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Local restaurant ravaged by fire Monday morning

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

A fire early Monday morning destroyed Jimmy's Grill on Grand River Avenue in Lowell.

Jimmy's Grill was well known for its home-cooked food as well as an unfortunate reputation for fires. Previously, the restaurant's structure was damaged by fire in July 2002, and before that, burned down 30 years ago, killing original owner Alex Still in the apartment above the building.

The restaurant was under new management, Tom Fitzgerald, who bought the place in January 2006.

Jimmy's Grill was closed at the time of the fire and no one was injured.



Originally cream-colored, owner Tom Fitzgerald's van is burnt on one side from the fire that destroyed Jimmy's Grill.

Museum board names new director

By Emma Palova
Lead reporter

The museum board of directors has named Pat Allchin as the new director. Allchin takes over at the helm of an enigmatic historical empire built by former director Judy Straub.

Allchin is a former employee of the Lowell Area Arts Council(LAAC). During her tenure, Allchin developed an understanding for fundraising and a passion for history.

"I am very appreciative of this opportunity," said Allchin. "I feel passionate about my position."

Allchin plans to keep the integrity of the museum at the same level and to follow the museum's strategic plan.

She appreciates the support of the volunteers who donate countless hours to bringing history alive.

The museum operates several traveling exhibits such as the history of Lowell Area Schools and the history of milling in Lowell.

Some of the upcoming exhibits will include "Gizmos & Gadgets" and "Ghost Towns from the Lowell Area."

One of the biggest hits of the past season for the museum was the publication of a pictorial history book "Where the Rivers Meet."

Also the Showboat exhibit open during the concert season attracted many concert goers.

The museum has been dubbed as the best small town museum in America.



Pat Allchin takes the helm of the Lowell Area Historical Museum



Lowell area students were welcomed back into the classroom on Tuesday.



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Obituaries

DEN HOUTER
Edith H. Den Houter, aged 88, of Cascade Township, passed away Saturday, September 1, 2007 in Ft. Wayne, IN. Edith was a homemaker who dedicated her life to her family. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, John A. Den Houter and by her son, Leonard Den Houter. Surviving are her daughter, Joy Den Houter (Paul Pratico) of Roanoke, IN; her daughter-in-law, Kathryn Den Houter of Lowell; grandchildren, Jonathan, Jennifer, Jessica, Benjamin, Noel Den Houter and Lilly

Pratico. Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Chapel of Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr. SE. Interment at Cascade Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Chapel Fund of Cascade Christian Church.

WENGER
Gerald Wenger, aged 86, of Kentwood, went to be with his Lord on Friday, August 31, 2007. He was preceded

in death by a granddaughter, Debbie Wenger. Surviving are his wife, Beatrice; his children, Jerome (Faith) Wenger of Look Out Mt., GA, Bruce Wenger of Fillmore,

NY; two grandchildren, Tanya (David) Lawson, Jessie Wenger; a great grandson, Ian; his brothers, Clifford (Grace) Wenger of Alto, Howard Wenger, of Caledonia. The Funeral Service was held Monday at Stroo Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be given to Alaska Baptist Church.

Lend A Hand



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

THE KENT COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEER TUTORS

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Thursday, Sept. 13, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows those interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the Council and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Kent County Literacy Council is a non-profit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent

County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the Council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Gaines Township Library located at 421 - 68th Street, SE, Grand Rapids. Please call us at 459-5151 to register.

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

Looking to volunteer? The Kent County Sheriff Department will be hosting a Volunteer Open House at

701 Ball Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI on Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at 10 a.m.

The open house will last approximately one hour, and will highlight the many volunteer opportunities available.

Senior Volunteer Program - 55 years and older.

- a. Handicap and Fire Lane Parking Enforcement
- b. Homebound Visits
- c. Vacation House Checks.

Victim Advocate Program - Victim Advocates are a group of civilian volunteers who provide support and assistance to families who have just experienced the sudden traumatic injury or death of a family member.

Front Desk Greeter - Volunteers greet and provide directions to the public as they enter the Sheriff Department Building. Light office work is also a part of this position.

Courtesy Trail Patrol - 18 years and older (Seasonal). Volunteers patrol the White Pine Trail, East Trails and Kent Trails. Duties include, providing assistance to citizens on the bike path who have questions or need the services of the police. Volunteers report any hazards to the public to the police.

If you would like to attend the open house, please RSVP Sandi Jones at 616-632-6221 no later than September 17, 2007.

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Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board
Kent County, Michigan

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO BIG CROOKED LAKE

At a special meeting of the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board held at Grattan Township Hall on the 16th day of August, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bajema, Byl, Freeman
ABSENT: Rolls, Vanderploeg

The following resolution was offered by member Bajema and seconded by member Byl.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the improvement program for Big Crooked Lake; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board to proceed with implementation of improvements to the lake including nuisance aquatic plant control, aquatic plant control administration and inspections, project administration, and contingency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Lake Board hereby determines that the proposed improvements are practical and it confirms its intent to proceed with the improvements.
2. The Lake Board hereby approves the lake improvement plan and the estimate of costs for the improvements in the amount of \$26,000 per year of five years.
3. This resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Kent County. The project shall not, thereafter, be subject to attack except in an action brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after publication.

ADOPTED: AYES: All
NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF KENT)
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I, Sabrina Freeman, Secretary of said Bbig Crooked Lake Improvement Board, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the lake board at a meeting held on the 16th day of August, 2007. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this 28th day of August, 2007.
Sabrina Freeman, Secretary
Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BIG CROOKED LAKE

TAKE NOTICE that the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board has confirmed the Special Assessment Roll for improvements to Big Crooked Lake. The Special Assessment Roll in the amount of \$108,500 has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of nuisance aquatic plant control, aquatic plant control administration and inspections, project administration, and contingency over a five-year period (2008 to 2012). Said Special Assessment Roll and all assessments thereon are final and conclusive unless attacked in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days of this notice. This notice is being published pursuant to Part 309 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

"Back to School" for smokers

Back to school time means the return of free smoking cessation classes in Lowell.

Tobacco Free Partners, a West Michigan non-profit provides the classes at no charge. These group sessions meet for six weeks beginning Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. The classes are held at Lowell Family Medical 2550 W. Main St. To register, call (616) 975-0123 or go to www.tobaccofreepartners.org and click on classes.

This marks the third time "Tobacco Free for Good" classes were offered to Lowell area residents this year. It's been great to see such a positive response to

cessation classes in Lowell. This reflects the needs for community-based health initiatives, said Jodie Seese, the facilitator. Seese is a nationally-certified tobacco addiction specialist and has been involved in cessation programs for eight years. People are taking advantage of programs and group activities that improve their health, particularly those offered locally.

Cessations classes are effective for a wide range of smokers. In Lowell's previous classes, there were family members who quit together, grandparents and new parents, people who smoked for only a few years,

and several who had smoked for over 50 years.

Lowell resident Elmer Scharaswak was finally able to kick the habit according to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), participating in an educational program can increase your chances of quitting by 70 percent. Seese said, "It's important for people to understand that quitting is a process, a transition. It's a learning experience and it's highly individualized. Every smoker is a little different and what worked for your neighbor or a co-worker may not be right for you. The benefit of a class is that

you determine your own quit plan based on your smoking patterns and previous quit attempts. You also have the support of everyone in that class, which participants cite as a tremendous value to them."

Seese also recommends the "Become an Ex" program developed by the American Legacy Foundation and the Mayo Clinic. It offers a free step-by-step quit manual as a learning tool. It also includes online coaching and phone counseling. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or go to www.becomeanex.org for more information.

At Your Local Library



USED BOOK SALE AT ALTO BRANCH OF KDL
Find used books at bargain prices at the Alto Harvest Festival! Sponsored by the Alto Branch of the Kent District Library, the sale will occur on Sept. 15, from 9 until 1:30 p.m. Call 616-647-3820 for more information.

The Alto Branch of KDL is located at 6071 Linfield Avenue.

FRIENDS OF ENGLEHARDT BRANCH OF KDL HOLD BUSINESS MEETING

The Friends of the Englehardt Library will hold its annual business meeting on Tuesday, September 18, at 10 a.m. in the library's community room. Current members are encouraged to attend, and the group welcomes new members.

Programming through the end of the year will be discussed.

The Englehardt Branch of the Kent District Library is located at 200 N. Monroe Street, in Lowell. Call 616-647-3920 for more information.

Child identification program held at Lowell car dealerships

A "Child Identification" program will be held at local car dealerships in Lowell during two weekends in September.

The program is run by S.I.P. Kids, an organization to promote national child safety. For more information on S.I.P. Kids, visit the website www.sipkids.com.

The program will run during the course of the dealership's opening hours. During that time, S.I.P. Kids will provide digital fingerprinting for children and in turn, will provide the F.B.I. with the information. The fingerprints will be kept on file and can be used by

police when children go missing.

The Lowell police department will also be on hand at the events, to work with child safety car seat checks.

The event is free and geared toward children entering school and older,

but is available to all parents who would like to bring their children in.

The events will be held at Grand Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep on Sept. 14 and 15, the Chrysler store Sept. 14, Wittenbach's Sept. 15, and Lemmen Grand Sept. 21 and 22.

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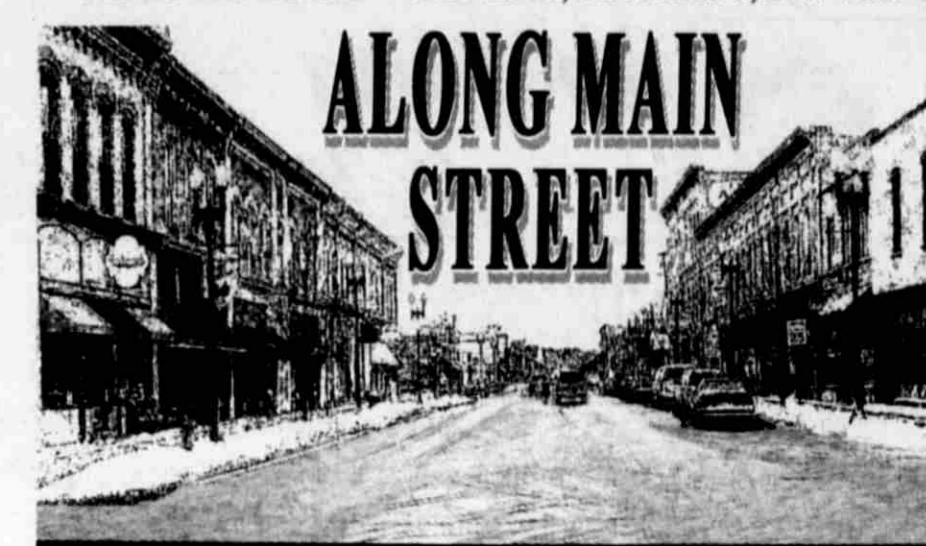
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LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL

The Studio Glass West Michigan Style invitational exhibition is located at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson from Sept. 4 - Oct. 20 with a public reception on Sunday, Sept. 16 from 2 - 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday, 12 - 6 p.m. and Saturday 1-4 p.m. Monday and mornings by appointment.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 East Fulton, old Cumberland Manor. Must have proof of source of all income and Social Security numbers for the entire household. Bring your own bags. Questions? Call Bernadette 897-5150 or Virginia 897-8754.

CLASS OF 1952

Last call for LHS class of 1952 55th anniversary celebration. Dinner and social time starting at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Deer Run Golf Club. Questions 897-8258.

COUNTDOWN TO CUB SCOUTS

Join Alto Cub Scouts Sept. 12 at 6:30 at Alto Elementary playground for ice cream, rocket launches and info about joining Cub Scouts. Call Todd at 897-4325 for more info.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Bands, jamming, food, camping, family event Sept. 14 - 16 at Fairgrounds.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church Fri., Sept. 14, 6 - 8 p.m. or Sat., Sept. 15, 10 - 12 noon. Everyone welcomed. Any questions call 897-7395.

PHOTO CONTEST

Eastern Kent County Open Space Council Photo Contest entries due to township halls Sept. 10-14. Opening reception is Tues., Sept. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Cascade Library's Wisner Center. See www.vergenestwp.org or www.twp.lowell.mi.us for entry information and form.

CLASS OF 1992

Class reunion Sept. 29, 7 p.m. at the Showboat. Cost is \$15 per person. Questions please contact Jen Dougherty (Wieland) at 616-868-0439 or j.l.dougherty@att.net.

SLEIGH BELLS & HOLLY - A GALLERY OF FINE ARTS & GIFTS

Call for artists, this year there is room for a few new artists. Nov. 8 - Dec. 22 at Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, Lowell. All artwork must be of original design and of high quality. Interested artists need to provide photographs or jpeg images of their artwork for consideration. Mail applications to Lowell Area Arts Council, PO Box 53, Lowell, MI 49331 or email application to info@lowellartscouncil.org. Applications must be received by September 30.

FREE/REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

A new free/reduced meal application must be filled out at the start of every school year. Applications are available at each school office, in the August Directions newsletter, and from the LAS home page at www.lowellschools.com

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Hahn, Director of Dining Services at 987-2964 or khahn@lowellschools.com.



Sharing The Vision

With Mark Lessens
Board of Education President

Welcome back students, staff and parents to another exciting year of teaching and learning at Lowell Area Schools! Preparations for the beginning of another school year have reached fever pitch over the last couple of weeks, and now we welcome our students and staff back to school. School staff members have been busy this summer preparing our buildings to provide a clean and safe environment for the return of our students and staff.

The safety of our students and staff is always paramount at Lowell Area Schools. Some mandatory drills we will carry out at all buildings throughout the year include fire and tornado drills. We are also required to complete two

"Code Red Drills" in our district. Parents will be notified before these drills are completed so that you may speak with your child(ren) about the seriousness of the drills, but also to alleviate any fears they may have. We ask that you also talk to your child(ren) about your family's safety concerns and plans, especially if your student walks or bikes to school.

New procedures are in place so that background checks will be required for all volunteers. All staff will be fingerprinted again and more detailed background checks will be completed by January 1, 2008.

Our busses have been inspected and once again found to be in excellent condition. We have also purchased four new busses to keep our fleet up-to-date, providing safe and efficient transportation for our students.

In August, the Board of Education moved forward with the sale of the remaining \$10.9 million of bonds that were authorized by our citizens in 2000. The proceeds from these bonds will be used to update security and enhance safety throughout our district. These updates will include items such as additional lighting and cameras in parking lots and in buildings, and parking lot changes to separate student

pedestrians from vehicle traffic. Renovations will be made to Bushnell Elementary to relocate the office so that staff will be able to better monitor the entrance to the school, as well as be closer to the playground. Other renovations throughout the district will also be completed so that we can provide the safest learning environment possible.

The bond money will also be used to update technology in our buildings. Projects such as faster connections for Alto Elementary, additional computers in classrooms, computer labs and for teachers, hardware and software updates and training will be completed. The addition of multi-media capabilities, such as projectors and DVD players in classrooms, will enhance teaching and learning opportunities.

This is a very exciting time of year throughout the district, and with the help of staff, students and parents, we know it will be another great year of student achievement at Lowell Area Schools!

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

Ask Kathryn

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.



I have been receiving some excellent questions from my readers. Sometimes it's hard to choose which one to write about. This one came from a reader several months ago, and it reads, "Why does drinking cause memory loss?" Our mind is one of the greatest gifts, and it separates us from the animal kingdom. It controls our body, the quality of our life, our friendships, and the development of our personal and career

goals. Without our mental capacities our life is reduced to a vegetative state. Alcohol affects the central nervous system (which includes the brain) as a depressant. This results in a decrease of activity, anxiety, tension, and inhibitions. Even a few drinks can result in behavioral changes, a slowing in motor performance, and a decrease in the ability to think clearly. Consequently, our concentration and judgments become impaired. Alcohol affects the nervous system and can result in nerve damage and severe memory loss.

Because too much alcohol is toxic to our system, it does damage to our whole body including our brain. The synaptic process is slowed down because alcohol is a depressant. Therefore, these connections that help our brain function occur at a much slower rate. With prolonged use of alcohol, there is damage to our synaptic processes which is evidenced by a memory loss. The mechanism that we

use to retrieve memories has been slowed or is no longer working. The memories are still in our mind, but in order to remember, we need to have a good retrieval system for those memories. The excessive use of alcohol is toxic and will affect how our brain is working. In a previous case with an alcoholic, it became apparent that although his intentions were good, he was unable to do what he wanted. He wanted to handle life better and be more effective at work, but he was unable to persist long enough to finish a goal. He was truly impaired in his ability to function. His brain was no longer working well enough to help him achieve his goals. This is particularly present when there is an excessive and chronic use of alcohol.

Once again, thank you for your questions. Please continue to send them to me at my email, which is kathryndenhouter@gmail.com.

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APPLY FOR YOUR PASSPORT NOW
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\$67.00 (16 years or older) - made out to "U.S. Dept. of State"

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5. Execution Fee - cash, check or money order - \$30.00 - made out to "City of Lowell"

All applicant including children must appear in person at the time of processing. Passport applicants under 14 years old must have both parents present. Expedite services available for a fee!

Questions call 897-8457
Arrangements can be made for groups.



Overcoming Addiction Starts with Discovering how to Defeat Cravings

No one wants to be an addict. Anyone who has an alcoholic or drug addict close to them may find this impossible to believe but it's true. Until that addict finds a way out of the trap of compelling drug or alcohol cravings, he or she may find this impossible to quit using drugs, no matter how much he knows he must, no matter how hard she may wish for relief from her addiction.

Someone who has never been addicted may have difficulty comprehending the iron grip of drug or alcohol cravings. An alcoholic or drug addict will commonly feel that life itself depends on getting and using the substance to which they are

addicted. Nothing is more important, not one's job, family, home, or any other obligation.

Whether the addictive substance is alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, illicitly-obtained prescription drugs or methamphetamine, when drug cravings are in full swing, lying or stealing are insignificant compared to the overwhelming need to satisfy the intense cravings and to prevent the sickness and pain of withdrawal.

Without eliminating cravings, one's chances of permanent recovery from addiction are very slim. The good news is that cravings can be eliminated. The

key to elimination is first understanding the cause.

When drugs are filtered by the liver, they leave metabolites; protein-based byproducts of the filtration. Each drug has its own metabolite, like a fingerprint. This is why drug tests work - they identify the metabolites left behind after drug use. Marijuana leaves a marijuana metabolite; alcohol produces an alcohol metabolite, and so on. While some of these metabolites leave the body through sweat and urine, some remains in the body and bonds with fat cells.

Overcoming Addiction,
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**Our Westown Banking Office is
being remodeled to expand to a
full service location to better serve you!**

**The Huntington Bank at 1425 West Main St.
ATM and banking office will temporarily close
Friday, September 7 at 3:00pm**

WE WILL REOPEN IN JANUARY 2008

During our remodel, please visit us at our full service
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Viewpoint

To The Editor

legacy of the Lowell Area Cable Television will live on and make our community an even better place to live for many years to come.

Suggestions respectively submitted by
Ivan K. Blough.

To The Editor,

I was happy to hear the Lowell City Council has set a work session date, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at the City hall, to discuss the equity left from the sale of Lowell Area Cable Television.

I have been told the amount of equity that the subscriber at LACTV have generated over the past 25 years has decreased from the original estimate of \$3 million to less than \$2.8 million. Therefore it is important that this money be wisely invested as soon as possible.

The subscribers of LACTV from the communities of the City of Lowell, Lowell Township and Vergennes Township have generated this money, and have enjoyed the benefits of good entertainment, education from the science, history and art channels, and communication from the news and weather channels, and from the Internet service, over the past 25 years.

I would like to see these benefits perpetually continue for many years to come.

I believe this can happen by putting all of the money in a professionally managed endowment fund and a portion of the revenue distributed by a board of managers from the community. If this revenue can be distributed to area students and area groups that will further quality entertainment, education and communication within our community, the

Dear Editor,

The Lowell City Council set a work session for September 10, 2007 at the City Hall to discuss Lowell Cable sale proceeds. Proceeds that I believe came from the improper sale of Lowell Cable TV, where the "owners, constituents" were not informed about the sale of Lowell Cable TV until the sale was almost finalized. The sale is in the past, but will this meeting on what to do with the proceeds and meetings in the future have any meaning, or will they just go through the procedures as usual? Will what to do with the money end up like the controversy the Council has on the property on N. Washington St? What I would like to see come about out of this meeting is some hope and optimism that what to do with the proceeds from the sale of Lowell Cable TV will not end up like the sale of Lowell Cable TV where the constituents of Lowell had a no say no vote in the out come. This could be an interesting meeting and a benefit to the community or it could be just another summer rerun where we know the beginning and the ending before it even starts.

Jim Howard



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 6, 1882

The telephone line between F.D. Eddy's store and the depot is up and works to his entire satisfaction. Some trouble was experienced with Peck and McDannell's line on account of contact with trees along the line.

There will be a grand opening ball at the National Hotel at the depot Friday evening, Sept. 15.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 5, 1907

Don't miss the great stage coach robbery and abduction by Redskins, intense excitement every minute.

H.H. Reed and Joseph Hamilton have about decided to erect business buildings on the sites of those recently burned down.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 1, 1932

The Lowell Township Board held a meeting on Tuesday for the purpose of taking steps for securing a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation recently appointed by President Hoover.

Lighting struck the horse barn on the Eugene Engle farm two miles west of Lowell early Monday morning destroying the barn and contents consisting of hay, oats and tools.

More and more motorists are becoming acquainted with the fact that "Blue Sunoco" is truly a two-fisted fuel - a "fighting fuel" to be exact.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 5, 1957

The civic study committee that has the purpose of bringing the question of Lowell becoming a city, met last Wednesday evening to formulate plans to set the date for the vote and to set boundaries of the city.

School enrollment about the same with 1,121 registered on Tuesday.

Hopes are high for the performance of the 1957 Lowell High School football team. Coach reports a good chance to better last year's 5-3-1 record.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 1, 1982

John Jones, superintendent at Lowell Light & Power, retires after 32 years.

Proprietor Bill Bennett is seeing to that his new business, Lowell Auto Body gets a new storefront.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters are needed in the Lowell area.

Outdoors

By
Dave Stegehuis



**NOW YOU SEE IT -
NOW YOU DON'T**

Drummond Island lies a mile east of the Upper Peninsula mainland in Lake Huron. Except for those sailing the Great Lakes, Drummond is not on the way to anywhere. The off-the-beaten-path location accounts for the relatively slow pace of development. After a number of visits over the last twenty years, I have not noticed significant change in the laid-back character of the island.

Occasional talk about building a bridge between Detour Village and the island always stirs up some controversy. The proponents argue for convenience, increased business, and timely evacuation if necessary. The opposing view is to keep things the way they are because that is why Drummond is Drummond. The ferryboat ride, for example, is a big part of the Drummond experience. It would require a substantial span to bridge the mile wide Detour Passage which provides a short-cut to Lake Superior for ocean going vessels as well as thousand foot Great Lakes freighters. Drummond Island has resisted fast-paced development because of the

difficulty getting there and because two-thirds of the land is state owned.

Other unique places have paid the price of notoriety. I remember the first time I visited Tahquamenon Falls. There was a sign on a tree lettered with the word "falls" near a footpath leading from the unpaved road into the woods. The next time I visited, there was a large parking lot, a building, and railings.

In the early 80s my wife, Gwen, and I hiked through the forest in search of an old volcano site near the Pitons on St. Lucia in the West Indies. Guided by the acrid stench of sulfur fumes, we broke out of the heavy vegetation and proceeded to walk around on slippery clay banks along streams of steaming-hot black water. On a mission trip in 2007, we re-visited the volcano and found observation decks well above the volcano floor and were accompanied by a tour guide along with a large group of tourists. Today, one can safely observe Tahquamenon Falls and the volcano because the large numbers of visitors make safety a priority. Native people living around Niagara Falls before European settlement had to watch their step when fishing along the river.

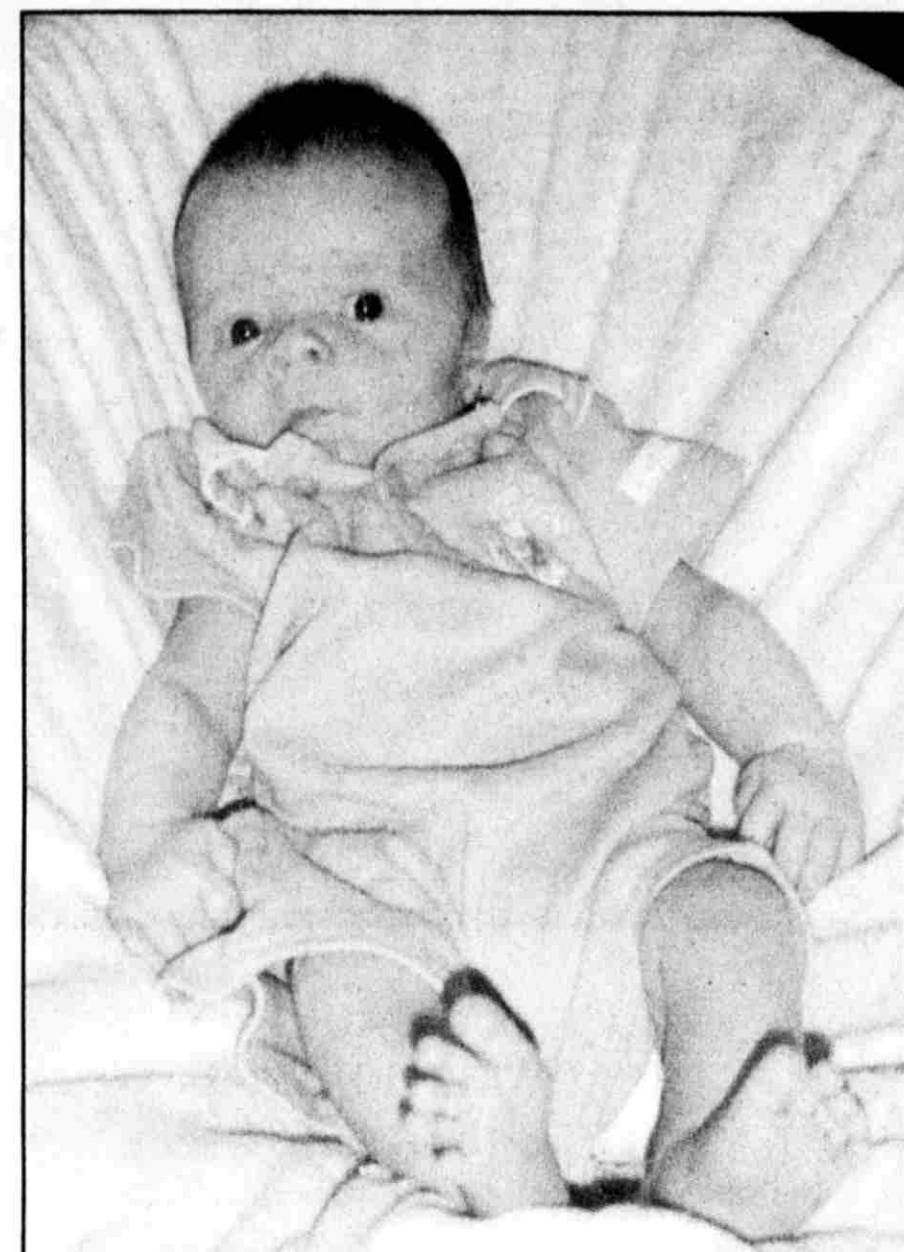
That which originally draws people to an area can be spoiled because of the rush of those wanting to enjoy it. The old adage of visit, but leave only footprints is a good policy except on the Maxim Plains of Drummond, where it is best to only look and take pictures because the rare and delicate plant life found there can be trampled and lost. Now you see it-now you don't.

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New Arrivals

Thuston



Wyatt Timothy Thuston

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Reflections of faith

By Dr. Roger LaWarre

Pastor, First congregational United Church of Christ

How many times have you heard the well worn quote, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."? We have heard it countless times but it has not taken hold of us. In fact when most of us stop to think about our life (something we do very infrequently, if at all) we have to conclude that we live life based on what we can accumulate rather than what we can give. This does not mean we don't give. It simple means that giving is a minor part of our overall energy for living. Extravagant giving is practically unheard of and sacrificial giving, well that is definitely not in the equation for most people.

As I reflect on this well-worn quote, I am reminded that giving is not just about money. Oh, money is needed to address the injustices of our society. The issues facing our schools and the citizens of our community will require all of us to address the financial issues. Our giving is very much

more about our life styles and the place of God in our day to day living. The real purpose of life an the blessings of giving go hand in hand in healthy lifestyles.

At a pivotal point in her life, Florence Nightingale wrote the following in her diary: "I am now 30 years of age, the age at which Christ began His mission. Now, Lord, let me think only of Thy will." Years later, near the end of her heroic life, she was asked the secret of her success. "Well," she replied, "I can only give one explanation: I have kept nothing back from God."

In Matthew 10:39 we read these words of wisdom: "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." when read this I am called to examine what it is to which I invest my life. What commands my time, my talent, my energy and my commitment? Most importantly, can I focus my life through the goal of giving? It is important that I answer this question with a resounding, "Yes." Focusing my life on gaining wealth or on accumulating stuff to the exclusion of focusing on the real and lasting values produces only inward poverty. "It is the giver who gains, the investor who draws interest, the person of faith who moves mountains." (Author unknown). We dare not ignore this time tested truth. Why not make giving your goal?

Overcoming addiction, continued ... From Page 4

When a person consumes drugs or alcohol, they retain a complete recorded memory of that experience, good or bad. Any addict accumulates a series of memories that contain the pain and discomfort associated with the torture of withdrawal.

When a person experiences stress, physical exertion or intense emotion that increases the heart rate, the body burns fat cells, activating drug metabolites. These activated metabolites trigger the memories and discomfort of past drug use. A person is likely to use drugs again at these times, even if they have not used drugs in years.

The secret to eliminating these cravings lies in a thorough detoxification process that enables the body to

flush out stored metabolites and toxins. With exercise to stimulate circulation, time spent in a dry sauna, and a specific regimen of nutritional supplements, drug metabolites can be eliminated, resulting in a person who can think more clearly and whose drug cravings have been alleviated. The rehabilitation program at Narconon Arrowhead, one of the country's leading drug and alcohol rehabilitation and education centers, includes such a detoxification, referred to as the Narconon New Life Detoxification Program.

Peter H. is a graduate of the Narconon Arrowhead program. He said, "I first started drinking alcohol and using pot when I was fourteen. By sixteen, I was using LSD, speed and cocaine. At forty, I was hopelessly strung out on heroin. My addiction destroyed everything, I ended up homeless, penniless and almost dead. I found Narconon and started their program. After I completed the detoxification portion of the program, I was clear-headed and had no drug cravings whatsoever. After more than two years of being clean, I know without a doubt I can live my life without drugs. Thank you for saving my life."

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Life fest feeds heart and soul

This year's Lifestest will feed the heart and the soul, as its theme suggests. The annual fundraiser for the Franciscan Life Process Center will start with a spiritual retreat "Walking in Miracles."

The retreat will set the stage for Saturday's dinner and auction. Guest speaker photographer Steve Uzzell will give a presentation "Open Roads, Open Minds."

Sunday's family picnic will feature corn on the cob, brats, hot dogs, hay rides, games, dancing and more.

The Lifestest will run from Sept. 7 - 9. For more information call 897-7842.

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Financial Focus

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Fixed and Variable Annuities

When you buy a fixed annuity, the insurance company puts your funds into fixed income investments, such as bonds. Your principal is guaranteed, and the insurance company pays you an interest rate that is also guaranteed for a certain period of time. At the end of the guarantee period, the insurer adjusts the guaranteed interest rate upward or downward.

If you'd like the potential to earn more than you can receive from a fixed annuity, you might want to consider a variable annuity. When you purchase a variable annuity, you place your money in various accounts that can be made up of stocks, bonds and other securities. You choose how to allocate your investment dollars, based on your risk tolerance and time horizon. (Keep in mind, though, that this investment is called "variable" for a reason: your account balance will fluctuate along with the financial markets, and there's no guarantee you will get back your entire principal. Furthermore, various fees are associated with investing in variable annuities.)

With either a fixed or variable annuity, you won't pay taxes on your earnings; you begin taking withdrawals. Be aware though, that if you are younger than 59 1/2 when you start taking withdrawals, you will have to pay a 10 percent tax penalty in addition to ordinary income tax on the amount withdrawn.

Apart from tax deferral, annuities offer at least one other key benefit: flexibility in taking your payments. You can accept distributions as a lump sum, spread them out over a certain number of years or create an income stream for the rest of your life — or even your life and that of your spouse.

Cash Value Insurance

When you buy permanent insurance, also known as "cash value" insurance, part of your premium pays for the death benefit (the amount that goes to your beneficiary), but some of the payment goes to help build cash value — and this money grows on a tax-deferred basis, similar to annuities, your traditional IRA and your 401(k).

You can choose from a variety of cash-value insurance policies. In building cash value, some of these policies rely on variable investments, such as stocks. Consequently, your cash value will fluctuate over time, and, as is the case with variable annuities, you could lose some of your principal. However, you can also choose varieties of cash-value insurance, such as whole life or universal life, that typically pay guaranteed rates of return.

To access your cash value, you can cancel or surrender your policy (although, if you surrender it within a few years of purchasing it, you may have to pay surrender charges) or you can borrow from your policy and pay yourself back with interest.

Ultimately, you can provide a significant boost to your retirement savings by investing in annuities and cash value insurance. So, give them some consideration once you've hit the "ceiling" on your 401(k) and IRA.

HEALTH

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



ROSACEA

Rosacea is a disease that affects the skin on the face. It often begins as redness that looks like a blush across the nose, cheeks, chin, or forehead. As time goes on, red pimples and pus-filled bumps may appear. Some people also notice small blood vessels across their nose and cheeks. In some people, the skin of the nose may become red and thick. Rosacea can also irritate the eyelids and the white part of the eye.

No one is sure what causes rosacea. There may be more than one cause. Rosacea tend to run in fair-skinned families and tends to occur in people who blush easily. Symptoms usually begin between the ages of 30 and 60. Women are more likely to get rosacea on the cheeks and chin, but it tends to be worse in men.

Treatment of rosacea is aimed at controlling the symptoms and making your skin look better. The type of medicine used to treat your skin will depend on how your skin looks. Treatment generally is best for improving the pimples and bumps of rosacea. The redness of the skin is harder to treat. Antibiotics are used to treat rosacea, both topically and orally. It may take a couple months of treatment before the skin starts to look better. It is also hard to know how long you will need treatment.

Gentle skin care is best for the skin, using a mild soap and moisturizer. It is also a good idea to use a sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or higher. Certain things seem to make rosacea worse, and these should be avoided as much as possible. These include sun exposure, hot drinks, alcohol, spicy foods, strenuous exercise, heat, and cold.

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Artists gain confidence painting together

by Emma Palova
Lead reporter

Sitting on the banks of the Flat River in front of an easel, artist Judy Titta grabs a soft dark green pastel. A peaceful river vista with a white steeple protruding from the trees in the background begins to appear on the canvas.

Like Monet in his gardens, Titta is sporting a hat in the heat of the day. She's not alone. Behind her on the library lawn, there are more artists painting. Some have painted the fowl on the river, others like instructor John Knight have captured the downtown structures in Lowell on their canvas.

Knight has painted the backs of the buildings sitting on pillars in the river. A scene that reminded him of Europe. Last year in a trial session, he painted the scene in pastels, this year he returned to his first love,

watercolors. Knight has also sketched the Showboat.

The "Wednesday Paint In Paint Outs" workshop offered by the Franciscan Life Process Center was launched this year for artists of all levels and all media with minimum instruction or guidance. A critique followed each session.

According to Knight, the workshop was tough to launch, due to 90-plus temperatures and humidity.

"For some it was a traumatic experience outside," he said. "We had this beastly weather."

However, the artist group, which was a mix of graphic artists, photographers, housewives, retirees and middle school art teachers, enjoyed the learning constructive environment.

"You do your own thing," Knight said. "It's not a class. It is an individual

work situation. But it's something continuous so people can grow together. I am super happy."

And although each artist was using different media, they had one thing in common. It was the love for art that bonded the strangers together forever. After four months of the workshop in a co-op setting they became friends. They've also grown as artists learning from one another during critique time on location.

"I love this," said Titta.

The group started painting in May on the decks of the nomadic yurts overlooking a 200-acre sanctuary with wild flowers close to the center. It was here that artist Ruth VanderMeulen painted the impressionistic blue explosion, "View from a Yurt."

ForfreelanceartistDavid Thinger painting outside on



Sporting a straw hat artist Judy Titta paints on the bank of the Flat River.

different locations was his first experience. Standing in front of the Fallasburg Covered Bridge, Thinger painted the bold fall scenery, while Knight sketched a tree trunk with roots in the water. Lin Haaksma, inspired by a mark in front of the bridge, created an impressionistic

opaque image. Her photographic rendering of the ceiling inside a yurt was received by fellow artists with awe. "You have more exposure to other people's work," she said. "It gives you more purpose. I enjoyed being part of a group."

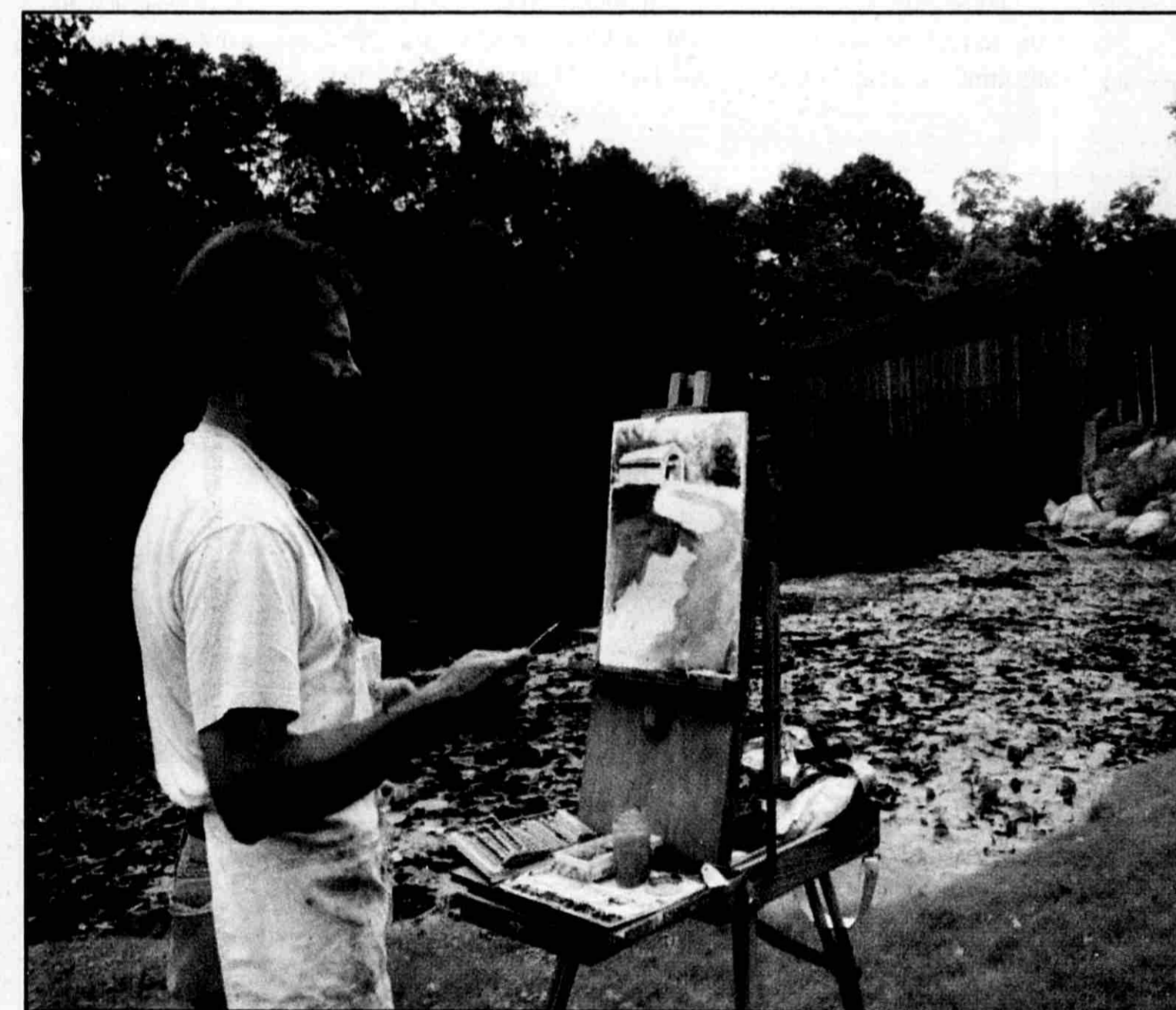
Lorraine Brodowski carried her craft paints in a large white bag to the painting locale in front of the McGee Bed & Breakfast last week. The heat again kept some of the artists sheltered at the center painting from photographs. However, the

brave ones like Brodowski, Thinger and Wilma Knoll stationed themselves freely on the property. Knoll painted standing up by the pond ducks and geese who were constantly being chased away by a black cat.

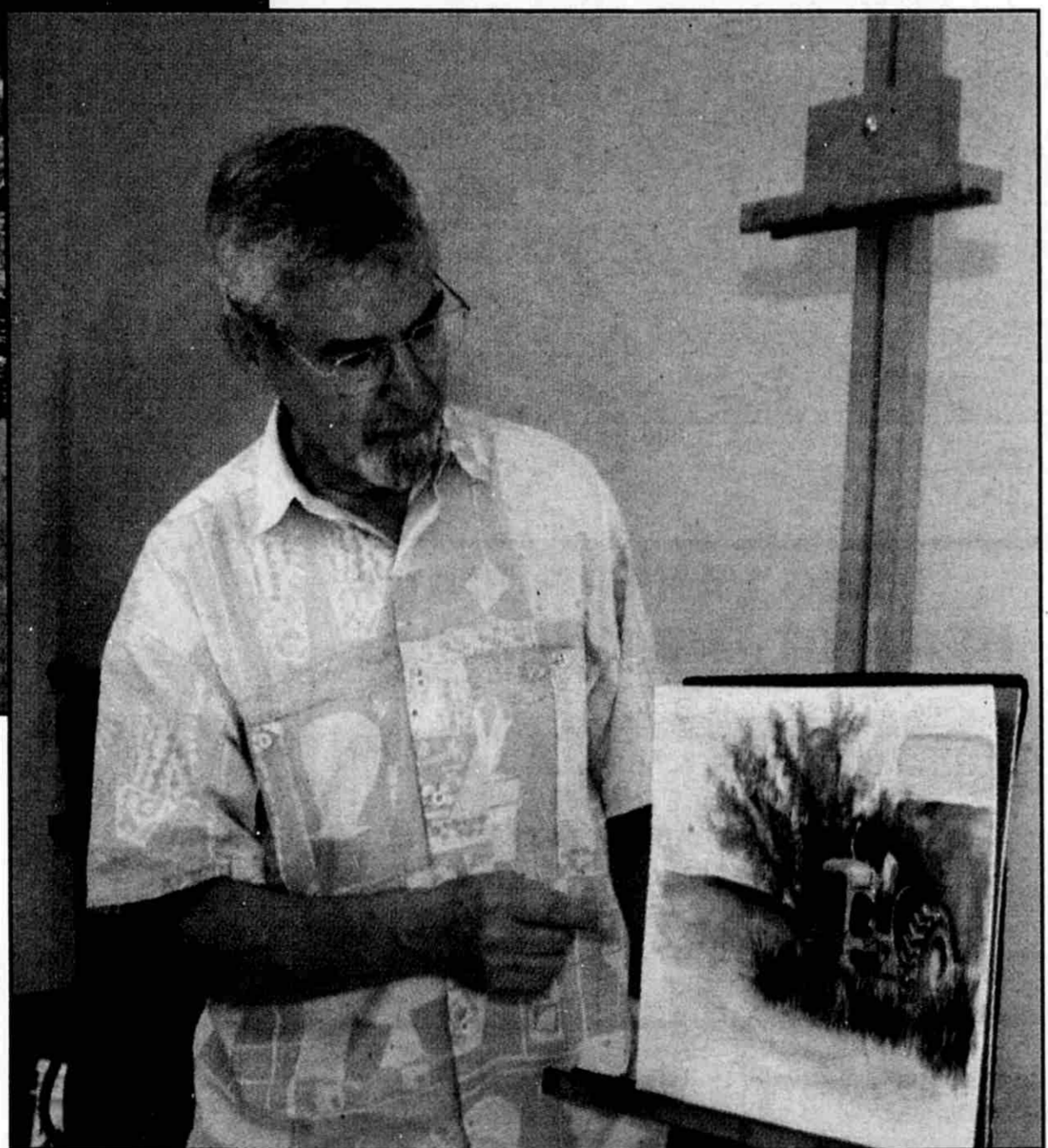
"Her models kept running away," said Thinger during the critique later at the center. "Her palette got upset."

Knoll, unlike Brodowski, enjoyed painting outdoors because she could capture the changing light during the day.

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Freelance artist David Thinger prefers to stand up while painting.



Instructor John Knight leads the critique at the Franciscan Life Process Center.

Artists, continued ... From Page 10

"I love the variety and freedom," Knoll said. "I like the artists in this class. Artists are good people. Are you an artist?"

Although Brodowski would have preferred to paint inside, she did enjoy better ability to capture the light. She painted a pastore scene with a fence that day.

"It's easier to find shadows where they should go," she said. "It's a pretty setting."

The bed and breakfast with pink and burgundy shutters created a calm backdrop even though none of the artists painted the actual structure.

Later that day, the artists gathered at the center for a constructive art critique. Knight led the critique with Thinger's pastel painting of a tractor in front of a red barn.

"It's bold," he said. "It's not wishy washy. I love the bent funnel."

Knight noted that the artists' work got looser and more spontaneous toward the end of the workshop.

"With art you can make choices," he said. "An artist can make decisions. You never know if you're finished or not."

Most artists agreed they wouldn't have painted as much alone at home lacking the group motivation.

"I have a lot more confidence," said Julie Foster. "I am developing my own style. I enjoy being with people, learning from the feedback."

A winter session is currently being planned at the center.



Semi-retiree Lorraine Brodowski stations herself in front of McGee Bed and Breakfast.

Featured Artist

Susan Haddix

by Emma Palova
Lead reporter

Susan Haddix's bold "Two & Three Quarters" watercolor painting, now on display at Huntington Galleria, captures luscious peaches in a full explosion of colors.

From warm reds and yellows to cool blues and greens, the fruit lures the senses.

In contrast, the "Pinecode Study" in pencil and watercolor casts soft pinks and grays on the canvas.

Her "Dining on the River" depicts an easily

recognizable sight in downtown Lowell, again in pinks, grays and greens.

Haddix says she is inspired by colors, shapes and light.

"I have always enjoyed creating things," she said.

While raising family, Haddix expressed herself with sewing, crafts and rubber stamping.

When her two daughters left for college, Haddix began taking watercolor classes at the Franciscan Life Process Center, Oxbow and Kendall College.

For the last five years, Haddix has studied with

David Davis at his studio 208. Haddix has participated in several exhibits with the studio group, at the Riverwalk Galleria and at Huntington Galleria.

the boundary of just putting paint in spaces," said Davis. "She has accomplished a great deal."

Davis said it takes a while to feel the medium in your mind, heart and hands.

However, with the right teaching, any artist can accomplish that, according to Davis.

"It makes you want to create a bigger explosion," said Davis. "I hope people

will go around the bank twice to pick up the nuances in her work."

Haddix show is a combination of assigned and freestyle work over the last five years.



"Dining on the River" above and "Two & three quarters" watercolor painting by Susan Haddix shows her appreciation for shapes.



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SEPTEMBER

THUR., SEPT. 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at Schneider Manor activity room at 1 p.m. Sister Mary Margaret music therapy at Franciscan Life Process Center will talk about the music program. Everyone welcome. State candidates for Nov. election to be presented at Oct. meeting. Hostess Phyllis Bieri & Roma Minnie.

THUR., SEPT. 6: Free food distribution 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 East Fulton (old Cumberland). Must have proof for source of income and Social Security numbers for the entire household. Bring your own bags. Questions? Call Bernadette 897-5150 or Virginia 897-8754.

FRI., SEPT. 9: Lansing Capital & Museum Tour, 9 a.m. Sponsored by the Lowell Senior Neighbors.

MONDAYS

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. at Gallagher's. Call 676-1355.

Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

1ST MON.: Regular communication of Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, 7:30 p.m. 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. 7 p.m.

2ND MON.: Lowell Board of Education, 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets Oct. - March 10 a.m. & April - Sept. 7 p.m. at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meetings held 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, Fellowship Hall at Church of the Nazarene, N. Washington St. at 7 p.m.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY OTHER MON.: Lowell Area Juggling Club, Community room, Englehardt Library, 7-8:30 p.m. 12/older. 897-9879, www.freewebs.com/lowelljugglingclub.

MON., TUES., THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. Call 987-9533 for appt./open Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tu. 6-9 p.m.; Th. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula and clothing.

EVERY MON.: Women for Sobriety, 7-8 p.m. Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 84th & Alden Nash. Call Sue 868-6219; www.womenforsobriety.org.

TUESDAYS

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

Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church 621 E. Main St. 6:30 p.m. Call Bruce Doll, cubmaster at 304-0082.

Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Women's Community Bible Study, Free nursery/preschool story hour/craft time 9:45-11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. 897-7060 or 897-7555.

1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

2ND TUES.: Diabetic Support, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 12 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. 897-5449 for information.

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/7 program Olga -975-9977/June 231-780-1249.

SAT., SEPT. 8: Alpha Women's Center of Lowell will be hosting their annual LifeWalk. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Parking available at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main St. Please call the center at 987-9533 for more information and for your pledge forms.

MON., SEPT. 10: Metro Hospital Open House Tour at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Lowell Senior Neighbors.

WED., SEPT. 12: Awana Clubs will begin at Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Grades 3-12. Questions call 897-5648.

WED., SEPT. 12: Join Alto Cub Scouts at 6:30 at Alto Elementary playground for ice cream, rocket launches and info about joining Cub Scouts. Call Todd at 897-4325 for more info.

TUESDAYS

2ND TUES.: Doric chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star 6:30 dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting, 211 E Main, Belding.

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.qua-ke-zik.org.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers Summer Play Groups, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at TOTS Playground, 300 High St. 897-8304, ext 311.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline at 7 p.m. Call Linda at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588. No cost.

TUES.: Back to Basics Closed AA meetings at 404 N. Hudson St. 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

EVERY TUES.: Thornapple River Chapter BNI professional networking group, 7-8:30 a.m. Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd. Cheryl 868-7551.

WEDNESDAYS

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

Rotary meets at noon at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

ALANON new location: Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. (Use west entrance off Jackson St.), 8 p.m. 897-5936.

Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Larry 754-7104.

1ST WED.: Free blood pressure screenings at Lowell Senior Neighbors provided by The Laurels of Kent.

1ST WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

2ND WED.: Lowell Area Trailway, 6 p.m. alternate locations. Call Mari Stone 897-5671 or www.lowellareatrailway.org.

2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

2ND WED.: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73, 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m.

2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, GR. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th SE 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

THURSDAYS

Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

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LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11535 Fulton St. E. Call 897-8567. Pantry 897-8260.

THURSDAYS

Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. 897-9393.

EVERY THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. 987-9533, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing. Or by appointment.

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Deer Run Golf Course at 7 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry Korner of Alto, 6077 Linfield. 868-6371.

2ND & 4TH THURS.: GRAW. Michigan Scrabble Club, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Round Robin, bring your board, all levels, walk-ins are welcome. Call Jan 897-5759 for location and more information.

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

2ND THURS.: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.

2ND THURS.: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

1ST & 3RD FRI.: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens/teen moms, 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers, Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30-12:30 p.m. Call Pat at 897-7842.

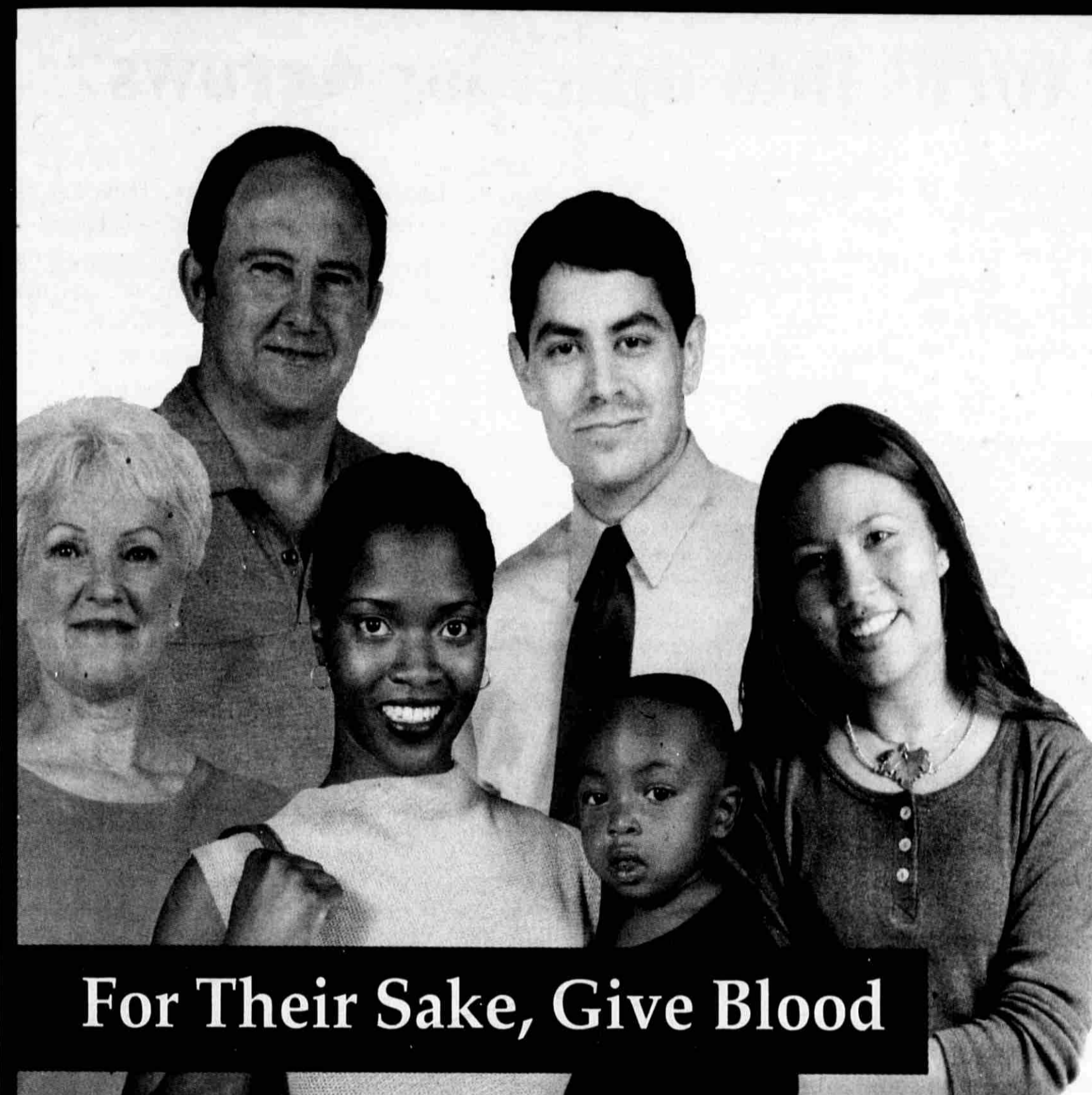
2ND SAT.: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at 11535 E. Fulton, Flat River Outreach Ministries. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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RED ARROW SPORTS



“Game of the Week” turns into upset for Arrows

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

In front of a crowd that bore more than 5,000 fans, mainly wearing blue and gold, the Lowell football team started Thursday night's game in Hudsonville strongly and left feeling the heat from the Eagles' offense.

Lowell lost to Hudsonville 7-28, with their only touchdown coming on their first possession. After a series of 10 plays, junior Torsten Boss rushed in the final three yards. But Lowell's offense would end there, with an overwhelming

response from Hudsonville. In the next possession, Alex Debnik of Hudsonville caught a short pass from quarterback Casey Blackport, who then ran most of the 61 yards to score. Blackport completed two of 10 passes for 77 yards. Hudsonville would score in each of the next three quarters, on 1-, 3- and 52-yard rushes by Jordan Jonker.

Lowell's young defensive line was quickly exhausted by Hudsonville's pounding offense in the second half.

With the Eagles' offense totaling 53 rushes

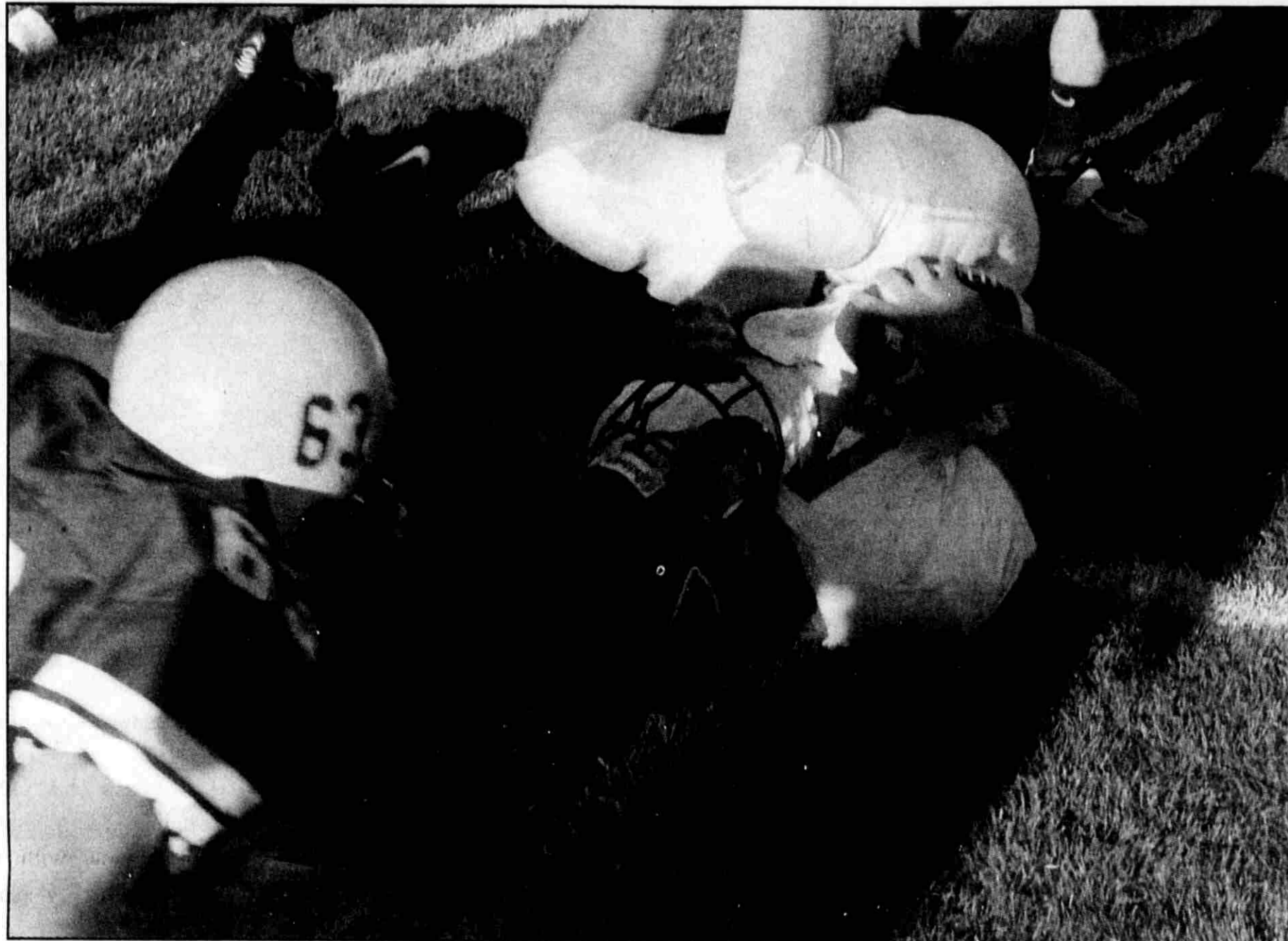
of 245 yards and two of 10 complete passes for 77 yards, the team mainly kept to the ground, but switched enough to frustrate the Arrows' defense. Lowell totaled 34 rushes for 84 yards. Boss completed 10

of 20 passes for 130 yards and two interceptions, while Jordan Boon, the top receiver for the Arrows, had five catches for 73 yards. Kyle Nichol had two catches for 54 yards.

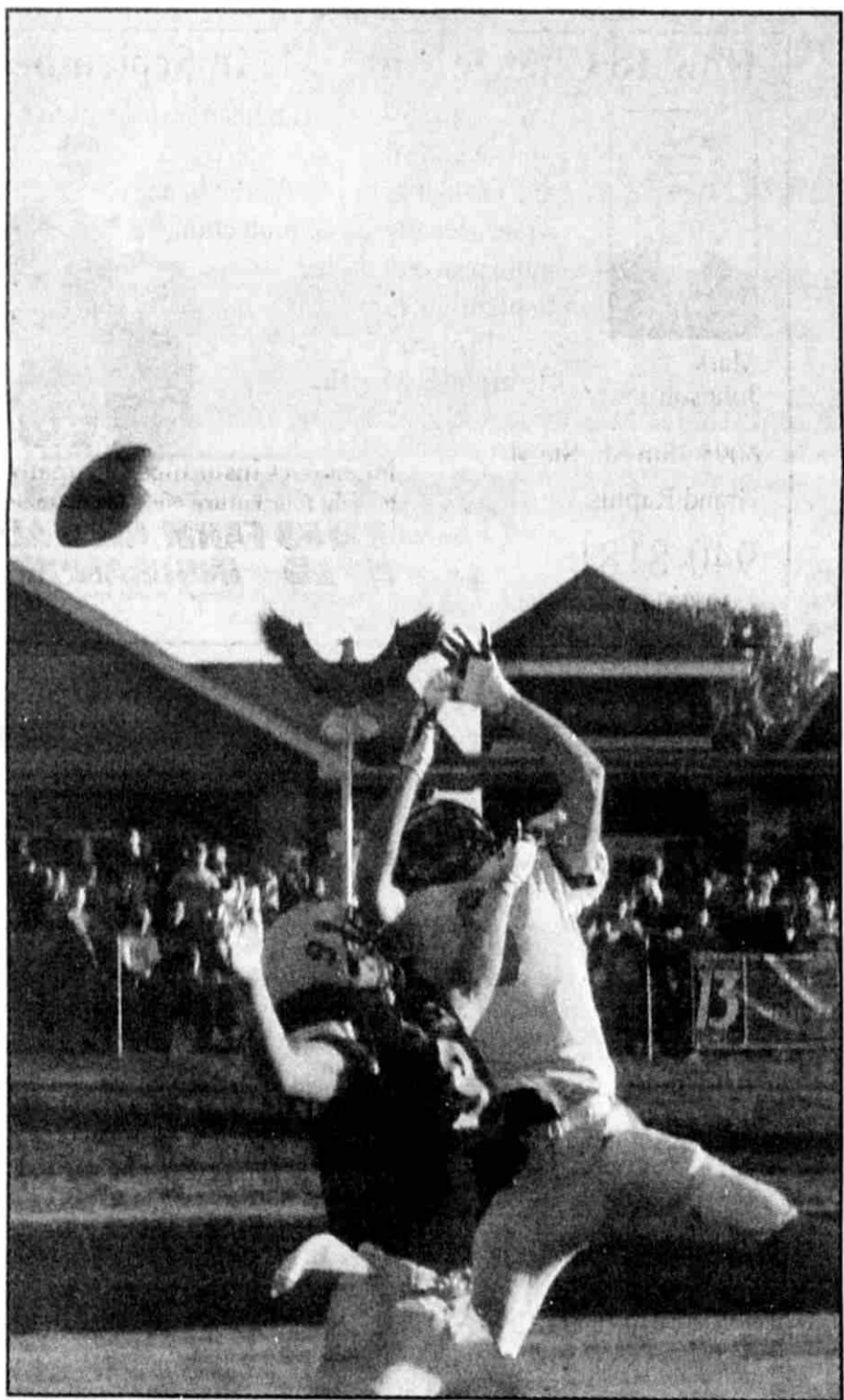
On the defensive end, Nichol had eight tackles.

The Arrows are now 1-1 for the season, with both games as non-conference

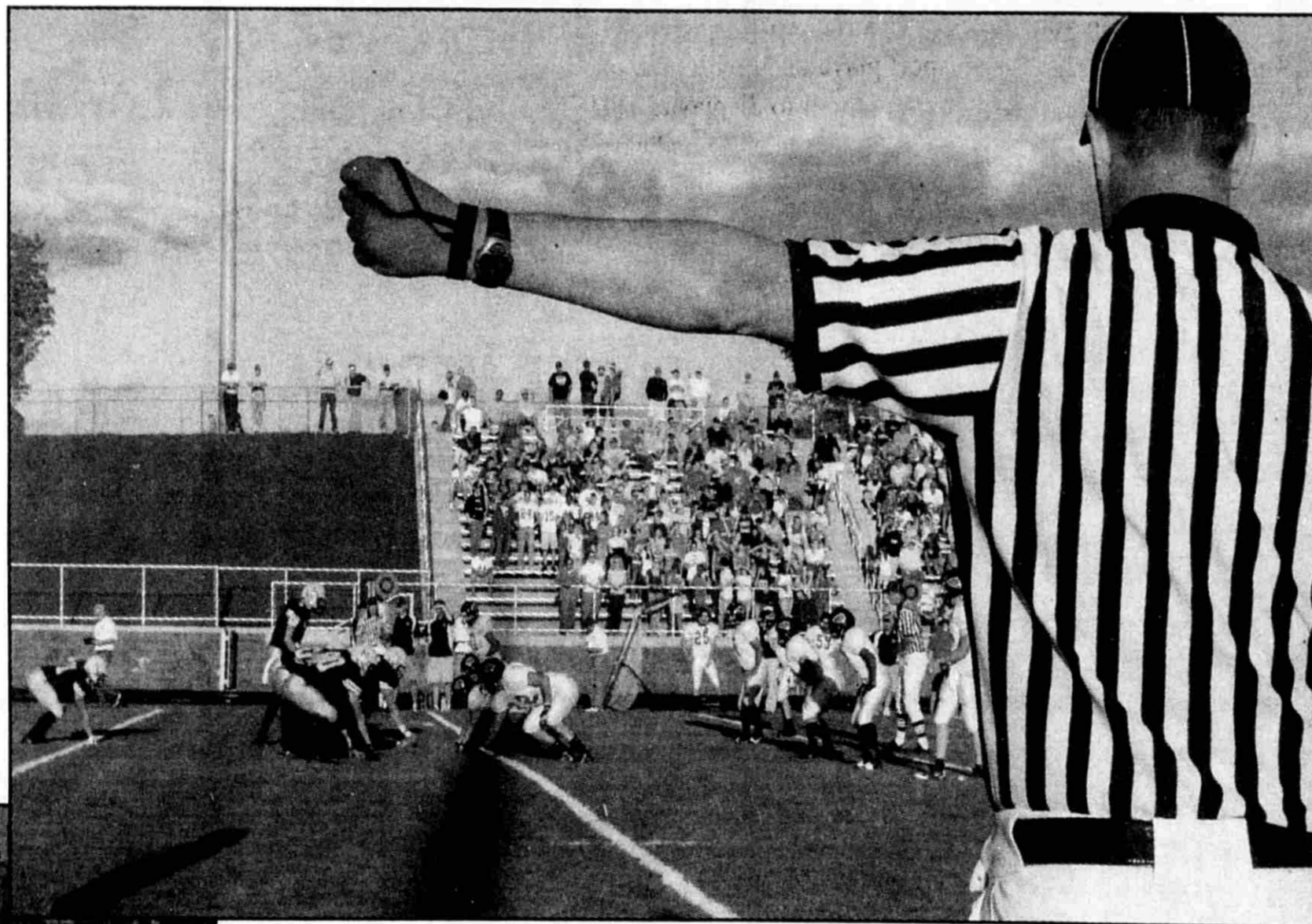
match-ups. They will play Greenville at home this Friday at 7 p.m. in their first OK-White conference match.



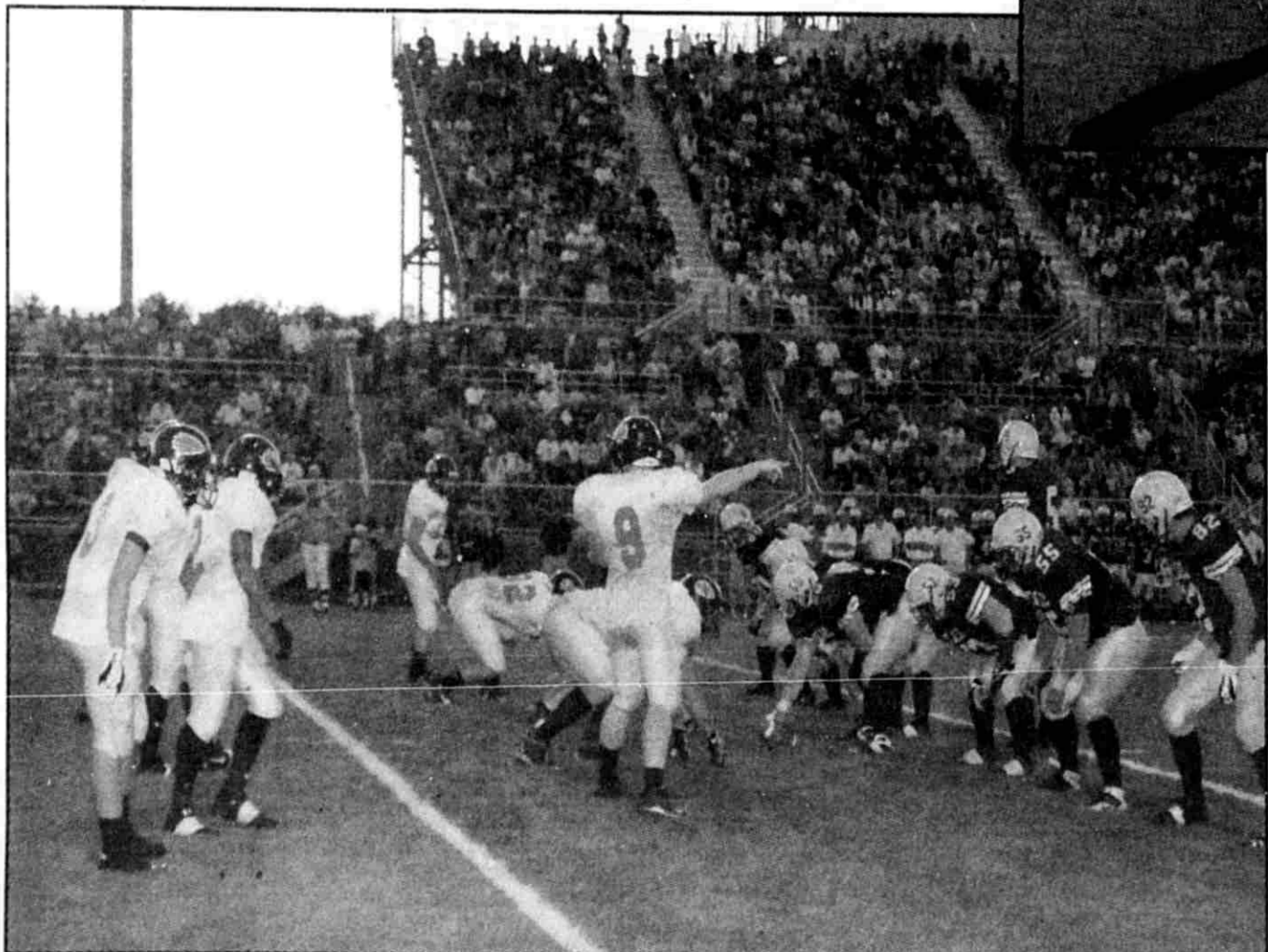
Torsten Boss (4) of Lowell is tackled out-of-bounds at Hudsonville Thursday night.



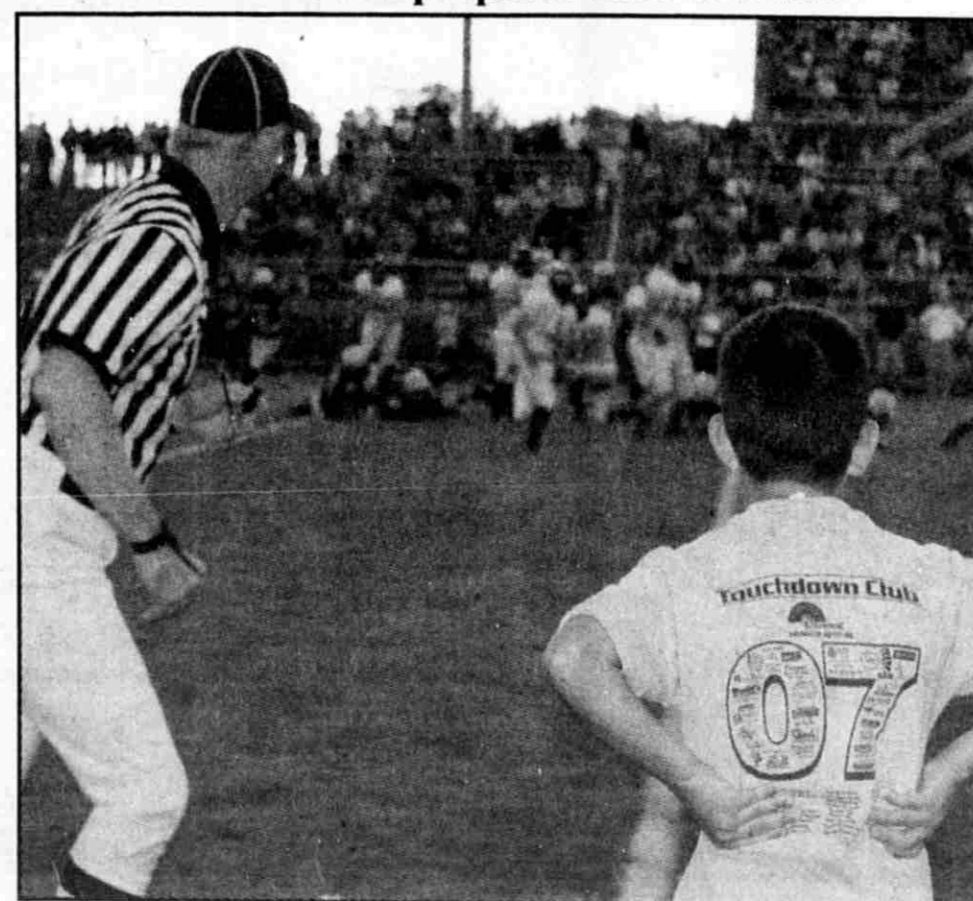
Nathan Vaught (9) reaches for the ball against an Eagle defender.



Lowell prepares their defense.

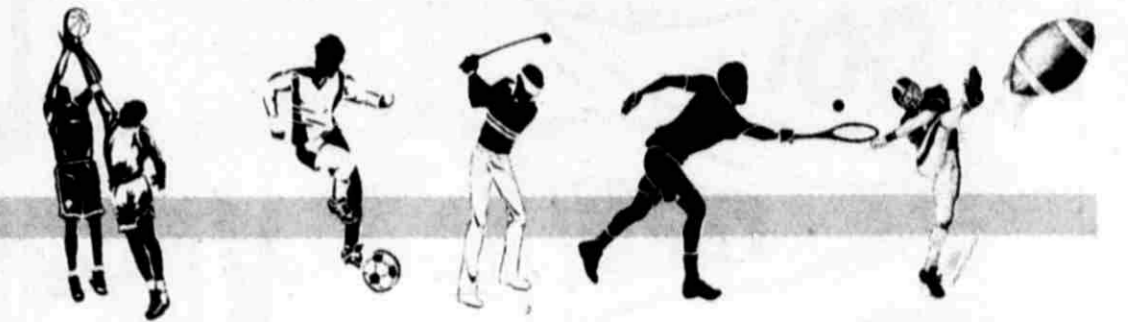


Late in the game, Nathan Vaught (9) tries to rev up his team.



Lowell played at Hudsonville's daunting stadium Thursday night.

RED ARROW SPORTS



The Benning-Fielder

by Molly Benningfield
Sports editor



Who's Your Arrow?

With sports, it's often hard *not* to choose a favorite player who you'll follow more closely than the others, start buying memorabilia of and get defensive about when you're arguing with friends. I have a slew of favorite players, ranging from my (Detroit) Tiger, Curtis Granderson, my all-time favorite (Michigan State) Spartan, Morris "Mo" Peterson, and my preferred (Hastings) Saxon - my brother, Andy. Picking a favorite player often takes much consideration. For me, I tend to gravitate toward players who serve as a sixth man (like Mo), the player who doesn't necessarily get all the attention right away, but whose charm and pure athleticism (a la Curtis) makes them rise to the top. I like the underdog, the Appalachian State-sort-of-team who rises above and beats a top team (which, in no way, of course, has anything to do with being a former Spartan or my lifelong dislike of the Wolverines...) Or maybe, it's that one player, who no matter how long the doubleheader lasted during the weekend, or how many minutes they got during a game, you still wouldn't leave early from when the match was pretty much decided or the weather turned against your favor. For me, it's all about the favorite "hometown hero."

It's for these reasons, then, that I'm asking the readers, the Red Arrow fans, to tell me who *your* favorite Arrow is. I'm new to the area, so I'm asking for a bit of help. I want to know why you chose your favorite player. An Arrow comes in all forms, in all ages and in all sports. If your favorite Arrow is someone who graduated 30 years ago, let me know. Maybe your favorite is a *future* Arrow - someone who hasn't even run the gauntlet yet.

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Varsity tennis team off to strong start

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

With an eight-team tournament win at the Haslett Invitational and sweep against Lakewood, the varsity boys' tennis team has started the season strong, despite losing players to the change in season.

On Thursday, the team traveled to Haslett for an invitational with seven other teams, including Williamston, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Bay City John Glenn, Haslett, Atherton, Ovid-Elsie and Eaton Rapids. The Arrows won the tournament with a score of 36 (Williamston came in second with 28).

At singles, No. 1 Travis Trapp was defeated by Peter Sienko of Williamston, 6-0, 6-3. No. 2 Josh Hobria of Lowell defeated David Rowe from Atherton, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2. No. 3 Cort Thompson defeated Mark Roedel of Bay City, 6-4, 6-2. No. 4 Patrick Misner defeated Ryan Toben of Bay City, 6-1, 6-3.

At doubles, the No. 2 team of Taylor Eagle and Jackson Deloria of Ann

Arbor Pioneer defeated Zach Frenzel and Nathan Fedewa of Williamston 6-1, 6-3. The No. 2 team of Patrick Belanger and Bryan Randall of Williamston defeated Matt Parsell and Mike Wong of Ann Arbor Pioneer 7-6 (10), 6-3. The No. 3 team of Jim Hyang and Mike Chen of Ann Arbor Pioneer defeated Clayton Stedman and Sean Greenhoe of Lowell 6-1, 6-1. The No. 4 team from Lowell of Evan Wilterink and Dylan Dues defeated Robert Gillespie and Brian Sanborn 6-4, 6-4.

Coach Bonnie Wall said, "it was a fine win for us, a credit to the boys' hustle and desire to play their best. It was a good way to toughen the boys for the upcoming conference match season."

At the Jenison Invitational on Wednesday, the Arrows took fifth of six teams.

Lowell finished with nine points, with Battle Creek Lakeview with 19, Grandville with 17, Zeeland West with 13, Jenison with 12 and Byron Center with two.

No. 1 singles player Trapp was defeated in the finals by nationally-ranked player Andrew Jung from Battle Creek Lakeview, 6-0, 6-0.

The No. 1 doubles team of Tony Dubbink and Josh Spratt also reached the finals, even with injured No. 1 doubles player Chase Canning out of the lineup, but eventually losing to Grandville's team 6-4, 6-4.

At Monday's match against Lakewood, the Arrows swept the Vikings 8-0.

No. 1 singles player Trapp defeated Alex Haskin, 6-2, 6-1. No. 2 Dubbink

defeated Levi Phelps 6-1, 7-6(2). No. 3 Thompson defeated Cameron Rowland 6-1, 6-1. No. 4 Misner defeated Jared Secor 6-2, 6-0.

At doubles, the No. 1 team of Josh Hobria and Canning defeated Jeremy Avery and Zach Woodman 6-4, 6-1. No. 2 Jack Weeber and Josh Spratt defeated Riley Nisbet and Caleb Yager 6-0, 6-4. No. 3 Clayton Stedman and Sean Greenhoe defeated Alex Fox and Cody Rowe 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. Evan Wilterink and Dylan Dues defeated Kyle McMillen and Tim Nagi 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

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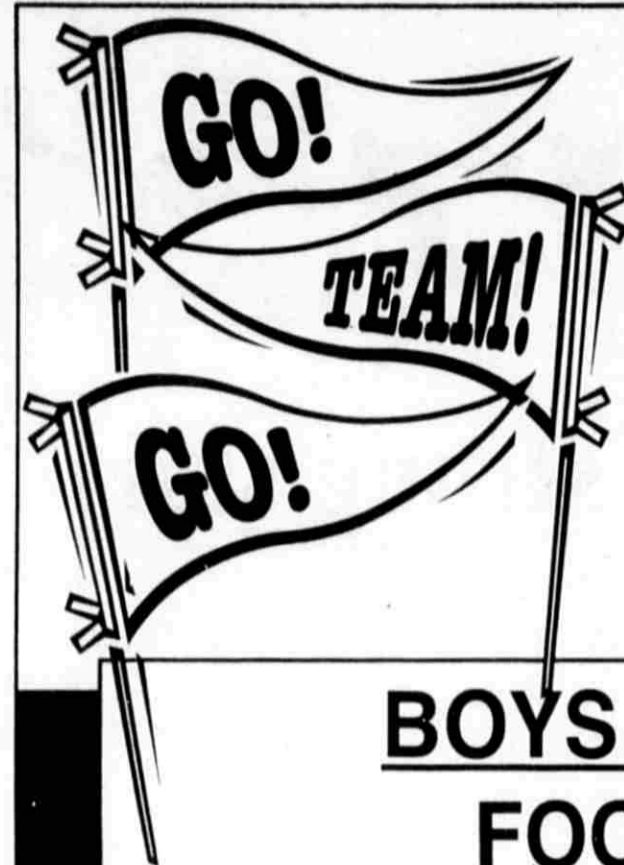
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HALLOWEEN (R) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:40
BALLS OF FURY (PG-13) 11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS VARSITY FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

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BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
Games begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/7 Greenville*
- 9/14 Sparta*
- 9/21 at Caledonia
- 9/28 FHC (Homecoming)*
- 10/5 at Northview
- 10/12 Kenowa Hills*
- 10/19 at EGR

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Indicates a home game at Deer Run Golf Course
Games begin at 3:30 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/6 Grand Rapids Christian*
- 9/8 at 9 a.m. Lakewood Tournament
- 9/12 at Caledonia
- 9/18 FHC*
- 9/19 at Northview
- 9/21 at 9 a.m. Kenowa Hills Invitational
- 9/24 Kenowa Hills*
- 9/26 at EGR
- 10/3 at FHE
- 10/8 time TBA Conference at Thornapple Pointe
- 10/9 Rockford*

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
Games begin at 6:45 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/6 at Unity Christian
- 9/11 Greenville*
- 9/13 Reeths Puffer*
- 9/20 FHC*
- 9/22 at 11:30 a.m. E. Lansing Tournament
- 9/25 at Northview
- 9/27 Kenowa Hills*
- 9/29 at 2 p.m. at Petoskey
- 10/2 at 7:15 p.m. at EGR
- 10/4 time & place TBA OK Conf. Tourn.
- 10/9 time TBA OK Conf. Tourn.*
- 10/11 time & place TBA OK Conf. Tourn.

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

* Indicates a home meet at LHS Tennis Courts.

Meets begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/6 at NorthPointe Christian
- 9/8 at 9 a.m. Caledonia Invitational
- 9/10 Greenville*
- 9/17 at Caledonia
- 9/19 FHC*
- 9/22 time TBA Holland Christian Tournament
- 9/24 at Northview
- 9/26 Kenowa Hills*
- 9/29 time TBA Midland Dow Quad
- 10/01 at EGR
- 10/6 at 9:30 a.m. Conference at Northview

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

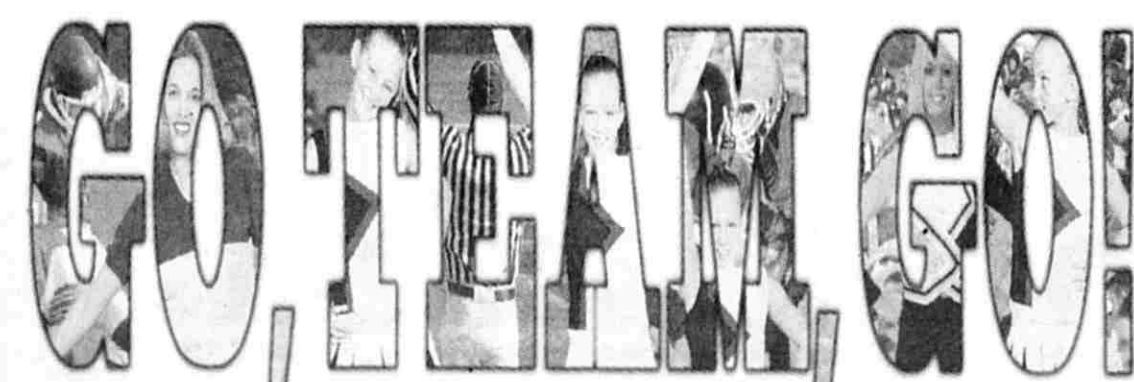
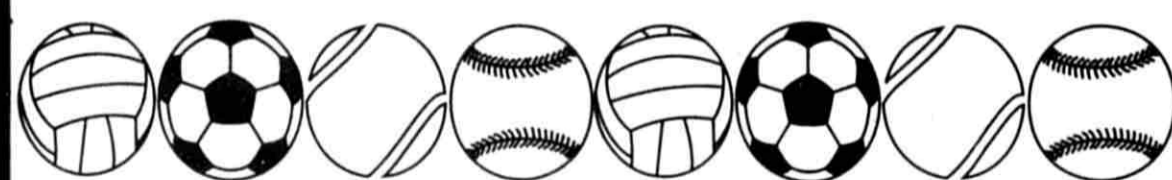
* Indicates a home game at LHS Main Gym
Games begin at 7 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/6 Caledonia*
- 9/8 time TBA WMVOA tourn. at E. Kentwood
- 9/11 at FHC
- 9/13 Northview*
- 9/18 at Kenowa Hills
- 9/20 EGR*
- 9/25 at Greenville
- 10/2 at Caledonia
- 10/4 FHC*
- 10/6 at 8:30 a.m. West Ottawa Tournament
- 10/9 at Northview
- 10/11 Kenowa Hills*
- 10/13 at 8:30 a.m. at Unity Christian Tournament
- 10/16 at EGR
- 10/18 Greenville*
- 10/25 time & place TBA OK Quad - green

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

* Indicates a home meet at LHS Campus
Meets begin at 4:30 p.m. unless indicated

- 9/5 OK White Jamboree at Greenville
- 9/10 at 4 p.m. Thornapple Kellogg Invitational
- 9/15 at 8 a.m. Sparta Invitational
- 9/19 OK White Jamboree at Caledonia
- 9/22 at 9 a.m. Bob Perry Memorial Invitational*
- 10/3 OK White Jamboree*
- 10/17 OK White Jamboree at EGR



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RED ARROW SPORTS



Lowell soccer achieves first win of season

by Ellen Mork
Contributing writer

Within the first four minutes of Thursday night's varsity soccer game against Grandville, Lowell's Ian Beddows scored. After another 15 minutes, and some very close attempts, another Arrow, Matt Schloop, scored with a volley. Head coach Paul Legge said the offense was key to Thursday's 3-0 victory.

"This game, offensively, we played our best," Legge said.

The second half of the game started out as well as the first, with Nick Abdo scoring within a minute of play beginning.

The offense hustled and the defense was superb, saving many attempts at goal. "The team played well together," Legge said. "Our record is 1-4, and all but one of the losses have been by one goal."

"This is our first win of the season, so we are happy

for that," he said. "It's nice to finally be on the winning side."

If Lowell continues to play as they did on Thursday, the team might be on the winning side often this season. Lowell's next game is Sept. 6 at Unity Christian at 6:45 p.m.

Grandville defends their goal against the Arrows.



Locals represent at beach volleyball tournament

Ryan Brinks, of Lowell, was having a severe case of déjà vu Saturday at the Ottawa Beach Open, one of the last two-on-two beach volleyball tournaments of the year, sponsored by Carpe Diem Volleyball.

Brinks and his partner, Ed Nausieda, also of Lowell, were facing 14 teams in 25-mph winds, the same conditions they faced at Grand Haven Beach in 2002, where they were eliminated in early play. "Ed would set

me on top of the net and the ball would blow back three to four feet," Brinks said. "We're definitely not used to this type of play at the beach court in Lowell."

The end result also seemed familiar with Brinks

and Nausieda making it to the championship match.

They held back David Ryan VanderMeer, the nationally-ranked indoor volleyball player, and his partner in the semi-finals, with a 22-20, 15-21, 15-10 victory. The duo, however, lost in

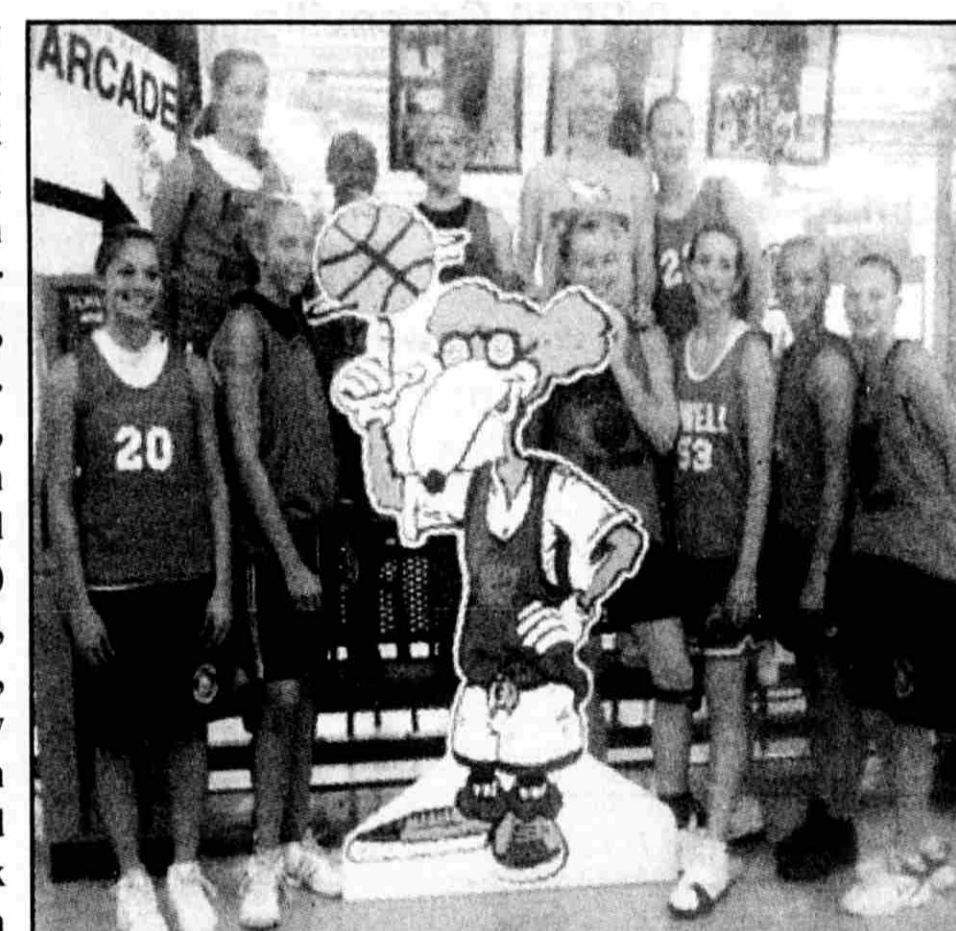
the championship game 18-21, 19-21.

The co-ed Ottawa Beach Open was held the next day, with Nausieda participating with his 12-year-old daughter, Arielle, also of Lowell. One of the highlights of the weekend

was playing against Allyssa DeHaan, the 6'9" center for Michigan State University's women's basketball team, and her partner in pool play. The Nausiedas would eventually beat DeHaan's team, and take third place in the tournament.

Eighth grade girls' basketball team takes 2nd at Nationals

A group primarily made up of Lowell eighth graders took second place in Division 1 at the American Youth Basketball Tour national tournament, in Fort Wayne, Ind. last week. The team, coached by Dan Geelhoed, is pictured (Front row, L-R) Steffanie Snickers, Jillian Hendrickson, Kylie Buursma, Emily Oberlin, Megan Montgomery and Taylor Flanagan. (Back row, L-R) Hannah Geelhoed, Destiny Robinson, Kayleigh VanKeulen, Bryleiigh Loughlin and Sarah Brady.



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