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Caves to computers - exhibit tracks history of communications

By Emma Palova

Step into the past with the newest special exhibit at the Lowell Area Historical Museum titled "From Caves to Computers."

The exhibit, which starts Oct. 7, tracks the history of communications from cave writings in France to the Internet and cell phone instant messaging.

"There's been such a tremendous advancement," said Judy Straub, director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum. "We need to put that in context and walk away from the exhibit with a sense of change."

The biggest question to remain, according to Straub, is what is next on the horizon. "I hope everyone walks away with a fond remembrance of what has transpired and what is next," she said.

The exhibit will offer visitors a tour through history using info panels describing different means of communications.

The special exhibit will feature an info panel on writing as one of the first means of communications. The oldest accounts of writing date back 8,500 years in China. These were old scratched pictographs. In ancient Egypt, hieroglyphics were developed and recorded on papyrus.

Writing took place on clay tablets in Sumer, papyrus in Egypt, silk and bamboo in China. Around 100 A.D., Tsai-Lun, a Chinese court official, invented what we now call paper.

Everything changed in 1453, when Johann Gutenberg invented printing using metal type. Into this category belongs Braille, a means of communication for the blind.

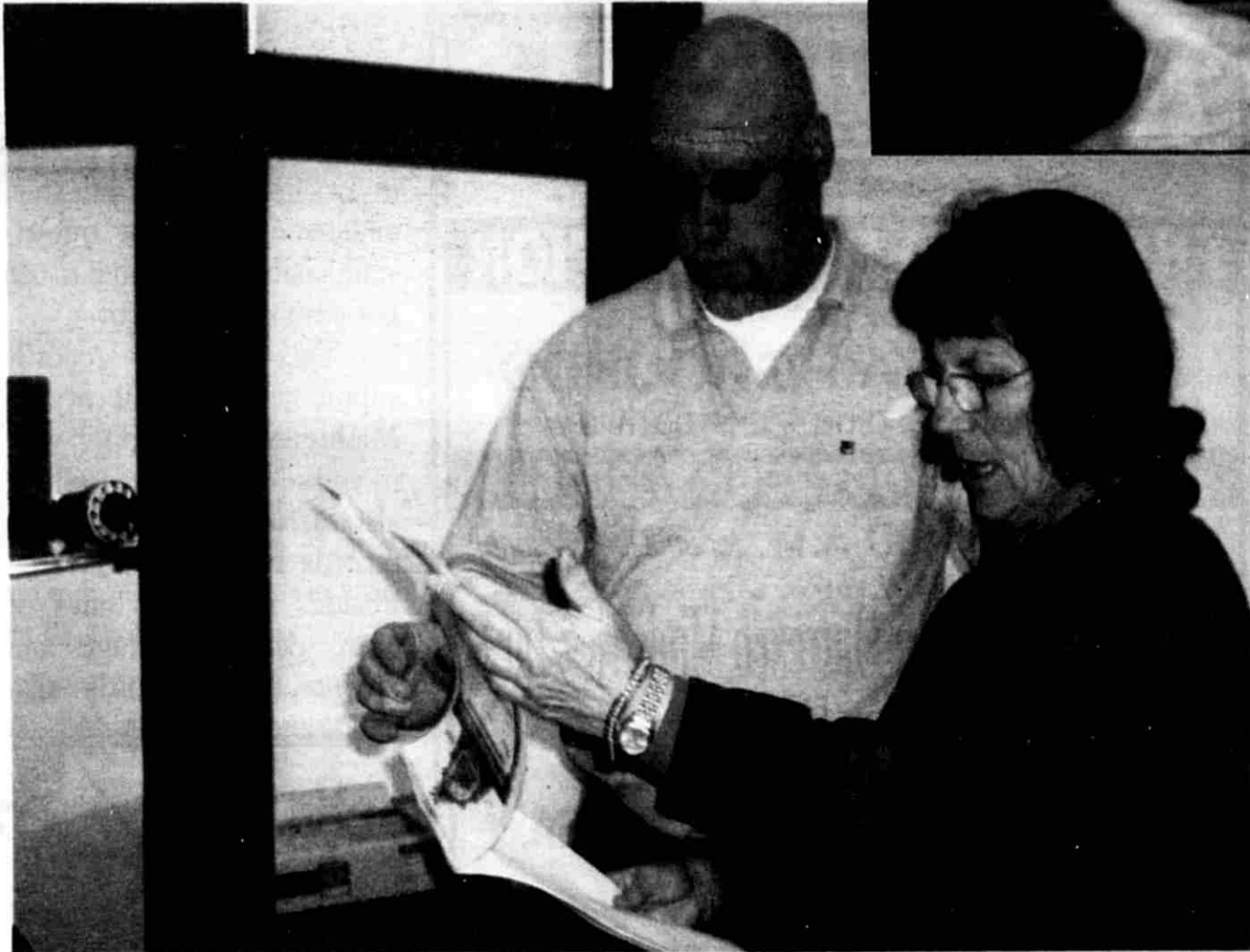
Later, other means of communication evolved, including the telegraph and Morse code, also known as the SOS. The first user of this code was the operator on the Titanic. It means "Save Our

Ship." Telegraph, in Greek, means to write far.

The first patent for a rudimentary telephone device was filed in 1876 by Elisha Gray and Alexander Graham Bell. The telephone connected San Francisco and New York City in 1915.

The Golden Age of Radio communications came in the early 1900s. Guglielmo Marconi, an Italian engineer, transmitted the first radio waves across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1909, Marconi shared the Nobel Prize in physics with Nikola Tesla.

As always, the museum likes to tie its exhibits specifically to Lowell.



Jerry Adams, president of Media Rare, and Judy Straub, museum director, look over an old Lowell phone directory.



Luanne Kaeb arranges one of many displays.

So the photography and camera info panel has very noteworthy ties to Lowell.

"Lowell is home to a renowned photographer Norton Avery," said Straub. "We like to tie our exhibits to Lowell, to what makes Lowell unique."

Avery began his photography while at Lowell High School. He did photography for the school's yearbook "Retrospectus" in 1914 and advertised his studio.

His "Weary Traveler" photo of a wrinkled transient from Lansing received national attention.

Lowell celebrated the end of an era with the change from manual exchanges to automated direct dial in

1953. A Ledger headline from that time was, "Lowell Bids Good-bye to Hello Girls."

The new exhibit opens Saturday and runs through August 2007.

The exhibit has been made possible by a \$3,500 donation from the Belding/Ionia Masonic Lodge of the F&AM No. 355 and a \$10,500 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs. (MCACA)

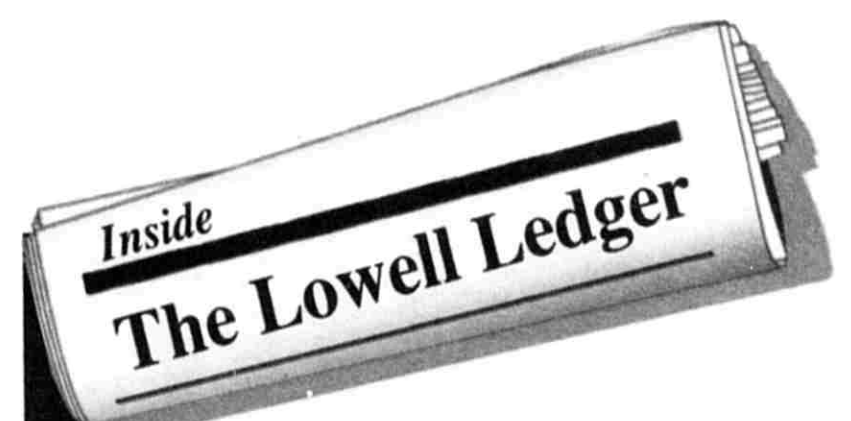
"It helps cover the cost of the exhibit," said Straub.

MCACA chair Craig Ruff said it is important to embrace history, arts and culture as an economic driver and a powerful means of enhancing quality of life.

Fall's in the air on Main Street



Beth Ball and Amy Hayes put up a witch in front of the Pep Talk storefront on Main Street in preparation for Lowell's Harvest Celebration. Officially beginning on Saturday, Oct. 14, the celebration will commemorate many centennial anniversaries and includes a huge parade through town as well as dozens of fall activities.



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Obituaries

BRANCHEAU
Rockford, Troy and Tammy Joycelyn "Joy" Brancheau, aged 76, of Cedar Springs, MI, Chad Brancheau and his fiancée Tanya of Kent City; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; two sisters-in-law Nellie and Bob Karmol of Belmont, Lake, the daughter of Homer and Loretta (Moore) Allen. Surviving are her children Rene and Ron Bravata of

Fernlund officiating. Interment Solon Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

ENGLISH

Gary L. (Pete) English, aged 64, of Grattan, passed away unexpectedly September 28, 2006. He is survived by his special friend Dian Thomas; children Jim English, Christy (Don) Calton, Penny (Tom) Daler, Adam English; grandchildren Ava Calton, Randy and Ryan English; sister Barbara (Robert) Vis. Gary retired from Amway after 32 years of service. He was an avid hunter and photographer and actively involved with Pheasants Forever, Whitetails Unlimited and

the Tri-Town Conservation Club. Funeral services were held Oct. 3 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Vance Dimmick officiating. Interment Findlay Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Tri-Town Conservation Club (Rifle Range Fund), P.O. Box 91, Belding, MI 48809.

HAYES

Robert "Bob" Dale Hayes, aged 70, of Lowell, passed away Friday, September 29, 2006. Bob was a 32 degree lifetime member Mason. He also served in the Navy. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Peggy; his children Tammy (Jim) Messner, Kim (Jerry Miller) Puite, Robin (Greg) Briggs; grandchildren Shelby, Kyle, Hillary, Haley and Sean;

brothers Richard (Char) Hayes, Donald (Paulette) Gray; sister Donna (Bill) Colligan; many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service will be Wednesday, October 4, 2006, at 11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Visitation Tuesday 7-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society.

MCIVER

Marian Leona Fridal McIver, aged 55, of Belton, SC, affectionately known as "Meemaw" died Thursday, September 28, 2006, at Anderson Area Medical Center. Born in Greenville, SC, on February 18, 1951, she was the daughter of

the late John Fridal and Minnie Leona Joyner Fridal. Mrs. McIver was a retired employee of Lowell Medical Specialists in Lowell and was a devoted mother. Surviving are a daughter Melinda Jane (Bob) Barnhart; granddaughter Kendall Barnhart, all of Grand Rapids; sister Betty (Doug) Aman of Greenville, SC; brother Ken Fridal of Belton, SC; numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Thomas McAfee Funeral Home Northwest in Greenville, SC, on Oct. 2. Memorials may be made to the Cancer Association of Anderson, 215 E. Calhoun Street, Anderson, SC 29621-5542. Memorial services in Lowell are pending.

Twice a year blame the sun for cable interference

For a few days each spring and fall, cable systems and others who receive TV or data via satellite will experience brief interruptions known as solar transit outages.

This happens when the sun aligns perfectly behind the orbiting communications satellites as they are viewed

from the earth station or (dish) antenna.

Beginning this Friday and ending around Wednesday, Oct. 11, satellite receivers that deliver programming to Lowell Cable TV will experience these solar outages each day at varying times between 1:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

During these outages, the radiation from the sun will gradually overpower the signals that are received from the satellite. On satellite delivered programming, viewers will notice their picture will have gradually increasing noise (a snow-like sparkling) until the picture is lost altogether.

After just a few minutes, the picture will slowly reappear until it is back to normal.

This condition won't reappear until around March, when once again, the sun will be briefly realigned with the satellites and the satellite dish receivers here in West Michigan.

Non-ambulatory hunters to have special October deer hunting weekend

The Flat River Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTFF) and the Wheelin' Sportsmen Outreach Committee, Wheelin' Hunters, are sponsoring a special opportunity deer hunt to coincide with the State of Michigan DNR Disabled Deer Hunter weekend on Oct. 21 and 22.

Orientation and assignment of hunting properties will be held Friday evening, the 20th. Hunting will begin on Saturday at the designated properties and continue throughout the day.

Participants are being sought through the veterans' facilities, rehab hospitals and community awareness of the project. The DNR rules state that this hunt must take place on private land; therefore, landowners in Kent, Ionia

and Montcalm counties are being sought to make this a successful hunt.

Hunters and landowners are encouraged to contact committee members for hunt applications and property evaluations by early October. Hunting opportunities will be on a first-come first-served basis, and properties will need to

be evaluated to determine the level of ability that can be accommodated.

Following the hunt on Saturday, a "Buck Pole" will be located at the club to show off and celebrate the harvests. In the evening a "deer-camp dinner" will be held to provide opportunities to share stories and experiences

with the other hunters and guests. For those unable to keep their harvested meat, arrangements will be made with local processors and the "Hunters for the Hungry."

For more information contact Steve and Kim Christians at 691-8410 or John Peterman at 691-7906.

NOTICE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2006 7:30 P.M.

There will be a meeting of the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bowne Township office, located at 8240 Alden Nash S.E., P.O. Box 35, Alto, MI 49302 to hear the following variance application:

David Scott & Jaime Tummino are requesting a variance at 12008 92nd Street, located in Section 27 NE 1/4, Parcel Number 41-24-27-100-001. The request is for Section 3.02 (F) (1) Accessory Structure & Uses - the request is to build an accessory structure larger than allowed by the zoning ordinance on a parcel this size, 1536 sq. ft. instead of 1,000 sq. feet.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Bowne Township office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. Public comments will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the Township office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be e-mailed to clerk@bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

New vital records collection available

A new collection of Michigan vital records, an indispensable tool for family history research, is now available on microfilm at the Library of Michigan.

Michigan Death Records, 1897-1920, were previously available only through a request to the Michigan Vital Records Office for a search fee of at least \$26. Researchers may now search records for free

and get copies for 20 cents per photocopy.

The Library of Michigan is able to provide this resource, and additional records collections to be made available in the future, thanks to a donation from the Michigan Genealogical Council. Legislation sponsored by Sen. Tom George (Public Act 73 of 2006) allows for the transfer of certain vital records

from the state registrar to the Library of Michigan, enabling public access and facilitating genealogical research.

"This is a fitting kickoff to our celebration of Family History Month in October, and we're so grateful to the Michigan Genealogical Council, Sen. George, and all the staff whose hard work helped make it happen," said state librarian Nancy R. Robertson.

"Increasing access to vital records on microfilm - one of our most heavily used genealogy resources - will benefit family history researchers across the state and even help draw out-of-state visitors who come to use our extensive collection."

This set of records supplements the Library of Michigan's existing vital records collection, which also includes Michigan death records from 1867 to 1897. Besides indicating dates of birth, death, marriage and divorce, vital records also

reveal parents' names and birthplaces, age, marital status and much more.

"This really fills a gap in Michigan genealogical research, and the real winners are the library users who will have access to these records in a way they haven't before," said Randy Riley, special collections manager at the Library of Michigan.

In celebration of Family History Month, the Library of Michigan and the Archives of Michigan will offer free genealogy workshops throughout October at the Michigan Library and Historical Center. The workshops will provide tips and tools to help family history researchers trace their heritage using printed primary sources as well as key websites and databases. For more information about Family History Month, visit www.michigan.gov/familyhistory or call (517) 373-1300.

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Gathering to honor former LHS exchange student

A lunch get-together is being planned for Saturday, Oct. 14, to honor Maija Peltonen Ronkainen, who was an exchange student at Lowell High School in 1964-65.

Maija is returning to Michigan from Finland with her husband, Ismo for a visit after 42 years. She has contacted some of her classmates about renewing old acquaintances, but anyone who knew her is welcome to join the group for lunch or just stop by.

Organizers are asking that any interested classmates contact Liz Reynolds at 863-4960 (e-mail: ereynoldsmi@aol.com) or Sue Thaler Martens at 822-1678 (e-mail: martensu@gvsu.edu).

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The Harvest Hustle is a family friendly event; run, walk or jog, let's all just get moving!
Contact Lowell Community Wellness at (616) 340-7781 for more information or go to www.lowellchamber.org
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LIVE AUDIOCAST OF GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME
Lowell vs. Kenowa Hills varsity basketball game shown on Lowell Cable TV channel 20 Thursday, Oct. 5, approx. 7:15 p.m.; also Internet Radio from website: www.wlhrsradio.org.

ART EXHIBIT
Franciscan Life Process Center are featuring woodcut and linoleum prints by Elizabeth Halstead thru Nov. 15. Call the center at 897-7842 for information.

WITTENBACH/WEGE CENTER CLASSES
Nature classes will be offered to preschoolers/parents at the Wittenbach/Wege Environmental Center beginning this week. Morning/afternoon sessions. To sign up call 987-1002 or email Smueller@lowellschools.com

BLOOD DRIVE
Vergennes United Methodist Church blood drive this Thursday, 3-7 p.m. Call 897-6141 to reserve. Public welcome.

GHOST STORY READING
LAAC presents a free ghost story event in conjunction with the Harvest Festival on Oct. 14 at the Lowell Fairgrounds. 6:30 p.m. for youth; 8 p.m. for adults. visit www.lowellartsCouncil.org

PAGEANT QUEENS NEEDED
Looking for former prom, homecoming, 4-H queens from the area for Harvest Fest clown parade, Oct. 14. Becky 897-9656.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment 2007 books offered by Lowell Women's Club for senior high school girls' scholarships/local projects. \$25 each; 50% off and 2 for 1 offers. Good thru Oct. 2007. Available at Brenda's Hair Designs, Huntington Bank, club members or Marj at 897-8107.

BLUEGRASS HOTBANDS FUNDRAISER
Three bluegrass bands will perform at Riverview Restaurant this Saturday; also jam session and food. Cost: \$5. Starts 6:30 p.m.

LHS PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
Monday, Oct. 9 4-7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 11, 3-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 17, 3:30 - 7 p.m.

TRAILWAY MEETING
Lowell Township offices will be the location for the Planning for Trailway meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 6 p.m.

PSAT REGISTRATION
Sophomores or juniors who are college-bound should consider taking the PSAT on Oct. 18. Register in the Student Service Center. Cost: \$14; make checks payable to Lowell Area Schools.

HEALTH LECTURE
Dr. Andre Jubert will be at Englehardt Library on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 7-8 p.m. speaking on "The Frontal Lobe-Control Center of our Being." Free community event.

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Love and logic parenting classes will be held in November and January. Cost: \$12 for 4 classes and workbook. Free childcare. Please register by calling Kathy at 987-2532.

Resident not allowed to keep fowl until ordinance amended

By Emma Palova

The Lowell Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) denied a request Monday for a variance that would allow chickens on property in the city until a change in the ordinance is completed. However, resident

Brian McLane can keep four chicken hens on his 0.4 acres of property due to suspension of enforcement of the current ordinance until its amendment.

The ZBA directed the Lowell Planning Commission to amend the ordinance within the

next 90 days. McLane argued in front of the ZBA that the current ordinance would allow any amount of animals on 0.5 acres including an intensive livestock operation.

"There should be a change in the ordinance to keep a reasonable amount of animals on the property," he said.

McLane owns two properties on Kent Street adjacent to an industrial area and a vacant lot in a multi-family zoning district.

He said the family keeps the chickens for egg production and 4-H purposes for the kids.

His direct neighbor Doug Tackmann was not in opposition to the chicken hens. "As a taxpayer it surprised me," said Tackmann. "I am the only one affected."

Tackmann argued if no one complained, why is the matter in front of the city council?

"I mow my grass, I will shovel snow but I wonder

how many other rules I may be violating that I don't know about," he said.

In a letter sent to the city from residents Don and Diane Lasby, the couple opposed farm animals in the city.

"We moved to the city to avoid these issues," the letter stated.

Council member Jeanne Shores said the ordinance needs to be looked at in terms of how many animals should be allowed.

"We have limits on

dogs," she said. "I'd hate to see them get rid of their hens."

Jim Pfaller, ZBA chairman, said he is opposed to granting a variance because it stays with the property. As opposed to granting a variance, however, Pfaller favored changing the ordinance that would allow McLanes to keep their chicken hens.

The planning commission is expected to come with an amendment in the next 90 days.



Sharing The Vision

With Nancy Hopkins
Board of Education President

During the Nov. 7 general election, Michigan residents will be asked to vote on Proposal 5. Proposal 5 is an education ballot initiative that requires the State of Michigan to provide annual funding increases at the rate of inflation (based on the previous year's Consumer Price Index) to local K-12 schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges and higher education institutions. It also requires the State to fund any deficiencies in the School Aid Fund from the General Fund.

It allows base funding for school districts with declining enrollment to use a three-year average; caps Retirement Fund contributions for public schools, community colleges and universities, and requires the State to pay remaining portions.

Proposal 5 reduces funding gaps between school districts receiving basic per-pupil foundation allowances and those receiving maximum foundation allowances.

The proposal is a legislative initiative and does not amend the Michigan Constitution. Future legislatures could amend provisions of Proposal 5. If passed by Michigan voters, Proposal 5 would take effect in the 2006-07 school year.

The Lowell Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to build lines of communication with stakeholders in the community. We encourage you to become informed about the general election issues and exercise your right to vote on Nov. 7. If you would like more information about Proposal 5, you may contact Superintendent Greg Pratt at 987-2501 or visit either the Michigan Association of School Boards website at www.masb.org or the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future at www.michigan16.org.

Comments may be made to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com

Airport manager delivers project update

By Emma Palova

Lowell City Airport manager Jim Sowle provided an update to the city council Monday night on airport projects in the wake of a heated meeting in Vergennes Township two weeks ago.

The airport, owned by the city, is located in Vergennes Township which has no control over the airport. According to Sowle, the upgrades at the airport will enhance safety issues rather than expand the airport.

Airport issues involve obtaining eight air easements from surrounding property owners. Six easements have been obtained. The air easements will in turn allow the airport to upgrade from a basic utility to a general utility. By upgrading to a general utility, the state will pay up to 90 percent for the purchase of the air easements. The money will also provide funding to cut the trees as a safety issue.

Sowle said the majority of the property owners are in favor of the upgrades. Only two residents, Paul Barron and Dale Fegel, have problems with the zoning issues, according to Sowle.

"Noise is not an issue," he said. "Zoning issues are still there whether we're a basic or general utility."

However, noise at the airport has increased due to high performance airplanes and some night flights of the training school.

Other issues surrounding the airport upgrade include the wetlands and fences. Sowle said the wetlands have been improved and expanded to five acres.

Fences will be determined by the airport board.

"There will be some kind of a fence," he said.

According to mayor pro tem Alan Mathews, people have been building around the airport and then telling the airport board what to do. "I appreciate the airport," he said.

KDL reports on latest updates at council meeting

By Emma Palova

New merchandising of books and the debut of self check-out express stations are among the novelties at Kent District Library (KDL).

In their annual report to the Lowell City Council, KDL director Martha Smart and Englehardt branch manager Jane Aronson highlighted increased circulation and attendance in programming at KDL.

All the branches have been equipped with new public personal computers. Now available for use are the Internet, digital cameras, flash drives and burn CDs at the stations.

A \$300,000 federal grant enabled KDL to reach more than 20,000 parents in the early literacy project. KDL annually spends \$2 million on new materials with an operating budget of \$14 million.

Smart said, however, that the state revenues have been decreasing.

Aronson reported a five-percent circulation increase at the Englehardt branch. The new Ruff Reader Program, where children read to dogs, was a great success last summer, she said.

"Dogs enjoy it, kids enjoy it," Aronson said. "We hope to do it again."

Also at Englehardt, the juvenile area has been repainted yellow to match the teen area. A part-time paraprofessional has been replaced with a full-time adult staff member who shares responsibilities between the Englehardt and Walker branches.

KDL annually checks in and out eight million items. One of the KDL's largest programs is the One Book One County event in which patrons read the same book for the purpose of discussion.

Teens and older adults remain a priority at all the branches, according to Smart.



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Viewpoint



It is time to swear off TV again. My wife and I have both decided it is simply not worth turning the %#@&# thing on unless there is a sporting event we want to watch.

We have always leaned toward the Today Show in the mornings. The people and the frilly format they are running with these days have me choking on my corn flakes. We turn the program on for news, weather and sports. We get endless celebrity gossip, preparations for an on-the-air wedding and Janet Jackson live on the plaza. Give me a break!

The evening news, pick your network, is so negative it does nothing but depress us. Terese is even considering moving to Denmark with me. Retreating to Denmark is my tired old threat/joke when the direction this country is heading seems to be about 180 degrees from where it should be going. Denmark was mostly a random choice other than the fact my maternal grandmother was Danish.

I'm sure Denmark isn't any better than the U.S. The one big difference, I wouldn't be able to understand the evening news or read a paper. As they say, ignorance is bliss!

Terese and I have even boycotted the Weather Channel. Living here in the Keys, we are often the focus of an approaching hurricane, tropical storm, tropical depression or even a tropical wave just emerging off the African coast. As soon as there is anything brewing out there, they put the Keys in the center of the projected path and break out their hooded rain slickers. Then it's 24/7 news coverage with parka-clad broadcasters standing on a sunny beach trying to scare the dickens out of us all.

When the perceived threat eventually fizzles to nothing, we get a big, "better safe than sorry" out of all the so-called experts. Easy for them to say. They didn't close schools for days, lose days worth of business, spend untold time, cash and energy preparing for a storm and even evacuating to somewhere on the mainland. We had one of these "cry wolf" storms earlier this year that had everybody down here ready to strangle the nearest weather forecaster.

Then we have sports. I dig deep and buy the NFL Sunday Ticket package every year. Why? So I can watch yet another

miserable season of Detroit Lions football. I've been a fan for about 45 years now. Still waiting on that Super Bowl appearance. Forget a win, I'd just like to see them get in the thing once.

When it comes to other sports, I'm pretty much sided with the losers. The Spartans let me down in that big game with Notre Dame two weeks ago. Talk about depressing.

The Tigers had that incredible run during the first half of the season, so I got Direct TV to cut me a deal on "Extra Innings." With this package I get most of the Tigers games, usually with Mario and Rod doing the broadcast. We even get the Wallside Window and Belle Tire ads, not to mention the Granholm vs. DeVos mud-slinging.

The games are great entertainment. The only problem is the Tigers have managed to blow a 10 game lead in the division since I've been watching them. Do you think it's me? Say it ain't so!

It's Tuesday morning as I'm writing this. The Tigers play game one with the "Evil Empire" tonight. I'll have the TV on and will be rooting for them. Unfortunately, like everyone else, I'm afraid it will be a short playoff run for Jim Leyland and the boys.

Maybe there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Even if the Tigers are swept by the Yankees, I'll at least have games to watch through Saturday. I can watch the Lions lose on Sunday. Terese and I are heading to China to visit our daughter's family early next week.

Note that I phrased it "my daughter's family" and did not simply mention "the grandkids." My daughter is giving me grief for ignoring her. She says there must be some magical link between the grandkids and me ... she doesn't exist anymore. Can't imagine where she'd get that notion.

In China there is literally no TV worth watching. There is an International version of CNN and an Asian ESPN that is mostly soccer. Forget that.

Our time in China should be sufficient to wean us from our TV addiction. When we get home and struggle through the 12-hour jet lag, I'm sure we'll gradually slip back into our old TV habits. The good news is all the mid-term election political garbage will be over and we can watch the evening news again (maybe). The hurricane season will be virtually over and we can watch The Weather Channel again. And, the baseball season will be history so I won't have to watch the Tigers lose almost every night.

Still don't know what I'm going to do about the Today Show in the mornings. Maybe I'll take the lead from my grandson Boog and watch The Cartoon Network with my morning coffee. That or get out my 12 gauge, load 'er with double-ought and do an Elvis on the TV ... preferably in the middle of the "Today Show Wedding."

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Bob VanOller and the Rollaway staff held a great fund-raising opportunity for the Lowell Police Department DARE program. On Sept. 30, Bob and his staff had an all-night roller skating, bowling, and laser tag party from 9 p.m. - 7 a.m. The cost was \$20, and \$5 from each child was given to the DARE program. This was the first of many "overnights" for Rollaway this year. I can only hope Bob's success will continue with these all-night skate parties for the kids.

I had spoken to a few of the parent volunteers and I would like them to know how much they are also appreciated for their help and donations. The Lowell Youth football program also donated \$250. A total of \$450 was raised for this year's DARE program. It's people like you who help keep this program going from year to year.

Sincerely,
Detective Steve Bukala
Lowell Police Department

Dear Editor,

Attention any citizen in the city of Lowell who has a pet rabbit, or any other animal other than a cat or dog: you are in violation of the city ordinance, and if the city building inspector happens to drive by your house, look in your

Sincerely,
Doug Tackmann

Ledger Entries

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer



125 YEARS
THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
OCTOBER 5, 1881

"Immense quantity of wheat marketed here the last 10 days, at good prices.

"The wheat crop this year is far below the average." Newsprint prices are going up, putting several newspapers out of business.

Mrs. C. Francisco brought a raspberry branch loaded with ripe berries to the Ledger office.

Pickpockets were busy at the Grand Rapids Fair last week.

100 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
OCTOBER 4, 1906

This week's featured industry is the Ecker Planing Mill and Factory, which started as a handle and rake factory.

R.E. Springett's and John Mills' houses have been painted, as well as Weldon Smith's bakery front.

"Look's entire wallpaper stock to be sold at a big sacrifice to make room for big store repairs."

Several Gulf states are laid waste by a huge hurricane.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO
OCTOBER 1, 1931

The Michigan Press Association (weekly papers) will meet in Lowell on the 16th, including seeing the Lowell-Sparta night football game.

After this week's wee-hours adjournment, Council will resume the discussion next Monday of power needs: build vs. buy.

The new state law says every rural school must have a name and a mailbox.

Michigan school superintendents vote to curtail state and district contests in athletics, music and other activities, due to hard economic times.

50 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
OCTOBER 4, 1956

The new Runciman Feed Manufacturing plant at Clarksville will have its Grand Opening next week.

New Ford Fairlane and Fairlane 500 series are all longer and lower than last year.

The Ground Observer Corps also gets to watch for who's been breaking windows on the 4H exhibition building.

A band member exercises her rights when the high school band is sent to a rally for vice-president Nixon, and refuses to march.

25 YEARS
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
SEPTEMBER 30, 1981

The Fallburg Fall Festival draws an estimated 27,000, beating last year by 7,000.

Lowell's sesquicentennial coins are finally (three months late) available at City Hall for a dollar each.

David Durkee opens his optometric practice in Lowell.

Sign of fall in Lowell: spawning salmon jumping the dam and fishermen going after the salmon.

Weddings

Stevens/Halbeisen

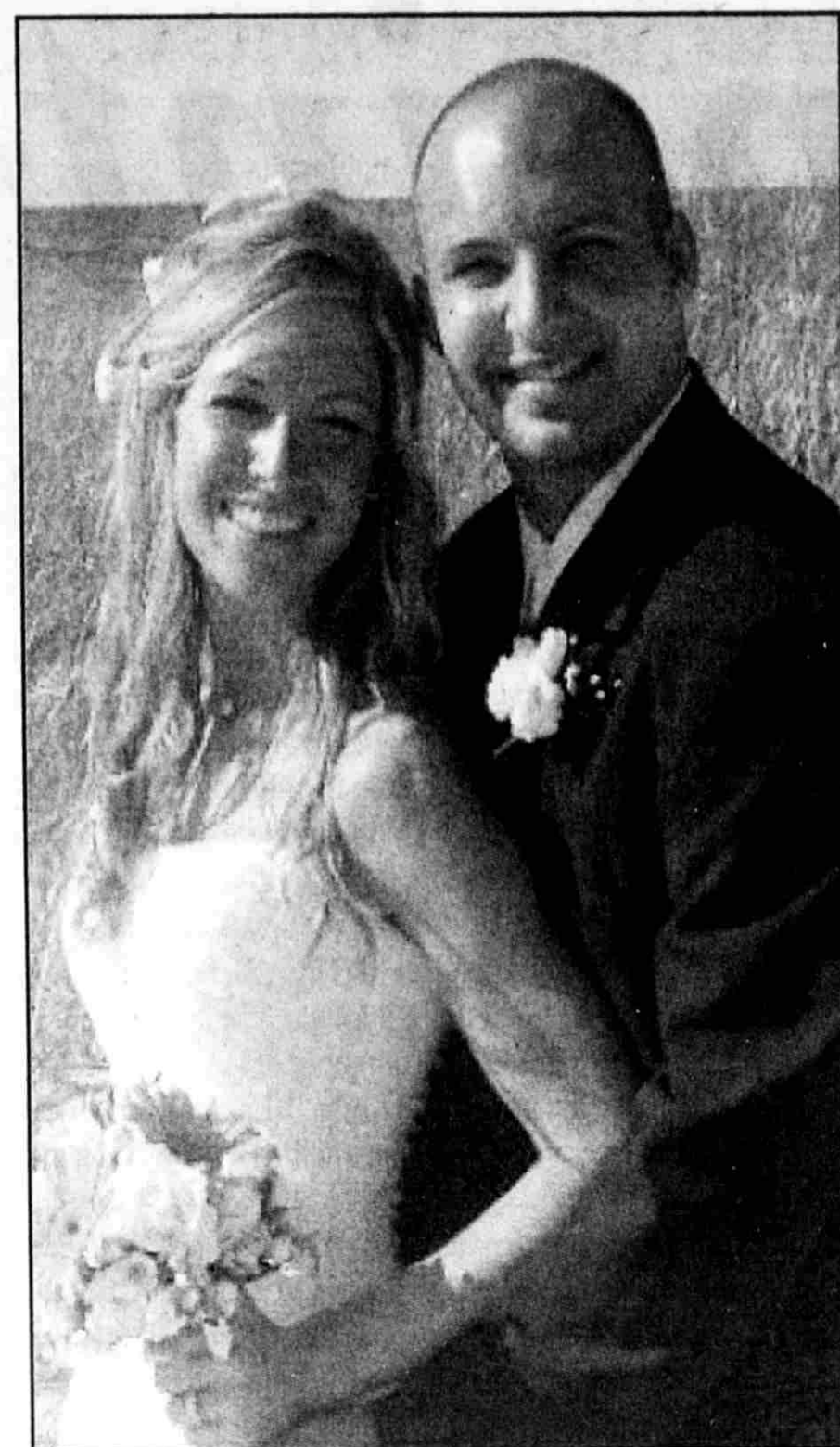
Lake Michigan United Methodist Camp in Pentwater was the setting for the July 22, 2006, wedding of Heather Halbeisen and Brian Stevens.

Parents of the couple are Alan Halbeisen and Linda LeSage of Lowell and Richard and Julie Stevens of Marine City, Michigan.

Maid of honor was Julie Halbeisen. Bridesmaids were Nicole Halbeisen, Annie Whitlock, Melinda Barnhart, Janna Holst, Katrina Robinson and Stacey Stevens.

Best man was Jeremy Stevens. Groomsmen were Ryan Malarney, Phil Bradford, Eric Stevens, Keith Zimmerman, Sooney Kadouh and Sign Kadouh.

The couple reside in Lansing.



Mr. and Mrs. Brian Stevens

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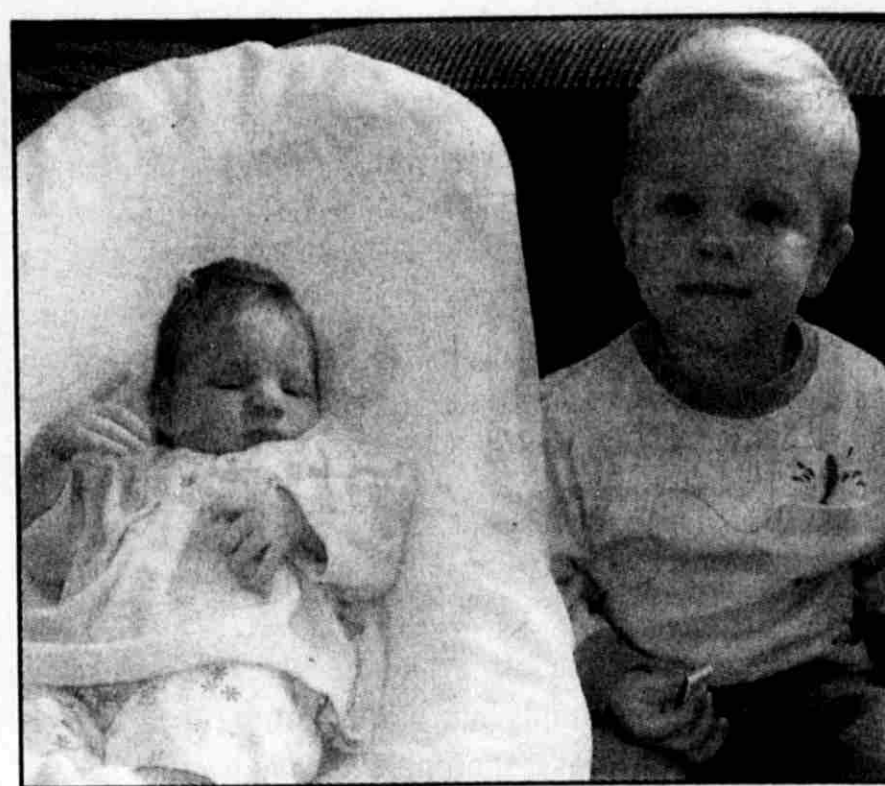
The Lowell Chamber of Commerce is in need of a few special volunteers to help with some parade activities:

- To assist in the line-up parade units on the fairgrounds (10)
- Help with off-street parking for the Flat River parking (12)
- To assist in seating bleacher customers (10)

For your help you will receive a personal parade T-shirt and floppy hat. A short meeting to review your job will be held Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the chamber. Call 897-9161.

New Arrivals

Goggins



Halle Faith Goggins and brother Ryan

Chris and Shannon Goggins of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Halle Faith. She was born September 18, 2006, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

Also welcoming her home is her big brother, Ryan Goggins.

Proud grandparents are Ken and Linda Vos, Ron and Ann Wittenbach, all of Lowell, and Pat and Peggy Goggins of Pierson.

Great-grandparents are John and Barb Vos, formerly of Lowell, Carol Kelly and the late Larry G. Kelly, Velma Perry and the late Bob Perry, Annabelle Wittenbach, and the late Ken and Dorothy Goggins, all of Lowell.

Armstrongs celebrate 60 years together

Barbara and Charles Armstrong of Spring Lake will celebrate 60 years of marriage on Oct. 10. The former Barbara Canfield

married Charles Armstrong at St. Mary's Church in Lowell.

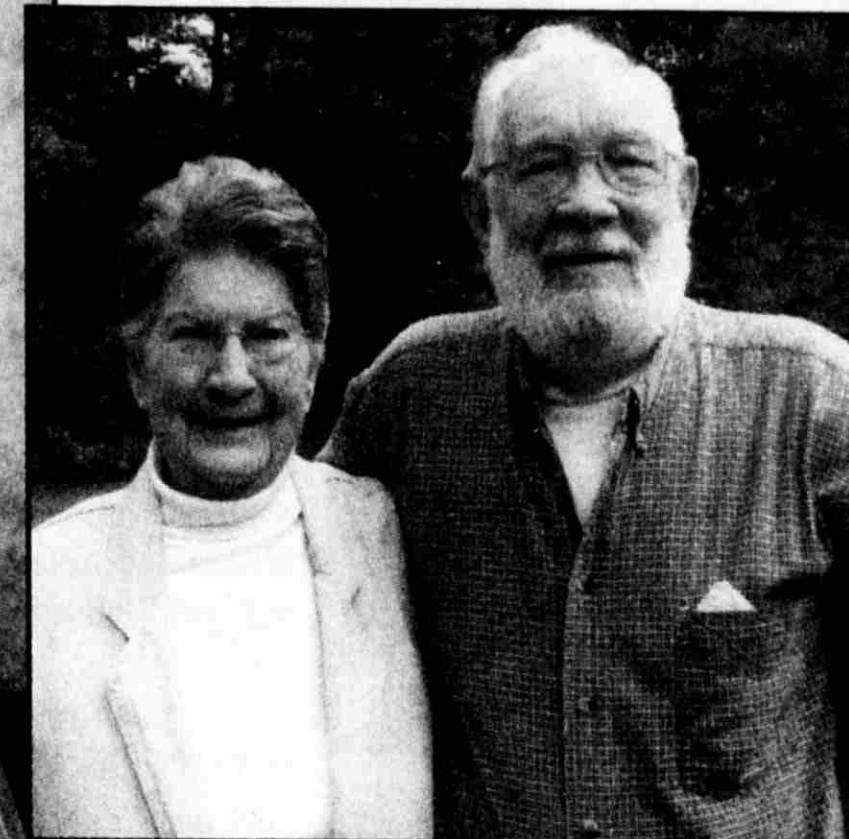
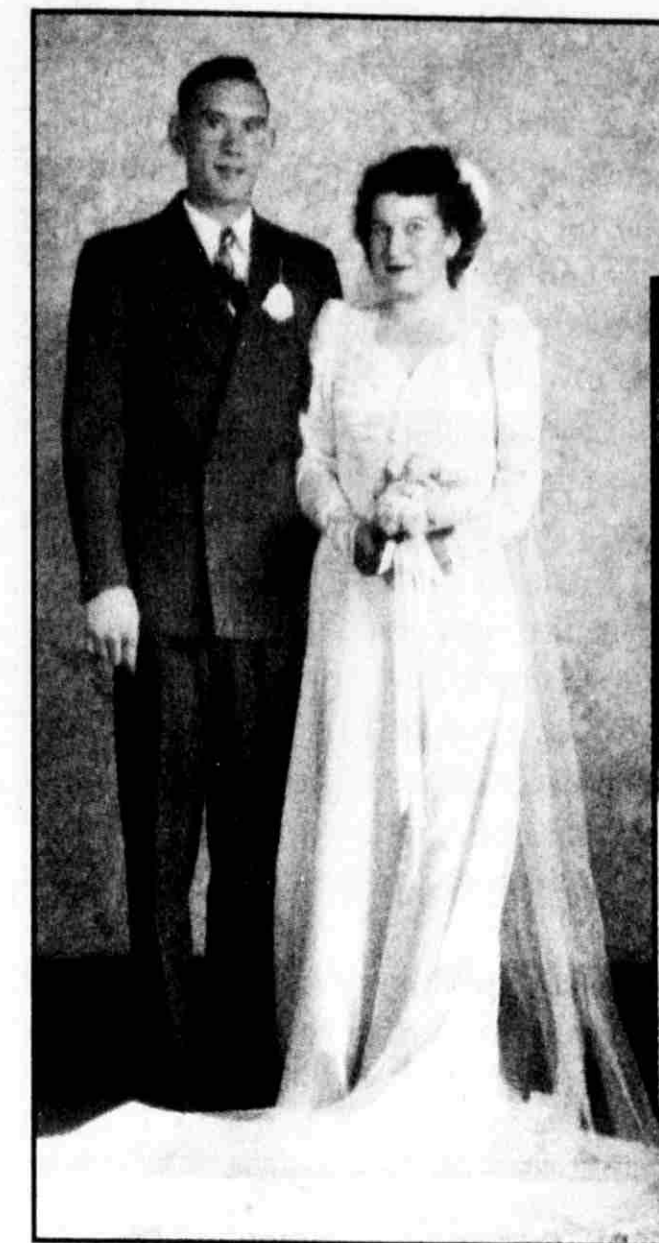
During World War II, Barbara worked in a defense plant and with Western Union in Grand Rapids and Chicago. She enjoys reading,

gardening, crocheting and especially her family.

Charlie is a veteran of the Navy Seabees of World War II and retired in 1987 from Consumers Power Company. He enjoys hunting, fishing, organic gardening and family history.

A family dinner is planned with their children, Mike and Maria Armstrong of Holland, and Ann Marie and Dee Armstrong of Walker.

The couple have eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



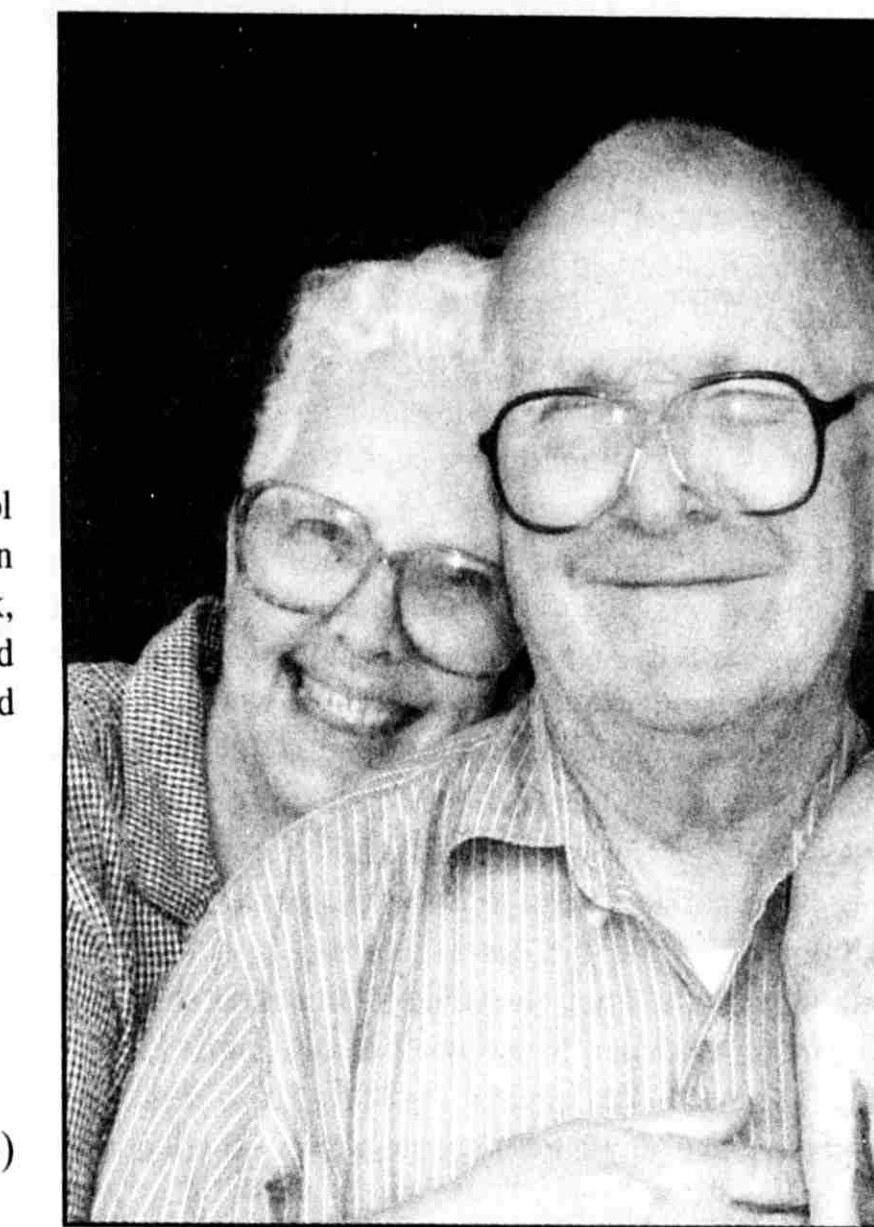
Charles and Barbara Armstrong in 1946; and now celebrating their Diamond anniversary

Hunts celebrate Emerald anniversary

Dorothy and Clinton Hunt celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on September 14, 2006, with their family.

Their children are Dennis and Lori Nowak,

Leo Hunt and Joey and Carol Hunt. Their grandchildren are Matt and Molly Nowak, Tim, Bryan and Chad Nowak, and Joey and Tiffany Hunt.



Dorothy and Clinton Hunt

The longer I live the more beautiful life becomes.

- Frank Lloyd Wright (1869 - 1959)

Happy Birthday

OCT. 5: Bradley Kiczenski, Allen Reynolds, Zachary Willard.

OCT. 6: Steven J. Ayers, Randy Tulecki, Emma Jo Clouser.

OCT. 7: Fred Ray, Jennifer Idema.

OCT. 8: Maxwell Stormzand, Jeremy Darby, Abigail Kastanek, Kelsay Myers, Chris Borton.

OCT. 9: Jerrid Uzarski, Cameron Kiczenski, Ralph Clouser.

OCT. 10: Traci Newhouse, Michele DeHaan.

OCT. 11: Susan Merriman, Ashley Hendrick.

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AUTO SAFETY AND CHILDREN

Child safety seats not only save lives, they're required by law. They should be used for young children from infancy until they reach 80 lbs. Infant seats are used from birth to 20 lbs., and should be used rear facing in the rear center seat. Convertible safety seats are another option for children from birth to 40 lbs. They must also be used in the rear seat, and be kept rear facing until the child reaches 20 lbs. At that point, the convertible seat can be faced forward, but must remain in the rear seat. Booster seats, while not required by Michigan law yet, are recommended for children who weigh 40 to 80 lbs., and should also remain in the rear seat.

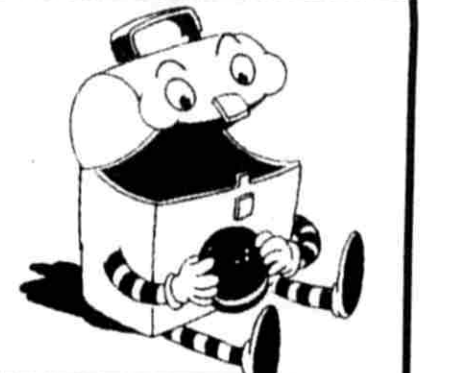
Air bags can protect adults and older children from serious injury during an auto accident. However infants and young children can be seriously injured or even killed if they happen to be in the front passenger seat when the air bag opens. Air bags are designed to open at approximately 200 miles per hour, in order to protect an average sized, 165 lb. male from injury. While this force is necessary for adults and older children, it can be extremely dangerous to young passengers including infants in car seats. If your child is less than 4 ft. 9 in. tall, they should be in the back seat of the vehicle.

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Week of October 9, 2006

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TUES: Chicken patty on bun (BBQ rib on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), tater tots, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: Cheeseburger on bun (stacked ham/cheese on bun), oven baked beans, fruit sherbet cup, milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets (cheesy ravioli also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), potatoes, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

FRI: Pepperoni pizza (stacked turkey/cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), seasoned corn, fresh fruit, graham crackers, milk.

This week when you see "Grandma Betty Deans" Wish Her A Happy 60th Remember she's just a kid trapped in a 60 year old body! **HAPPY DAY! OCTOBER 6, 2006**

GO My Father's Name *a musical message*
Join us at First Baptist Church of Lowell on Sunday, October 8 for a missions musical—including audio-visual excerpts, scripture, and vocal and instrumental music. You will be encouraged and inspired! You are also welcome to more mission-focused services October 15 & 22. Nursery and child classes are provided.
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Reflections of faith

David Sims, lead pastor First Baptist Church

"Reality" TV. Soaps. National Inquirer. Movies. Genealogies and Family History. Garrison Keillor and Lake Wobegone. Conspiracy Theories.

There remains no doubt that we, the people, enjoy stories! While I never valued history as my favorite school subject, the older I grow, the more history draws me into its envelope. I see more and more how it is part of me, my heritage, my experience of the world. And the more

I realize how I'm fastened to the BIG picture, the more I pay attention! I saw that happening at a school open house recently — the people studying hand-drawn pictures, poring over juvenile handwritten pages were those whose names or whose children's names were on or part of the tale. Being included in the story is what makes it live and loved!

YOU are part of a BIG STORY. So am I. I want to think about this cosmic plot with you these four weeks. It's just incredible at how many people are willing to believe bizarre conspiracy fables simply because of the phantasmal storyline! The current myth that the President was behind the blowing up of the Twin Towers to justify war on Afghanistan and Iraq is a case-in-point. But there really IS a story that, while fantastic, is very real. One that is a deep, captivating conspiracy: an amazing behind-the-scenes plan that tells in panorama where you and I came from and why we are here.

The Bible is so much more than a potpourri of eclectic

writings. It is, rather, a selective story of humanity set within the history of God Himself! God is the main character as He deals with the problem of antagonism, rebellion and sin on this little blue marble planet called Earth set uniquely amid the incomprehensible vastness of His Creation. He separated light from darkness and cast this special orb to shine in a way that would eclipse everything else in the universe! He risks Himself in making a copy of Himself with a will of its own, designed to function best in sync with Him by being His co-workers, willingly bringing Him glory and giving Him love. All things are good; people have enormous capacity for good. Our world and work are nothing but experiences of great joy and relationship with each other and their Maker — That's the story of our beginning, and that's our deep purpose, our highest goal. A Conspiracy of love ... but something went terribly wrong. Another conspiracy threatens to wreck everything. And YOU, yes, all of us, are in that chapter, too! Stay Tuned!

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Financial Focus

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FIVE THINGS EVERY INVESTOR SHOULD KNOW

Is there a magic formula for achieving investment success? Not really - though you wouldn't know it by reading all the advertisements touting "surefire winners." The truth is that there are few valid guarantees in the investment world.

However, once you learn to ignore all the exaggerated claims you might encounter, you can actually do quite a lot to become a more successful investor. Here are five things all good investors should know:

- Patience is a big asset. Stock prices will always go

up and down. The best investors overlook these short-term price swings and don't head to the investment "sidelines" when times are tough. Of course, this is easier said than done - especially when the political and economic news of the day is bad and the financial markets seem rattled. Yet, history is full of wars, crises and scandals and not one of them has permanently harmed the outlook for investments. In fact, after the initial shock of the event has worn off, financial markets have often recovered lost ground in a matter of months - and then gone on to new heights. Of course, past performance is not a guarantee of any future results.

- All investments carry risk. Everyone knows that stocks can lose value. But too many people don't realize that all investments carry some type of risk. For example, bonds and Certificates of Deposit (CDs) may offer substantial protection of principal, so they might be considered "safe." And yet, these same vehicles may provide returns that fail to keep up with inflation, which means they carry purchasing power risk. It's not the same risk as that incurred by stocks, but it's a risk nonetheless

- and it's something to be aware of if you are counting on your investments to provide you with some of your cash flow.

- Expenses can reduce returns. Obviously, you would like your investments to provide you with good returns. But don't focus on returns to the exclusion of all other factors - such as investment expenses. The costs of investing can significantly erode your investment returns. So, for instance, if you are constantly buying and selling stocks in hopes of turning quick profits, you will likely run up against taxes and other costs that can turn potentially big gains into something else. You are likely to do much better by purchasing quality investments and holding them for the long term, or until your needs change.

- Knowledge is power. Some people aren't really sure what they are investing in - and that can lead to a variety of problems. For example, they might invest in almost exactly the same vehicles inside and outside their 401(k) plan, which could lead to an over-concentration of assets in a particular area - leaving them vulnerable to a downturn affecting that one asset class. The more you know about your investments, the less likely you are to face unpleasant surprises down the road.

- Professional expertise is valuable. Work with an investment professional who knows your needs and who will work with you one-on-one to create a personalized strategy.

So, there you have it - five things every investor should know. Put this knowledge to work in helping you achieve your goals.

SEE MORE'S CORNER



Ten Days and Counting!!!

Well, only a little more than a week until the exciting Harvest Celebration takes place and everyone involved is getting ready for a great time! Better plan your day now so you won't miss anything.

A Schedule of Activities for the Day - Oct. 14

- The 5K Harvest Hustle Run and Walk will get underway at 8 a.m. on Avery St. (next to City Hall)
- Scarecrow Building Hoedown starts at 10 a.m. at Lowell Fairgrounds
- Larkin's Chili Madness Chili Cook-off fires up at 11 a.m. Tasting at 3 p.m.

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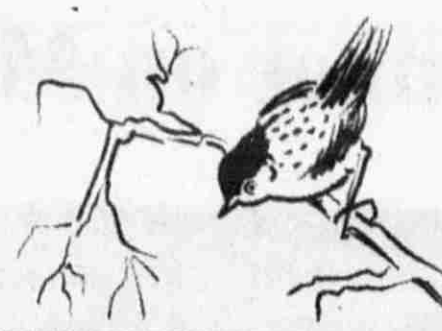
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Outdoors

By
Dave Stegehuis



WHO CARES?

Andy was crouched down on his front legs and furiously wagging his white tipped tail. I had to go see what the young beagle found so interesting in the woods

next to our lawn. The focus of his attention turned out to be an Eastern box turtle. The high, rounded, brown and yellow shell of the adult was about five inches long and made identification easy. The turtle was in a safe area and apparently had a plan, so the dog and I left it to continue its journey.

I was as excited as the dog about encountering a box turtle because they are considered to be rare this far west. The hardwood ridges and lowlands in our area furnish favorable habitat for these reptiles because sightings are

common. I helped one cross the road last summer. When doing that, be careful to allow the turtle to continue in the direction it was headed or it might turn around and travel back across the road. The box turtle is considered a species of concern in Michigan. This means that their numbers are suspected of declining.

A species is listed as threatened if scientific data reveals that the mortality rate equals the birthrate, and is determined to be endangered when the birthrate is less than the rate of mortality. If this condition continues, a species will become extinct. Human activity is most often the cause of endangered and threatened species. Habitat destruction is a major factor in reducing the number of many plants and animals.

The home range of the box turtle is a relatively small area. The woods where I have consistently observed the turtles is slated for residential development. This will probably ruin the habitat which now supports an unusual number of box turtles. This sad scenario brings the need for wildlife conservation close to home.

All is not lost because we have seen the return of elk, moose and turkeys to the Michigan landscape after a long absence. If a species can be brought back, it should be possible to sustain and grow what is already here. This can be accomplished through the cooperation of government, business and, most importantly, individual citizens. The key is awareness of the problems facing a species by those who care and are willing to do something about it.

There are a number of organizations that promote the conservation and preservation of habitat which will provide places for plants and animals to thrive. You can support these organizations and also learn about what you can do on your own property to help sustain wildlife populations. If your property is small, you can think about toads and butterflies rather than moose and bears. The key is that if enough people understand the plight of species that are in trouble, and care enough to get involved, it is not too late.

Twins bag bucks at youth hunt



Alex and Eliot Westdorp of Lowell, accompanied by their father Paul Westdorp, each bagged a buck during the Youth Hunt last weekend in the Big Rapids area. Alex took a button buck with his bow and Eliot shot a 9-point buck with a rifle.



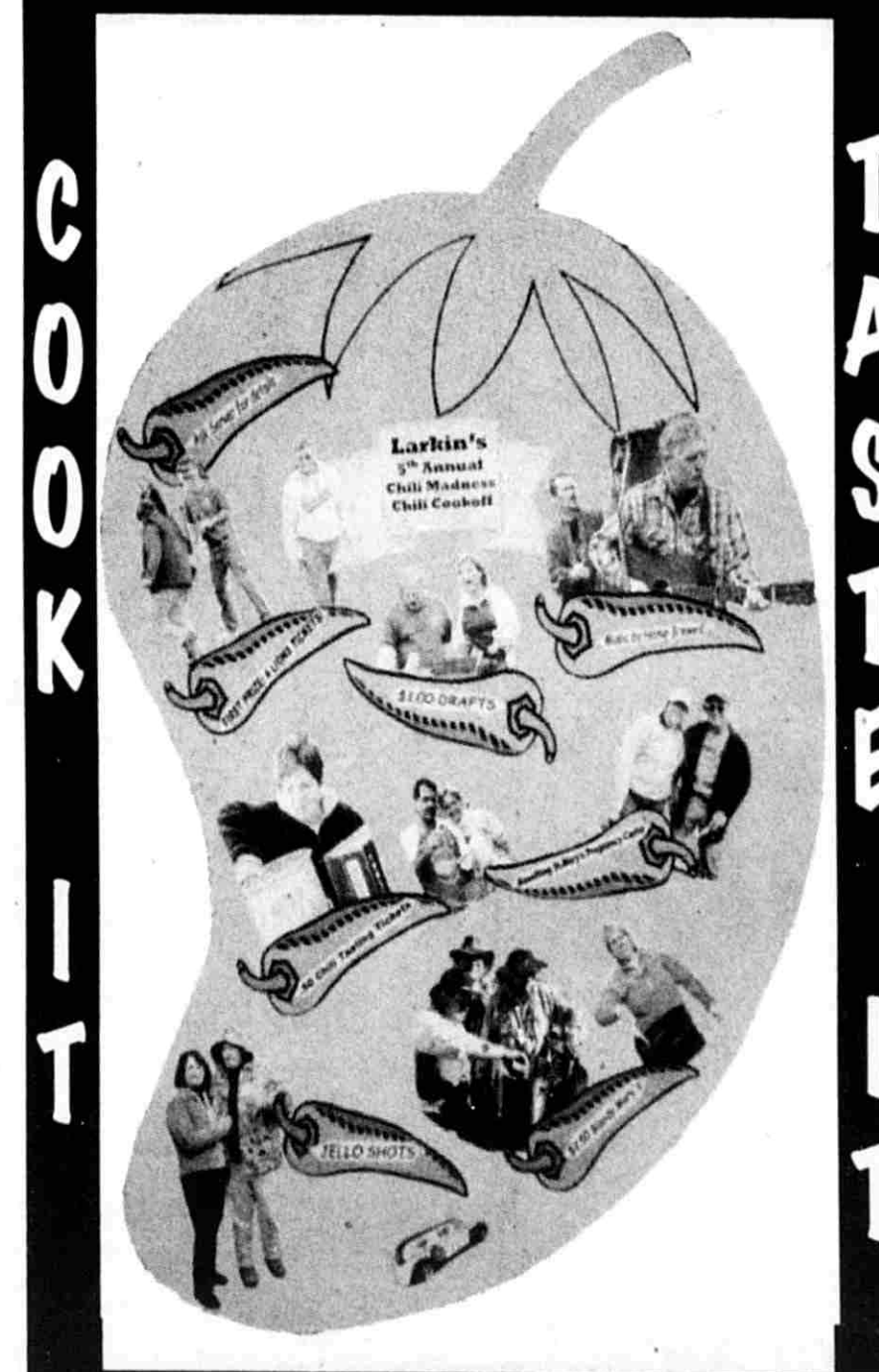
And the winners are

Fireplaces Plus owner Bob Nurmikko with Maria and Val Castro of Lowell. The Castros entered their name in a drawing back in August for Fireplaces Plus 7th anniversary contest. Their name was drawn on Aug. 26 and they became winners of the grand prize - a \$1,600 Amaizblaze corn stove.

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New business offers hot fashions at The Hanger on Main Street

By Emma Palova

New fashion trends now adorn Main Street in Lowell. No longer just antique shops, but fashionable storefronts with wild paintings signify a new era for the downtown.

Walls at The Hanger consignment shop are painted with funky green and blue waves and a blast of pink. Teenagers browse through the orderly racks with thousands of brand name jeans and other fashions.

Abercrombie fashions are available at a reasonable price, says store co-owner Angie Hoffman.

"You can get Abercrombie jeans for \$15.95," she said. "Everything is under \$20."

And, according to Hoffman, downtown Lowell was in need of some fashion stores rather than driving to Grand Rapids.

Linda VanTil, the mother of two girls, Evelyn

and Allison, recently moved to Lowell. She decided to go on a shopping spree in town last Thursday; the visit to The Hanger was her first.

"My girls kept fighting over clothes and borrowing each other's," she said, while holding an armful of clothing for herself, as well. She purchased several pairs of jeans, shirts and jackets for the girls.

"They're going to love this," she said. "The funky walls and the store full of clothes. It doesn't even feel like a consignment shop. It's so orderly. It looks like a retail store."

And VanTil is coming back to the new consignment shop bringing her daughters with her.

"They have no problem wearing second-hand clothes," said VanTil.

The store is indeed set up like a retail store with racks separated by categories. Its window is decorated with



Angie Hoffman, co-owner of The Hanger consignment store, felt Lowell needed an alternative fashion store. With its funky colors and low prices, it is especially popular with teenagers.

hand-painted furniture by Vonnice Drudy who rents

space from The Hanger.

Besides apparel, the shop carries a full line of accessories including shoes. Clothing starts with children's size 10 and goes through adult.

"Our biggest customers are teenagers," said Hoffman.

The store is now purchasing gently-worn fall and winter apparel on the first through the 15th of every month.

"We're focusing on good quality brand-name clothing," said Hoffman, "to be able to offer to everyone."

We felt Lowell needed more clothing shops."

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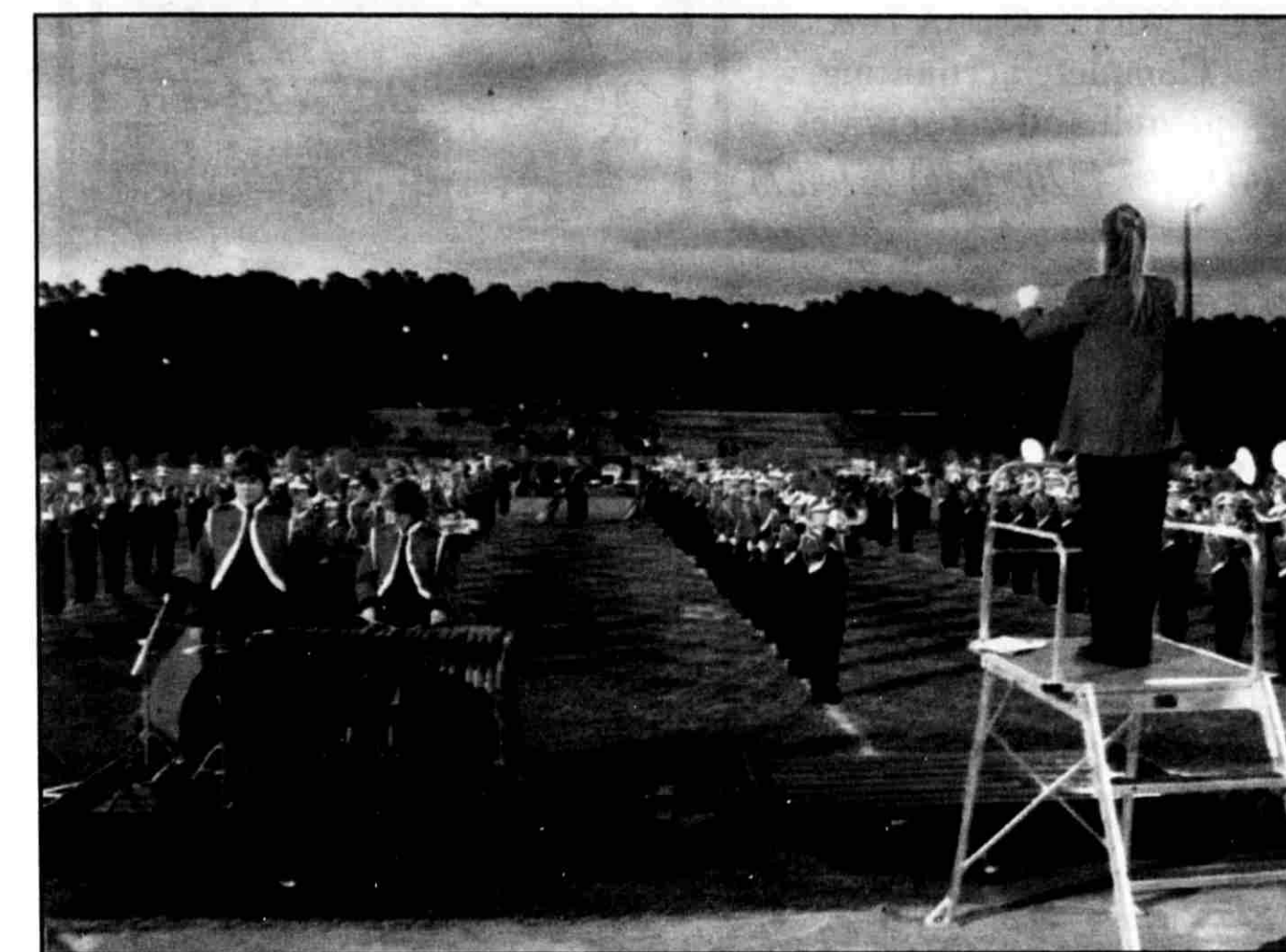
"Once Upon a Time there" was Homecoming 2006

In spite of the cold weather, the parade was well attended with emergency vehicles leading the parade along Main Street. The pageantry continued on to Bob Perry Field where floats were judged and the Homecoming court was presented.

Parade photos by Emma Palova



Members of the Red Arrow Fiddle Club entertained with melodies.



The Red Arrow Marching Band performs before a packed Lowell crowd.



Joseph Ryder catches candy in a uniform hat during the Homecoming parade last week.

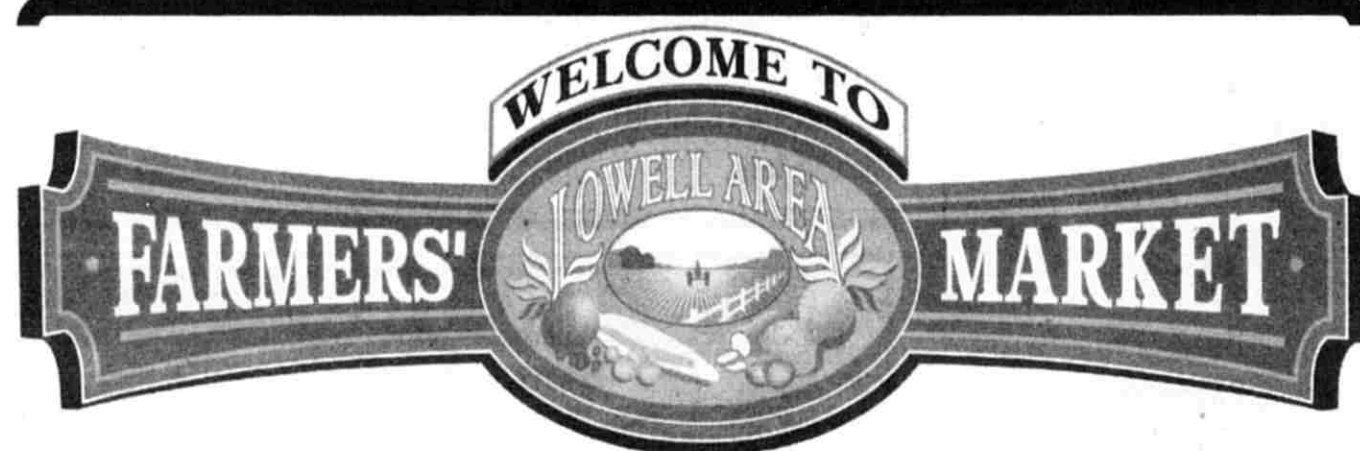


The Homecoming court poses with their parents and senior Kristen Wolfe is crowned Homecoming queen. Keith Nichol was crowned king.



The class floats represented themes based on children's books. Clockwise, from top left: senior float, *Hansel and Gretel* (second place); sophomore entry, *Rapunzel* (third place); winning entry, the freshman's *Little Red Riding Hood*; and junior float *Jack and The Bean Stalk* (fourth place).

Homecoming photos by Justin Swan.



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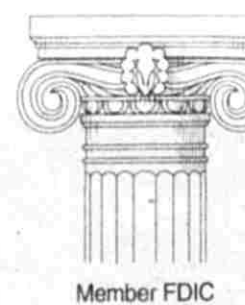
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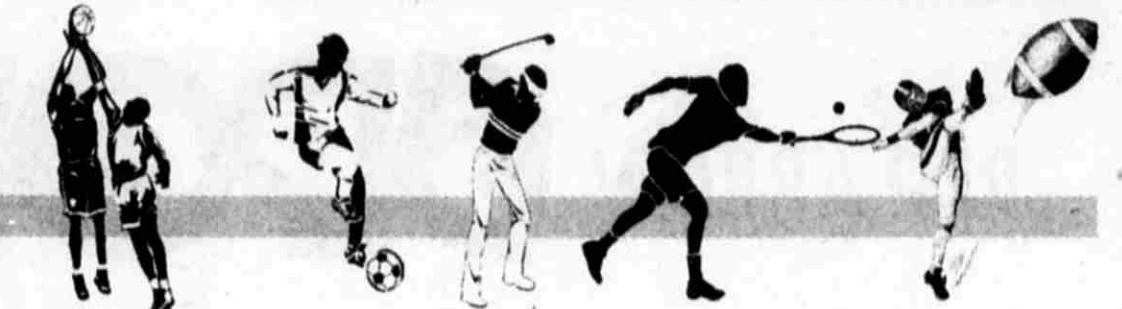
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RED ARROW SPORTS



Good showing at regionals for Lowell equestrians

Submitted by
 Mary Slatten

During a two-day Regional Competition last weekend, Lowell's equestrian team vied against the top riders from Muskegon, Traverse City, Petoskey, Ludington, Pine River and Chippewa Hills. Both A-team and C-team members rode well, even in the rain-soaked muddy arenas, but unfortunately, this was not to be their year for state. In the final tally of points, the A-team placed fourth, and the C-team placed third.

Showmanship Results: A-team members Cara Wilcox, Kourtney Wittenbach and Rachelle Wilcox earned 20 points in Western Showmanship. Amy VanEns, Jess Bouman, Randi Drier and Kourtney Wittenbach proved they were contenders with an additional 45 points in Saddle Seat Showmanship. Maranda Ruegsegger, Cara Wilcox, Jess Bouman, and Kourtney Wittenbach gathered 38 more points in Hunt Seat Showmanship.

C-team members Ian Blodger and Kelsey Langlois started with a win of 38 points in Western Showmanship. Kelsey Langlois also added 14 points with Saddle Seat Showmanship. Brittany Devon and Leigha Frisbie earned 26 more points in Hunt Seat Showmanship.

Saddle Seat Events: Jess Bouman and Randi Drier joined Jessi Meyers and Andrea Kulhawik in Saddle Seat Pattern to take 19 more points. Amber Waldron assisted Jess Bouman, Jessi Meyers and Andrea Kulhawik to gain 15 more points in the Saddle Seat Equitation. Kelsey Langlois added 20 points in C-team Saddle Seat Equitation, and 12 points in C-team Saddle Seat Bareback.

Hunt Seat Events: A-team members Randi Drier, Amy VanEns, Cara Wilcox and Jess Bouman won 24 points in Hunt Seat Equitation and Pattern. Maranda Ruegsegger, Jess Bouman, Amy VanEns and Jessi Meyers then added 18 more points in Hunt Seat Bareback. C-team Brittany Devon, Kelsey Langlois, and Leigha Frisbie pulled in 34 points for Hunt Seat Equitation and Pattern, then 30 more points for Hunt Seat Bareback.

Western Events: Jennie Reeser, Kourtney Wittenbach, Rachelle Wilcox, Cara Wilcox and Jess Bouman won 28 points

in Western Equitation. Amy VanEns joined them in Western Bareback to add 14 more points. Jess Bouman made all the right moves in Western Reining to take the first-place position from both judges. Jess Bouman and Andrea Kulhawik together added 24 points to the A-team for their efforts in Western Reining. C-team members Ian Blodger and Leigha Frisbie scored a total of 24 points for Western Equitation and Pattern, and then Brittany Devon added 11 points in Western Bareback.

In Trail results, A-team members Cara Wilcox, Rachelle Wilcox, Jennie Reeser earned 20 points. C-team Ian Blodger and his horse Cowboy added 20 points when both judges awarded him first place for his performance in Trail.

Speed Events: The Flag Speed Event was held on Saturday in a muddy, slippery arena. Many contenders were disqualified (DQ'd) when they or their horse missed the flag or bucket. Only Ashley VanSpronsen scored successfully for the A-team with a good run of 16.173 seconds the first time, and 15.537 seconds the second time, earning 2 fourth places and another 14 points.

The Keyhole Event followed with winning scores from Hannah Hudgens (9.665 sec. and 9.530 sec.), who took first and third

place, April Wolf (9.553 sec., and 9.647 sec.) who took second and third place, Amber Waldron (10.455 sec.) who took eighth place, but together brought in 38 more team points. C-team Sara Fosburg also proved herself fast and accurate on the Flag event taking first place with a speed of 14.338 seconds.

On Sunday, the Cloverleaf and Two-Person Relay Speed Events were scheduled. The arena was graded to improve the muddy surface, but the riders and horses were still affected by the muck and slipperiness. The A-team scored a total of 43 points with fast speeds by April Wolf (19.212 and 19.307 sec.), Karlye Ordway (19.932 and 20.099 sec.), Hannah Hudgens (20.204 and 20.977 sec.), and Ashley VanSpronsen (19.938 and 20.633 sec.). In the C-team, freshman Sara Fosburg also brought in 17 more points with her Cloverleaf speeds of 21.530 and 21.825 seconds.

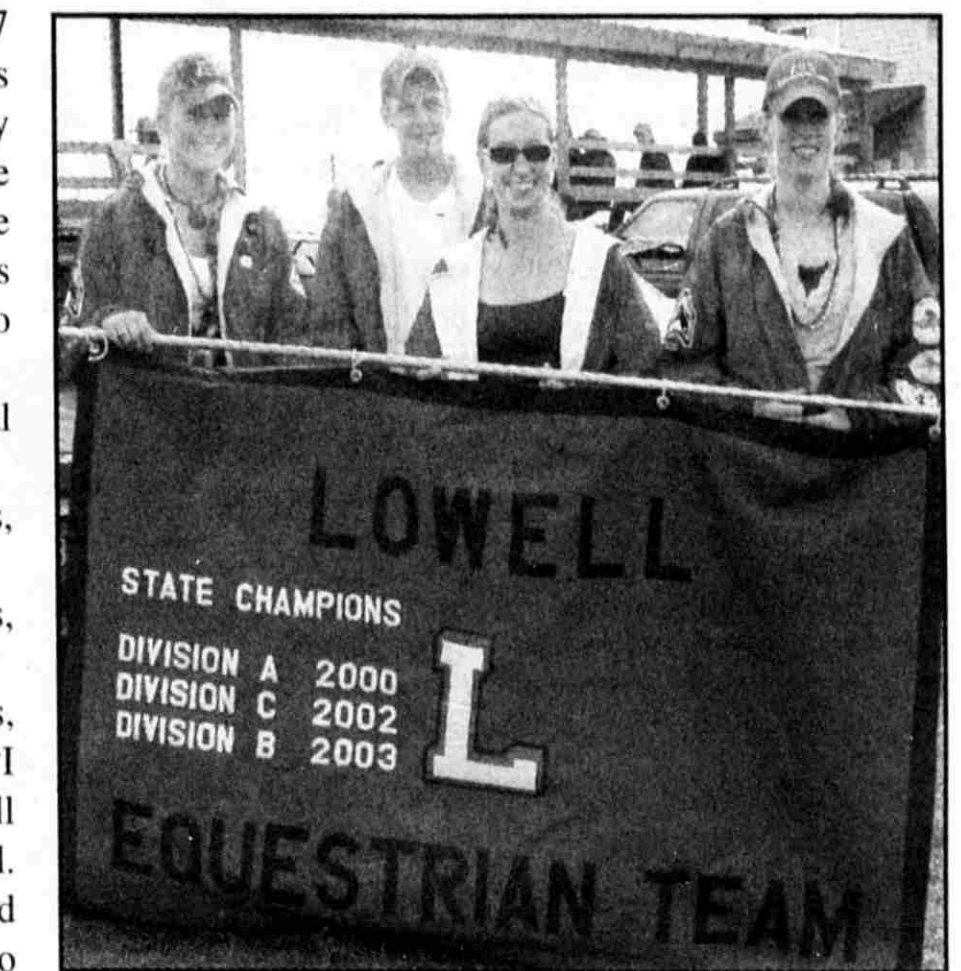
When it was time for the final Two-Person Speed event, tensions were high. A-team partners Amber Waldron and April Wolf flew to speeds of 15.639 and 14.801 seconds. Ashton VanderWarf and Ashley VanSpronsen transferred the baton and finished at 18.561 and 19.029 seconds. Karlye Ordway and Christian Koning raced their horses to relay speeds of 19.169 and

17.990 seconds. The A-team added 29 more points, but it would not be enough. C-team partners Sara Fosburg and Leigha Frisbie scored speeds of 22.079 and 22.407 seconds; and partners Ian Blodger and Brittany Devon also scored (despite a technical difficulty). The C-team won 20 more points in this final event, but it too would not be enough.

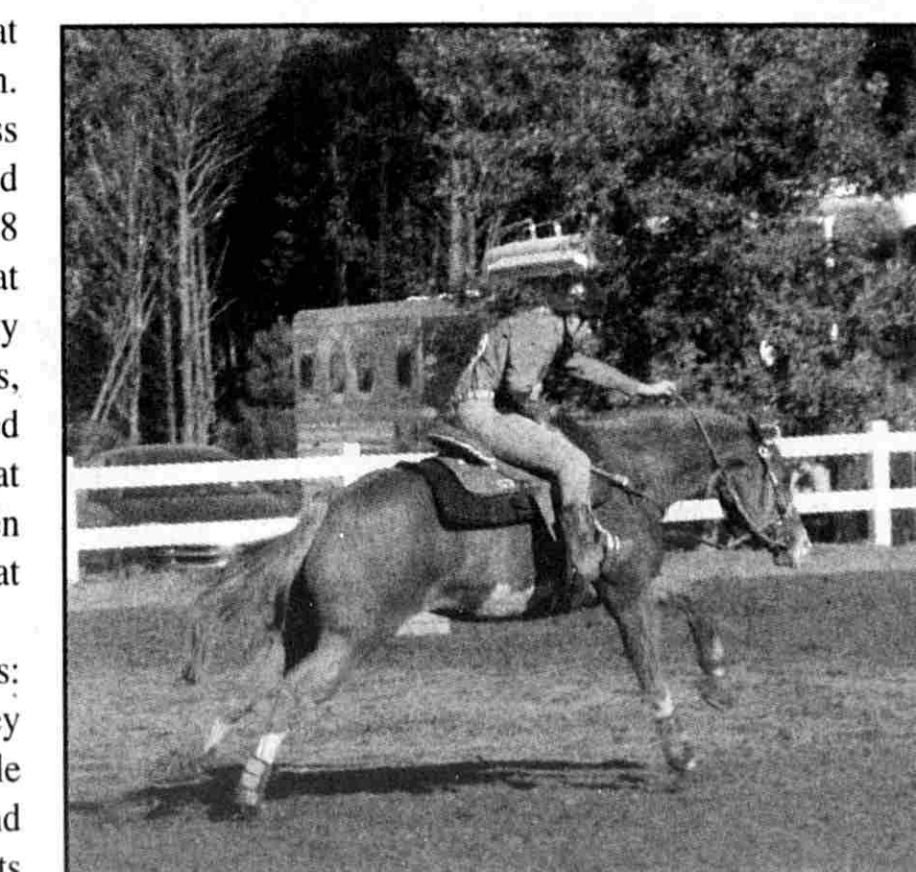
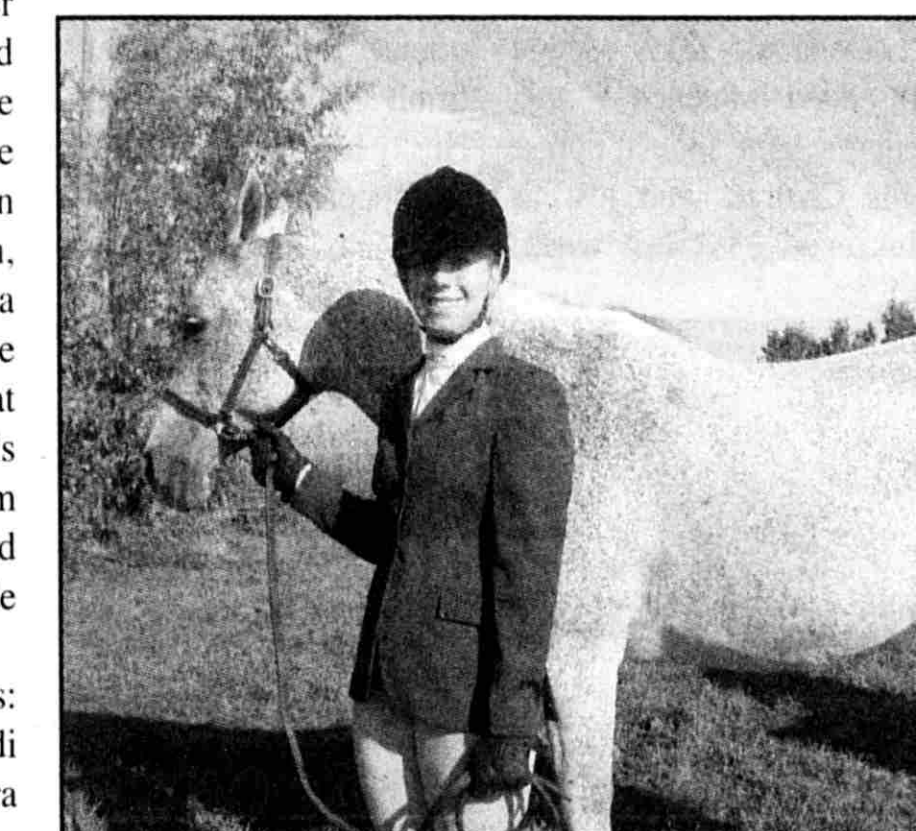
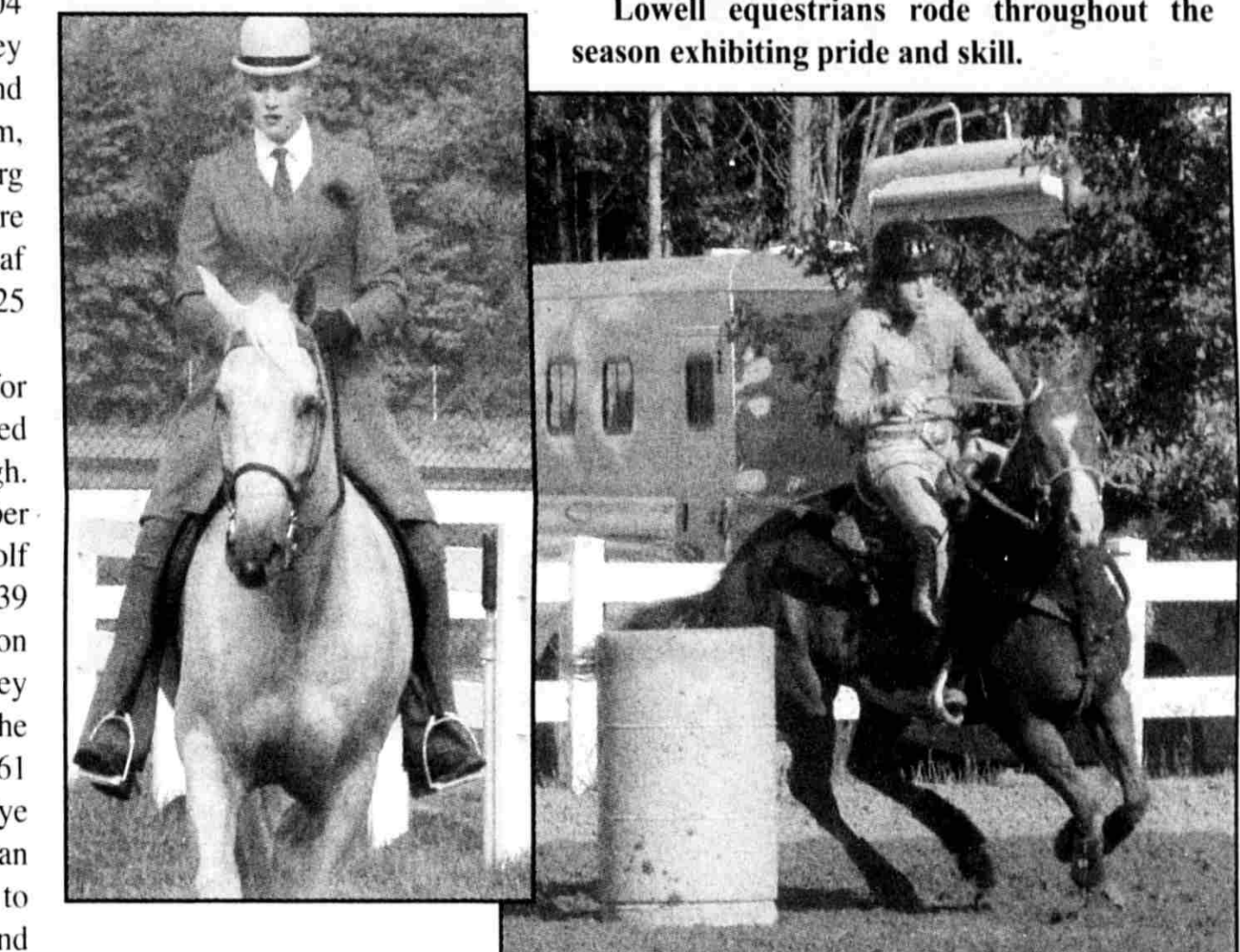
The two-day regional event final scores were:
 A-team 382 points, taking fourth place.
 C-team 277 points, taking third place.

At the end of the events, coach Mike Foote said, "I think the Lowell riders all performed extremely well. You should all be proud of your talents. I want to

thank the parents for their participation - working the gates, preparing the food, and making sure their rider was ready for each event. I saw lots of smiles today. You are all winners to Linda and me!"



Lowell equestrians rode throughout the season exhibiting pride and skill.

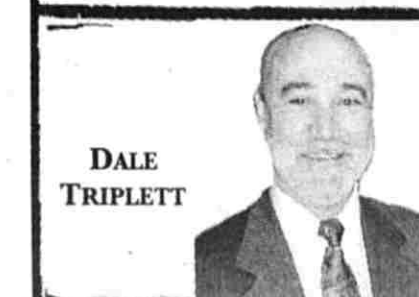
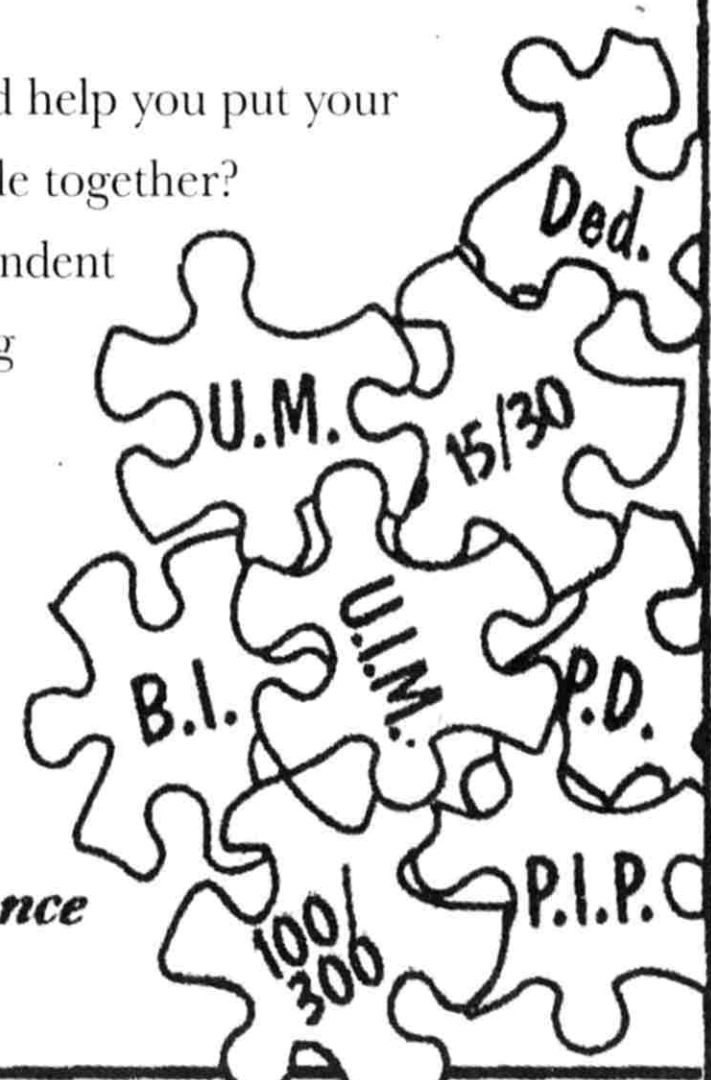


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RED ARROW SPORTS



Lowell shuts out Huskies in Homecoming victory Red Arrows slide up to #3 in Division 2 ranking

By Justin Swan

It was a familiar sight at Bob Perry Field last week. Nichol runs right, Nichol runs left. Nichol to McElroy. Mix that with a developing defense that held Forest

Hills Northern to 10 yards on 23 attempts rushing, and just eight yards passing, and Lowell fans were left with another decisive victory, as the Red Arrows shutout the Huskies 42-0, on a special homecoming night.

"Jason Katt does an incredible job of organizing our defense," said Lowell head coach Noel Dean, on his team's second straight shutout. "We have some nice players that work very, very hard at what they do.

It's just exciting to be able to play good defense, good offense and good special teams."

But the excitement wasn't over, at least from a fan's perspective. When the ticker tape finally settled to the soggy field, and the puffy painted "Go Red Arrows" signs came unglued, not even the beautifully constructed floats, or the stunningly elegant homecoming court could overshadow the simmering developments taking place in Hudsonville. Rockford's epic 6-3 loss to the Hudsonville Eagles (5-1) left Lowell (6-0) and Muskegon (6-0) as the only West Michigan teams without a loss. And with three games remaining on the regular season schedule, which doesn't include Muskegon, Lowell has quietly established itself at the #3 team in Division 2, even if Coach Dean isn't taking notice.

"That concern is not really ours," Dean said about Lowell's climb in the rankings. "Forest Hills Central is who we play next, so that's who we're focused on. Our ability to stay focused on the task at hand is why we've had the success we've had over the years. We can't get caught up in any of this other stuff that people want to talk about. That's all fan based stuff."

Dean did acknowledge the added influence of this Friday's game against Forest Hills Central, who lost to Muskegon 31-7 last week,

and who will welcome the Red Arrows for their own homecoming this week.

"We understand the implications of the game," Dean said. "We're playing another undefeated O-K White team and it's their homecoming, which is another motivation from their standpoint. We know what's at stake and we're going to prepare ourselves and play against a team fighting for first place in the conference."

Even though the Rangers' out-of-conference loss bares no effect on the O-K White standings, Dean understands they'll be fighting to avoid a second straight defeat. Which is why improvements must be made based on last week's victory, according to the head coach, regardless of how one-sided it seemed.

"We want to improve on our running game and the way we block," Dean said. "Those are probably the two critical aspects, along with the turnover, we have to address."

Lowell's defense came out fired up against the Huskies, forcing a fumble on the first play from scrimmage. Two uncharacteristic interceptions by quarterback Keith Nichol and some early penalties resulted in a stagnant first couple of series for the Lowell offense. But with the defense firmly clamped down on the Husky run game, Nichol got an opportunity to unload, throwing three first-half

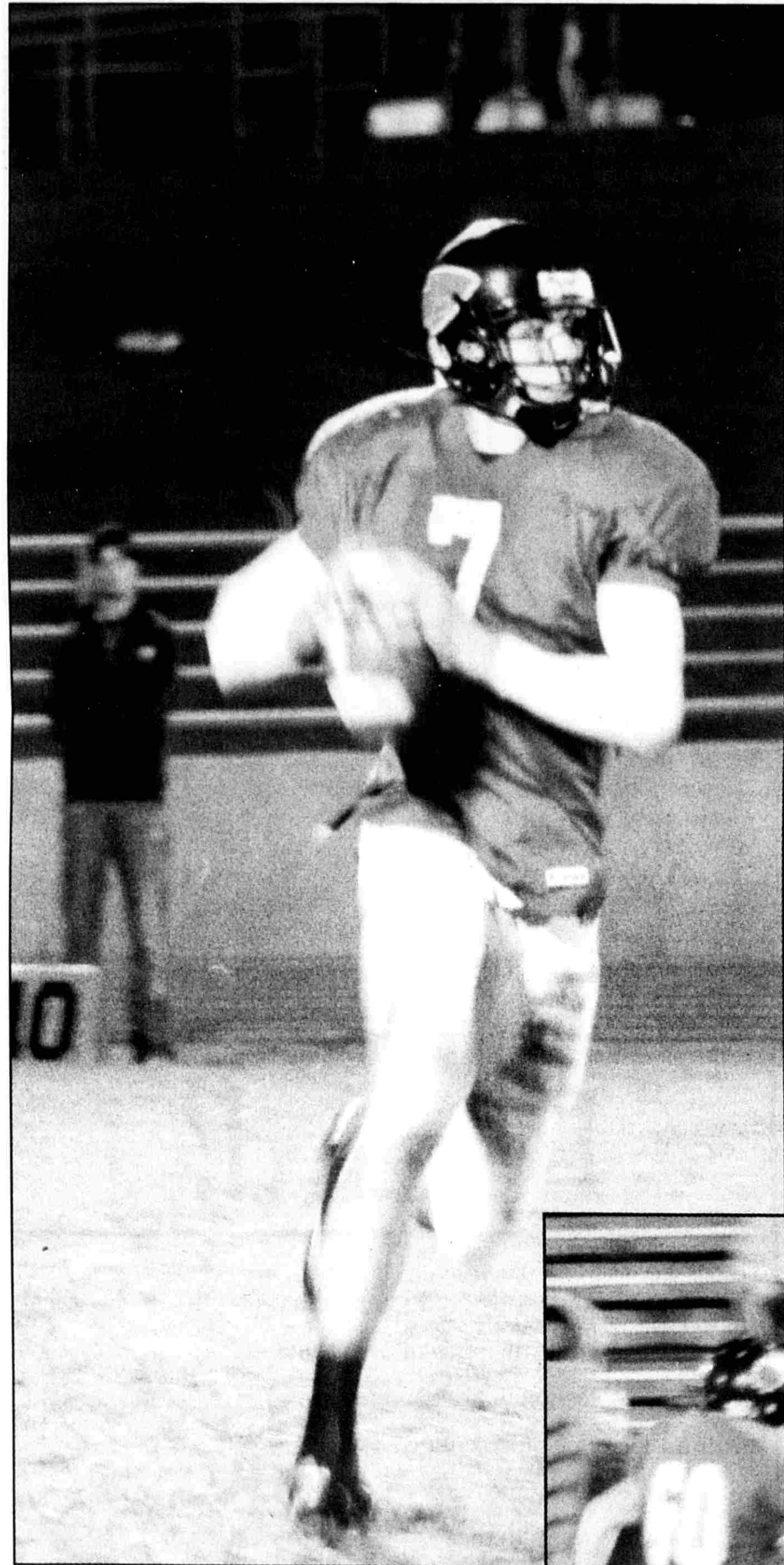
touchdowns, two to senior receiver Mike McElroy for 52- and 13-yards, and running for two more, including a nifty 46-yard scamper in which Nichol ran sideline to sideline before trotting into the end zone. A sign of his quarterback's growing maturity, according to Dean.

"In 2004 (Nichol) was only a tenth grade boy," Dean said. "Now he has a couple of years of experience under him, and that's a big positive because of his ability to run the right plays, make the right checks and move us into the right situation."

Dean recognized some growth defensively too. A sign he hopes will result in the same success the Red Arrows had two years ago when his team put up seven total shutouts, including four in a row. But for now he's focused on the Rangers, who are no pushover.

"They'll try to run the ball at you, then pull it out and throw it every once in a while," he said. "They're pretty aggressive defensively with blitzes, and all the films I watched this week suggest they'll do the same. So we'll prepare the same way we always do and hope that our kids come out ready to play."

Following Friday's game the Red Arrows will face Northview (3-3,1-3) at home on Oct. 13 before traveling to Kenowa Hills (1-5,0-4) to close out the regular season on Oct. 20.

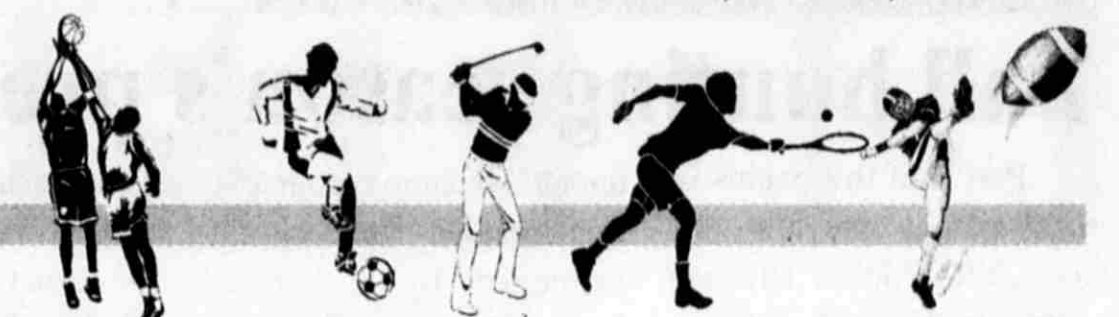


Keith Nichol threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more in Friday's 42-0 victory.

At right, Nichols escaped the Husky defense on this 46-yard touchdown run.



RED ARROW SPORTS



Lady Arrows 4-1 in O-K white conference with victory over Wildcats

By Justin Swan

It had all the makings of a Red Arrow classic, and didn't disappoint as the Red Arrows girls basketball team held off a late run by Northview last Thursday, topping the visiting Wildcats 44-38.

"We have so much respect for Northview," said Lowell head coach Dee Crowley. "They play hard and we love to play them."

The conference victory puts Lowell in first place in the conference, an unusual place as of late according to Crowley, who added that her

players were well aware of what was at stake.

"They knew Northview deserved to be in that first place spot for the games that they played," Crowley said of her players. "They didn't deserve that, so they had to prove that tonight. We're both real good quality teams that play hard."

Lowell would head to the locker room at halftime with the lead following two 3-pointers and a steal by guard Chelsea Harrison. A 3-point basket by Northview's Maddie Burnett, the Wildcat's top player, with 3:23 remaining

in the fourth-quarter gave the Wildcats a 38-37 advantage. But aggressive defense combined with clutch free-throw shooting in the remaining minutes proved too much for the Wildcats as the Red Arrows fought back for the victory.

"It's still the basics, it's still the fundamentals," Crowley said of her coaching strategy following a late timeout. "We needed a stop and forced a couple turnovers that made a huge difference for us."

Lowell made a switch to their 1-4 offense late in the game in order to ignite



Point guard Chelsea Harrison brings the ball up the court.



better movement against an aggressive Wildcat defense. The transition helped free up the paint where Crowley was hoping size would make a difference. That in addition to having solid shooters helped seal the deal.

"We were looking for a mismatch where we could find an advantage," she said. "I thought we had a little bit of a height advantage throughout. Having the luxury of three girls that can handle the ball with that type of pressure is a big benefit."

Northview had opportunities to pull away in the second half behind Burnett, who was able to attack the basket at will. But uncharacteristic misses and a key turnover allowed

the Red Arrows to stay close before putting the game away from the free-throw line.

"(Burnett) is a really talented player, probably the most talented player in the conference," Crowley said. "Our goal was to know where she was at all times because she's so good at penetrating. If we could take a charge we would, but you're not going to stop her, you just want to try to slow her down."

Coming in, Crowley and her team knew what the implications were, having prepared for the test through a difficult schedule at the beginning of the season. Three key games, resulting in all three of Lowell's

losses, had the Red Arrows mentally prepared for the Wildcats.

"Unity Christian, probably the most talented team in the area, and Byron Center were two hard games, where you have to play hard for thirty-two minutes," Crowley said. "Those definitely helped us for this point when we can't have any let downs."

The Red Arrows (6-3) entered Tuesday night's game at Ionia on a four game win streak and will welcome Kenowa Hills Thursday and Grand Rapids Christian on Saturday. Lowell will head to Northview for a much anticipated rematch with the Wildcats on Nov. 2.

Forward Kelsey Crowley makes a move to the basket in the first half vs. Northview.

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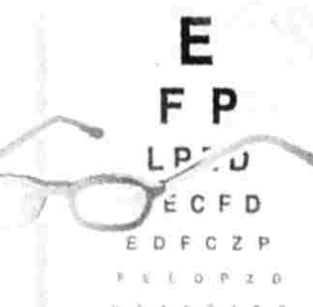
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Fall hunting season's preview - Part II

Part II of this exclusive small-game preview by the DNR Wildlife Division covers rabbits and squirrels, and ducks and geese. For the 2006-07 hunting seasons, small-game hunters will find plenty of rabbits and squirrels, and duck populations have been relatively stable for the past several years, except Michigan mallards which have been on a decline.

Squirrels and cottontail rabbits often provide youngsters with their first hunting experience, and, as a result of a new law this year, the minimum hunting age has been lowered to age 10. See the 2006 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for the special rules that apply to young hunters 10-16 years of age.

The guide also includes information about the new apprentice hunter program, which allows individuals to hunt without the required

hunter education course if accompanied and closely monitored by a licensed hunter 21 and older who is mentoring them in the sport.

Rabbit season: Cottontail rabbits and varying or snowshoe hare can be hunted from Sept. 15-March 31, statewide. Hunters may take a limit of five per day and 10 in combined possession. **Outlook:** Cottontail populations are good throughout their range. Rabbits are the most popular small game animal.

Squirrel season: Sept. 15-March 1. Hunters can bag up to five per day and have 10 in combined possession. **Outlook:** Squirrels are at moderate to high levels throughout their range.

Duck season: North (Upper Peninsula) and Middle (northern Lower Peninsula) zones -- Sept. 30; South Zone (southern Lower Peninsula) -- Oct. 7.

Consult the 2006 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for exact dates. **Outlook:** Duck populations in the mid-continent prairie and parkland regions increased; mallard populations in Mich., Wis. and Minn. decreased. Hunters should make a pre-season check of local ponds and marshes for waterfowl concentrations. Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie are great areas to hunt

diving ducks. The best time to hunt scaups, redheads and canvasbacks is between Oct. 15 and Nov. 20. Special restrictions are in effect for these species.

Geese season: The regular goose season in the Lower Peninsula MVP Zone is Sept. 30-Oct. 29 and Nov. 23-Dec. 12. In the Lower Peninsula SJB (Southern James Bay Population) Zone, the regular season is

Oct. 7-16 and Nov. 23-12. Consult the map of the 2006 Goose Management Units in the Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide. **Outlook:** Michigan's Canada goose harvest is derived from primarily three flocks, including the Mississippi Valley Population, the Southern James Bay population and local giant Canada geese. All three

populations are up from last year's estimates. Michigan's local population of giant Canada geese now supplies more than 70% of the state's total Canada goose harvest. The early hunts (Sept. 1-10 in the North Zone and Sept. 1-15 in the Middle and South zones) and the 30-day late season help control these local flocks through recreational hunting.

Deadline to register to vote approaching

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds residents that Tuesday, Oct. 10 is the last day to register to vote for this year's November general election.

The mail-in voter registration form is available on the Department of State web site at www.michigan.gov/sos.

To register, individuals must be U.S. citizens, at

least 18 years old by election day, residents of Michigan and the city or township in which they wish to register.

First-time voters must vote in person at their assigned polling place if they register to vote by mail. Exceptions are:

- Personally hand deliver their mail-in voter registration form to their

county, city or township clerk

- Are 60 years or older
- Are disabled
- Are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

Residents who have moved since they last voted must update their address.

The November general election is Tuesday, Nov.

7. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

For complete details about registering to vote, visit www.michigan.gov/vote. Residents who browse the Voter Information Center will find their polling places, information on how to vote absentee, and contact information for their local clerk.

Sound Off

The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column



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Brief, "Sound Off" comments are always welcome but will be, at times, edited for content and length. All comments are submitted by the public and do not necessarily represent the views of the Ledger. Feel free to sign your comment. For more lengthy views please consider a letter "To The Editor".

Someone needs to inform the owners of the Bowes Road bear of a horrible prank. The bear is wearing a Spartan's uniform!!!

DeVos is truly the two faces of politics. He gives millions to his political party and won't even stand next to them on the same stage.

Lowell Schools K12planet.com - I love it!

I want to give a big thanks to my mom for subscribing me to the Lowell Ledger. Now when I'm at college I can get a touch of home every week.

I have 5 cars in my driveway & every one of them is either a GM or Ford. I would never buy a foreign car, no matter what the price! The price of American jobs far outweighs what I would save!

From a Lowell resident who is insulted by the hobo clown telling me how to keep my yard for company or how to be nice to visitors.

Do you know you can get a ticket for driving in the left lane, it is for passing only! NOT for SLOW moving vehicles, or I'm turning left in 5 miles.

To the lady in the black Hummer who speeds ... slow down before you kill someone.

Woody the Golf Guy at I-96 is my Dad...he's officially on winter break, but he'll be back in the spring! He sure misses all you folks and even the "honkers" that go by! He'll see you soon!

Woody the Golf Guy also asked me to tell you "Thank You." for such a wonderful summer! He's met so many fantastic people! He sure loves it when you stop by!

There is a great photographer taking pictures at every high school football game, I would like to buy a few, anyone know his name? He stands in the field, then he disappears?

Lowell Marching Band, you looked GREAT wearing your uniforms at the Homecoming football game! Your half time costumes should be worn at halftime! You represent Lowell, let's be proud!

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They walked 100 miles for their health ... and more!

By Emma Palova



Team members Carol Nauta, Lynne Kuzmin, Lynn Nauta and Kolleen Scheid walked the most miles - 1,300. Christine Beachler alone walked 860 miles.

The Lowell community just completed logging in 13,000 miles during the second annual 100 Miles in 100 Days Community Walking Challenge.

The summer-long event was organized by the Lowell Community Wellness Center to promote healthy lifestyles. Individuals and teams registered to walk at least one mile a day for 100 days.

"It was a big commitment," said Patty Sellner, director of Lowell Community Wellness. "It was cross-generational."

According to Sellner, the walk changed the lifestyles of many participants. One woman, for example, who was going through the grieving process following her husband's death, lost 25 pounds walking in the program.

"It helped her control her grief and weight," said Sellner. "It's a great

testimonial to help motivate people."

Besides walking, equivalent activities such as dancing, swimming or gardening were allowed.

Ada Lowell 5 awarded movie passes each week to walkers, as well.

The Lowell Community Wellness Center will be holding its 5K walk/run during the Oct. 14 Harvest Festival. The event starts at 8 a.m. at the police department/City Hall. "We're encouraging families to participate," said Sellner.

The Lowell Community Wellness Center has been growing steadily over the last three years. Its activities and programming are split evenly between the schools and the community.

The following individuals participated in the 100 Miles in 100 Days challenge.

800 Mile Club: Christine Beachler; 700 Mile Club: Marcia Bieber; 500 Mile Club: Jan Hanson, Barb Porter, Dale Hanson; 400 Mile Club: Bethanie Pollack, Shelley Swift, Karen Southland, Lynne Kuzmin; 300 Mile Club: Brenda Nauta, Catherina Bek, Kevin Meade, Denise Dommer, Sue Beute, Louise Ingersoll, Sue Lindhout, Denise Washburn; 200 Mile Club: Pat Reed, Jolene Roth, Denise Washburn, Alice Bush, Nancy Andersen, Nancy Stroosnyder, Lynn Nauta, Judy Pinckney, Mike Roth, Darci Salinas, Joyce VanDyke, Carol Nauta, Ilene Roth, Dale Crowley, Kolleen Scheid, Matt Roth, Marilyn Lambson, Shelley Van Veelen, Kelsey Crowley, Susan Pomper, Spencer Sellner, Betty Yeiter; 100 Mile Club: Tara Eversman, Diane Kleczynski, Brandi Werner, Amy Cusack, Dena Hofman, Jeanne Shores, Dorothy Teesdale, Marge Rehl, Alissa Ford, Fran Mendez, Tonya Brown, Julie Bishop, Deb Hoeksema, Kendra Ford, Mary Dommer, Brent Wallis, Teresa Buckingham, Conner Swift, Jane Sanders, Susan Pomper.

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