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City council meeting packed with citizens for discussion on North Washington property



Residents Mike Lessens and Garland Berry voice their concerns about the city-owned North Washington property.

by Emma Palova

In a standing-room only city council chamber, the area citizens along with the Boy Scouts Monday outlined their vision for the city-owned North Washington property.

The 27-acre parcel with a sliver of land belonging to Vergennes Township has been the subject of controversy for more than a year after the Lowell Light and Power (LL&P) vacated part of the land.

The Boy Scouts have been inhabiting a cabin on the property for more than 50 years, and resident Gary Dietzel has been living in the LL&P caretaker's house for 28 years.

The council now faces several options including the partial development of the property or just simply doing nothing. The property is also part of a community-wide recreation plan tied to a potential land donation from Peter Wege.

Doing nothing with the property and maintaining the sacred status of the Boy Scouts has worked well over the years, according to council member Jeanne Shores.

"The Boy Scouts are sacred," said Shores, "we've followed through for 50 years."

The council members agreed to renew a 10-year lease of the cabin to the Boy Scouts starting in February of 2008, while the caretaker's house may be put up for bids.

Council member Jim Pfaller expressed concerns about the upkeep and the maintenance of the property if it becomes a part of the city parks system.

"I don't want it turned as city parks property," he said. "We don't have the money to maintain it. We're strapped to maintain what we have now. We'd be strapped if we were to put 20 acres into our parks system."

However, resident Sharon Ellison spoke on behalf of a conservancy group of citizens.

"Let it be a natural area," she said. "There would be no upkeep."

It was the consensus of the council and the city staff that there are no plans for a large scale development recreational or housing on the property.

"Leave the property as is," Shores said. "It has served

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Jeepers Creepers gives artists a break

by Emma Palova

Reflecting the season, the "Jeepers Creepers" show at Huntington Galleria provides a break for the artists as a standalone exhibit.

Leading into the show is the classical "Skull" poster child by David Davis.

This year many young artists entered the show as their first opportunity to showcase and sell their work.

"It's their first time in a professional setting," said Davis. "They were eager to participate."

The adult crowd may

not have been as eager, but just as creative with ghouls and goblins. Karen Hale's "Peepers" spider shows a deep understanding of the creeping creatures.

Gerard Wood's "Wart Guy" may actually have been inspired by a gourd.

Even though Susan Haddix prefers to paint florals and peaches, she entered the show for fun.

Her "Boo Buddies" presents a mix of Halloween-related things with a persona. Haddix even gave the ghosts personalities by sprucing their white garb with buttons, bow ties, polka dots and hairdos.

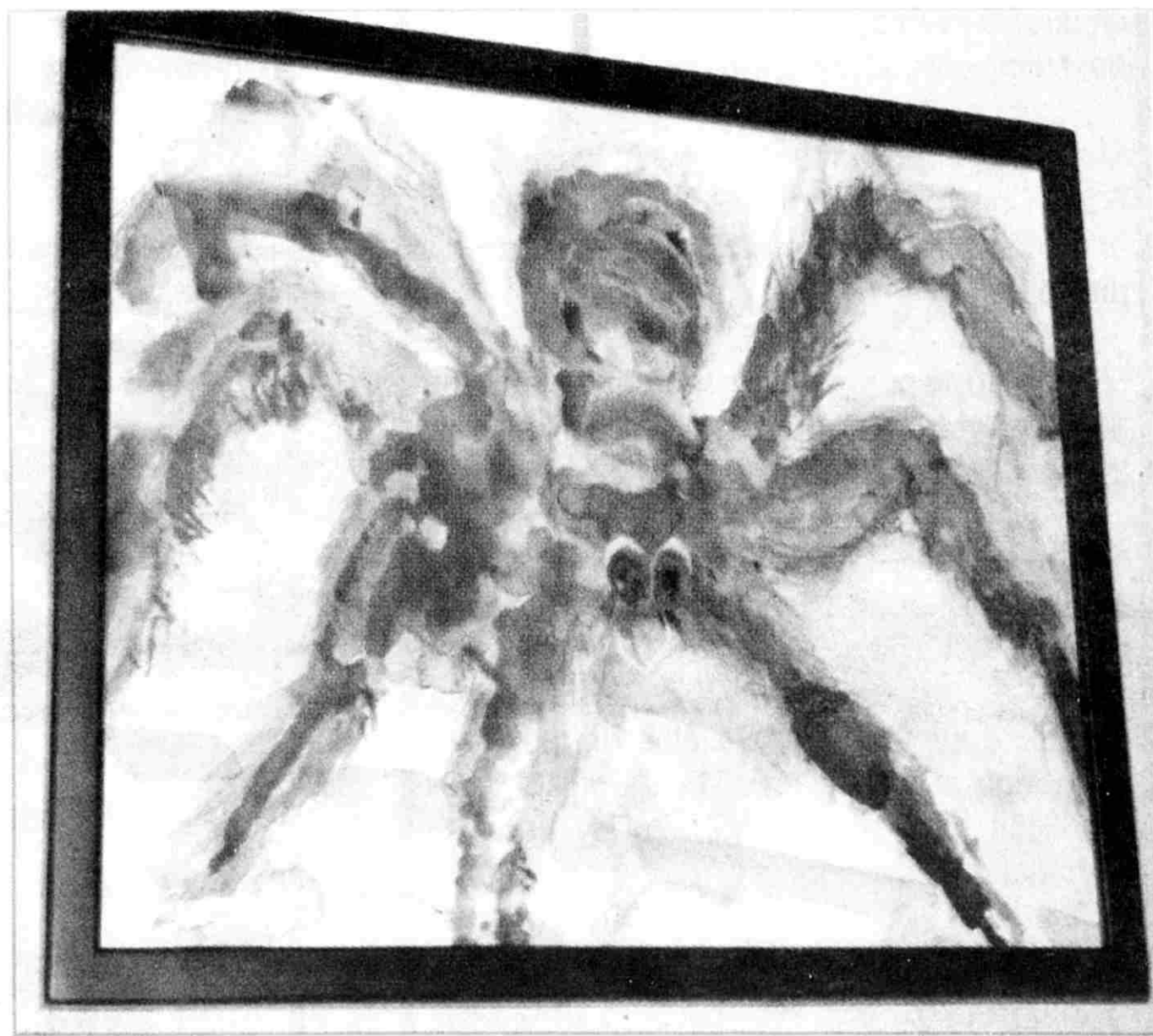
"I wanted to get all the symbols in," said Haddix. "The ghosts needed some personality."

And of course, the artists had fun in the process of creating scary paintings.

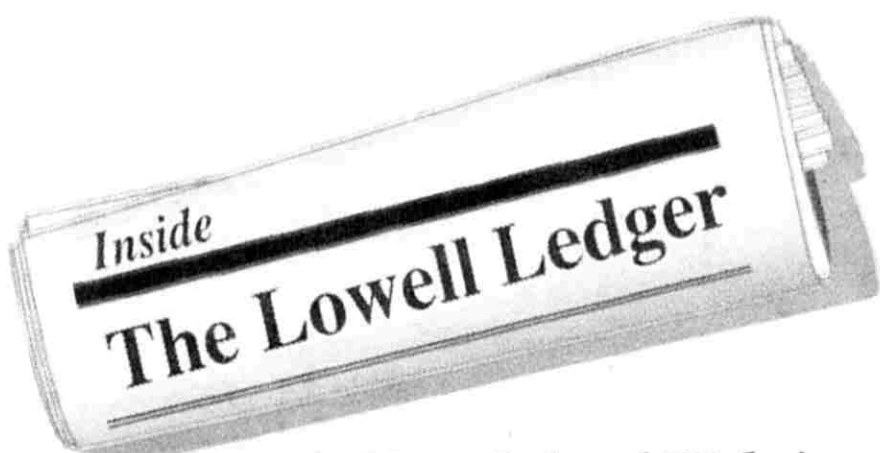
"It's a break in the routine of things," said Davis.

The show is a compilation of paintings

from Studio 208, Studio Saturdays and Fire and Art, inspired by Davis love of Halloween.



Karen Hale's Peepers adds a crawley aspect to Jeepers Creepers.



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New LAS website and Infinite Campus launched

by Shelly MacNaughton
Contributing writer

The Lowell School Board held its regular meeting Monday night.

Karen Burd, the principal of Bushnell Elementary, presented information on the new "Response to Intervention" program at the school.

The Kent Intermediate

School District (KISD) offered free professional development for one year to any district that can meet its requirements. Bushnell was one of seven buildings chosen by KISD to participate. The goal of this initiative is to identify struggling readers before they fall behind.

"I would like to commend Bushnell staff

on the RTI Grant, the staff have put in a lot of time and effort," said Roger Bearup.

Roger Bearup offered a curriculum update to the board. Currently he is working on a new pamphlet called "Back on Track for Graduation." The book would be for the high school, and would include information on credit recovery through an after-school program.

More information will be coming on this, as well as information on a similar middle school program. MEAP testing began Oct. 8 throughout the school district.

Larry Mikulski offered a brief building update. Work should begin soon at Alto and Bushnell, beginning around Christmas Break. There are two projects in the works at

Alto, and one at Bushnell. A meeting was held Sept. 26 regarding middle school building needs and they hope to begin receiving bids for work in January.

Greg Pratt offered a Superintendent's Report. The new Lowell Area Schools website has launched, as well as Infinite Campus at the middle school and high school levels.

Infinite Campus allows parents to look at children's grades online, as well as dialog with the teacher. They hope to have this available at the elementary level during the second trimester. Parents are notified by the school and given access information at this becomes available.

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the city well. I can't see changing it."

The property could also be a possible archeological site, since bones have been found there in the past, according to city manager Dave Pasquale.

"It's been a sleeping dog financially," said mayor Chuck Myers, "why would you want to disturb it?"

Other issues related to the North Washington property include granting an easement to Ken Gregersen.

"We have been monitoring the area," said Gregersen. "We are

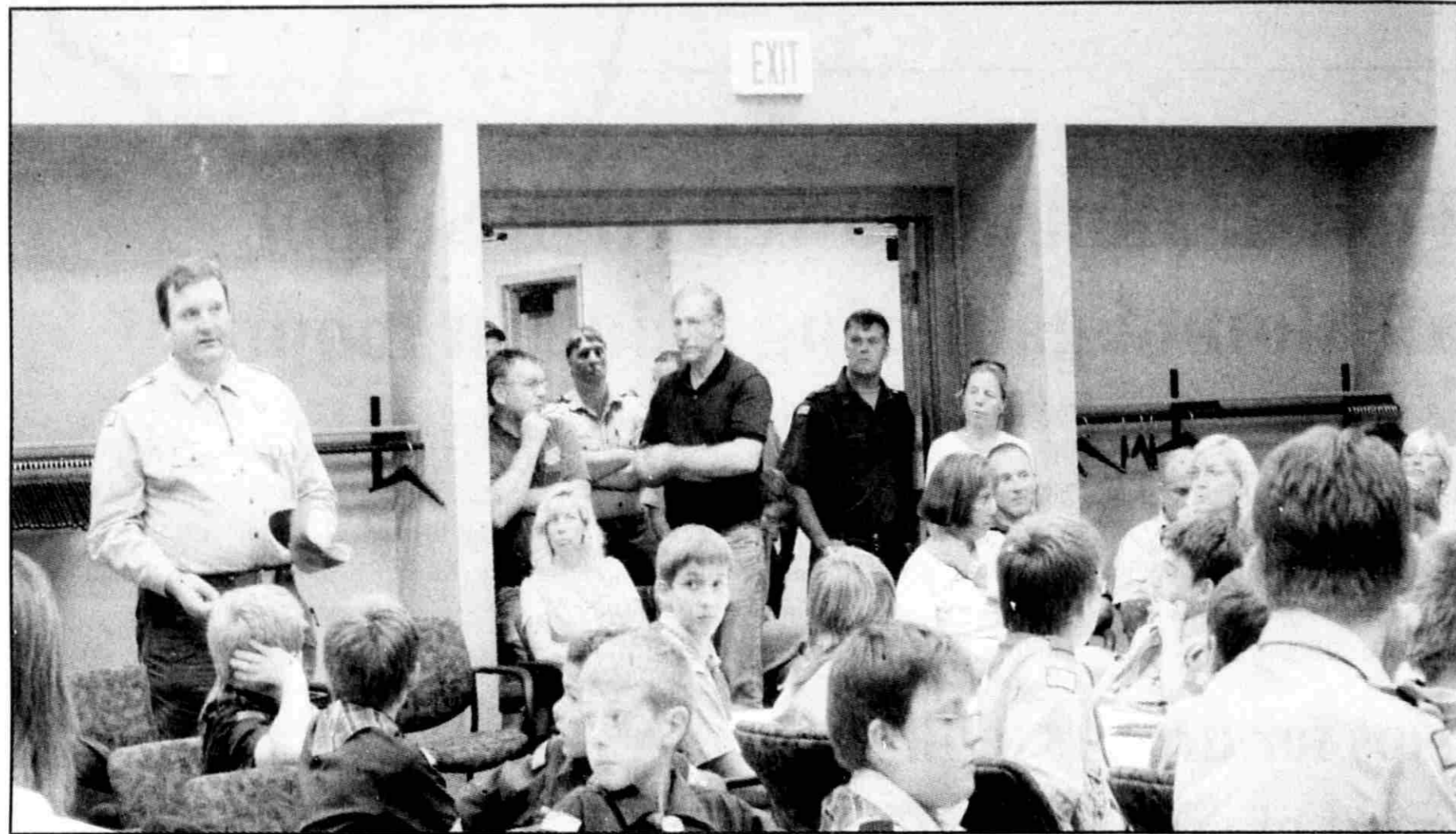
protective of it. It is a big asset the city has. It's constantly being used for camping."

Peggy Covert suggested investigating the area for potential burial grounds as part of a scout project.

"It's like throwing spaghetti against the wall to see what sticks," said Pfaller. Ellison urged all to do something.

"Let's do what people want," she said. "To do nothing is old."

A community-wide meeting is scheduled for Oct. 25.



Residents Mike Lessens and Garland Berry voice their concerns about the city-owned North Washington property.

Improvements made to memorial deck

Over the past few months, students and staff at Lowell High School have been working at maintaining the memorial deck and making sure that it respects the memory of those students who have passed away. The memorial deck was installed during the spring of 2006 as a gift from the graduating class. This past spring, students from Kevin Nugent's landscaping class designed and installed a landscape around the deck with the help of Kim Foster from



Foster's Countryside Greenhouse. Maintenance staff from the school worked this summer to repair damage on the deck and the fall classes touched up the landscape in time for the Homecoming celebrations. The students would like to thank Mr. Foster for his help and donating all of the plant materials used in the landscape.

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Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I can't believe I had to buy a Grand Rapids Press to read about one of our "Home Grown Young Man" who won the championship in his division and nothing in our local paper!!

Check with Andy Stormgard- he can tell you all about it!

Shirley Peckham

Dear Editor,

This poem sums up my feelings on the loss of our trees in Lowell:

I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree.
... A tree that looks at God all day, And lifts her leafy arms to pray;/ A tree that may in summer wear a nest of robins in her hair;/ Upon whose bosom snow has lain;/ who intimately lives with rain./ Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree. (Joyce Kilmer, 1886-1918)

Nancy Roth

Dear Editor,

The city council on Monday, Oct. 1 approved the investment of \$2.4 million in cable sale proceeds into the Grand Rapids Community Foundation Fund. They said that ultimately, an appointed advisory board will determine the distribution of the funds. I believe this money belongs to the "subscribers, owners" of the now defunct Lowell Cable TV, and they should be the ones voting on what to do with the proceeds, not the council or an advisory board. What happened to a public hearing to further determine the authority and allocations which was printed in a Sept. 12 article? The council's lack in notifying the "subscribers, owners" and the constituents of Lowell of their intent of selling Lowell Cable TV long before it was sold only shows me what I believe is the misuse of power. I also believe if the "Subscribers, Owners" are not allowed a public hearing and a vote on what categories this money is spent on, it will only again show what I believe is a misuse of power. I believe in no way any of this money should be used on anything that would normally come out of the city budget. But I'm speaking with only one person's opinion and that is why this should come to a vote of the people of Lowell and I have more faith in the constituents of Lowell than I do the city council and their board.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard



100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 10, 1907

There was something of a mad-dog scare in town last week. David Wilson's dog had an attack of rabies and bit Frank Bergin's dog. Wilson's dog died and the Bergin dog was killed.

News from Lowell Center - George Ingersoll had his left hand badly smashed while working in the novelty works.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 6, 1932

Both the cost and the labor in connection with welfare relief in Lowell Township have grown to such proportions during the past year that Supervisor Lewis M. Yeiter has asked the township board to name an advisory committee to assist him in the work.

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barn on the Ed Kotesky farm on the South Boston county line at an early hour last Saturday morning. Hay, grain, a hen house and some chickens were also destroyed.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 10, 1957

Reconstruction underway following Lowell Cafe's \$25,000 flash fire.

W.W. Gemser, superintendent of Lowell schools, has been selected as one of the leaders for the annual Michigan School Boards conference at Michigan State University on Oct. 9.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 6, 1982

Photo caption: The new roof of the Foreman building features interlocking shingles with the word "Lowell" woven into the dark shingles in a lighter color.

The S.M Osgood Co. has captured Attwood's 1982 Big Wheel Award (Marine Division). The award is given to the sales representative group with the highest percentage sales increase for the previous marine marketing year.

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Stock option tax loophole must be closed
With Senator Carl Levin

For instance, one company, Occidental Petroleum, took a \$353 million tax deduction from stock options cashed in by its CEO over the last five years, even though under current accounting rules the same stock options would have shown a maximum book expense of \$29 million.

Those nine companies aren't alone. The IRS has determined that, in 2004, U.S. corporations claimed a total of \$43 billion more in stock option tax deductions than they showed as expenses on their books, helping them avoid paying billions of dollars in taxes in that one year alone.

This corporate tax break creates an incentive for companies to provide their executives with larger and larger stock option grants: the bigger the stock option pay for executives, the bigger the tax deduction for the company. Someone has to make up for all that lost tax revenue; that's the rest of us.

That's why I recently introduced a bill to end the stock option double standard that is fueling sky-high executive pay and depriving the Treasury of much-needed revenue. It's called the Ending Corporate Tax Favors for Stock Options Act. This legislation would require companies to match their stock option tax deductions with the amount shown on the financial reports they file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The famed American banker J.P. Morgan once said that CEO pay should not exceed 20 times what the average worker receives. Today, the average CEO is paid nearly 400 times as much as the average worker, a towering difference that can be explained in part by stock option tax and accounting rules that are out of kilter.

Our tax code shouldn't be subsidizing stock option pay through generous tax deductions. It's time to treat stock options like other forms of compensation and require the corporate tax deduction to match, not exceed, the book expense.

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, held a hearing in June and found that nine companies (who voluntarily cooperated with the inquiry) claimed over \$1 billion more in stock option tax deductions than they would have showed as expenses on their books under current accounting rules.

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STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN SAVING FOR RETIREMENT, COLLEGE

If you have young children, you may want them to attend college someday — and you may want to help them pay for it. At the same time, you also need to save for a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Are the two goals compatible?

There's no easy answer to this question. But one thing seems clear: For many parents, saving and investing for their children's future is every bit as important — and maybe more so — than saving and investing for their own. In fact, two-thirds of parents said they would postpone retirement if necessary to help pay for their children's college education, according to a survey by Alliance Bernstein Investments, Inc.

Parents have good reason to believe that investing in a college education will pay off for their children: Over the course of their lifetimes, college graduates will earn, on average, about \$1 million more than high school graduates, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

So, since a college education appears to be quite valuable, shouldn't you do everything you can to help pay

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Ultimately, you'll have to weigh your potential college contributions against your need to save for your own retirement. On one hand, you'd like to help your children as much as possible; as a parent, you don't want your children saddled with enormous debts when they leave college. But on the other hand, that type of reluctance may be based more on emotion than on sound financial planning. After all, college graduates seem to find a way to eventually pay off their loans. Furthermore, your children may be able to find grants, scholarships and work-study opportunities. Many students can earn a decent amount of money at summer jobs, too.

Nonetheless, you still may feel obligated to pay something toward your children's college education. But if you're going to help pay for college, be smart about it. For example, think twice before borrowing from your 401(k). Such a move would slow the growth potential of your retirement funds — and it could prove costly in other ways, too. For one thing, if you leave your job, voluntarily or involuntarily, you'll need to repay your 401(k) loan completely, usually within 60 days. If you can't, the balance will be considered a taxable distribution — and you may even have to pay a 10 percent penalty on it.

Instead of tapping into your 401(k), IRA or other accounts you've designated for retirement, look for other ways to help build your children's college funds. You might decide to open a Section 529 plan, which offers taxfree earnings potential, provided the money is used to pay for higher education costs. Contributions are tax deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan; however, a Section 529 plan could reduce your child's ability to qualify for financial aid.

You might also want to consider a Coverdell Education Savings Account, which offers another tax-advantaged way to save for college.

As you already know, much of your life involves balancing acts of one type or another, so you should be able to handle one more — college for your kids against a comfortable retirement for you. By making the right moves, though, you may be able to reach an "equilibrium" that works for everyone.

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East End Pastries pairs with Voyages coffee

by Emma Palova

A good pastry and good coffee go together like peanut butter and jelly.

So, East End Pastries

joined Voyages to form a perfect marriage, as the owners say.

"We hope the union of the bakery and the coffee

shop will serve the people of Lowell well," said baker Aivars Sturis.

The building with uncovered brick walls and tall

ceilings offers the perfect ambiance for sipping coffee with a cinnamon roll, while watching action on the east end of Main Street.

Baked on the premises of Voyages, the fresh goods range from breads, pastries, cookies, coffee cakes and pies.

"Lowell is a charming little town," said Gunta Sturis. "The building is nicely done."

The couple has just recently moved their bakery from East Grand Rapids to Main Street Lowell inside Voyages to serve a growing market of gourmands.

"It's nice to be close to home," said Aivars. "We like the location."

Aivars still uses a 60-year-old mixer for the

dough. The mixer is the official workhorse of the bakery, although the baker puts in countless hours at night.

Specialty bagels and breads are made exclusively for Voyages sandwiches. One of Aivars' many specialties is Latvian sour and sweet dense rye bread based on a traditional family recipe designed by dad Karlis.

Other specialties include "challah" or kosher egg breads baked in different shapes for different holidays.

"It's a very rich bread," said Gunta.

The bakers are still waiting for a freezer to start making Napoleons and eclairs. But right now the fresh case is already stocked

with Florentine filled lacey cookies, Lady Fingers, mock turtles, almond crescents and apple strudel.

And according to regular customer Dave Emmette, the apple strudel tastes just like in Vienna and it fits any diet.

After all Aivars has learned how to bake from German master baker Erwin Kuester. The master even passed on to Aivars some old European recipes.

Later, Aivars tweaked them to develop his own version.

Voyages owner Sterling Massey said he has been looking to add a bakery to the shop.

"It's going to benefit the community," said Massey.



Gunta and Aivars Sturis of East End Pastries have added bakery inside Sterling Massey's Voyages coffee shop.

Mynt Fusion Bistro brings Asian inspired cuisine

by Emma Palova

Fascinated by the art of food, Leng Yang as a child apprenticed at his mother Phoua's side. His wife MariAnna, raised in diverse Northern California, acquired a love for the myriad of fresh produce.

Together they have built a library of culinary possibilities bringing their Mynt Fusion Bistro to Main Street, Lowell.

"It's always been in our blood," said Leng Yang. "It's a passion of mine."

And the couple's philosophy is bringing good food to good people in a contemporary relaxed environment.

The name Mynt for the Asian-inspired restaurant was intentional to encourage curiosity about the herb and interaction with the restaurant patrons.

"We want people to ask," said Leng. "We're encouraging involvement."

And the couple is rebranding the traditional

image of an Asian restaurant in a strip mall with buffet food sitting in stations for hours.

"We want to make this a personal dining experience," said Leng, "and we like to know who is in our dining room."

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Based on experience from sister Fusion restaurant in Frankfort, Thai dishes are among the most popular along with curries.

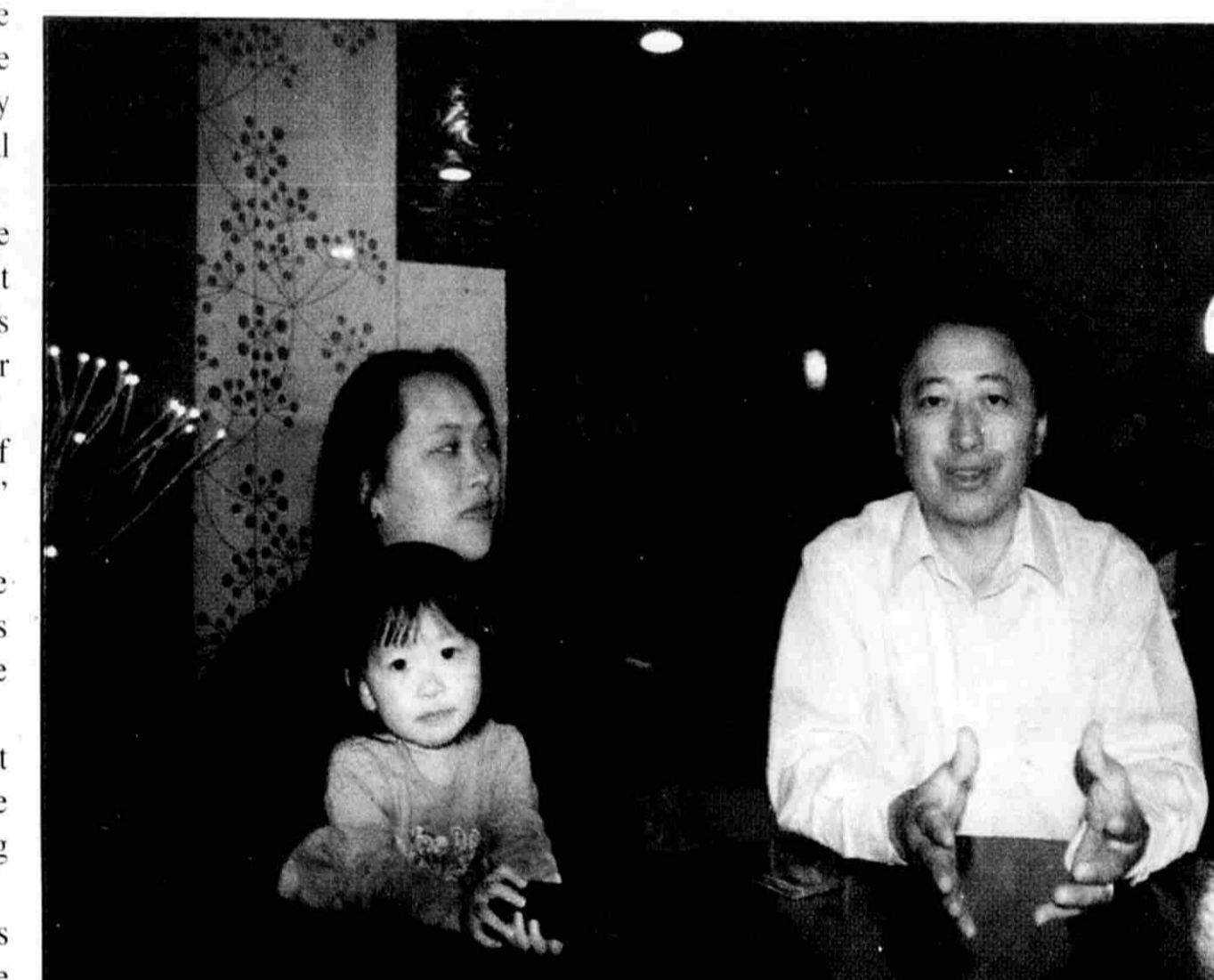
"We want to be part of what makes Lowell happen," said Leng.

MariAnna said she was very excited about this opportunity to share the couple's passion for food.

The family restaurant business started in the basement with entertaining friends into art.

"Mynt Fusion Bistro's art of creating impeccable cuisine changes with the times like music," said Leng. "It appeals to the multitudes by offering a vast array of tastes and flavor harmonies."

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MariAnna and Leng Yang with daughter Megan inside the Mynt Fusion Bistro.

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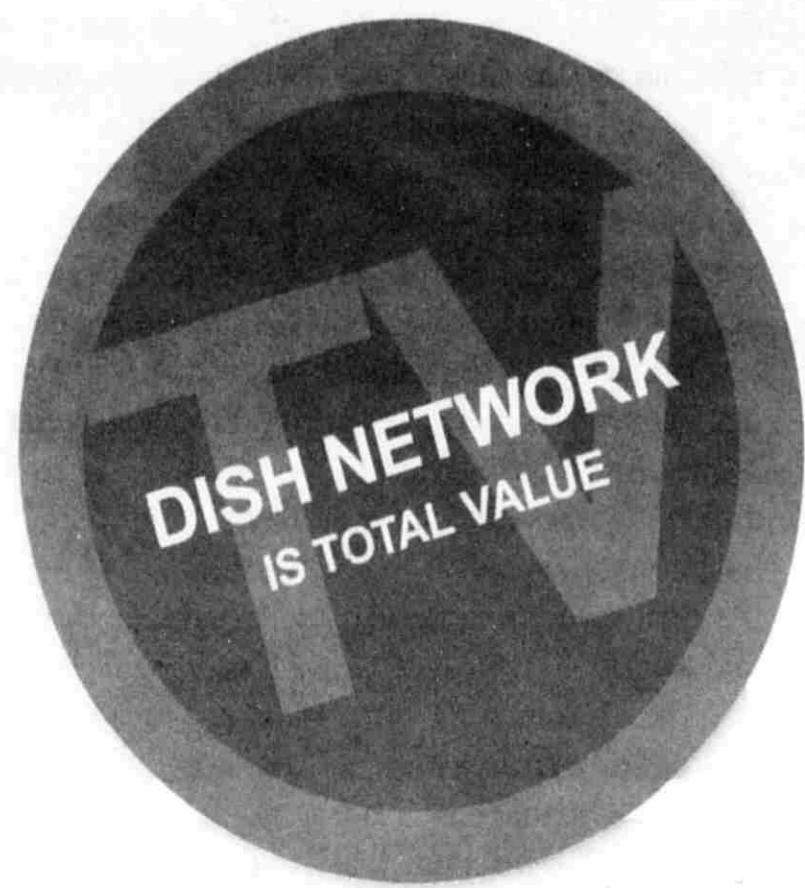
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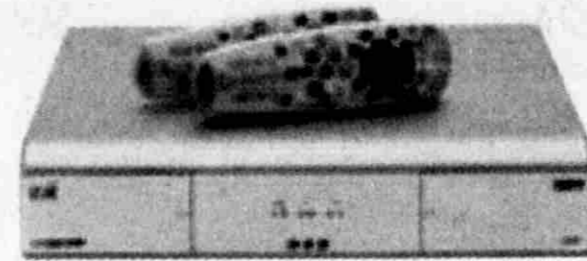
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Colorburst bikers raise awareness and money

by Ellen Mork
Contributing writer

Sunday marked the 25th annual Colorburst Bike Tour in Lowell.

Craig Campbell began Colorburst as a tribute to Donna Ryskamp, a Rapid Wheelmen member, who was killed when a drunk driver struck her while biking. The bike tour was named for both Donna's vibrant and energetic personality and the changing autumn colors.

Four years later, a drunk driver also struck and killed Campbell, while he was driving the bike route on his motorcycle.

Since 1983, Colorburst

has raised over \$83,000 for organizations such as MADD and several other organizations. This year their profits are going to MADD, Elves and More, and West Michigan Trails and Greenways.

Colorburst raises money through the participation fee, t-shirt sales and general donations. Final donation amounts for this year are waiting to be tallied.

Over 700 bikers participated this year, ranging in age from 10 to 70. This year's participants included 25 members of the Grand Valley bike team, and Matt Kirkwood from WOOD TV.

There were four

different routes from a 17-mile route around Vergennes Township, to a 100-mile route, which combined the 62-mile route through Cannonsburg, north to 12 Mile Road and a forty-mile loop that ran all the way to Sand Lake.

Along the routes were several rest stations stocked with donated water and food. Before the ride, bikers could load up on their carbohydrates at the pancake breakfast. Following the ride, they enjoyed a lunch consisting of various soups.

Local merchants donated the food for both meals.

Amy Dugan, this year's chairwoman, said, "I think that having breakfast and lunch provided encourages many people to come out, ride, and see the sites."

Dugan said she

was encouraged by the participation during this year's bike tour.

"This year looks like it could be a record breaker, and hopefully we can continue to be this successful in future tours," she said.

Blindness, continued

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the eye's retina causing them to leak blood or fluid. This causes the retina to swell and can lead to vision loss. Blood sugar fluctuations can also promote growth of new, fragile blood vessels on the retina, which can break easily and leak blood into the vitreous (the clear, jelly-like substance that fills the center of the eye.) This can blur vision and lead to permanent vision impairment. High blood pressure and smoking can further damage blood vessels as well.

What are the signs to look for? "Fluctuations in blood sugar levels can temporarily affect vision, so it's sometimes difficult to know if a serious eye problem is developing," said Dr. Flohr. "That's one of the reasons strict control of your blood sugar is so important. If you notice a vision change in one eye, a change that lasts more than

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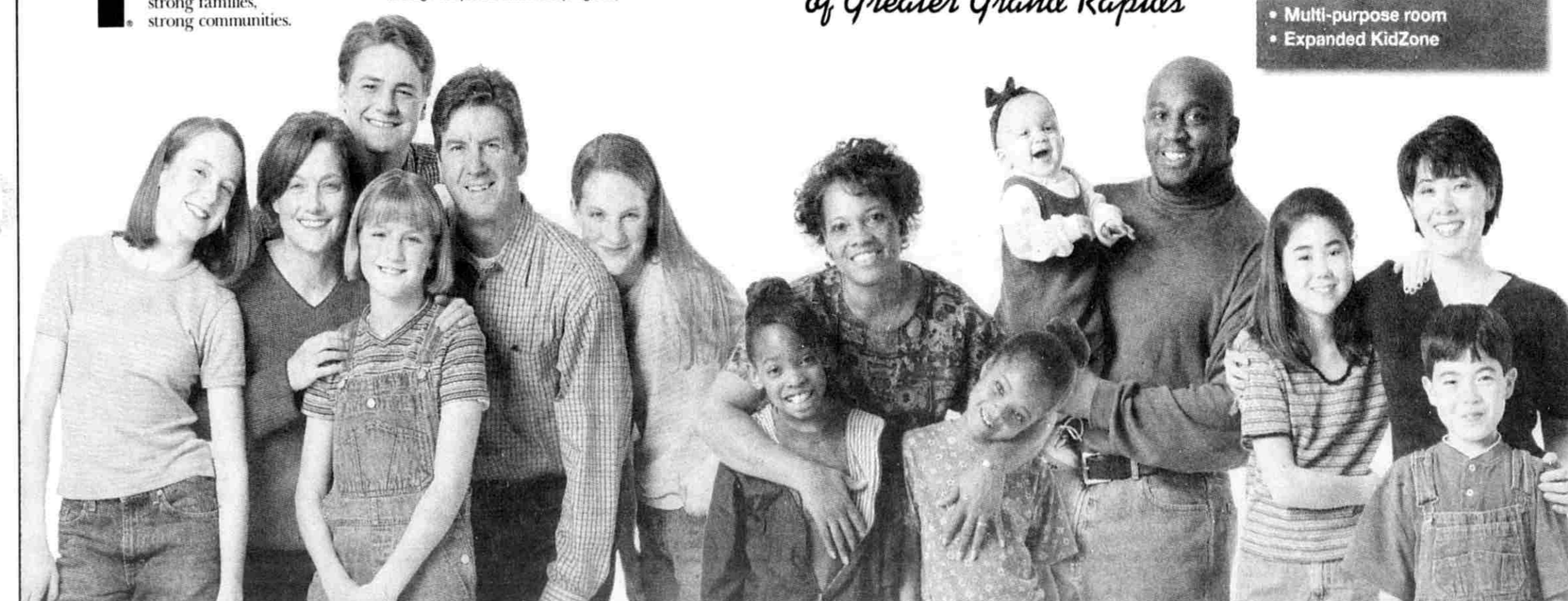
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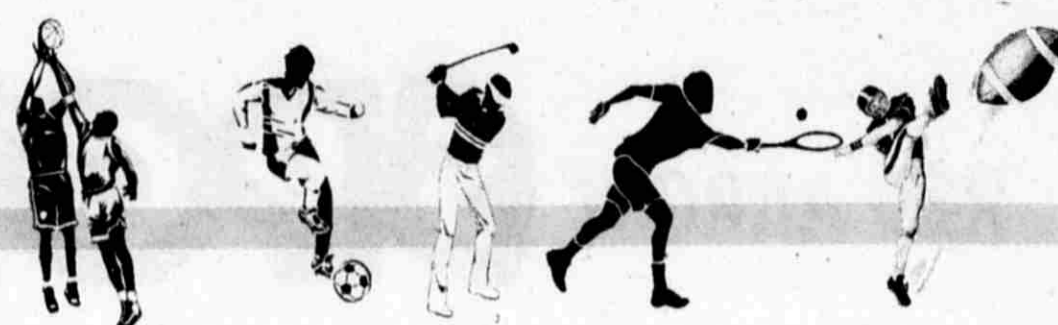
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RED ARROW SPORTS



Football, cont'd.

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still," he said. "It's nice to have T [Boss] and Kyle [Nichol] playing well. The offensive line did a great job. We're playing games to the end."

Lowell was 38 of 307 total yards for rushing. Vaught was 10 for 94 yards, Nichol was 4 for 86, VanAcker was 9 for 57, Pete Scudder was 7 for 42, Boss was 3 for 16 and Tom Jeffrey was 5 for 12. Northview was 31 of 140 total yards, with Dan Burns running 9 for 72.

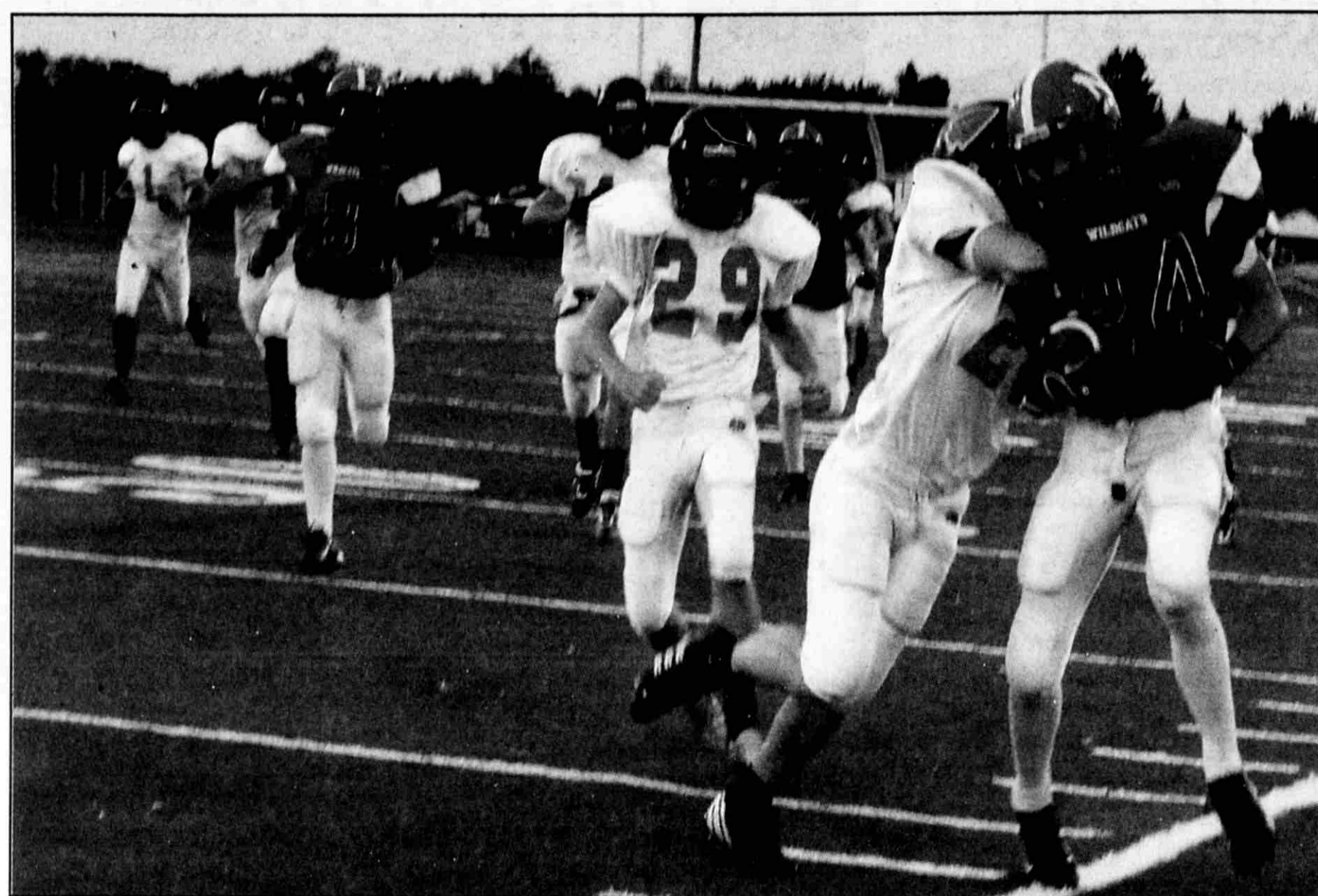
Nichol led the team in

Justin VanAcker (25) pushes a Northview defender out-of-bounds.

passing and was 7 for 11 complete passes, for 163 yards. Northview was 3 for 10 complete passes, for 19 yards.

Boss led the team in receiving, with 4 for 83 yards; followed by Zach Stephens, who was 1 for 43 yards; Wade, who was 1 for 23; and Justin Corwin, who was 1 for 14. Northview's top receiver was Chris Guyton, who was 1 for 15 yards.

The team plays Kenowa Hills at home Friday night.



A "Tale of Two Teams" for LHS varsity soccer

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The varsity soccer team experienced a little of everything last week as

they lost to conference foes East Grand Rapids 1-2 and won against Kenowa Hills 9-2.

The Arrows played EGR in a drawn-out double-

overtime loss Monday night in what coach Paul Legge said was a good game.

"We controlled a good deal of the game, yet again failed to finish

opportunities," Legge said. "It is nice to create the chances, but it's frustrating to lose to teams that we outplay the majority of the game."

Nick Abdoos scored the lone goal for Lowell in the first half, while Patrick Barrett scored EGR's only goal in regulation, also in the first half.

Neither team scored in the second half or first overtime. EGR's Leighton Parnham scored with 10 minutes left in the second overtime to boost the Pioneers over the Arrows.

Lowell had 11 shots at goal, while EGR had 9.

Phil Bieri made 7 saves, while P.J. Forslund of EGR had 9 saves.

"Kenowa Hills was a different story," Legge said. "We finished just about every opportunity, and put nine goals on the board."

The Arrows scored four times in the first half and added five more in the second to rise above the Knights 9-2.

Ian Beddows scored Lowell's first goal, but it wouldn't be his last. He scored twice more, with all three goals coming consecutively in the first half. Jacob Karasiewicz also scored in the first half. Jerry Adams, Karasiewicz and Justin Stallings assisted on Beddows' goals.

The Knights would add both goals in the second half, on shots by Boris Mendez and Michael Bouwhuis. But the surge wasn't strong enough, as Lowell added five more.

Scoring in the second half were Bud Sheppard with two, and Jerry Adams, Nick Abdoos and Greg Harreld with one apiece. Harreld had two assists in

the second half, and Abdoos and Karasiewicz had one each.

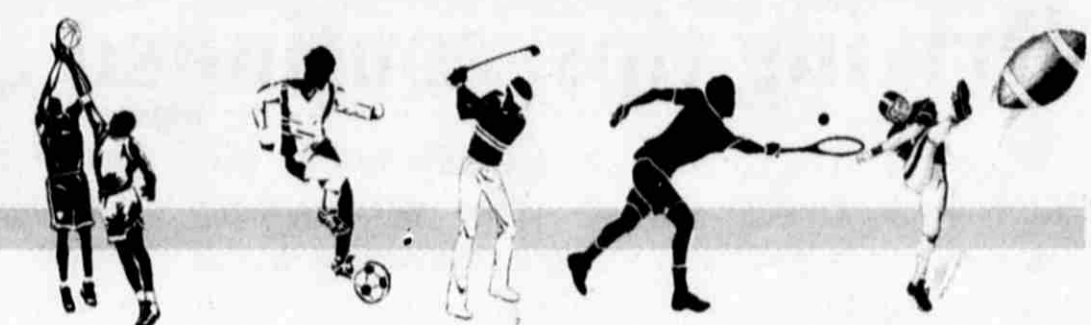
Lowell had 16 shots at goal, while Kenowa Hills had six.

Phil Bieri had four saves and Isaiah Reynolds of Kenowa Hills had seven. Legge said the two games showed how differently the team plays when they're ready and when they're not.

"We are certainly the tale of two teams," he said. "We create a ton of chances on goal every game, but it just depends on which team shows up. The team that finishes wins and the one that doesn't loses."

The team is finished with its regular season, and is now in the middle of the OK-White conference tournament.

RED ARROW SPORTS



Red Arrow cross country team competes at OK-White Jamboree

The boys' cross country team finished 5th of seven teams at the OK-White Jamboree Wednesday afternoon at Lowell High School.

The Arrows scored 106 overall, with Caledonia winning the meet with 29

points. Greenville was 2nd with 61, Kenowa Hills 3rd with 95, Northview 4th with 103, Forest Hills Central 6th with 143 and East Grand Rapids 7th with 188.

Corey Fitzpatrick led the Arrows with a time of 17:29 to finish 3rd overall.

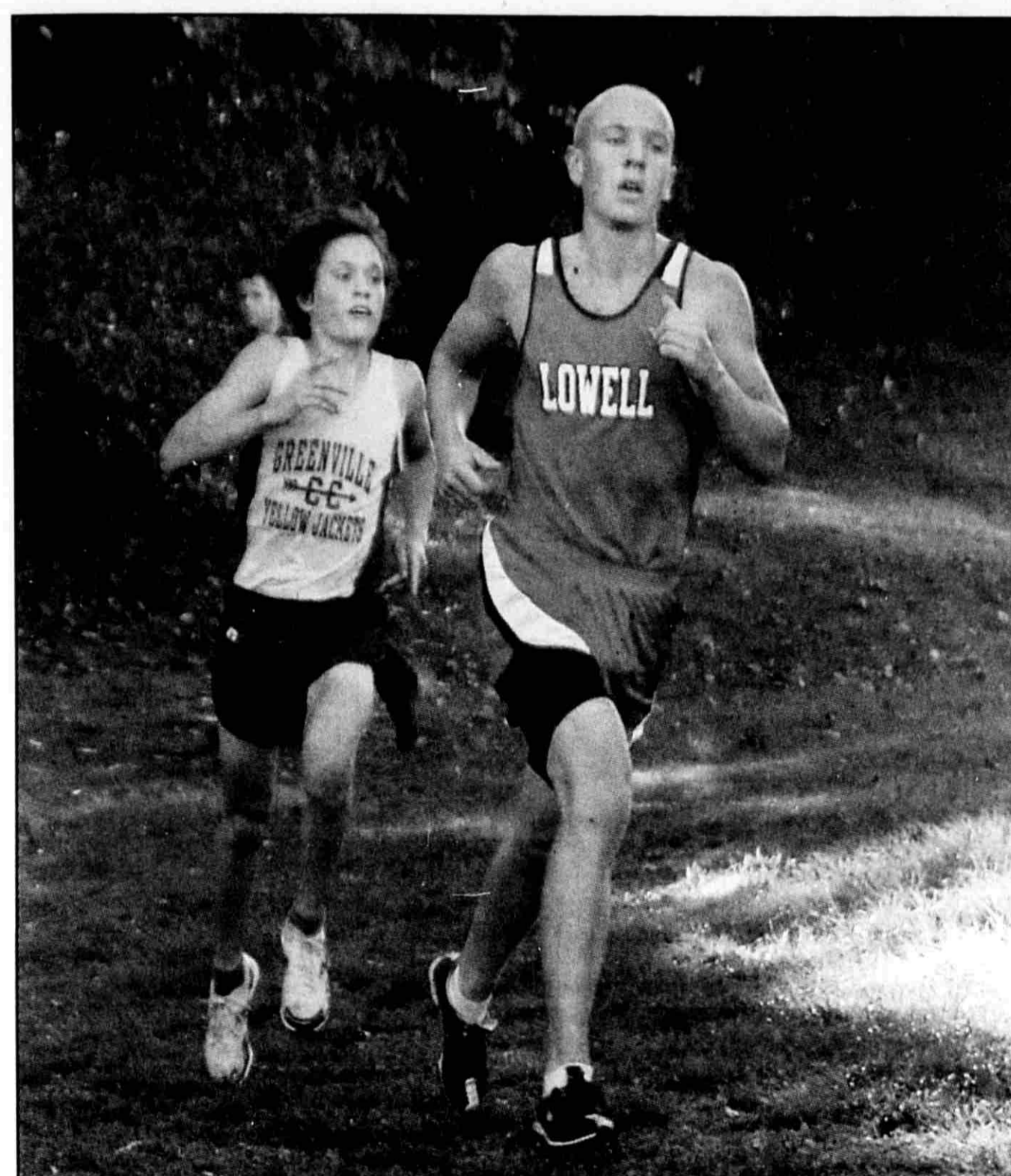
Other Lowell finishers were Zach Robinson at 15th (18:11), Jon Woods at 20th (18:27), Justin Boss at 26th (18:41) and Tom Mark at 42nd (19:57).

The girls' cross country team finished 7th of seven teams Wednesday.

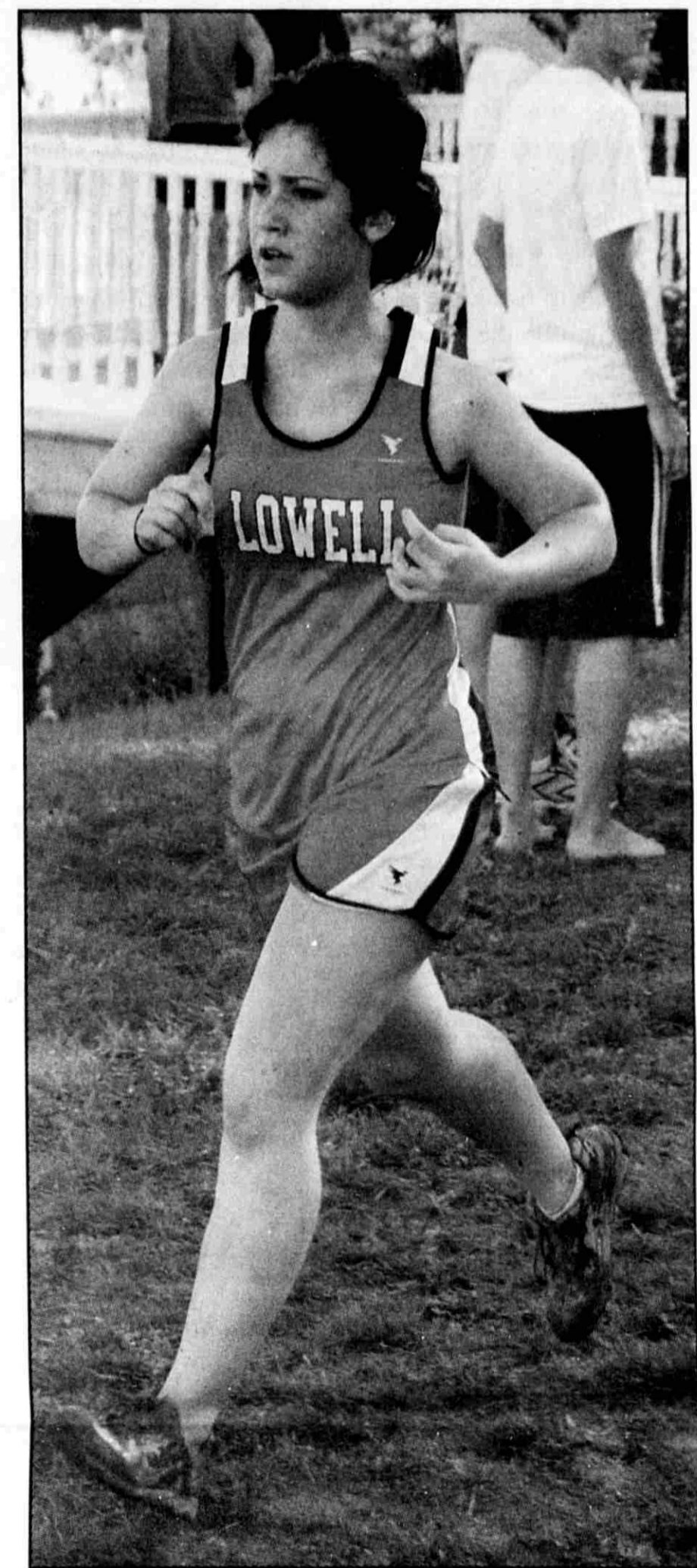
Taylor Marchido led the Arrows with a time of 22:33 to finish 30th overall.

Other Lowell finishers were Haleigh Timmers at 31st (22:40), Emily Hauschild at 43rd (24:37), Emily Jelsma at 44th (24:52), Morgan Marchido at 46th (25:54) and Kiley Six at 47th (28:50).

The teams will compete in East Grand Rapids Oct. 17 at the OK-White Jamboree for their last regular season meet.



Corey Fitzpatrick finished 3rd overall in the boys' division with a time of 17:29.



Emily Hauschild finished 43rd overall in the girls' division with a time of 24:37.

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Volleyball team wins in 4

The Lowell volleyball team won a 4-set match against Forest Hills Central Thursday night, 25-22, 25-13, 20-25, 25-21.

Leading the team with kills were Amy VanEns and

Madelyn Brower, who both had 10.

Jasmine Holliman had 4 aces, and Heather Burger had 34 assists.

The team plays Kenowa Hills Thursday night at

home, at the Unity Christian Tournament on Saturday, and at East Grand Rapids Tuesday.

The team's regular season end Oct. 25 with the OK Quad.

New injuries hurt tennis team at OK-White finals

The boys' tennis team traveled to East Grand Rapids Monday afternoon for the last regular game of the season. Matched up against a top-seeded team, the Lowell tennis team felt the heat and ended with only one win from Pat Misner.

The No. 4 singles player beat Spencer Moritz of EGR, 6-1, 6-0.

"They're ranked No. 1 in the state for Division 3 and we know why," coach Bonnie Wall said.

The team faced the Pioneers again at Saturday's OK-White tournament in Northview. EGR was again victorious, winning

the conference title with 53 points. Lowell took fourth place with 31 points, behind Forest Hills Central (47) and Northview with (32).

Wall said the finish was disappointing because of an injury. "That was sad because we would have tied them had Chase Canning and Isaac Tawney been able to finish their last match which they were winning handily. Unfortunately [Canning] rolled his ankle spraining it badly and had to retire."

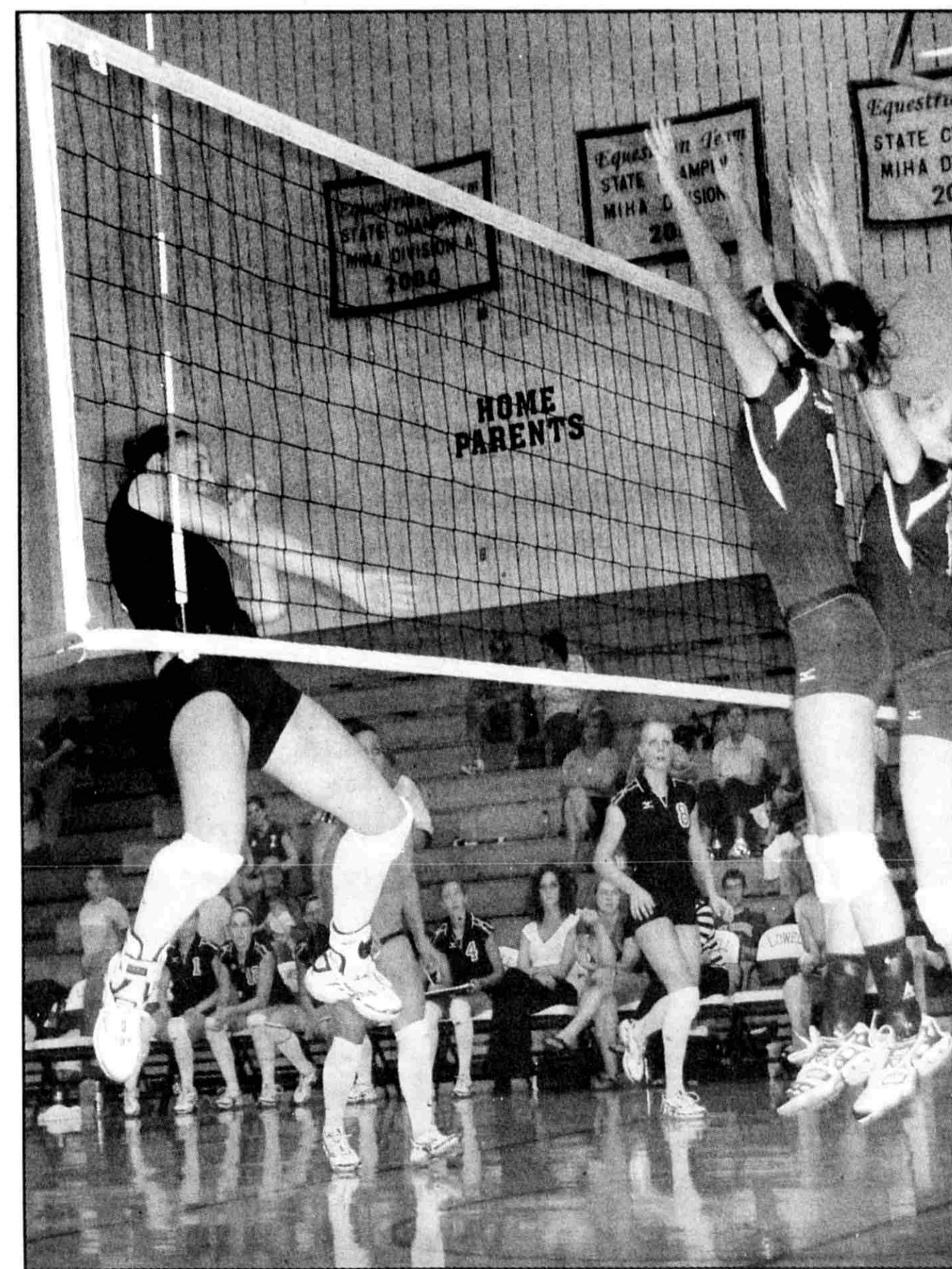
Misner was again the leader for the Arrows, placing 2nd at the tournament for No. 4 singles.

Placing 3rd were Cort Thompson at No. 3 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Clayton Stedman and Josh Spratt, who won an exciting match after losing 2-6 in the first set, and coming back 7-6, 6-3.

Taking 4th was No. 1 singles Travis Trapp and No. 2 singles Josh Hobla. Wall said it was a nice win for Hobla, who defeated Paul Stam of Northview 6-2, 6-2, "whom he'd lost to earlier in the season."

With Tony Dubbink out with a sprained ankle,

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Madelyn Brower (9) spikes a FHC ball.

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