

# The Lowell Ledger

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## Owners share stories of homes on annual historic tour

by Emma Palova

The fourth annual Lowell Historic Home Tour will feature a variety of architecture, design and beauty on Oct. 13 during the Harvest Festival.

The tour has been laid out to make the homes

easily accessible and within walking distance, according to museum director Pat Allchin.

"It's a good opportunity to invite someone to Lowell who has never been here before," said Allchin, "and to share our heritage. It's also convenient for shopping."

The home tours are unique as they feature different homes and businesses each year, as well as returning homes.

A brochure available with tickets at many downtown merchants gives

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The 4th annual historic home tour has been laid out for convenience featuring houses from 524 Lincoln Lake (above) on west side of town to 429 High (at right).

## With temporary budget in place, state avoids shutdown

by Molly Benningfield

A temporary budget deal was finalized early Monday morning by the Michigan Legislature, ending months of review and a fear the State

would shut down without a plan in place.

Michigan citizens will face tax increases, including a higher income tax rate and expand the 6 percent sales tax to some services.

State Rep. Dave Hildenbrand said he disagreed with the idea of raising taxes. "I've been pretty public and open that a tax increase is a bad message," he said.

Hildenbrand said focusing on other areas would boost the economy better than raising taxes. "I wanted to pay more attention to helping those who need help and make sure people aren't taking advantage of the system,"

he said. "I thought we could save money before having to tax."

The move on Monday morning ended months of negotiations between Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Republican-controlled legislature.

Lowell school district superintendent Greg Pratt said last week that it was frustrating to watch the legislators go back and forth with funding for schools.

"It is very unfortunate that the legislators have had seven months to complete a budget, and it's still not in place," Pratt said.

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## Skateboarders cause \$2,500 damage

by Emma Palova

Skateboarders performing feats in the downtown area have once again caused damage to slabs in front of Overbeck Construction.

Kathy Griffin estimated damage at \$2,500. Griffin also said the company would not donate any money to the proposed skate park due to continuous damage to the Overbeck property.

"I see them go by," she said, "they don't listen."

However, quite often the skateboarders cause the damage after business hours.

Police Chief Jim Valentine said the police department will collect letters from the downtown merchants in support of law enforcement for trespassing.

"The kids are disrespectful in addition to property damage and potential for injury," he said.

If the merchants show support, then the

police department could cite trespassers for misdemeanor.

"It's been continuous and reoccurring in cycles and waves," said Valentine. "We've responded to calls trying to educate the kids."

In the past there have been issues with youth skating on the flower boxes or on the temporary stage on the Riverwalk.

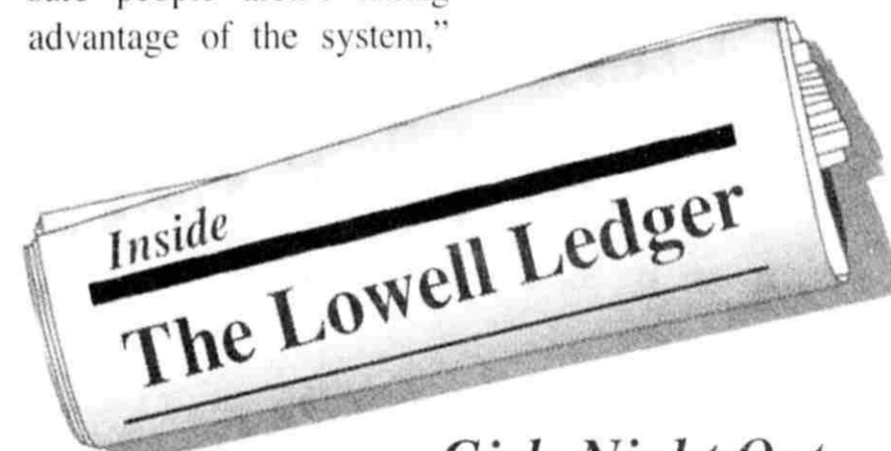
"We're strong proponents of the skateboard

park which is in the works," said Valentine.

According to Valentine, there is a core group of young people who think they have the privilege to do anything they want.



Kathy Griffin shows damage done by skateboarders to a slab in front of Overbeck Construction.



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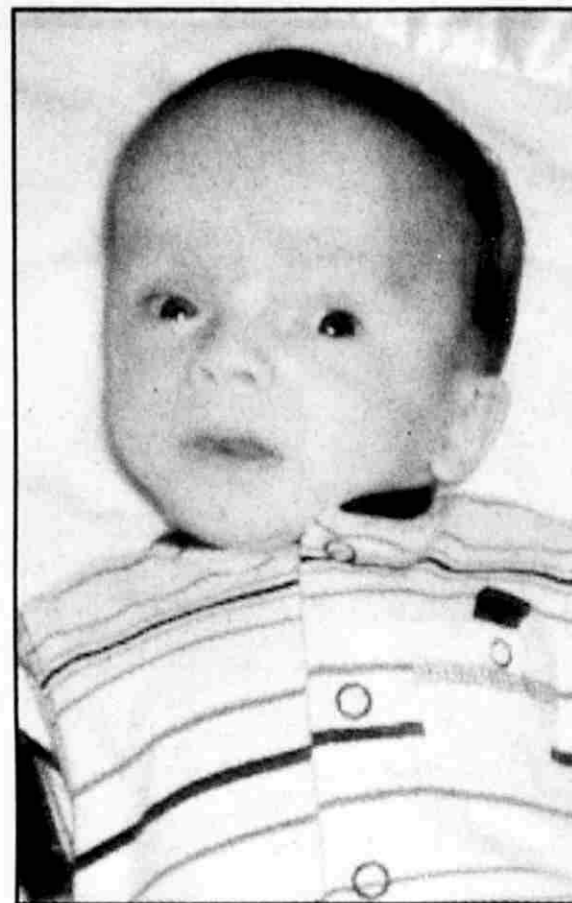






# New Arrivals

## Videan



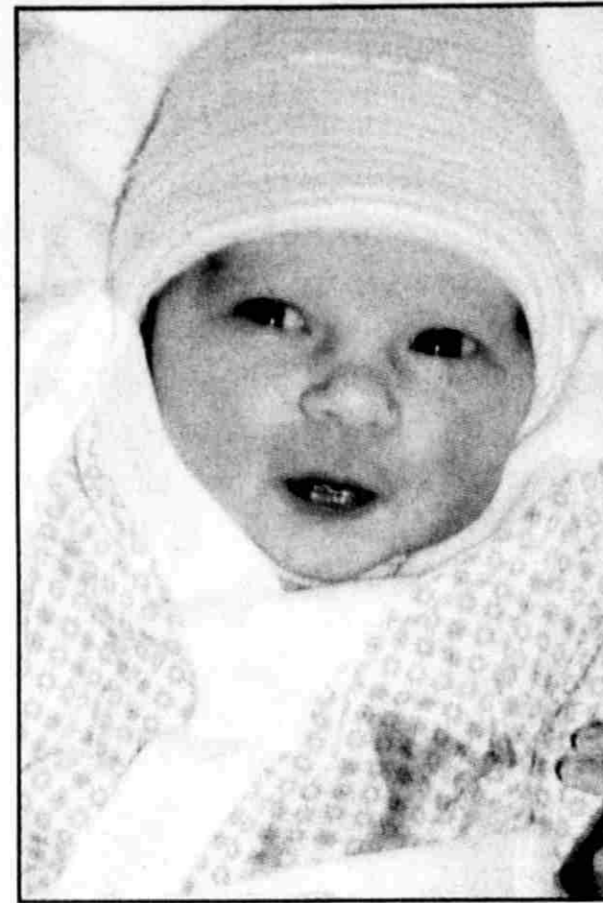
Hayden Craig Videan

Vince and Amy Videan of Lowell, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Hayden Craig Videan. He was born July 9, 2007 weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches.

Proud grandparents are Dennis and Jacquelin Videan of Lowell and Patrick and Charlotte Pullen of Ada.

## Reinbold

Caleb and Ashley Reinbold would like to announce the arrival of their daughter Savannah Kaiya, born August 30 at 12:46 a.m. Weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz., 20 inches long. Savannah was born at



Savannah Kaiya Reinbold

Okinawa Lester Naval Hospital in Japan. Grandparents are Dennis & Suzie Reinbold and Karen and Ron Kennedy. Great grandmothers are Joyce VanDyke and Iona Krogel. Great great-grandmother, Gert DeHaan.

# Nagys celebrate golden anniversary



Robert and Caroline Nagy of Lowell celebrated 50 years of marriage on September 5.

The occasion was observed on September 9 at the Corner Landing in Ionia, where friends and family members gathered for a celebration supper.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nagy celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Yes, my secret I-could-handle-it-myself decision now was public. Everyone knew: co-workers, foremen, administration including my father, the safety engineer! (I still wonder what flak he took in the office for that incident.) Tons of ore all idle, eerie silence, hundreds (thousands?) of dollars to off-load by hand and restart. Anger, embarrassment, and more... O yes, please - if only I could have a do-over on that one!

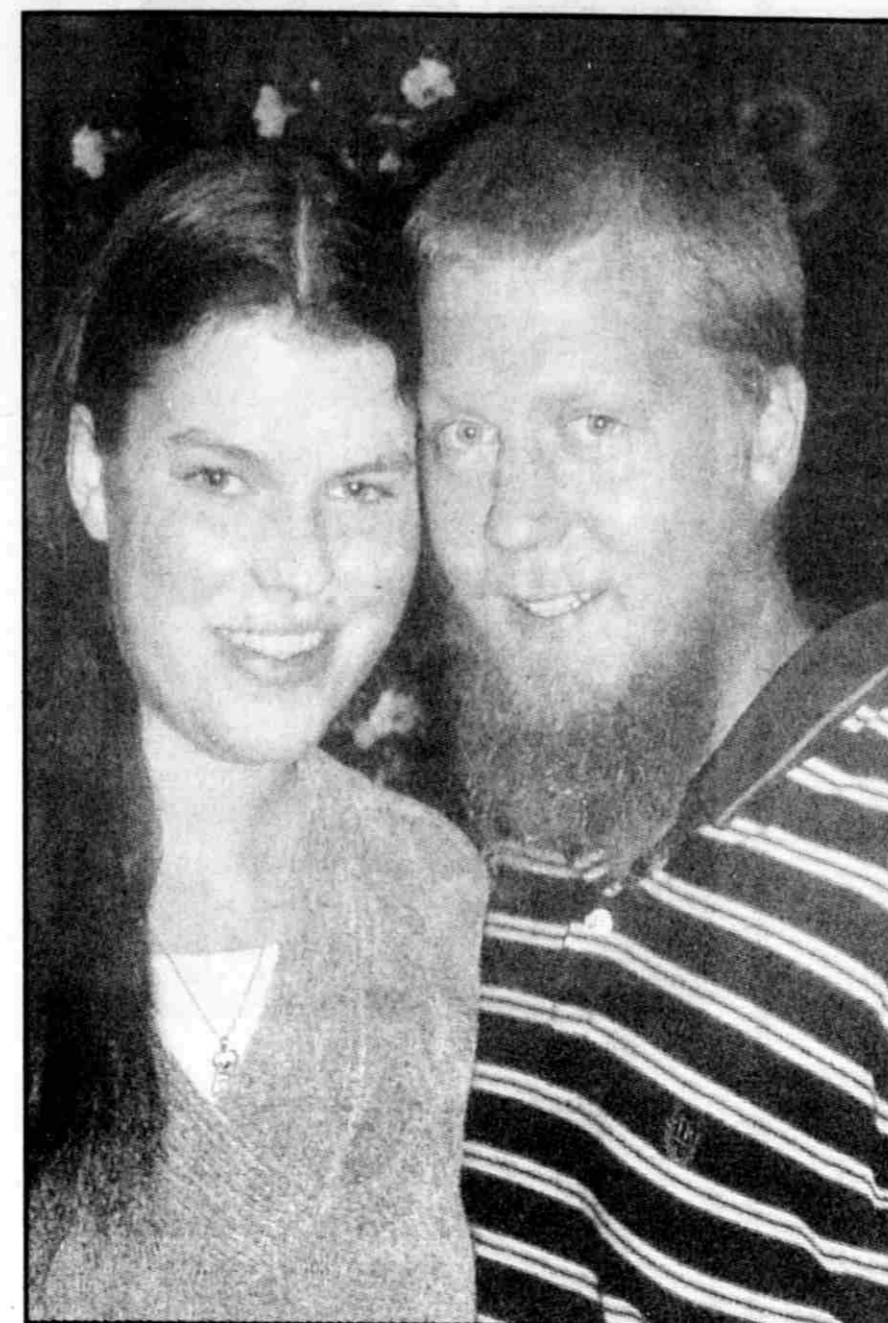
And you know, God started this world so very well, too. All was humming along truly beautifully - until that fateful day. Eve thought she could handle the serpent's "move" by herself, plus Adam was too passive to leap in and run interference - and a terrible fall happened! The blessings that God was multiplying came to a horrible halt as the weight of wrong descended. No do-overs were possible. What Adam and Eve may have thought was their "secret" alone became the most obvious universal problem that we all now suffer in ways too numerous, with pains too countless, and at levels too personal to fully express.

Thank God for a replacement, a substitute Agent, a brand-new "Adam" - God in flesh, Jesus Christ! He came to give us a hand - His righteous right hand of grace and help, doing-it-over for us. He showed up to pay our debt for sin, to restart His plan of blessing, and to remake all things new again. What a great exchange! Our hope begins only when we come to the end - the end of our stubborn idea that lies to us, "You can do it yourself." Learn what I learned: we really do need to ask for help!

My "Secret" Agent disaster occurred on what had been a great summer day in 1974! I worked a job at a limestone quarry near my rural home in God's Country, the Upper Peninsula. I was assigned to a painting crew, chipping paint with large-volume air scalers on plank scaffolding amid a huge multi-deck ore stockpile conveyor system. On that fateful day, I needed to change paint-chipping position and had to re-situate my plank. Did I ask for help? No! Of course not! My determined (a.k.a. stubborn) "I can do it myself" motto convinced me. So, as I hefted the humongous hunk of wood over, the far end slipped and plunged below deck directly on the emergency-stop cable lining the moving, rock-loaded belt below. In an instant, my role changed from lowly laborer to anguished agent of an entire ore crushing and sorting operation shut-down!

# Engagements

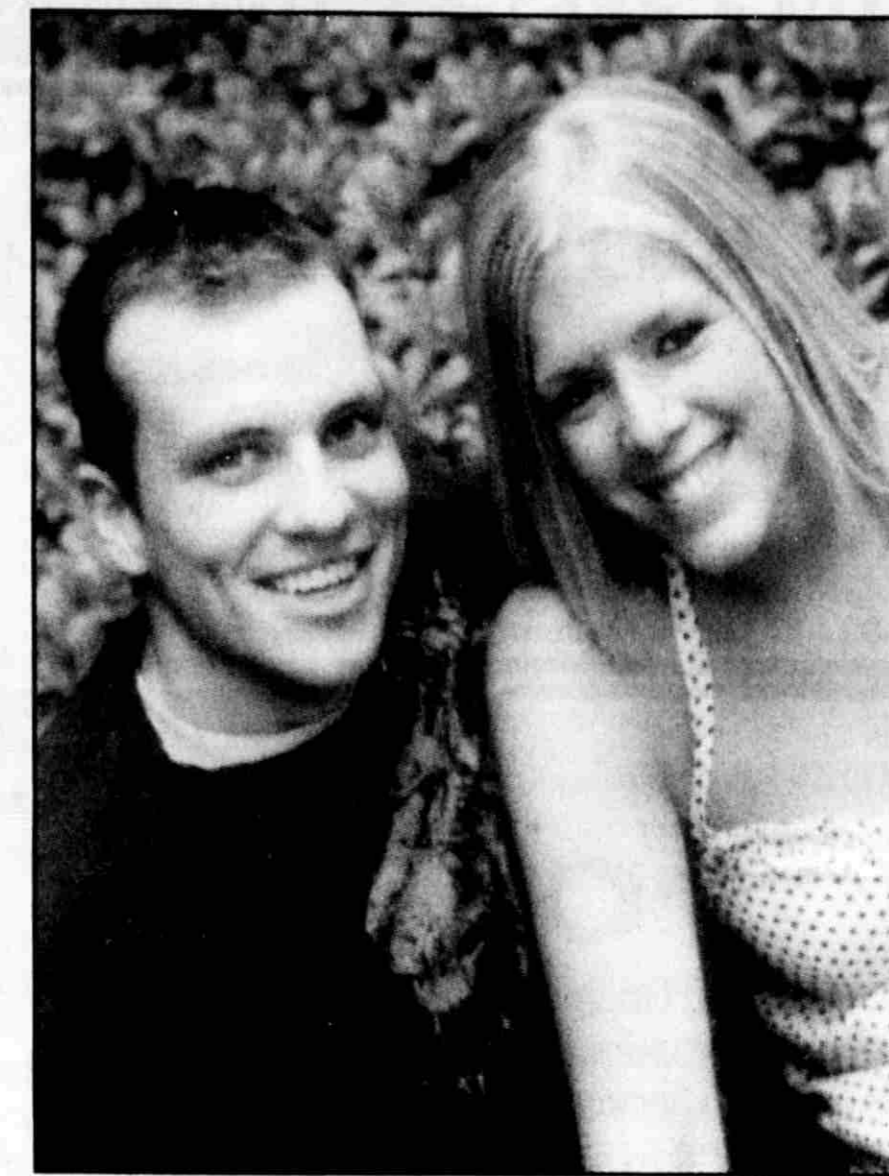
## Wood/Carr



Stacie Renee Wood and Cody J. Carr

The marriage of Stacie Renee Wood and Cody J. Carr will be celebrated on October 6, 2007. The bride to be is the daughter of Charles and Tami Wood of Wyoming. She is a graduate of Rogers High School. The futher groom is the son of Carr will be celebrated on October 6, 2007. The bride to be is the daughter of Charles and Tami Wood of Wyoming. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and is attending Grand Rapids Community College.

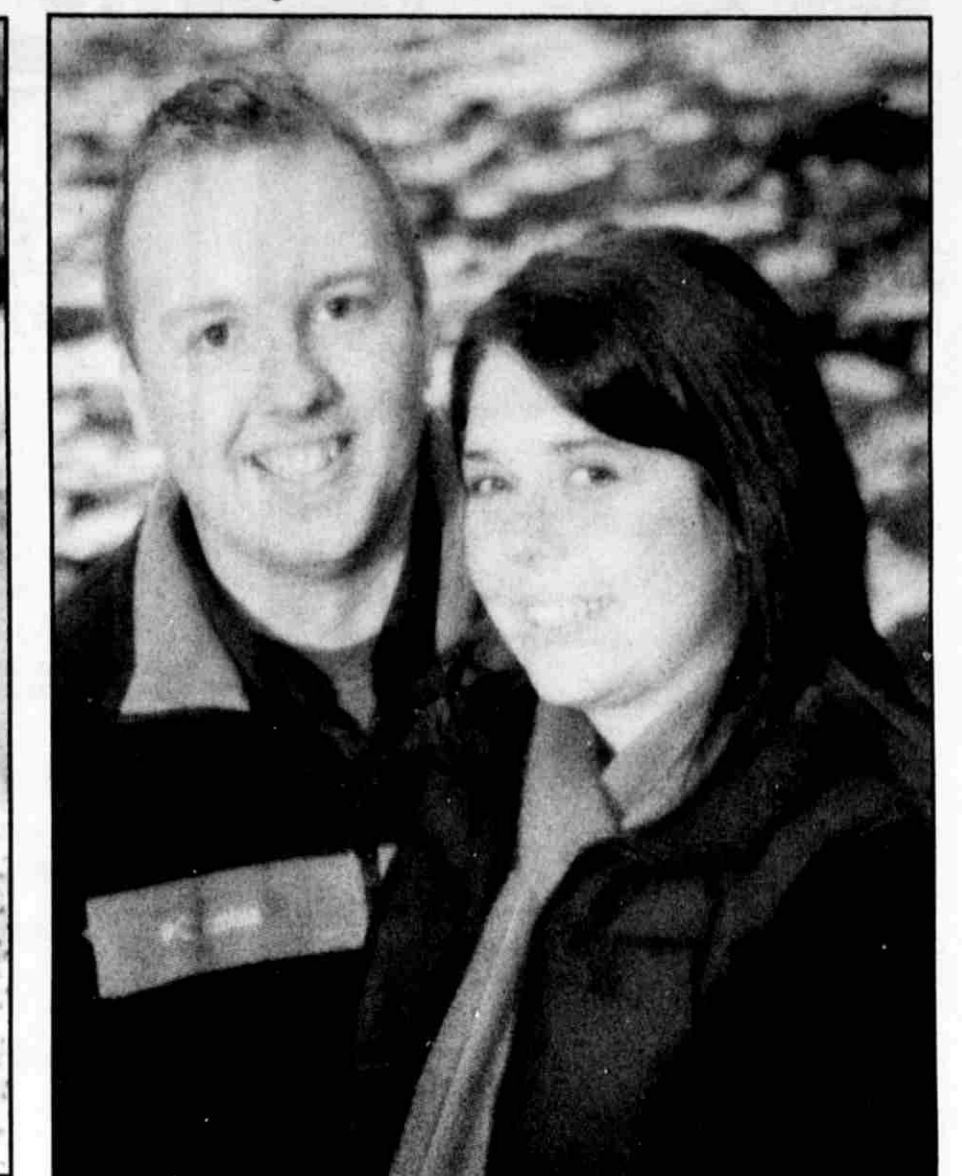
## Hoeksema/Eldridge



Erin M. Hoeksema and Bradley J. Eldridge

Greg and Karen Eldridge of Lowell are excited to announce the engagement of their son Bradley J. Eldridge to Erin M. Hoeksema, the daughter of Randy and Carol Hoeksema of Grand Rapids. The wedding vows will be exchanged on Friday evening, October 5, 2007. Brad is a graduate of Lowell High School and Grand Valley State University. Erin is a graduate of Creston High School and is currently attending Grand Rapids Community College.

## Holloway/Ellsworth



Jennifer Holloway and Colin Ellsworth

Jennifer Holloway will become the bride of Colin Ellsworth on November 17, 2007. The bride-to-be works for Modern Photographics. She and her parents, Jeff and Terri Rees, are of Wyoming. The future groom is a student at Cornerstone. He and his parents, Marc Ellsworth and Lynda Riske, are of Jackson.

# Reflections of faith

Scene 1 - "Secret" Agent!  
by David Sims, Lead Pastor  
First Baptist Lowell

Are you like me? You have more I'd-do-it-differently-if-I-had-a-second-chance stories than you would like to admit? During these five October weeks, I will be in confession-mode as I share stupid or ignorant choices I've perpetrated that I hope will help us grab hold on the truth from God (and maybe keep you safer, too!)

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*If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead.*

- Johnny Carson (1925 - 2005)

# Happy Birthday

- OCTOBER 3:** Mike Moore, Jim Stoutjesdyk Sr.
- OCTOBER 4:** Marj Harding, Raymond Kastanek, Cody Chambers, Rich Wade, Dennis Denton Jr., Morgan Olin, Theresa Baerwalde.
- OCTOBER 5:** Bradley Kiczenski, Allen Reynolds, Zachary Willard.
- OCTOBER 6:** Steven J. Ayres, Randy Tulecki, Emma Jo Clouser, Corey Mol, Bridget Lally.
- OCTOBER 7:** Fred Ray, Jennifer Idema.
- OCTOBER 8:** Maxwell Stormzand, Jeremy Darby, Abigail Kastanek, Kelsay Myers, Chris Borton.
- OCTOBER 9:** Jerrid Uzarski, Cameron Kiczenski, Ralph Clouser, Patricia Anelkovic.

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Your school days may be behind you, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't test yourself on various subjects from time to time. And one of the most important topics you can study is retirement planning. So, spend a couple of minutes on this quiz. The answers — and even the questions — may prove valuable as you save and invest for retirement. Have you put a "price tag" on your retirement lifestyle? All of us have different ideas of the "ideal" retirement. Your brother may plan to travel the world, your sister may want to open a small business, and you may choose to volunteer. Once you know how you want to spend your retirement years, you can calculate about how much your retirement will cost. A financial advisor can help you arrive at a good estimate of how much you'll need to spend per year.

*Do you contribute to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan?*

If you have a 401(k) or similar plan where you work, you'll receive several key benefits by contributing. First, your money can grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means it can potentially grow faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. Second, you typically invest pre-tax dollars, which means your contributions can actually help lower your annual taxable income. And third, you can spread your dollars among a range of professionally managed investment choices.

**Harvest Celebration, continued ... From Page 3**

unique boutiques, shops and eateries located in Historic Lowell, also a great time to jump start your holiday gift buying.

The Lowell Area Arts Council ends our Harvest Celebration with Ghost Story Readings in a dark, creepy barn at the Lowell Fairgrounds, the Reath Barn. This will be a great way to end the busy day with fun-friendly ghost stories for kids and kids at heart.

Harvest Hustle, Arts & Crafts, Antiques Fair & Chili Madness are available online at [www.discoverlowell.org](http://www.discoverlowell.org) and at the Chamber.

Lowell Community Wellness 3rd Annual Harvest Hustle 5K Run/Walk on Avery Street on the north side of the Lowell City Hall. Registration - 8 a.m. Race - 9 a.m. For more information and application call (616) 340-7781.

Kent County Youth Fair and Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Harvest Arts & Craft Show and Flat River Antique Show are together at the Foreman Building on the Lowell Fairgrounds at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor space available and information call (616) 897-6050 or (616) 897-9161.

Kent County Youth Fair and Lowell Area Farmers' Market. Harvest decorations and fall produce, fresh from the garden, at the Lowell Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendor space available and information call (616) 897-6050.

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Scarecrow Building Hoedown. Build a Scarecrow for Main Street in the Farmers' Market Area at the Lowell Fairgrounds. We supply everything: just bring your creative hands! 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information and application call (616) 897-9161.

*Do you boost your 401(k) contributions every time your salary increases?*

If you don't, you should. Your annual 401(k) contribution limits are pretty high: \$15,500 in 2007, or \$20,500 if you're 50 or older. Obviously, the more you contribute, the greater your chances of achieving your retirement savings goals.

*Do you also contribute to an IRA?*

Even if you contribute to a 401(k), you can put money in an IRA. A traditional IRA can grow tax deferred, while a Roth IRA offers tax-free earnings potential, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're age 59 1/2. (Income limits apply to the Roth IRA, however.) In 2007, you can put \$4,000 into an IRA, or \$5,000 if you're 50 or older. And you can fund your IRA with a variety of investments.

*If you're self-employed, have you set up a retirement plan?*

If you work for yourself or run your own small business,

**Lend A Hand**  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for a few people to help install the cornstalk on the Downtown light poles on Monday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested please meet at the Lowell Fairgrounds. This task will probably take two hours or less. Many hands make fast work! No need to call, just show up.

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for people to assist with helping the parents and children make

you'll need to set up a retirement plan. Fortunately, you have many attractive options, all of which offer tax deferral and a range of investment choices. Depending on your situation, you can establish an "owner-only" 401(k), a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE IRA or a Keogh plan. Your tax advisor can help you select the plan that's right for you.

Have you explored other retirement savings vehicles? If you've "maxed out" on your IRA and 401(k) or self-employed plan, but you can still afford to put away more for retirement, you'll want to explore other investments, such as annuities, which offer tax-deferred growth potential and have very high contribution limits.

There's no passing or failing grade to this quiz — but if you've answered "yes" to all the questions, then you're probably putting yourself in a good position to make progress toward your retirement goals.

the scarecrows on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be making them at the Lowell Fairgrounds in the Farmers' Market Area. This task is fun and rewarding, you will probably have a hard time resisting making your own scarecrow.

We need a crew of people to help install the scarecrows around town. This is one time in your life that you can attach creepy looking people to the lights without getting a ticket from Chief Valentine! Installing the Scarecrows begins at noon until finished.

Lastly we need a crew of people to help clean-up after the Scarecrows Hoedown. You will be responsible for packing all the leftovers, raking up the straw and taking down the tents. I know it's not exactly the best job in the world, but it does build muscle!

If you would like to help us out for any of the above tasks, please give Liz a call at the Chamber, 897-9161 or email [info@lowellchamber.org](mailto:info@lowellchamber.org). As always your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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# Township rural photo contest showcases youth talent



by Emma Palova  
 "Waiting for Halloween" and "Sun-kissed Meadow" by young photographer Kirrily Ludema, 10, now on display at the Vergennes Township hall captures immediate attention with its feel for light.  
 Other photographs by participants of the recent rural photo contest in six townships organized by the Open Space Preservation Council are now open to the public for viewing. In Grattan Township, David Aupperlee's "Barn Door" received sixth place. Although "The Character of Big Pine Lake" by Wanda

Kirk has not received any awards, the photograph is interesting with its composition.

In Lowell Township, Jason Law's "Stones" draw the viewer in with its wet feeling.

The goal of the contest and the show was to depict natural features or rural character found anywhere within the townships of Grattan, Cannon, Vergennes, Ada, Cascade and Lowell, according to contest organizers.

First place in the adult division went to "Treeline" by Rebecca Behrens of Lowell,

in the youth division to Abby Schuyten of Rockford. Other adult winners were David Aupperlee, 2nd for "Little Morris Says Brrr", Connie Brummel, 3rd for "Swamp in Summer", Edward Bussa, 4th for "Curious Cows" and Sherry Moore, 5th for "Pickrel Lake Frog."

Youth division winners were Elsa Puerner, 2nd for "Trees at Siedman Park", Genna Beers, 3rd for "Thornapple River", Juliana Ludema, 4th for "A Sunrise Chick" and Kirrily Ludema, 5th for "Waiting for Halloween."

The show will end Oct. 19.



Clockwise from top, "The Character of Big Pine Lake" at the Grattan Township Hall; "Waiting for Halloween" is now on display at the Vergennes Township Hall and "Stones" in the Lowell Township Hall.

# Homecoming week comes to an end

by Molly Benningfield  
 Editor

It was a Homecoming week of perfect proportions - the football team ended the week with an exciting win against Forest Hills

Central, the seniors won in the class competitions and the Powderpuff game, and most importantly, the high school raised the anticipated \$6,000 for the "Make-a-

Wish" foundation.

With money raised through "change wars" among the grades and float competitions, the LHS student council presented a check for \$6,000 to a terminally-ill child and her family to go on a Disney cruise.

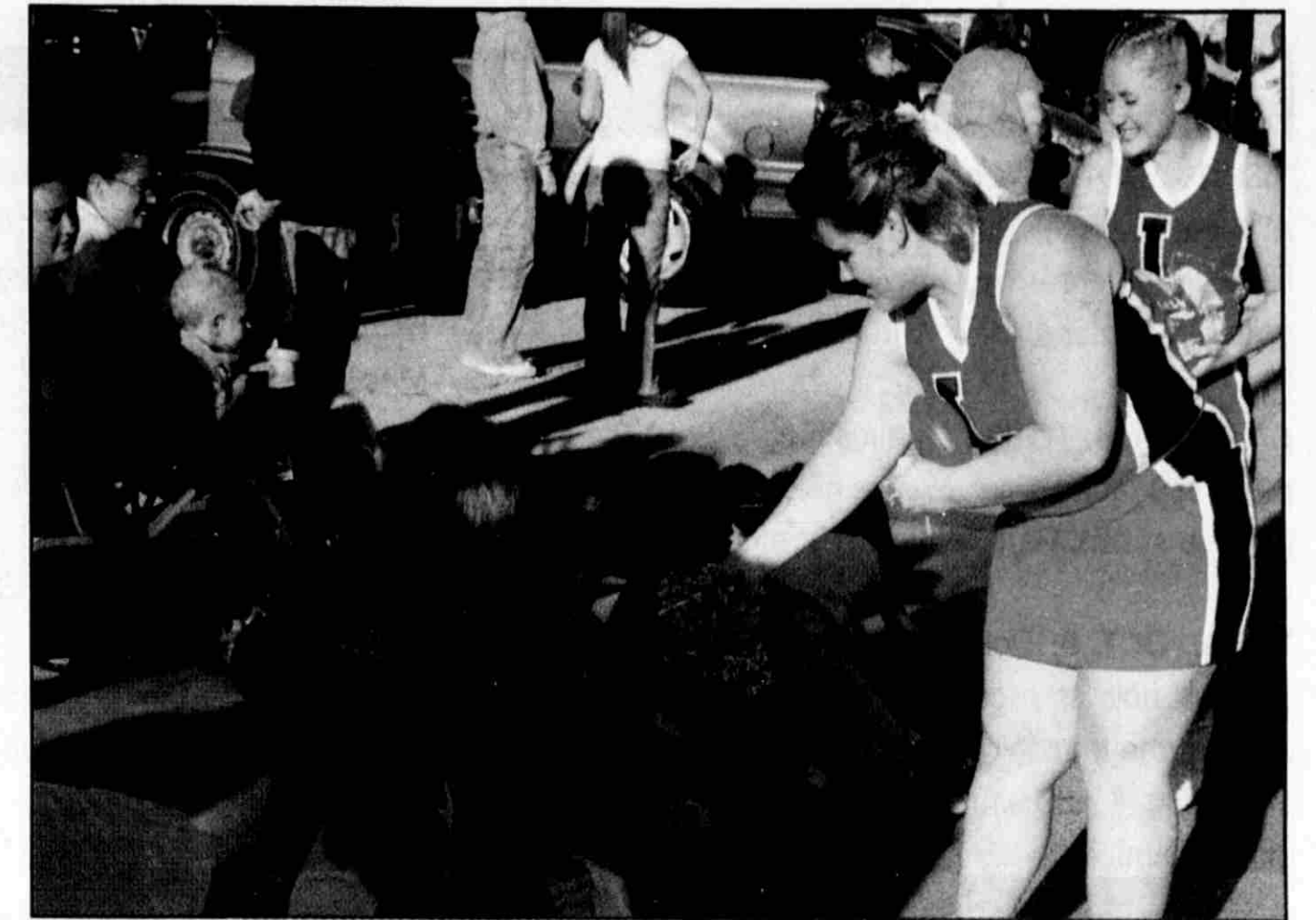
During halftime of the football game Friday night, senior Andrea Converse was crowned queen, with Nate Vaught as king.

Other senior court members were Liz Schlosser, Brittany Lichfield, Katie Polaski, Leah Jelsma, Brett McMahon, Joe Johnson, Katlin Manszewski and Justin VanAcker.

Junior court members were Tom Alberts and Katie Krolewicz, sophomores were Keegan Hanrahan and Shelby Roberts, and freshmen were Anna Scudder and Sam Steed.

The senior class won the Powderpuff tournament 42-12 Wednesday night.

Senior Andrea Converse is crowned queen at Friday's football game.



Cheerleaders hand out candy during the parade on Main Street. Below, a male cheerleader eyes the crowd at the Powderpuff game.



Senior Powderpuff players show their toughness on the sidelines. The seniors won the Powderpuff game Wednesday night 42-12.



The youth football players walked in the parade Friday. "Oh, the Places You'll Go"-themed float in the parade below.



The LHS band marches in the parade Friday.

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to school will be walking in mass to school from drop off points at a local city park and a nearby middle school. It is hoped that this program will spread to other buildings in the district and maybe even into the business community. For more information or directions to the school feel free to call.

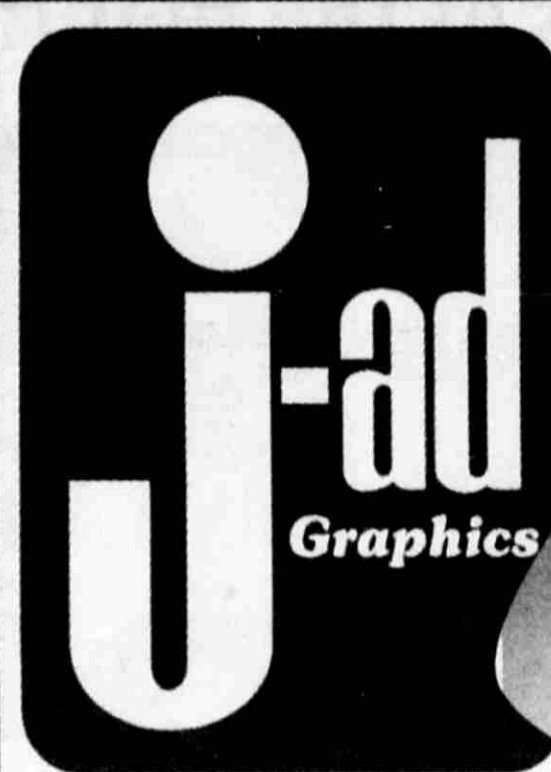


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# RED ARROW SPORTS



## The Benning-Fielder

by Molly Benningfield  
Sports editor

### The Tigers go down swingin'



The Detroit Tigers are out of pennant contention and finished with their season. But Tiger fans should remember the great things that came out of a rollercoaster season.

Sunday's game against the Chicago White Sox was probably the best way any team could end a season - the Tigers came out swinging and didn't stop, with a 13-3 win.

And the man standing at the top of the mound was Magglio Ordonez, who became the Tigers' first batting champion in 46 years with a .363 average - beating Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, who finished at .351. Ordonez had a stellar 216 hits for the season.

And in true Detroit nature, it wasn't all about one man (although Magglio was surely the star of the game). Placido Polanco had his 200th hit Sunday, but also finished errorless - a feat never made by a MLB second baseman until now. Polanco played 142 games.

Carlos Guillen had four hits, ending with 102 for the season. Curtis Granderson had three runs Sunday night, going over .300. Mike Rabelo finally got a home run in the last game.

And the season had plenty of jaw-droppers. Justin Verlander pitched a no-hitter in June. Todd Jones got his 300th save. Granderson went 20-20-20-20.

But injuries (like in every team) and pitching woes plagued the team so much that the team that was supposed to go all the way only went part of the way.

In the end, I'm bummed that the team won't be playing through October. But what I'm most disappointed about is the realization that the Tiger lineup will forever be different, if reports from different fronts are accurate. Pudge is most likely leaving. Guillen will be taking over first base and Sean Casey will no longer be around.

But Jim Leyland, who will be returning, said it best Sunday night, "it was a great day for Tigers - a great day for Tiger fans."

## Red Arrows win Homecoming game against Forest Hills Central

by Molly Benningfield  
Editor



Torsten Boss (4) rushes past FHC defenders.

In the first quarter, it looked as if the Lowell football team could do no wrong.

The team scored in the first two minutes on a 1-yard run by junior Kyle Nichol. Less than a minute later, on a 43-yard pass from Nichol to junior Torsten Boss, the Arrows scored again. And with 24 seconds left in the quarter, Boss lobbed the ball 34 yards to connect with senior Jacob Swift.

However, the team had to fend off a feisty Forest Hills Central offense, who scored three consecutive times in the second and third quarters. The Rangers were rolling after a pass by Nichol was intercepted. A minute later, Alex Chopp completed a 20-yard pass to Cam White, who knocked out three defenders to score and tie the Arrows.

Lowell coach Noel Dean said he knew the Rangers would be a tough team all four quarters. "I'm proud of the way my team hung in there," he said. "These are my guys - we're just a bunch of junkyard dogs that show up and get into fistfights on every play."

In the third quarter, Nichol scored on a 1-yard

run to put his team ahead, but Chopp of FHC threw a 10-yard pass to Ross Heneveld to tie the game early in the fourth quarter.

With three minutes left in the game, Nichol put the Arrows ahead, 35-28, with a 1-yard run. But the game wasn't finished there.

It was a key play by senior Justin Corwin with 30 seconds left in regulation that capped the Arrows' victory. Corwin intercepted a Ranger pass in the end

zone from Chopp, crushing any hope FHC had of scoring again.

The Lowell offense was 8 for 14 in pass completions, for a total of 150 yards. Nichol was 7 for 12 attempts, with 116 yards.

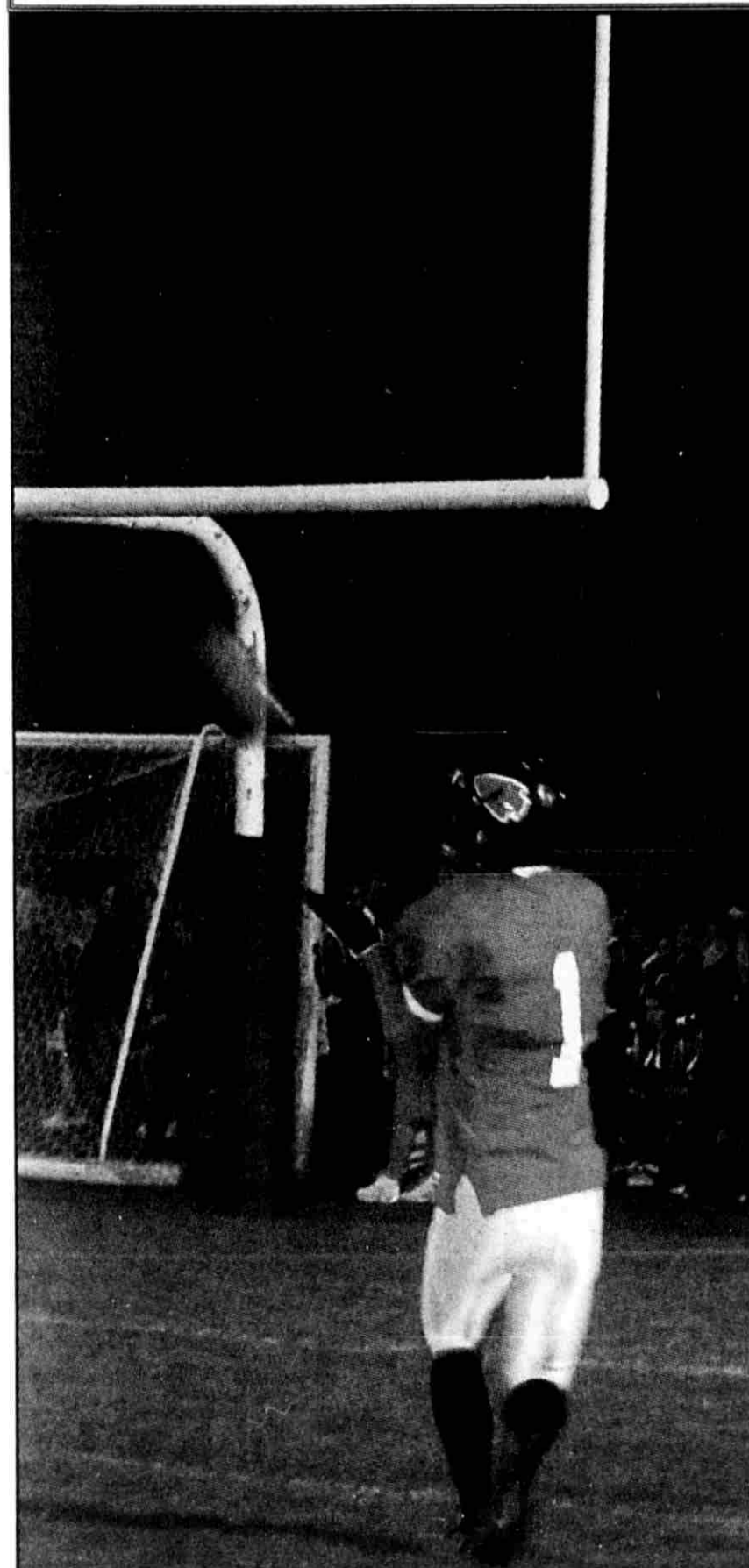
Boss led Lowell with 116 yards in receiving. Forest Hills Central was 11 for 22 attempts, with 204 yards.

Chopp was 10 for 21, with 177 yards. Heneveld had 70 yards in receiving.

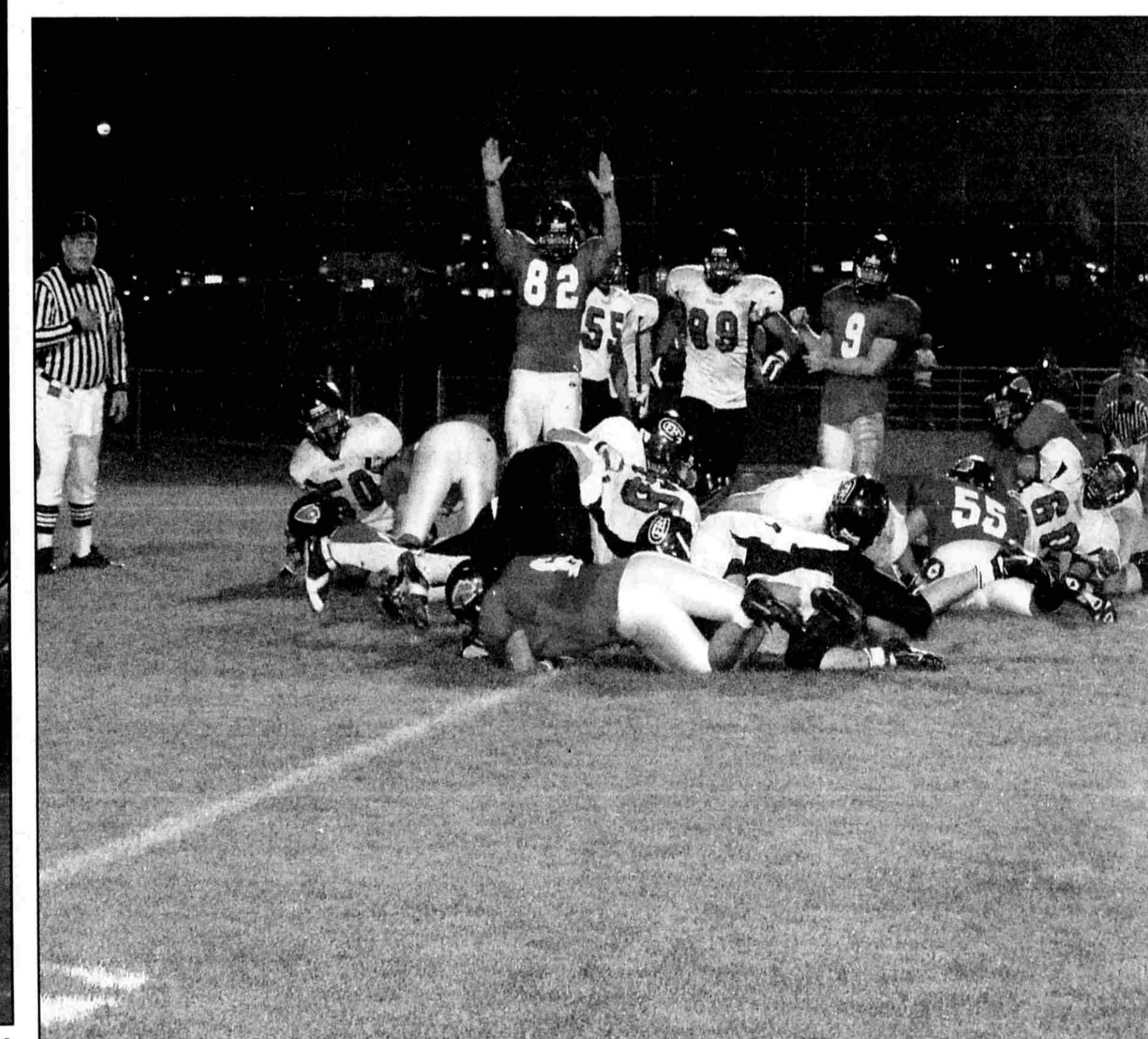
The Arrows rushed for 218 yards. Nichol led the team with 175 yards. Nate Vaught had 53 yards. The Rangers rushed for 136 yards, with Nick Rodriguez totaling 104 yards.

On the defensive side, Ben Canfield had six tackles, while Hans Ott of Forest Hills Central had eight.

The team plays at Northview Friday night.



Jacob Swift (1) catches a pass for a touchdown in the first quarter.



Josh Faulkner (82) signals a touchdown as the Arrows score Friday night.



# RED ARROW SPORTS



## Lowell High School tennis team improves record against Kenowa Hills, takes third in Midland

The boys' tennis team defeated Kenowa Hills Wednesday afternoon 7-1, with the only loss coming from the No. 4 doubles team.

Singles winners were No. 1 singles Travis Trapp, No. 2 Josh Hobla, No. 3 Cort Thompson and No. 4 Pat Misner.

Doubles winners were No. 1 doubles Tony Dubbink and Josh Spratt, No. 2 Chase Canning and Isaac Tawney, and No. 3 Clayton Stedman and Dan Mooney.

The team took third of seven teams at the Midland Dow Invitational Saturday. Trapp, a senior, won the No. 1 singles flight. Coach

Bonnie Wall said he had "outstanding play, not losing a set."

Trapp won his first match easily with a 6-1, 6-0 score, and then went on to beat Juan Guerra of Midland Dow 6-1, 6-4. In the finals, he defeated Dan Jarboe of Traverse City West 6-3, 6-2.

Trapp's record for the season now stands at 20-5, a feat Wall said is "a tremendous season for any No. 1 singles player who plays the caliber of opponents he runs up against."

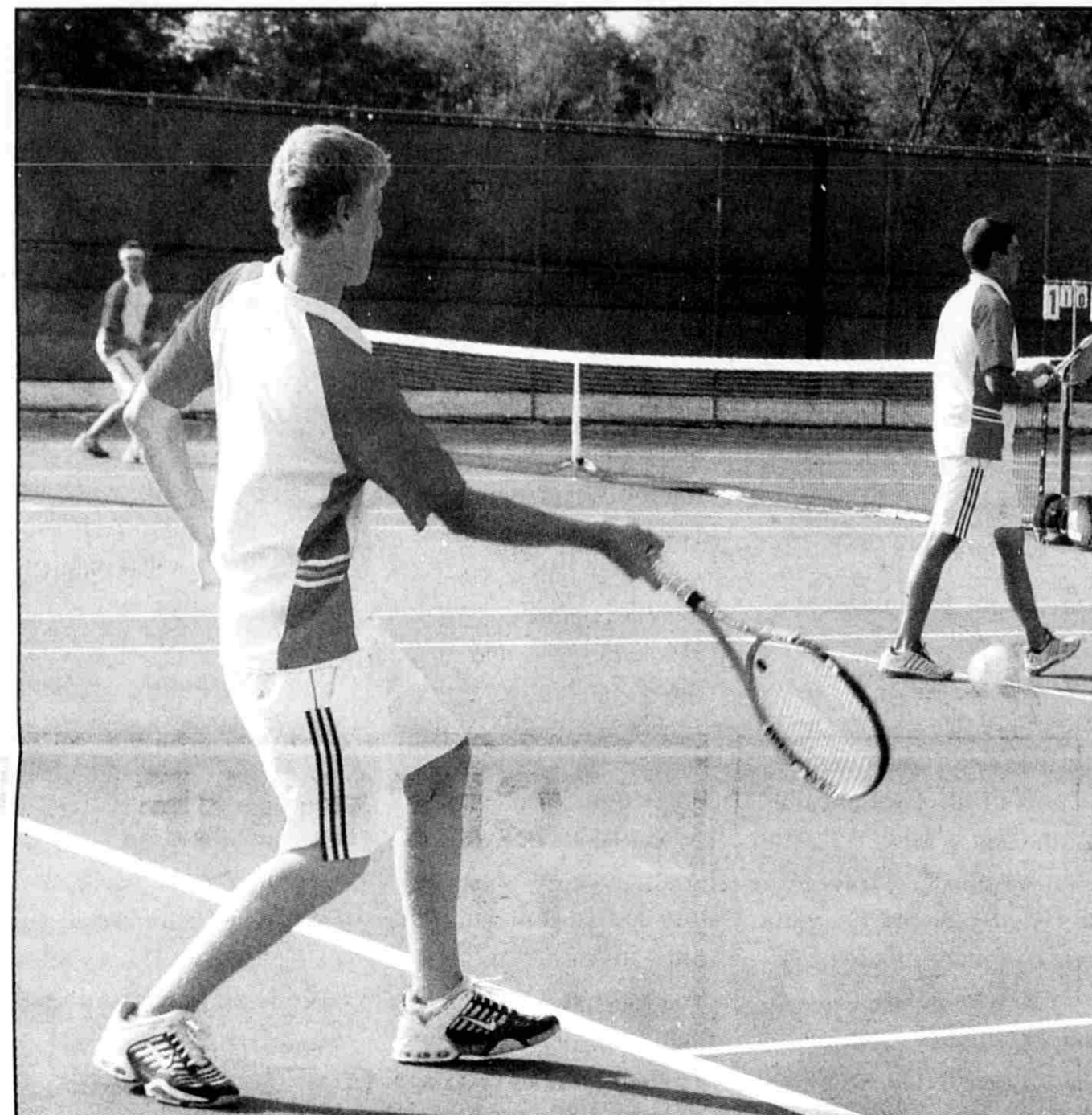
Wall also mentioned freshman Thompson's record, 18-6, at No. 3 singles. Junior Misner in No. 4 singles has "played some excellent tennis with his 21-5 record," Wall said.

Tony Dubbink was injured at Midland, and will be out for at least a week, and possibly the rest of the season. Wall said it was a huge loss to the team, since he was the strongest doubles player.

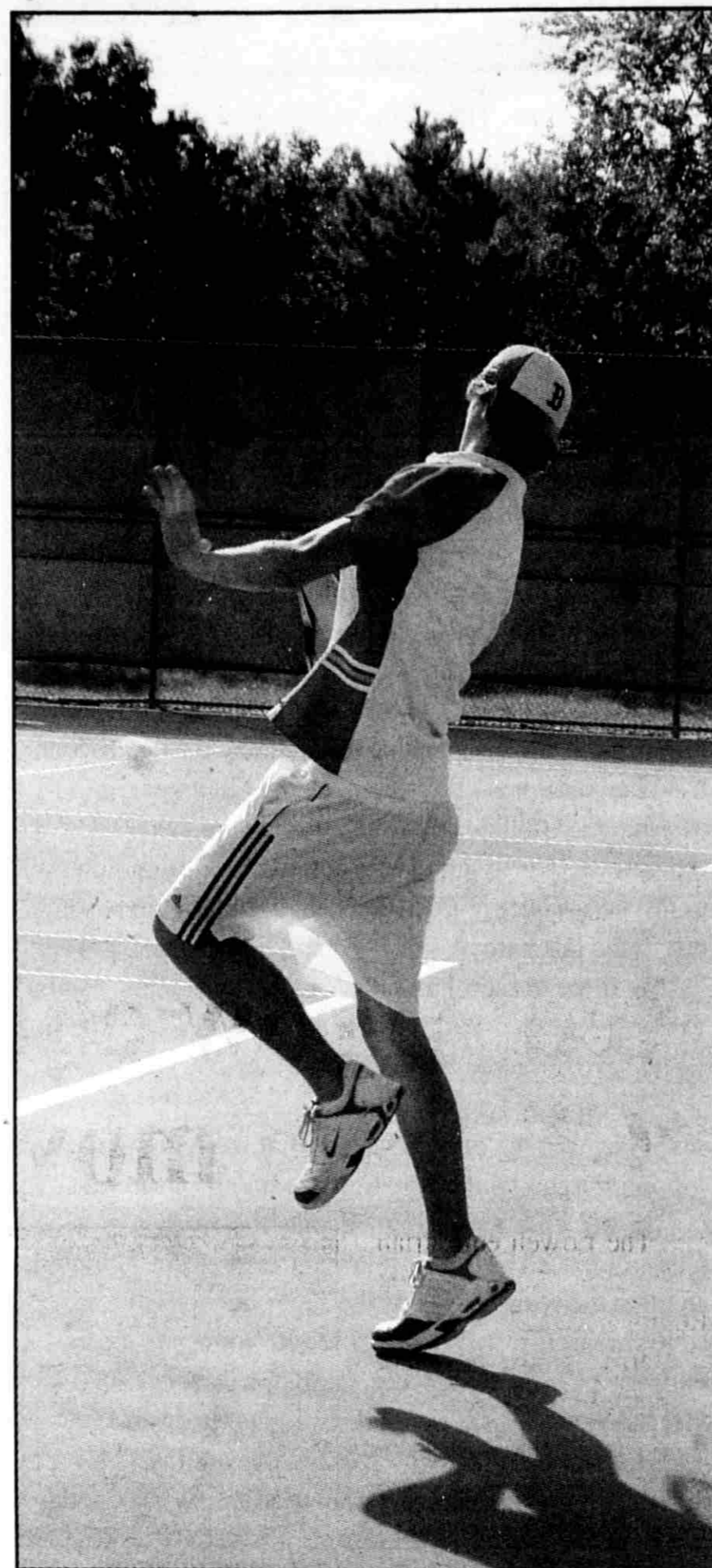
Besides Trapp's first place at Midland, there were many second place wins. Misner took second at No. 4 singles, as did the No. 2 doubles team of Canning and Tawney, No. 3 doubles Stedman and Weeber, and No. 4 doubles Evan Wilterink and Dylan Dues.

Wall said, "it was great to see our doubles teams perform well in some very tough matches."

The team next plays Saturday morning at Northview.



Josh Spratt hits the ball as Tony Dubbink looks on at Wednesday's match against Kenowa Hills.



Josh Hobla aims for the ball against Kenowa Hills.

## Lowell girls' golf team loses to EGR

The Lowell girls' golf team lost a close match to East Grand Rapids Thursday afternoon, 193-195.

Lauren Heemstra shot 45 to lead the Arrows. Other scorers for Lowell were Sydney Stuewe with 49, Kim Kline with 49 and June Ramsay with 52.

Coach Bob Stuewe said his team played "pretty well at Thousand Oaks, but with our No. 1 player gone, we had to pick up our games and didn't quite get there."

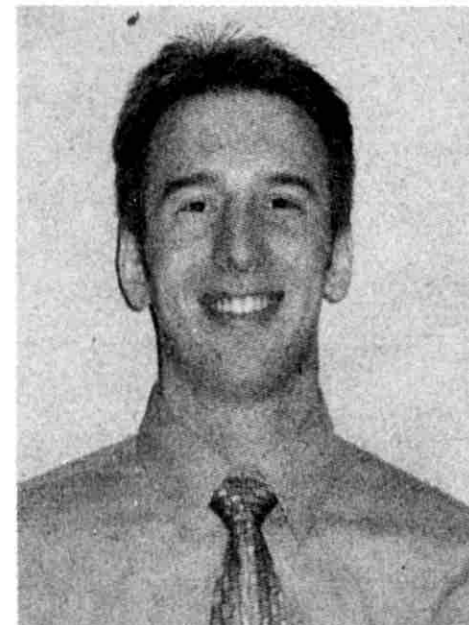
The team next plays today at Forest Hills Eastern at 3:30 p.m.

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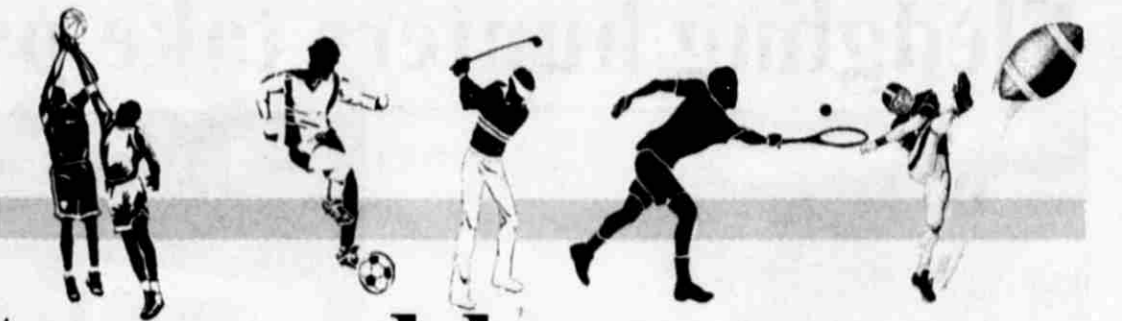
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# RED ARROW SPORTS



## Red Arrow soccer team wins two and loses one

by Molly Benningfield  
Editor

### Lowell 6, Kenowa Hills 0

Despite a warning of bad storms to the West and heavy rain late in the game, the Lowell soccer team shut out Kenowa Hills Thursday night 6-0.

Coach Paul Legge called the game "one of the best offensive performances" the team has had this season.

"The boys did a great job possessing the ball and getting forward into the attack with balance," Legge said. "It was nice to see our team get a lot of the guys on the field involved in the attack."

Nick Abdoos scored early and often against Kenowa Hills, claiming the first goal of the game three minutes in, and scored twice more, once again in the first

half and once in the second. Ian Beddows was also a multiple scorer, with two back-to-back goals in the first half.

Scoring the last goal of the night was Spencer Sellner.

Jerry Adams, Justin Stallings, Matt Schloop, Beddows, Greg Harreld and Brent Cone all had assists for the game.

Lowell had 22 shots at goal, compared to Kenowa Hills, with four. Goalkeeper Phil Bieri had four saves, while Isaiah Reynolds of Kenowa Hills had 15.

**Lowell 4, Northview 2**  
The Arrows played at Northview last Tuesday night, winning 4-2.

In the first half, Ian Beddows and Jacob Karasiewicz scored, with an assist coming from Greg Harreld on Beddow's goal.

In the second half, Nick



Spencer Sellner (10) goes for a ball against a Kenowa Hills defender Thursday night.

Abdoos and Beddows scored, with assists by Harreld and Karasiewicz.

Lowell had 11 shots

at goal, while Northview had 10. Goalkeeper Phil Bieri had seven saves,

while Northview's Patrick O'Connor had six.

**Lowell 0, Petoskey 3**

The Arrows traveled to Petoskey Saturday afternoon, losing 3-0. Legge said the team "had a complete meltdown."

The team out-shot Petoskey 20-4, and gave up three goals.

Legge said it was "disappointing, as we controlled the entire game and squandered many easy chances on goal."

The team plays next on Thursday for the start of the OK-conference tournament.

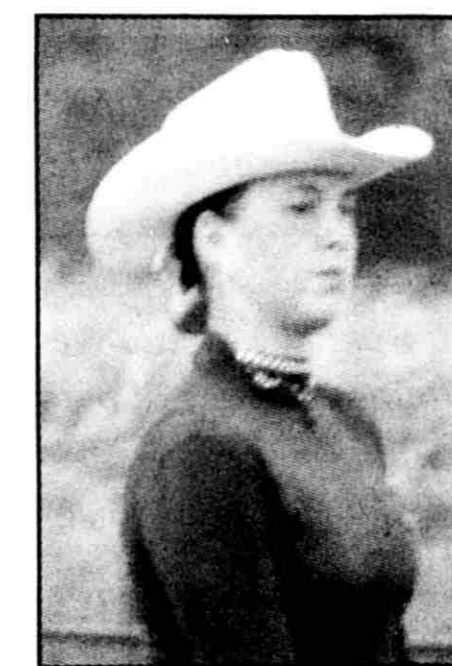
## Red Arrow equestrian "C" team moves onto State

The Lowell equestrian "C" team competed at Regionals over the weekend in Barry County. The team competed in the region A Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association along with district 16 Holland and District 19 North Pointe Christian.

Amy VanEns, a captain and senior on the team, scored 111 points; Jessi Meyers, a sophomore, scored 88 points; Kendall Hewitt, a freshman, scored 81 points; April Wolf, a senior, scored 71 points; and Amber Waldron, also a captain and senior, scored 61 points.

The team came back 90 points to take second place with a score of 412. North Pointe Christian took first with a score of 417 points. Holland earned 300 points.

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Amber Waldron



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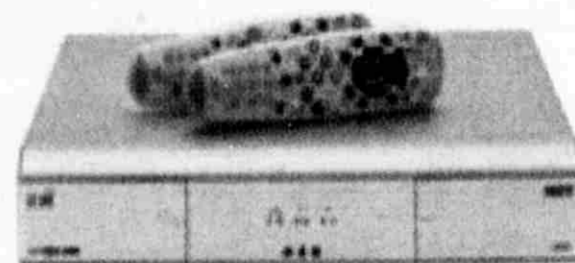
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