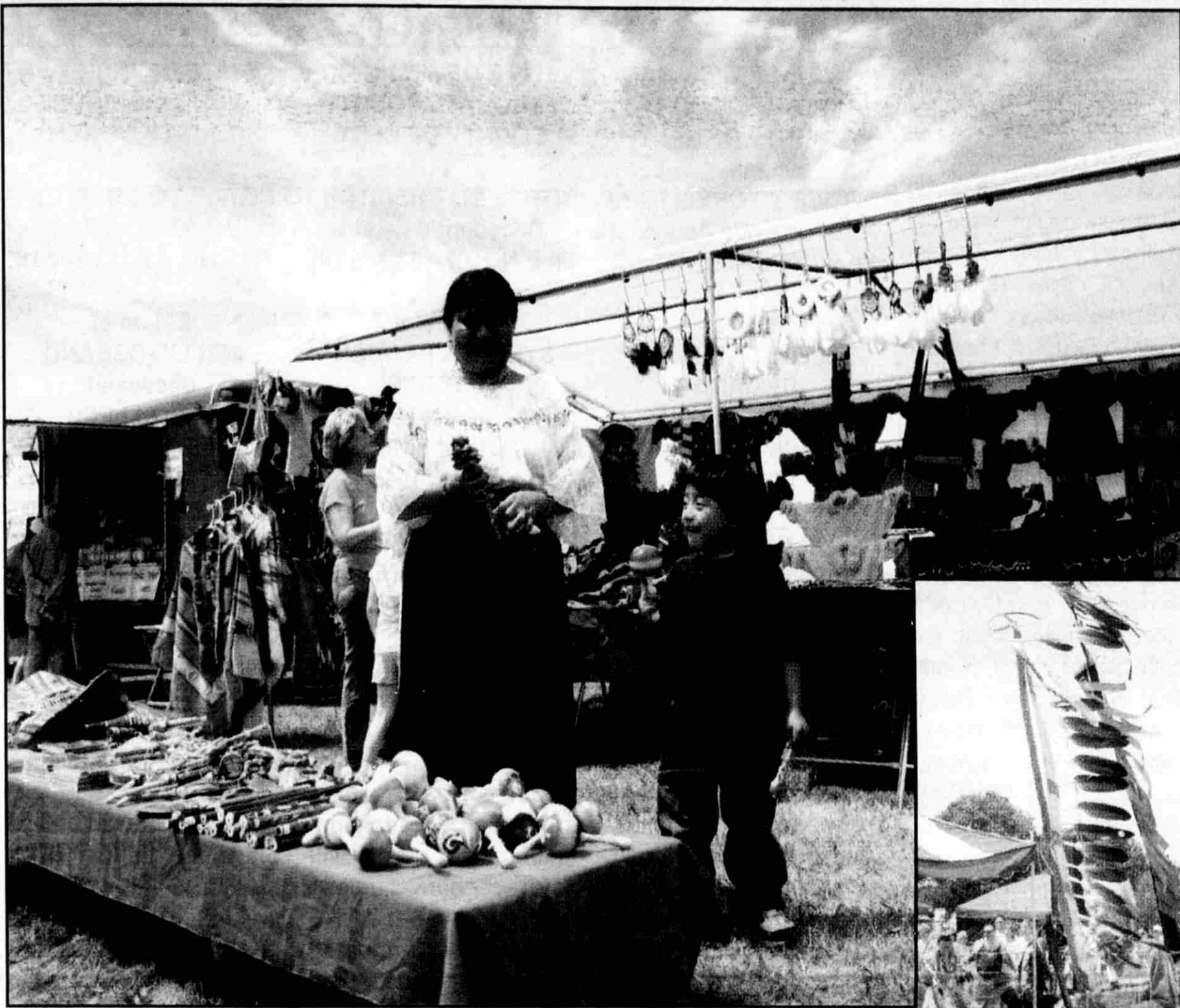


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Pow Wow at the fairgrounds

Maria Salazar, at left, with son Yarick Cornejo in booth Causay with Indian gifts at the "Restoring the Circle" Pow Wow last weekend at the Lowell fairgrounds.

The annual "Restoring the Circle" Pow Wow parade at the 4-H fairgrounds was colorful and picturesque. Many booths sold Indian goods and fare such as burritos for \$5. The event, sponsored by the Grand Valley Indian Lodge, has been getting bigger and better over the years.



Moving toward the trailway

By Emma Palova

A local group, too new to have a name, took another step last week toward linking to a wide trail network.

Citizens representing communities along the Flat River railroad bed, with the exception of Greenville, put up \$17,500 toward an appraisal of the railroad that would eventually lead to its conversion to a trail.

Greenville has been stalling due to potential occupancy of the vacant Electrolux plant. According to Greenville officials, the business would need the railroad tracks.

"No one wants to see it go away," said Pete DeBoer, executive director of West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition. However, from a long term view, the conversion of abandoned corridors has proven valuable.

The appraisal will start a process known as railbanking under a 1980s federal act to preserve railroad corridors by converting them into trails. Railbanking allows trails to be converted back to rails if needed. The financial aspects of the purchase are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

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Ruff Readers at LAAC

As part of the Pet Project exhibition, the Ruff Readers will make a special appearance at the

Lowell Area Arts Council on Saturday, June 30 from 1-3 p.m.

Ruff Readers dogs are good listeners. They love to have kids read aloud to them and snuggle and cuddle, too. They are specially trained dogs that love all kinds of people and especially enjoy meeting new kids.

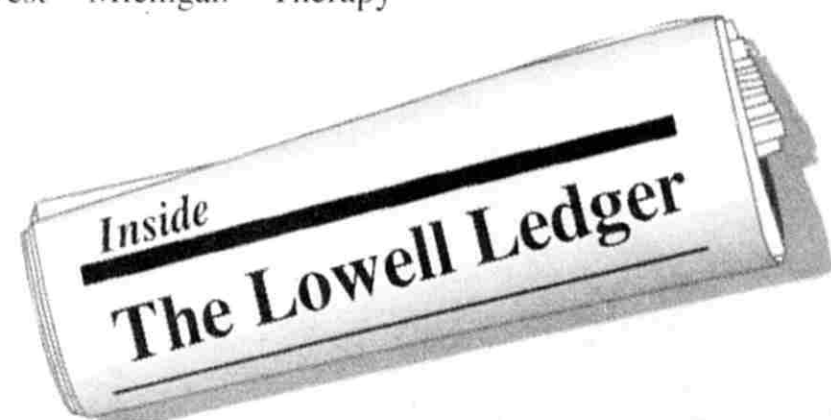
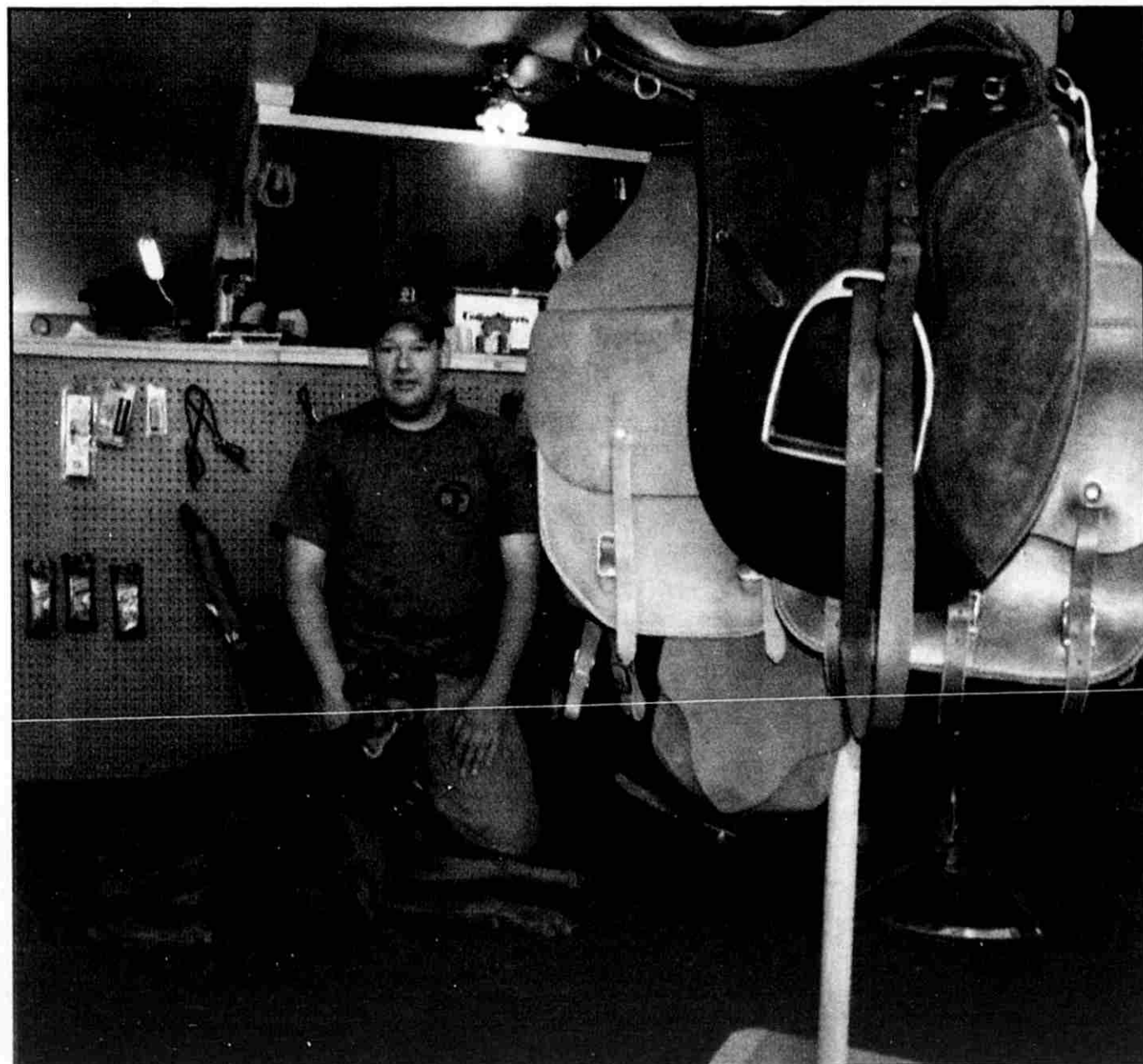
The dogs and their handlers are members of West Michigan Therapy

Dogs, Inc. Therapy dogs have been participating in reading programs all across the country for several years. It's a proven method of raising interest and comprehension.

Call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 to sign up for a 15-minute session. Participants are asked to bring their own books.

Bringing man's best friend to work

Several workers in Lowell honored the National Take Your Dog to Work Day. Among them was Joel Forrest, of Circle JF Saddlery, who brought his doberman Rusty to the shop last Friday. Rusty enjoyed the photo shoot. Forrest has been very busy with his saddle business with orders from as far away as Detroit and Traverse City. The saddle shop also makes dog collars and leashes.



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Car shows, chicken dinners, raffles and fun at annual St. Pat's festival

By Emma Palova

The annual St. Patrick Parish festival, with its trademark chicken dinners and antique car show, rocked the grounds last weekend in Parnell.

Even the heat couldn't stop festival-goers from attending and having fun. Some brave couples took to the floor and danced to the rhythm of the Virgil Baker band.

The dunk tank and the beer truck with 45 kegs inside managed to chill everything down.

The festival has now been extended to almost three days starting with a Euchre tournament on Friday night.

The biggest draw of the event was the \$20,000 cash raffle which is always announced at the end of the festival on Sunday evening.

The lucky winners are: first place \$20,000 Kim Egan, second place \$2,500 Mart DeYoung, third place \$1,000 Ken Bell and fourth place \$500 Bert Gahan.

As always, Saturday night was Las Vegas night with Texas Hold 'Em and Black Jack. New this year was the Father Rock Look-Alike Contest with six contestants. The winner, Ben Partridge, wore thick black glasses like Harry Potter. His hair however, according to some observers, wasn't as spiky as Father Rock's.



The antique car show at the annual St. Patrick Parish festival is a definite staple along with antique tractors and other old machinery.



The Virgil Baker Polka Band played music Sunday afternoon at St. Patrick Parish Festival.

College News

Calvin College has announced its spring 2007 Dean's List. To earn a spot on the Dean's List a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and has at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.

Students from this area include: Chad T. Drenth, Kelly N. Mailing, Matthew M. Scheider, Brook M. VanEck.

Megan Meade, a 2006 graduate of Lowell High School and daughter of Dennis and Lynn Meade, was named to the Dean's List at Michigan State University. To be named to the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.



Schools, taxpayers protected under state budget agreement

With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

In a rare Friday session, the Legislature reached an agreement to solve the state's \$803 million budget deficit without approving the governor's proposal to cut school funding by \$122 per pupil or by raising taxes on state residents. Throughout negotiations, my Republican colleagues and I were committed to balancing the budget while protecting funding for education, cities and health care, all without forcing the burden of higher taxes on Michigan residents.

The House and Senate agreed to the budget-balancing bill that also prevents cuts to doctors, the layoffs of 29

State Police troopers and doesn't touch funding for local units of government for police and fire services. While the top priorities - protecting funding for schools and not raising taxes - were accomplished in this year's budget negotiations, the key to our state's future lies in lasting government reform.

Trying to make lasting reforms in state government, I joined my House colleagues in approving legislation to recommend a 5-percent salary reduction for state lawmakers as part of several reform efforts to cut spending and streamline government. As a state representative, I have paid close attention to the sacrifices Michigan families have been forced to make as a result of our stifled economy. It is only fair that that those of us elected by our peers share in the sacrifice.

The salary cut proposal was sent to the State Officers Compensation Commission. The SOCC was created in 1963 and is responsible for setting the salaries of the Legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state and the justices of the Supreme Court.

As we seek reforms and solutions to our budget crisis, we must start with ourselves - and leave no stone unturned. Representative Hildenbrand can be contacted toll-free at: (877) 328-3086.

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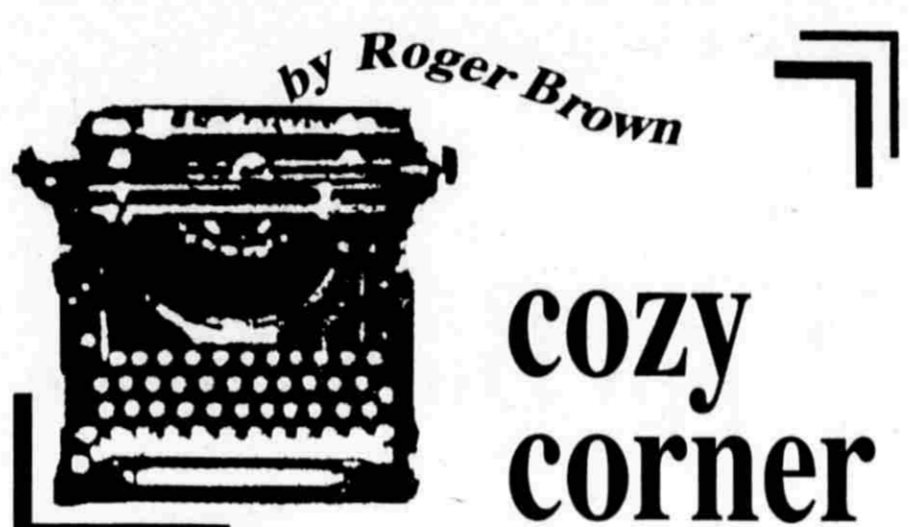
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Viewpoint



After a while, Barbara asked me how I wanted my hair cut. She had been snipping away the whole time. "Just shape it and trim it. Whatever you think," I told her. We went back to Arizona.

A little further into the conversation/haircut, Barbara asked me if I parted my hair. "Yup, on the left," I told her. When she tried to pin me down as to exactly where, I parted it I joked, "I don't know. It's so thin, there isn't much left to put a part in." She then asked me if I'd like to try something a little different. "Sure," I said. "I'm sick of looking at the same old mug in the mirror."

About the time I was running out of Arizona stories, she spun me around for a look in the mirror. Well now... I hadn't had a haircut like this since basic training.

The sides were "high and tight" with just a little left on top. Barbara told me to simply finger comb the top and assured me that this was the latest style. Yeah, the latest style for an infantry captain serving in Iraq.

When we settled up, I left Barbara a nice tip and asked what days she worked. I'm not sure if I asked because I wanted another of her haircuts, or if I wanted to sure and avoid her. This buzz cut would have to grow on me...one way or another.

Back at the house, I was eager to get Terese's reaction. It was obvious that she was being very diplomatic as she circled around and around me for a good look. It was also obvious that she wanted to laugh right out loud. She just kept muttering, "It's short. It's really, really short."

Terese is obligated to being diplomatic about my haircuts. This is because she comes down so hard on me for not being diplomatic about her hairstyles. Try as I might, I can never seem to say the right thing when she comes home from her hairdresser. For example, she once tried going red, instead of blond, with her tint. She ran into the bedroom and slammed the door when I told her it was the same color as the employee aprons at Home Depot. What??? That's a compliment... right???

It has been a few days since I was shorn. I've been outside quite a bit, so the white scalp that was exposed on the sides of my head has picked up a little tan. The sides don't "glow" quite as much. Even though my new haircut is beginning to grow on me, not one person at the Rotary function, not one customer, not one neighbor, nobody, has complimented me on my new look. There have been a lot of strange looks, but no compliments.

I'll have to make a decision in six weeks or so. It's either back to Barbara for another "high and tight" or seek out somebody who will actually do something with my hair... not shave it all off. I'm not quite ready for the dark socks and armpit Bermudas. But, on the other hand, I really don't much care how my hair is cut. I did enjoy talking about Arizona. Maybe this "whitewall" style is my new look!

Going in to last Friday, it had been about six weeks since my last haircut. When guys get to be my age it is possible to extend the time between haircuts out to several weeks.

One reason for the time between haircuts is that our hair is getting thinner and thinner. The shaggy hair isn't as readily apparent. Two, with the exception of the hair in our ears and noses, the hair on the head grows slower as we age. And three, there is the "old poop" syndrome, which is typified by dark socks worn with Bermuda shorts hiked up around the armpits. When we are nearing this stage in life, grooming becomes less and less of a concern.

Our Rotary Club had an event scheduled for Saturday evening, so I thought it would be prudent to seek out a barber.

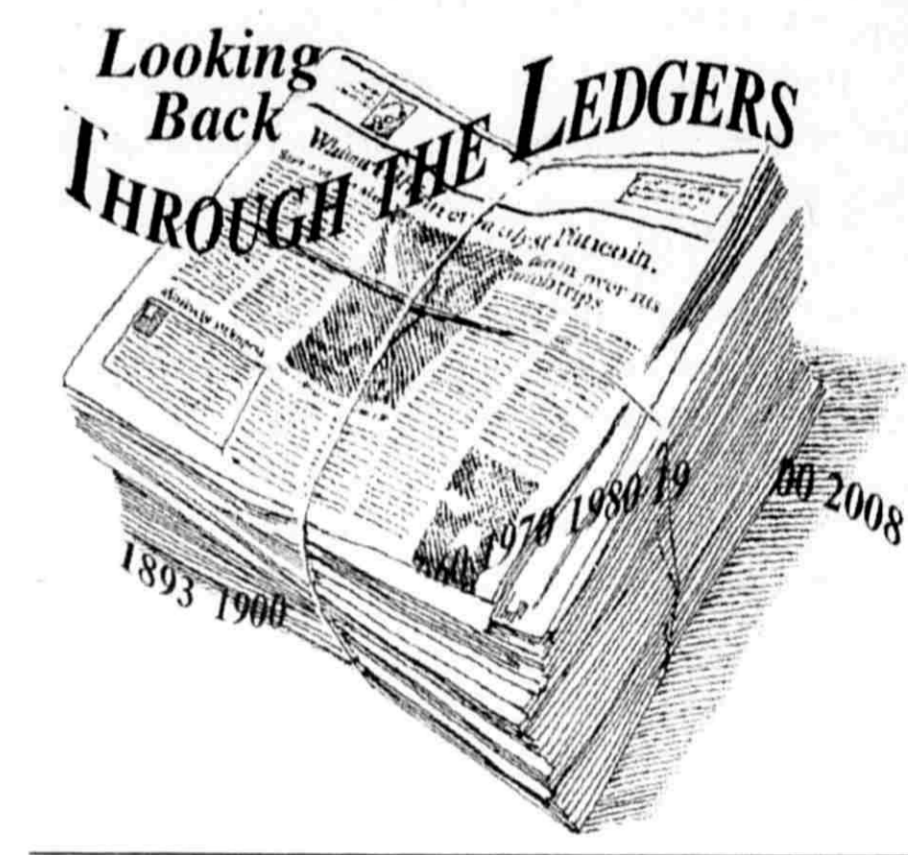
Despite my age, I'm still pretty busy. Consequently, I hate to devote a big chunk of my day to a haircut appointment. Instead, I waste a big chunk of my day cruising the local barbershops that don't require an appointment.

There are about four such shops here, and they all have amazingly "flexible" hours. When I find one that is open, I duck in to check on the wait. If there are two or three ahead of me, I move on. A side benefit to this method is that I never get the same barber, or hairstyle, twice in a row. Keeps life interesting.

A "drive-by" of my first choice shop revealed that she was closed. Her car wasn't there and the "Closed" sign was hanging in the door. Even I could figure that out. I hit pay dirt at my next choice, a small shop near the grocery store. Their hours are more regular, but there is usually a wait. Must have been my lucky day... there was a chair and a barber/stylist waiting for me.

I didn't recognize the woman, so I figured she was new. Of course I've revealed how frequently I get a haircut, so what would I know? Barbara was her name, I guessed her age to be in her late thirties, and as it turned out, she is new to the area.

Barbara and her family had recently moved from Chandler, Arizona. My daughter lived in Chandler for about five years. Terese and I had visited there several times, so Barbara and I had a lot to talk about. We chatted it up about great Tex-Mex restaurants, hiking, sightseeing and Arizona in general. Her daughter and my grandkids were born in the same hospital, yada, yada, yada...



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JUNE 28, 1882

Wheat is growing finely. Bridge Street above Baptist Church is being fixed up. Some farmers have commenced haying. This week closes the spring term of Lowell schools. Commencement is Friday.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 27, 1907

Western Union and Postal telegraph operators in San Francisco and Oakland struck to enforce their demand for a 25 percent increase in wages. The Pere Marquette has granted an excursion rate of 40 cents round trip from Grand Rapids to Lowell on Labor Day. Hobert Clark is building an upright addition at the rear of the Zeigler house he recently purchased.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JUNE 23, 1932

Annual tuition for the high school was reduced from \$75 to \$65. The newly formed Indoor Ball League got underway at Recreation Park. Considerable interest has been manifested here in the question of the desirability of a landing field at Lowell, to operate in conjunction with major airports in the state. A low-down skunk stopped at a gas station just west of Lowell, ordered a supply of gas, then asked the lady attendant for a pack of cigarettes. While she stepped inside to get the cigarettes, the l-d-s turned off the lights on his car and sped away without paying for his gas. Tar and feathers for such birds.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 27, 1957

G. A. Mapes, Vice President of C.H. Runciman Company of Lowell was elected president of Lowell Rotary for the coming year. Eberhard Food will take over Christiansen's Supermarket on July 1. Thirteen members of the Lowell class of 1907 got together for a 50-year class reunion. Theo Perry is the new president of the Lowell Business and Professional Women.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 23, 1982

The Lowell YMCA will be celebrating Fourth of July at King Memorial Pool on Sunday, July 4 with an open swim and water carnival. Dick Posthumus announced his candidacy for the Republican party nomination in the 31st District Senate.

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Alto Elementary School earns \$2,000 in apple sweepstakes

Eating Michigan apples has paid off handsomely for Alto Elementary, one of six schools in the state to win the first-ever Michigan Apple School Sweepstakes.

The school received \$2,000 from the Michigan Apple Committee after being selected in a random drawing, which required entrants to submit proofs of purchase from bags of Michigan apples. Principal Mary Ann Schramm said the award money will go to the school's Family Resource Center, which provides learning tools for parents such as books, tapes and workshops.

The Michigan Apple School Sweepstakes, sponsored by the Michigan

Apple Committee, originated to encourage the consumption of Michigan apples, raise awareness that most Michigan apples are sold in bags and learn more about the Michigan apple industry.

"We are thrilled to see students developing healthy eating habits while at the same time, supporting the efforts of the 1,000 apple growers in the state. It's a win-win situation for everyone involved," said Denise Yockey, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee.

Due to excitement surrounding the program, which offered a total of \$12,000 in prize money, the Michigan Apple Committee

will expand the competition next year to include separate contests for schools in Indiana and Illinois.

Information about the Michigan Apple School Sweepstakes, including

official contest rules, can be found at MichiganApples.com/schoolsandkids. Any accredited public or private K-12 school in Michigan was eligible to participate.

The Michigan Apple

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experience. This program is for all ages. Programs will be at:

Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. in Lowell on Tuesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m., 647-3920. Registration is required. For more information and registration, visit www.kdl.org or contact the participating branch.

TAEKWONDO FOR TEENS AT ALTO BRANCH

The Alto Branch of Kent District Library will host a TaeKwonDo workshop on Wednesday, July 11 at 1:30 p.m. for kids ages 7 and older. This workshop will introduce TaeKwonDo martial arts and will be taught by fifth degree black belt, Master Teacher William Golombisky. Registration is required. For more information and registration, visit www.kdl.org or contact the branch at 647-3820. The Alto Branch of KDL is located at 6071 Linfield Ave.

10 tips for keeping safe while boating

The busiest boating time of the year is nearly here, the July 4th holiday. Harbors, bays and rivers will soon be brimming with vacationing boaters, vessels will flock to waterfront fireworks shows, and busy marinas and launch ramps will all contribute to recreational boating's own form of waterway rush hour.

According to the largest on-the-water towing fleet in North America, TowBoatU.S. and Vessel Assist, over 3,800 boaters across the U.S. are expected to call for on-the-water assistance during the holiday week - more than any other time of the year.

The towing fleet and the BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety have teamed up to offer ten tips on how to avoid mishaps this July 4th:

- It's a long day: A full day in the sun will increase alcohol's effects on the body, so it's better to wait until you're safely back at the dock or home before breaking out the libations. Also bring lots of water, a VHF radio, and check the weather reports to avoid storms.
- It's a long day, for the boat, too: As the firework shows end, like clockwork the TowBoatU.S. and Vessel Assist call center switchboards light up like a Christmas tree with hundreds of boaters needing jump starts. Running electronics all day such as sound systems, fans, or other appliances and failing to monitor battery usage could leave your boat dead in the water when it's time to go home.
- Running the engine to charge the batteries: Raft-ups, or groups of boats tied together in a protected anchorage, is a great way to spend the holiday with fellow boating friends. But you should never run an engine with swimmers in the water or near exhaust ports. Even though the boat's transmission may not be in gear, propellers can still rotate, and odorless, colorless Carbon Monoxide can quickly overcome swimmers.

- Trailer problems: The BoatU.S. Trailering Club reports that flat tires and burnt bearings are the two biggest causes for boat trailer breakdowns. What shape are yours in? If you'd like to post a question about maintaining your trailer, go to http://www.boatu.s.com/trailerchat
- Don't overload your boat: Capsizing and falls overboard account for over half of all boating fatalities. Resist the urge to invite more friends or family to the fireworks show than what your boat was designed to carry. Heavily loaded small boats, and those with little freeboard such as bass boats, are more susceptible to swamping from weather or wake action associated with heavy July 4th boating traffic.
- Wear life jackets: 70% of all fatal boating accident victims



side, do you know what to do? What happens when a light on another vessel "changes" from red to green? These answers can be found in the rules of the road section at BoatU.S. Foundation's free online "Boater's Toolbox," at http://www.boatu.s.com/foundation/toolbox Brush up now before you head out.

• Patience: The lines at boat launch ramps - in the parking lot or the water - can resemble a Southern California freeway at rush hour. Be patient, ready to go when it's your turn, and follow good boating etiquette.

• Take your time to get home: July 4th is the one time a year many fair-weather boaters - who may rarely navigate in the dark - venture out after the sun goes down. The most reported type of boating accident is a collision with another vessel so it's a good idea to keep your speed down, post an extra lookout, and ensure all your navigation lights work. A spotlight is a must, and ensure all safety gear is readily available. Be extra vigilant about not running over anchor lines in crowded fireworks viewing areas, and don't take shortcuts in the dark.

• Celebrate: Hey, it's America's birthday and you're on the water! Be safe, be prepared and have fun!

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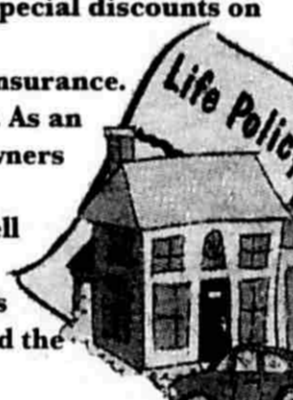
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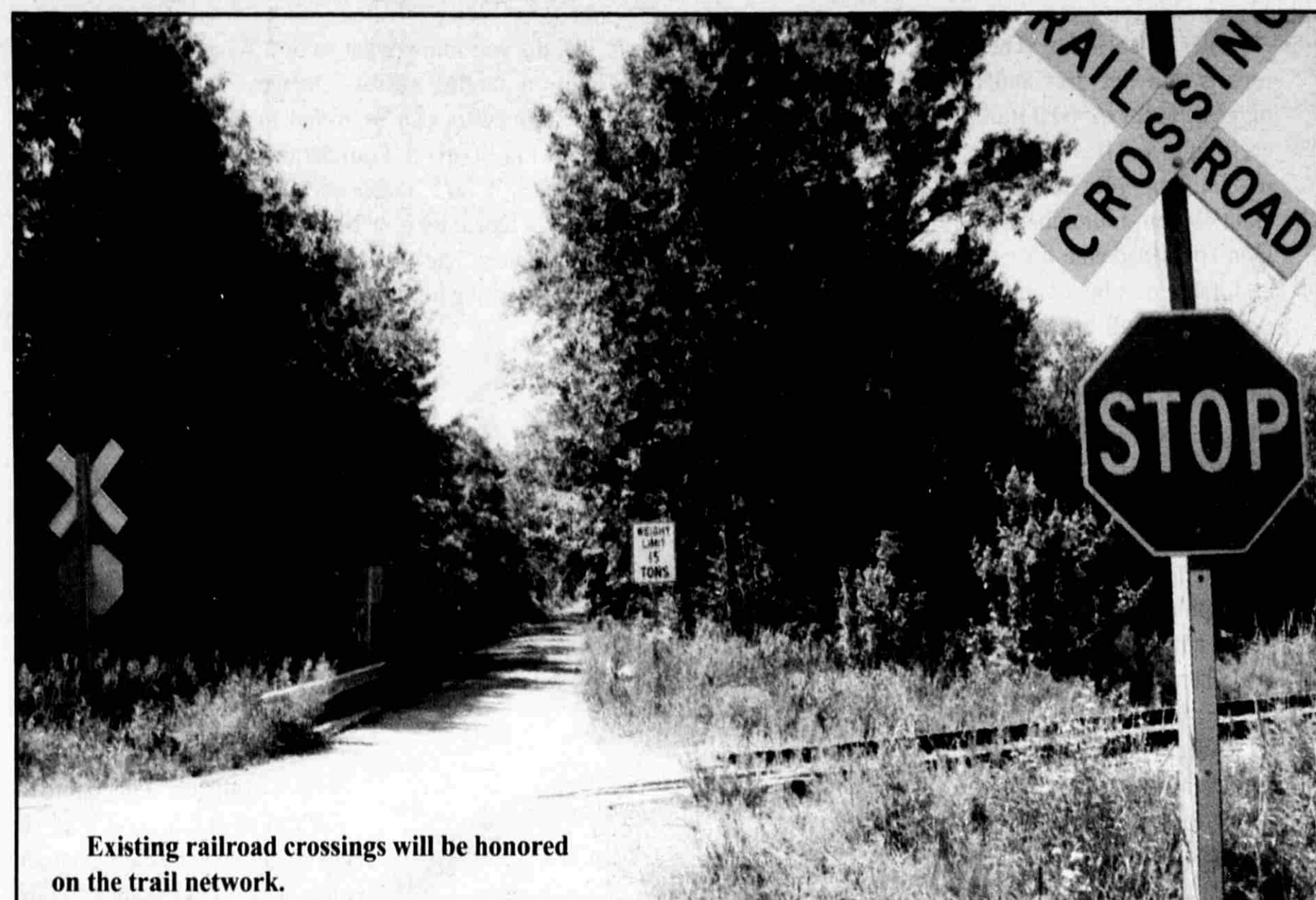
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Trailway, continued ... From Page 1



Existing railroad crossings will be honored on the trail network.

The purchase price of the 40-mile long Flat River corridor is estimated at \$2.7 million. The group will seek funding from large conservancies.

The other option to purchasing the corridor is parceling it to owners along the tracks by Rail America due to high maintenance costs, according to DeBoer. The maintenance of the railroad tracks cost \$3,500 per mile.

"It's not feasible for the railroad company to keep it operational," he said. "But it's a good deal if we can put the project together."

Physically, the project entails ripping out the steel tracks while keeping the ballast and honoring the existing crossings.

Some of the benefits of the conversion are:

- Converted trail corridors

across the country are increasingly being used as a means of transportation due to high fuel costs.

- According to statistics, trails enhance economic development in communities, increase property values and serve for recreation and preservation of species.

- The trails can be maintained through interlocal government agreements and authorities between the municipalities or by Friends of Trails groups.

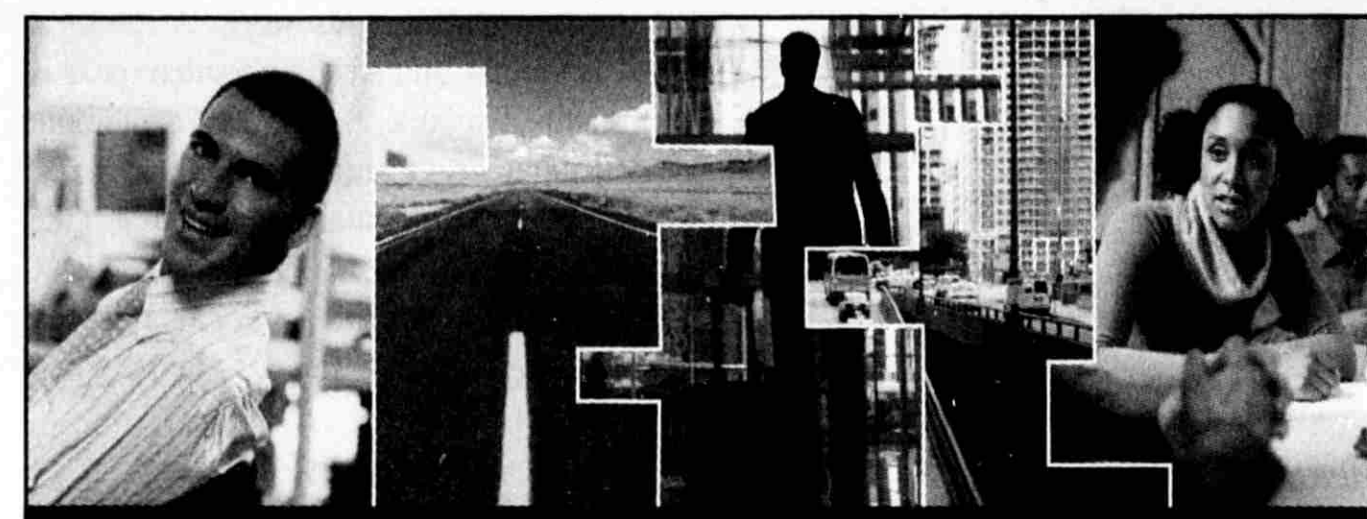
The next step in the process is determining who is going to own and maintain the trail corridor. DeBoer suggested that the group form Friends of Flat River Trail.

The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 2 at 10 a.m. at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Too hot for bears



With temperatures in the 90s last week, it was too hot even for wooden bears carved around Lowell. One bear on Bowes Road, shown with Samantha Mundt, was dressed in a bikini and large pink sunglasses. The next theme will be patriotic for July 4.



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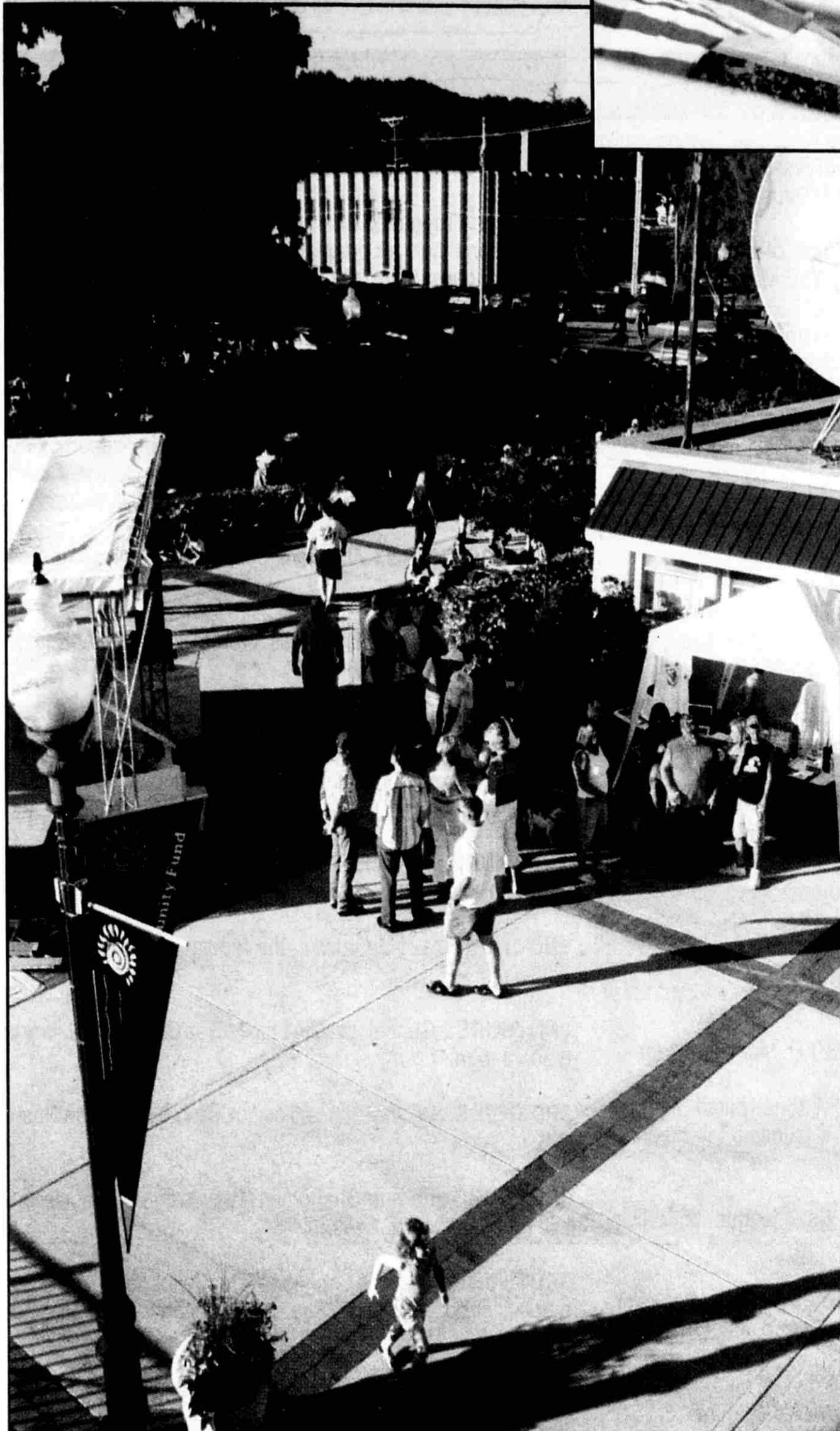
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Warm, musical, summer nights on the Riverwalk

A crowd of music lovers gathered Thursday night to enjoy a Sheila Landis concert on the banks of the Flat River. People flocked to the Showboat for a nice view of the river and the Riverwalk. It was difficult to find room to park in town. Even fowl swam down the river to listen to the music. The next concert on June 28 will feature folkwave group The Willeys.



The Willeys will be on the Showboat stage on the Riverwalk Plaza from 7-9 p.m.

The Willeys play original and contemporary music featuring a creative blend of traditional music with the best of American rock and folk. The Willeys' music is composed of well-crafted songs

with meaningful lyrics that have been dubbed "Folkwave" which is definitely danceable. Based in Grand Rapids, the current lineup includes Andy Willey on vocals and guitars, Chris Olsen on vocals and bass, Craig VanOtter on vocals and mandolin and Jim Saltsman on drums.

The band has played in finer clubs throughout the Midwest for over 20 years and has four CDs to its credit. For more information on these concerts go to www.lowellartscouncil.org or www.lowellchamber.org

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The Lowell Ledger, Buyers Guide & Lowell Litho office will be closed Wed., July 4th.
We wish you a safe holiday.

National Junior Angus Show will include Lowell entrants

Dee Anne Elizabeth Merriman and Kendra Marie Merriman of Lowell will exhibit their Angus cattle at the 2007 National Junior Angus Show at Tulsa Expo Square, Tulsa, Oklahoma July 1-7.

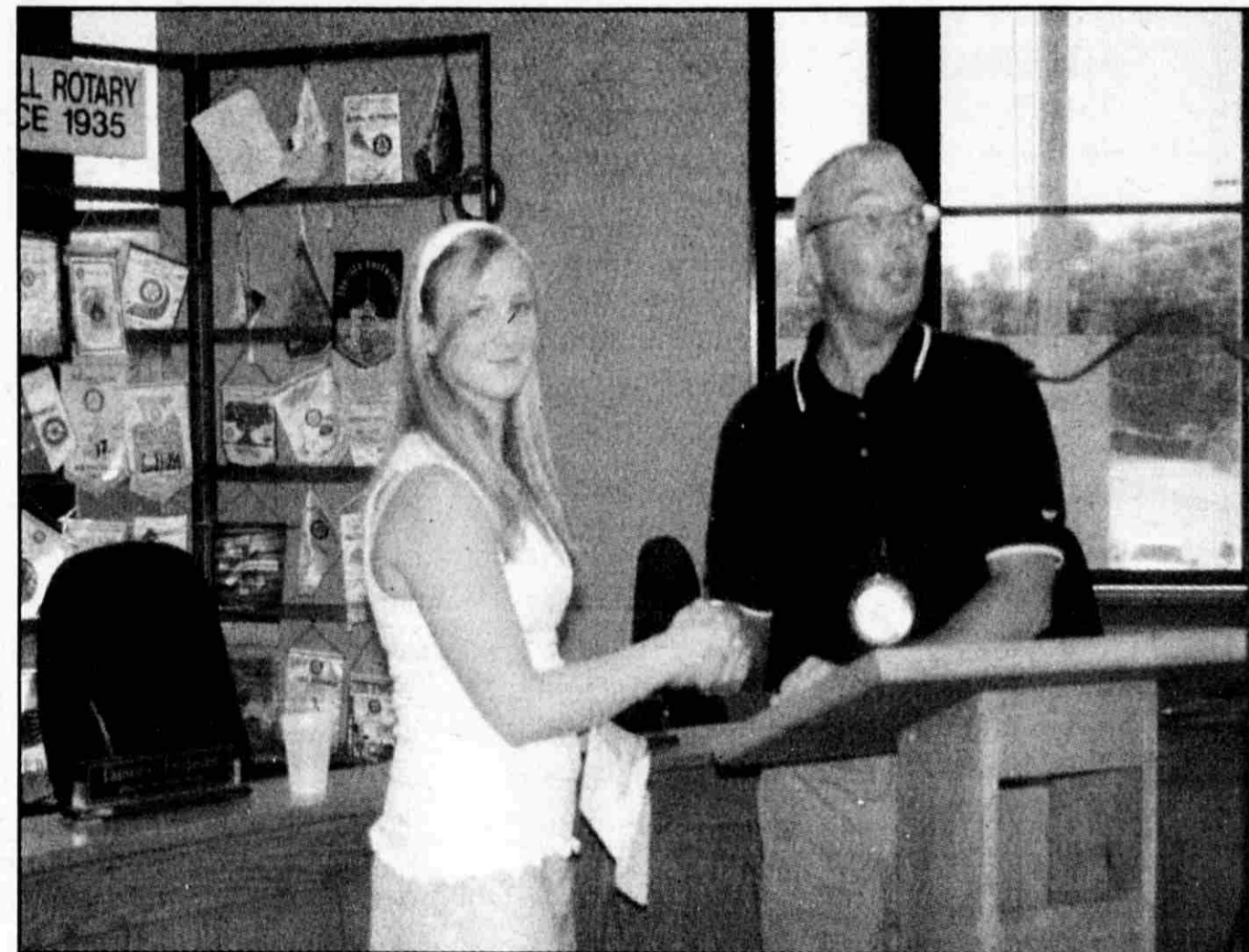
Both are junior members of the American Angus Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri. They are among 817 young Angus breeders from 37 states who have entered a total of 1,773 head in the show.

Brad McCurry, Mount Hope, Kansas, will judge the bred-and-owned breeding cattle and cow-calf pairs. Joel Cowley, Houston, Texas, will evaluate the owned breeding heifers. Randy Perry of Prather, California, will judge the steers.

The National Junior Angus Show is the largest single-breed registered beef cattle show in the world. This year's event will host a beef cook-off, team sales competition, public speaking, photography, graphic design, writing and poster contests in addition to the traditional cattle show.

The National Junior Angus Show is sponsored by the American Angus Association and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and hosted by the Oklahoma and Arkansas Angus and Junior Angus Associations this year. The NJAA serves a membership of more than 10,000 junior Angus breeders in the United States and Canada.

Rotary scholarship recipients



Rotary president Jim White presented Eric Mundt with the Hahn scholarship for \$2,500 and Amanda Vezino with the Lampkin scholarship worth \$2,000.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

JUNE 18, 2007 MEETING

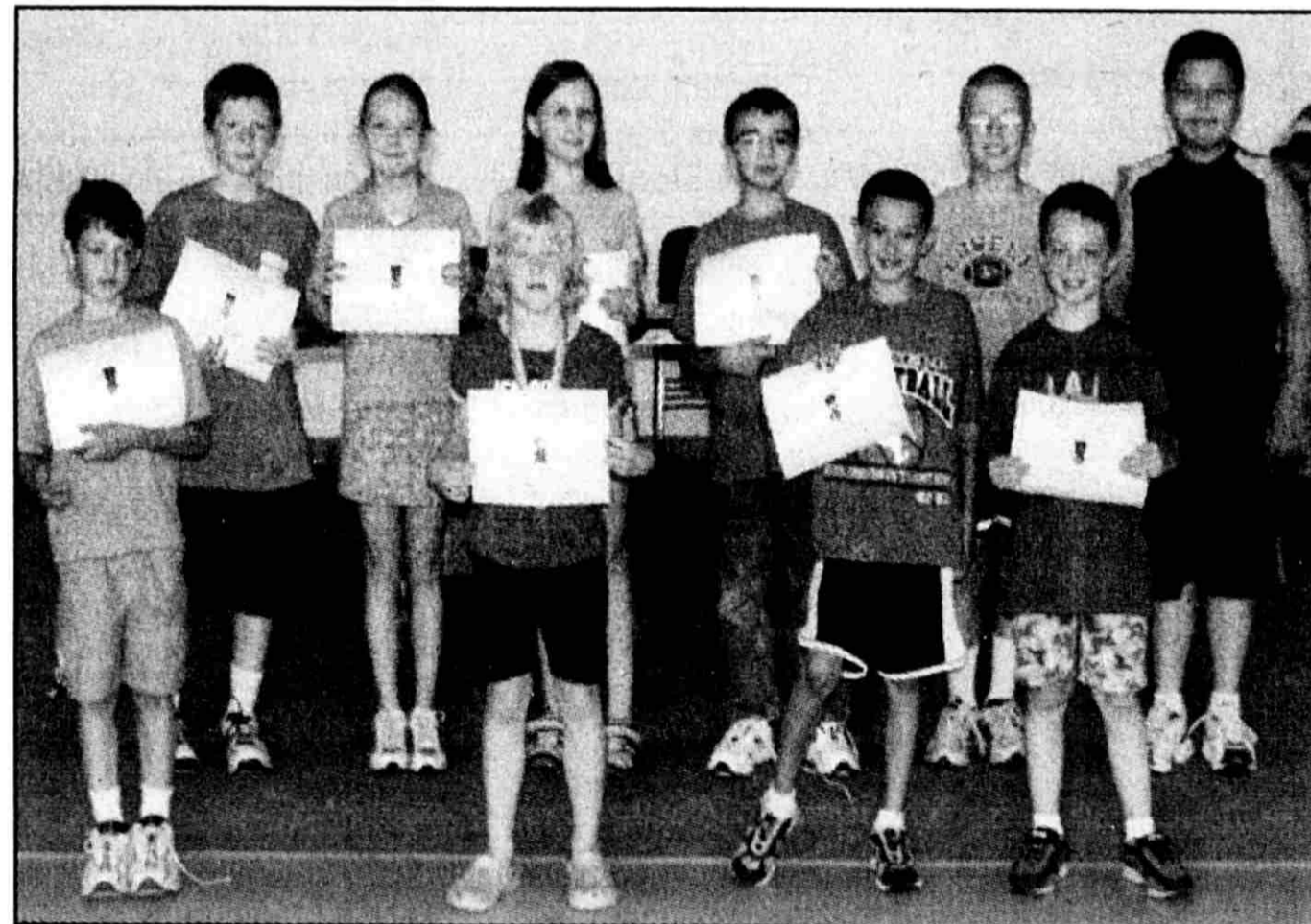
- Motions Approved:
- Minutes of the May board meeting. List of all invoices.
 - Purchase of new emergency vehicle.
 - New wiring at cemetery.
 - Appointment of Rose Jerrils to DDA Board.

Copies of entire minutes available on the website bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

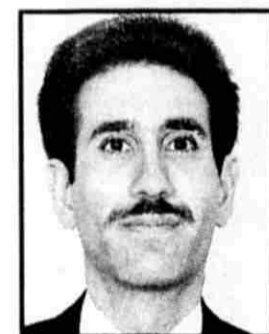
Murray Lake accelerated readers

Pictured above are Murray Lake Elementary's top 10 Accelerated Readers for the 2006-2007 school year. Each student's AR point accumulation is noted next to their name. Back row from left: Mike Anible (314), Morgan Fuller (254), Santana Boulton (344), Mitchell Strawser (225), Trevor Roest (602), Zachary Vanderstelt (293); front row from left: Noah Roth (212), Alyssa Roest (331), Matt Beachler (319), Adam Korzen (253).



Lowell crew team wraps up a strong season

The Lowell crew team finished the season with a strong performance at Culver Academy. Ten crews from Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan competed in 17 events. Lowell Crew finished the season strong, setting a club record with four boats to the final races at Culver. The Woman's Junior 8 medaled with a third place finish, the club's first medal at Culver. Highlights from the season included a third place medal at the East Grand Rapids Regatta by the Woman's Novice 8. The men's and women's Varsity 8 boats were unable to race at East Grand Rapids due to strong winds late in the day. Lowell Crew's roster of 32 high school students worked hard throughout the year with voluntary conditioning in the fall and winter. The students also found time to raise nearly \$4,000 to purchase equipment through events such as cleaning the stadium after football games. Check out the season highlights and learn about the Learn 2 Row Summer Program on their website: <http://www.lowellcrew.com>.



Legal Ease

With Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN:

My husband and I are buying a new home and there will be no mortgage on it. I am trying to figure out the best way to have the home titled, in both of our names, in my name or in his name. Is there an advantage in titling it one way over another?

JONATHAN SAYS:

I am not clear as to the reason for your question since you did not provide me with enough facts. However, I can respond in a general way and hopefully I will address your concerns.

First of all, I generally recommend against titling a marital home in just one name for two reasons. If the spouse who has title to the home dies, then the home will have to be probated in that person's estate along with the rest of that person's assets. Also, having the home titled in just one name

does not protect that property from the person's creditors. If, on the other hand, one spouse is in a "high risk" occupation, i.e., a doctor, then it might make sense to title the home in the other spouse's name which will protect it from creditors of the doctor spouse.

In most cases, I recommend that a husband and wife title their marital property in their names as husband and wife. When real property is owned by a husband and wife, it is deemed to be "tenancy by the entireties" property. Tenancy by the entireties property is protected from the reach of either spouse's individual creditors; this type of ownership, however, does not protect the home from the joint creditors of the husband and wife. Also, the death of one spouse will not cause the home to be probated because the deceased spouse's interest in the home automatically vests in the surviving spouse.

Hopefully, I was able to address your concerns. If not, please feel free to write me again.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.

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Beebe, Francesca 1st Quarter	Farley, Danielle 2nd Quarter	Hatfield, James 2nd Quarter	Porrirt, Ester 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter, 3rd Quarter, 4th Quarter	Stevens, Timothy 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter, 3rd Quarter, 4th Quarter	Wilder, Shauna 1st Quarter
Campbell, Toni 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter	Garza, Marissa 1st Quarter	King, Anthony 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter	Porrirt, LauraLee 1st Quarter	Stryzewski, Hannah 2nd Quarter, 3rd Quarter	Witherell, Amanda 2nd Quarter, 3rd Quarter
Childs, Emily 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter	Gibson, Heather 3rd Quarter	Merrifield, Kalyn 4th Quarter	Roth, Brianne 3rd Quarter, 4th Quarter	Sturgeon, Teresa 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter, 3rd Quarter	Wolfe, Raychel 3rd Quarter
Clark, Amilia 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter	Halford, Amber 2nd Quarter, 3rd Quarter, 4th Quarter	Neeley, Vikki 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter, 3rd Quarter, 4th Quarter	Siciliano, Cheylenn 3rd Quarter, 4th Quarter	VanderJagt, Kirsten 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter, 3rd Quarter, 4th Quarter	Wood, Michael 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter, 3rd Quarter, 4th Quarter
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