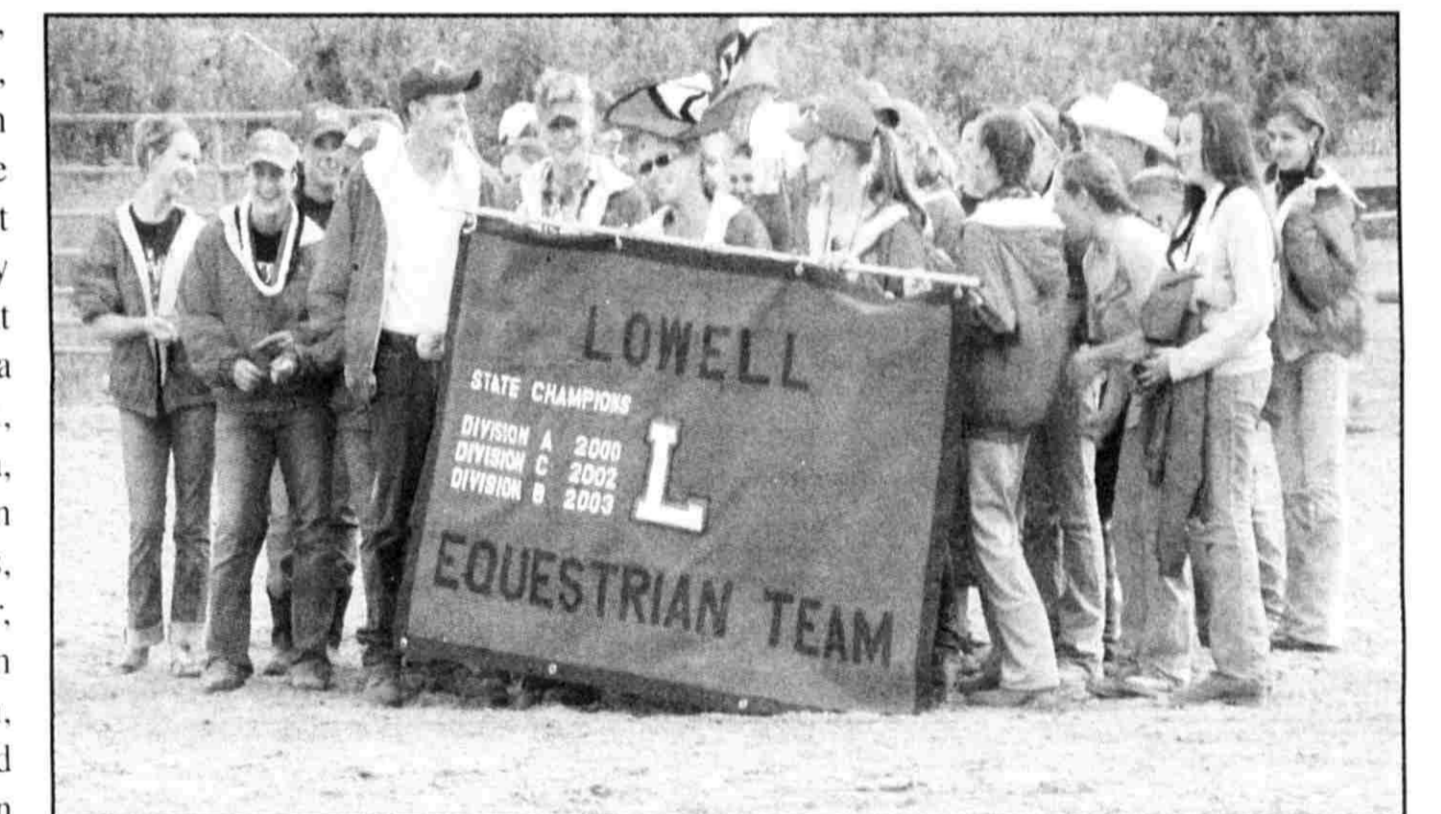
Pattern; Kelsey Langlois in Saddle Seat Bareback; Brooke Mellema in B-team Hunt Seat Bareback; Brittany Devon in C-team Hunt Seat Bareback; Ian Blodger in Western Reining and Trail; Christian Koning in Flag Speed Race (8.426 seconds) and April Wolf in Clover Leaf Speed Race (17.686 seconds).

In second place were: Cara Wilcox in A-team Hunt Seat Showmanship; Leigha Frisbie in C-team Hunt Seat Showmanship, Western Showmanship, and Western Bareback; Jess Bouman in A-team Saddle Seat Showmanship, Hunt Seat Bareback, and Western Bareback; Langlois in C-team Saddle Seat Showmanship and Hunt Seat Bareback; Andrea Kulhawik in A-team Saddle Seat Pattern; Devon in C-team Saddle Seat Pattern; Sara Fosburg in the Flag Speed Race (10.913 seconds), and Sarah Buist and Katie Jousma in the Two-Person Relay Speed Race (15.660 seconds).

Equestrians who earned additional lead points were: Bouman, Kourtney Wittenbach, Maranda Ruessegger and Nugent in Hunt Seat Showmanship; VanEns, Randi Drier, Wittenbach, Rachelle Wilcox, Nugent, Frisbie and Devon in Western Showmanship; Wittenbach and Drier in Saddle Seat Showmanship; Meyers and Langlois in Saddle Seat Equitation; VanEns in Saddle Seat Pattern; Kulhawik and Ruessegger in Saddle Seat

Bareback; Cara Wilcox, Bouman, Drier, Wittenbach, Gina Guiliano, Katalin Schramm, Langlois, Frisbie and Devon in Hunt Seat Equitation; Karlye Ordway and Guiliano in Hunt Seat Bareback; VanEns, Cara Wilcox, Rachelle Wilcox, Jennie Reeser, Mellema, Frisbie and Ian Blodger in Western Equitation; VanEns, Rachelle Wilcox, Reeser, Mellema and Devon in Western Bareback; Bouman, Kulhawik, Ruessegger and Julie Marsman in Western Reining; Cara Wilcox, Reeser and Marsman in Trail; Ashton Vanderwarf, Amber Waldron, Jousma and Fosburg in Flag Race; Hannah Hudgens, Ordway, Ashley VanSprosen, Kari Bergy, Fosburg and Blodger in Clover Leaf; Waldron, Hudgens, Ordway, Koning, Jousma, Fosburg and Blodger in Timed Event (Keyhole); Vanderwarf and Hudgens, Wolf and Waldron, Koning and Ordway, Fosburg and Frisbie, and Blodger and Devon in the Two-Person Relay.

Coaches Mike and Linda Foote said, "The riders and parents showed a strong team spirit, and did their absolute best."



The Lowell E-team shows their spirit.

Lowell soccer update

The Lowell boys soccer team picked up its first win of the season last Thursday at Greenville.

The Red Arrows beat the Yellow Jackets 2-1. Last Tuesday at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium, Lowell fell to East Grand Rapids 3-0.

After last week's games, Lowell's record was 1-6 overall and 1-1 in the OK White.

Lowell had a non-conference game Tuesday at Muskegon Reeths Puffer. The Arrows' next game is Thursday at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium against

Forest Hills Northern. Saturday at the East Lansing Tournament.

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These are complete scams! The overseas con artists know that America is filled with consumers desperate to find ways to make money working at home. Folks who respond are told that they are "hired" and are immediately sent realistic-looking "cashiers checks" or

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