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Lowell tree featured in downtown G.R. holiday display



by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Call it a "gift from Lowell to Grand Rapids". That's what Alan Teelander said of his 45-foot Colorado blue spruce that was cut down Monday morning because it was getting dangerously close to power lines at his Hunt Street home.

Teelander decided to turn the event into something good, and offered the tree to the Grand Rapids Art Museum to place near Rosa Parks Circle in downtown Grand Rapids for the holidays.

The tree is the second to be placed by

the museum, after last year's inaugural tree was a success. Teelander said his family's tree is much larger than the previous one.

The Teelanders bought the tree 18 years ago at Fruitbasket and have watched it grow in front of their house. Alan would often shape the tree as it grew, owing to the nice rounded edges.

He said he was happy that the tree would have a good home. Helping with the process were the Lowell Board of Light and Power, the Dan DeVos family of Grand Rapids for sponsoring the tree, and Tom Richards.

Workers use a crane to raise the tree after successfully chopping it down.

Hunters rush in with their bucks for annual Ledger contest

by Emma Palova

"It's very cool," said Ledger first buck contest winner Jake Munson about reaping the top prize.

Munson came with his five-point buck into the offices at 8:42 a.m. on a chilly mid-November morning.

"I am very excited to be first," he said.

He headed out to hunt on his property on Emery Drive at 7:08 a.m. As soon as he sat down the buck walked right in front of him.

Munson has been hunting since 12, but has never won the Ledger contest.

Lowell High School junior Luke Brower came

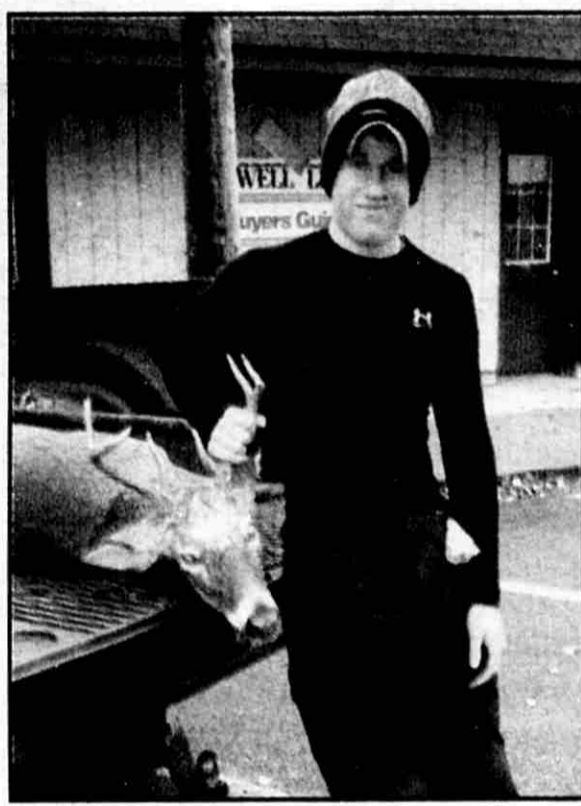


Jake Munson got first Ledger contest prize.

second with his 10-point buck shot north of Lowell.

"It's my first buck," he said.

Brower will butcher



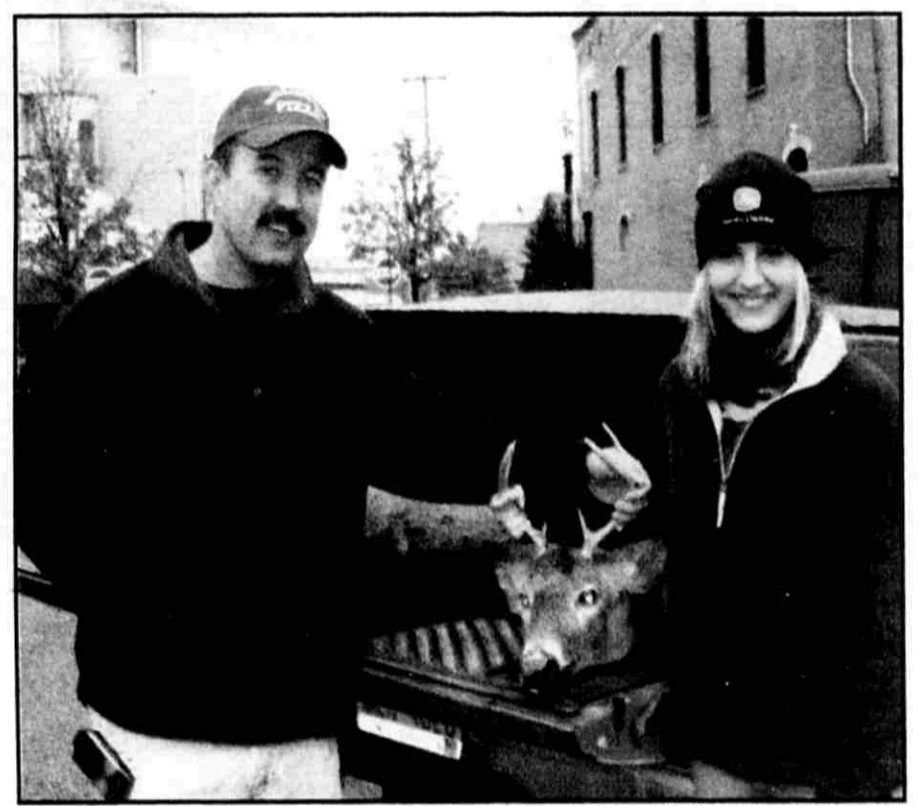
Luke Brower came in second.

his buck and put it in the freezer.

Mike Ordway with daughter Danielle, 12, got the third prize with their

six-point buck at 9:47 a.m. Ordway, a co-owner of Three Brothers Pizza, won a free pizza from BC Pizza.

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Mike Ordway with daughter Danielle were third.

Vergennes opposes city's taking of air easements

by Emma Palova

Due to lack of communication from the city, the Vergennes Township Board unanimously passed a resolution opposing the taking of air easements and a potential airport upgrade Monday.

The city has condemned two air easements of

Vergennes Township land owners for the purpose of tree clearing at the airport after receiving state and federal grants for a possible upgrade to general utility status. Vergennes residents Paul Barron and Dale Fegel did not sell their air easements due to restrictions imposed on land under the easements.

Barron said he was offered \$9,700 for the easement. Both owners requested township's support due to pending legal action in circuit court on Dec. 21.

"The city made it sound it's for air only," said Barron. "The necessity of taking it has not been shared and safety has never been an issue to me."

However, according to Barron the 21-page subpoena also includes ground restrictions on the properties. Barron also questioned what the land would be worth in 10 years due to its strategic importance in Vergennes

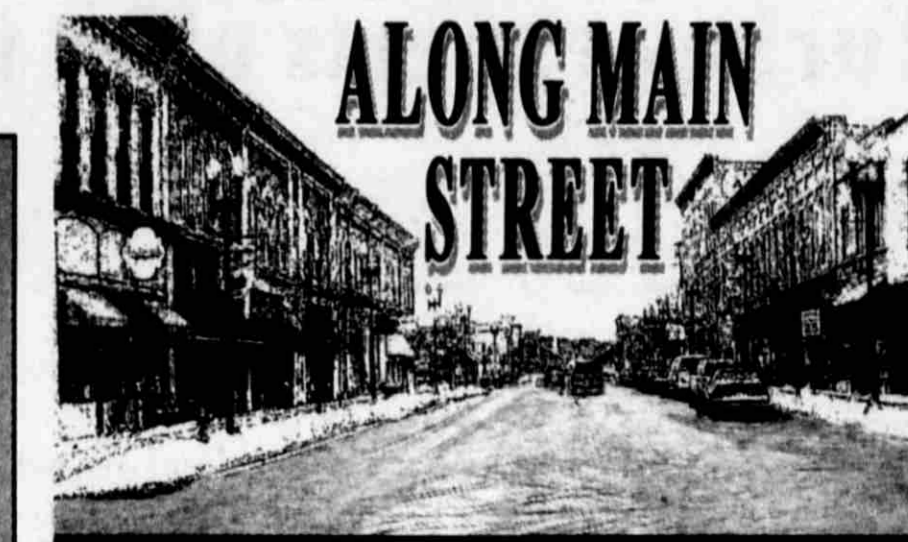
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BLOOD DRIVE

Impact - A Wesleyan Church, is partnering with the American Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday, Nov. 21 from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at 1070 N. Hudson St. All donors will receive a Red Cross winter stocking cap. To give blood you must be 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good general health. You can call 897-8304 ext. 200 for more information or if you prefer to make an appointment.

LOWELL AREA CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

The association will be holding a meeting Monday, Nov. 26 at the Lowell Library, at 6 p.m. - planning for garlic mustard and other invasives in the area and 7 p.m. will be the regular monthly meeting. For info call Peggy, 897-7948 or Sharon, 897-5314.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene church Friday, Nov. 30, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Esther at 897-7395.

RELAY FOR LIFE AT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Relay for Life of Lowell will have a float in the Dec. 1 Christmas Parade through downtown Lowell. If you are a member of any of our relay teams from 2007, a cancer survivor, a committee member or would just like to join us and ride the float or walk alongside it in support of our American Cancer Society's annual Lowell event, please contact Carol Briggs at 897-5501.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum will be hosting "A Cup of Christmas Tea" in our lovely parlor, decorated for Christmas, on Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. Cost per person is \$20 and seating is limited. Please call the museum for more information 897-7688.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum would like to start your Christmas holidays off right with an elegant Christmas dinner in our Victorian dining room on Dec. 4, 5 & 6 starting with hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30. We have seats for 12 each night so call for your reservation early; cost for this unique evening is \$50 per person. For more information and the fabulous menu please call the museum at 897-7688.

ART SHOWING

Fire & Water Art Studio and Showroom will be featuring art work by Jan Johnson through the month of December. A custom framer will be in on Fridays and Saturdays. Hours are 1 to 6 p.m. Wed. - Sun., Fri. 1 to 7 p.m. 219 W Main, Downtown Lowell. Call 890-1879 for more information.

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Father son duo hunts for cure for cystic fibrosis

by Emma Palova

Dylan Odland has been tagging along on hunting trips with his dad Peter since he was five years old. And although Dylan has been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when he was four months old, nothing will hold him down.

In October, Dylan got his first deer, and now he dreams of going big game hunting to South Africa to get his first lion.

"I am pushing my limit," he laughed during a recent interview. "I've learned from the master."

Dylan has learned to bow hunt from his dad since they hunt together as a team. Together they also spearhead an annual fundraiser, the Camouflage Ball, to help find a cure for cystic fibrosis. The fundraiser started out with a wild game cookbook in 2001, then the Odlands started their own foundation to keep the costs down for research.

"They're getting more successful now," said Dylan. "I hope they get the cure."

Most recently, a new drug to treat the cause rather than the symptoms has been approved for testing in clinical trials.

"I love being outdoors," said Dylan, a fifth grader at Cherry Creek Elementary. "I get to be with my dad."

Even though Dylan takes a lot of medication and breathing treatments, including a machine that pumps and shakes his lungs, he already has a red belt double brown in karate. "He's very active," said Peter. "It doesn't hold him down much."

The ball in August raised \$80,000 for cystic fibrosis cure. For more information go to: www.huntingforcure.com

Below are two recipes from the book.

VENISON MEATBALLS

by Gary Salmon

- 1 lb ground venison
- 1 cup cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup parsley flakes
- 2 T. soy sauce
- 2 T. minced onion
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 1/2 t. garlic powder
- salt to taste

Combine all ingredients together and mix well. Form into small balls (approx. 1 inch). Place in 10 x 15 x 1 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

- Sauce:
- 1 lb. can jellied cranberry sauce
 - 1 (12 oz) bottle chili sauce
 - 2 T. brown sugar
 - 2 T. lemon juice

Mix together and pour over meatballs in crock-pot and cook on low heat for 3-4 hours.

VENISON HUNTER'S STEW

by Chuck Schroeder

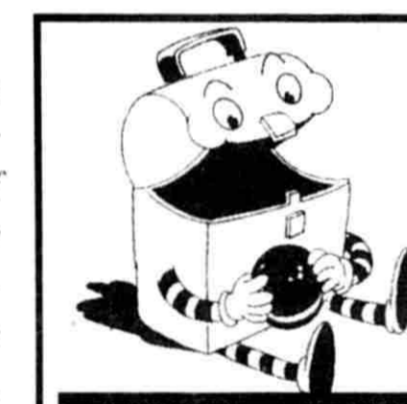
- 2 lb boneless venison steak (cubed)
- 1 lb pork sausage
- 1 large onion (chopped)
- 2 large cloves of garlic (peeled & minced)
- 1 (28 oz) can stewed tomatoes



Dylan Odland hopes to go big game hunting to South Africa.

- 3 T. chili powder
- 1/2 T. ground cumin
- 1 T. oregano
- 1 t. unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 t. salt
- 1 (16 oz) can baked beans
- 1 (15 oz) can red kidney beans, drained
- 1 (15 oz) can pinto beans, drained
- 1 cup chopped baby carrots

In large skillet, brown venison and sausage over medium heat. Drain off fat. Place in 6 1/2 qt. slow cooker. Combine onion, garlic, tomatoes, tomato paste, chili powder, cumin,



LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of Nov. 26, 2007

MON: Pepperoni pizza (egg salad sandwich also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), broccoli, warm apple slices, milk.

TUES: Cheeseburger on bun (chili & crackers also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), corn, assorted fruit, homebaked cookie, milk.

WED: Grilled cheese sandwich (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), vegetable pasta salad, pears, milk.

THURS: Waffles w/ syrup or cereal w/ Graham Crackers & scrambled eggs, fresh fruit/applesauce, milk.

FRI: No School - Professional Development Day.

Obituaries



BERGERON

Benji I. Bergeron aged 46 of Lowell passed away Thursday, November 15,

2007. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Harmon. She is survived by her husband, Dan and their granddaughters, Danielle & Michelle Starkey; son, Samuel Lockhart of TX; mother, Janet Williams; brother, Budd Ward Harmon; sister, Beth (Rod) Vaught; granddaughter, Jalynn Lockhart; many aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws. Memorial service were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Visitation was one hour prior to the service.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 07-184,274-DE

Estate of **LOLA BELLE HAWKINS**, deceased
Date of birth: 4/15/1930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The Settlor of the Edna B. Van Solkema Trust, who lived at 7955 Byron Center, Michigan, died May 10, 2007.

TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent, LOLA BELLE HAWKINS, who lived at 60 Colfax NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan died October 7, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate/trust will be forever barred unless presented to MARY BETH SCHUT, whose address is 486 Quincy, Grandville, MI 49418, the named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 2662 Sharon Ct. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

The trustee is subject to the jurisdiction of the Kent County probate court at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

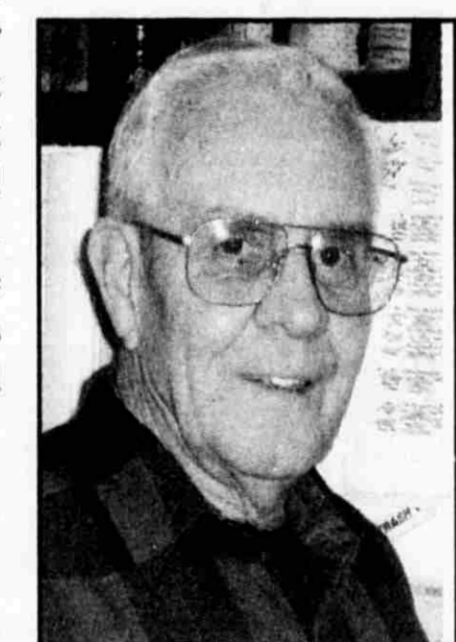
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Joy Hawkins-Kaleefey 2662 Sharon Ct. SW Wyoming, MI 49509

BRUINS SLOT
Ellyn A. Bruins Slot, age 85, of Lowell, formerly of Cascade Township, passed away on Thursday, November 15, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Warner John Bruins Slot and infant daughter, Jena Ellyn. Surviving are her two sons, Daniel J. (Gayle) and Thomas J. Bruins Slot; grandchildren, Ryan, Lindsay, Shannon, Bailey, Molly and Stacey. She is also survived by her brother, Merthyn Evans, sister, Mildred (Frank) Nowak and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Ellyn was the first born to Gladys and Rev. Edwin Evans in Viroqua, Wis. and spent her childhood with her parents at several places in the Midwest on their ministerial duties and they were in Key West, Fla. when the Depression broke out and she spent her teens there. They came to Grand

Rapids in 1937 and Ellyn went to Lee High School and Davenport College until 1940 when WWII broke out and the government called on her to come to Washington to work at the OPA. After the war she met Warner Bruins Slot and they were married within a year. Ellyn was the secretary in Cascade Christian Church for 10 years. A memorial service was held on Tuesday in the Cascade Christian Church Chapel. Memorial contributions to Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr., S.E. would be appreciated.



HEYDENBURG

Keith Edward Heydenburg aged 76 of Lowell passed away Thursday, November 15, 2007. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Beth Christian; parents, Arthur and Audrey Heydenburg of Grandville; sisters, Karen Nyenhuis & Joyce Whittington; brother

Donald Heydenburg. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; children, Art Heydenburg, Sue Turner, Barb Ely; grandchildren, Jeremy & Casey Gutierrez, Jennifer & Ryan Elarton, William & Kristin Johnson, Kipp & Shawn Heydenburg, Deanna & Kelly Laderoot, Richard, William & Beth Ely; great-grandchildren, Austin Heydenburg, Brianna Gutierrez; sister-in-law, Francine Crespo (Denzil Young); brother-in-law, Frank (Ann) Ehrmantraut; several nieces & nephews; good friend, Arlene Holloway; Keith was a Veteran of the Korean War and a member of Alto American Legion Post. Volunteered for over 20 years serving on R.S.V.P. (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program) with the Lowell Police Department; also, volunteered for Kent County Sheriffs Department and Kentwood Police. Funeral service was held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Alto American Legion, 6052 Linfield, Alto, MI 49302.

PRATT

Allen Michael Pratt aged 47 of Alto passed away Tuesday, November 13, 2007. Allen was preceded in death by his sister, Marsha Pratt. He is survived by his wife of

Humane Society offers adoption specials this Friday

This year, the Humane Society of Kent County offers a new twist on "Black Friday", offering doorbuster coupons and adoption specials on any black-coated pets all day long. The Humane Society is located at 3077 Wilson Dr. NW, just north of 3 Mile Road in Walker, and will be open for "Black Friday" adoptions from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 23.

The Humane Society will open its doors an hour early and offer doorbuster coupons to guests from

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Coupon holders may choose from one of three offers - \$25 off any adoption fee, \$5 microchips, or 20 percent off any item in the Humane Society retail store. Coupons will be good until Dec. 31.

In addition to the doorbuster coupon special, pets with any black fur will be available for reduced adoption fees - \$75 for dogs, \$50 for cats, and \$5 for small animals, such as rabbits and guinea pigs. Reduced fees still include a veterinary exam, testing

for heartworm (dogs only), deworming, vaccinations, flea and tick prevention, spay/neuter surgery, pet identification microchip, and a bag of premium food for all dog and cat adoptions.

Since black-coated animals generally take the longest to adopt from shelters, the Humane Society is hoping the event will bring special attention to these "black pearls". Black is one of the most common colors for dogs and cats. Despite having a stellar personality, a black-coated pet may be overlooked before potential adopters even give them a chance.

Black cats and dogs don't generally photograph as well as their flashier neighbors for online or print. They may look like a dark "blob" rather than the friendly and intelligent animal they really are. Black pets have also been given a bad reputation through legends and folklore. Despite some of these beliefs, the color of the fur matters little to an animal's personality.

For more information, call (616) 453-8900 or check www.hskc.org.

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Turkey experts offer tips on Thanksgiving made simple

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, families across America are counting down to a day of rest, relaxation and good food with relatives and friends. However, for those in charge of the meal, the countdown to the holiday may be filled with visions of blunders and mishaps in the kitchen. The truth is, most people think of the holiday turkey as 18 pounds of anxiety and mess.

Experts from the Jennie-O Turkey Store—the maker's of the Jennie-O Oven Ready Turkey that goes from freezer to

oven with no thawing, preparation or mess—offer advice to families across America on making the Thanksgiving meal as stress free as possible.

1. Plan Ahead: Get more sleep Thanksgiving morning by preparing the side dishes the night before. You can use all the time you'll save to watch the Thanksgiving Day Parade with family.

2. Go Pot Luck: Save time cooking by having a pot luck dinner. Assign a dish to each of your guests rather than preparing the entire meal your self. Your

Library Cooperative - at the Van Andel Arena box office will get an upper bowl ticket for just \$5! Limit four tickets per card.

The Griffins schedule includes Friday home games through April: Nov. 23, Dec. 7, 14, and 21, Jan. 11 and 18, Feb. 15 and 22, March 28, April 4 and 11.

Sign up for a Kent District Library card at your local KDL branch. And if you already have one, don't forget to use it! Tickets are subject to availability.

Visit www.kdl.org for more information.

3. Simple is Better: The last thing a chef wants to think about on the big day is table decorations. Instead of worrying about the center piece and decorative options, just go simple. The food itself will make for great colors on the table.

4. Relax, Relax, Relax: Don't forget that ultimately Thanksgiving is about being thankful, not the mashed potatoes. Make sure to take time relax and enjoy all of everyone around you.

5. Turkey Made Easy: Pick up an oven ready turkey, such as a Jennie-O Oven Ready Turkey, so you can spend more time

with family and friends and less time sweating in the kitchen. This requires no preparation, goes straight from the freezer to the oven and makes for a tender juicy turkey. For more tips visit jennieo.com.

Gymnast and coach donate hair



Michele DeHaan (gymnastics coach for Community Education) and Jordan Lytle (Community Ed Junior Arrow gymnast) both got their hair cut Saturday for Locks of Love. Jordan's hair was so long it kept hitting her coach at gymnastics practice. Michele talked Jordan into cutting her hair so they went together and will be sending their hair off to Locks of Love. Kim at City Looks did both haircuts.

At Your Local Library



GRIFFINS GAMES

Your Kent District Library card gets you discounts to Griffins games. From now through April, use your Kent District Library card to get a great deal on Grand Rapids

Griffins hockey tickets. At every Friday home game, fans who present a local public library card - from the Kent District Library, the Grand Rapids Public Library or the Lakeland

Air easements, continued ... From Page 1

Township's master plan. The Lincoln Lake/Vergennes Road corridor and intersection are master planned for commercial. "That's were we would want something at that

corner," said treasurer Jean Hoffman.

The busy area west of the airport has experienced exponential growth in the recent years with the new veterinarian facilities and

Grand Lux banquet hall under construction. Bill Schreur questioned the impact of the restrictions and a possible upgrade of the airport to general utility on tax revenues.

"How much more of our property will they take for ultra light planes," he said. "It boils down to free money at who's expense? They can condemn land over a hobby."

Supervisor Tim Wittenbach said if it is all a matter of trimming trees for an upgrade to general utility

status, why are activities on the ground prohibited?

"That will be fleshed out in court," he said.

According to the township attorney, the smartest thing was that the two residents did not sign-off their air easements because compensation will be re-evaluated in court.

Some speculation remained over the potential impact of general utility upgrade on the township and the school system.

"You have a Bambi now," said Schreur, "when they get the new status you may be dealing with a 600-pound gorilla."

Other reasons for the opposition included adverse impact on master plan and current zoning, as well as the overall erosion of tax base.

"We're all losers all the way around to support a hobby airport," said Schreur.

In other business, the township will have high speed Internet T1 lines starting in April.

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Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor:

After ignoring it for many years, I've taken to carrying bags on my daily walks to pick up the plastic water and energy drink bottles, soft drink cups and cans. Today, I sadly filled two bags without straying off my path, sickened at the thought that someone consciously made a decision to do this. That doesn't include all the paper and plastic bags that I pass by. This isn't unique to Lowell of course; I see it on my lunch walks in Grand Rapids as well. But if the Lowell area has any chance of being "The Next Place To Be", the residents of our communities need to step up, have some pride and quit this disgusting habit. I can't think of many other acts that shout ignorance, disrespect and low class louder than littering.

Dave Austin

To The Editor,

School of Missionary Aviation Technology will move to Ionia.

I believe the prime reason the airport has existed is

leaving and what is left is a handful of people with an expensive hobby. It makes you wonder about the logical reasoning in dissolving a still profitable business like Lowell Cable-TV and then let the Lowell airport borrow from the city's general fund and also from Michigan Aeronautics Commission. What's up? Is the tree trimming on private property next to the airport just for safety or are they planning to expand? The "2007 city master plan" has in it capital improvements with the widening and lengthening of the paved runway adding a taxiway along with a rotating beacon and perimeter fence upgrading to a general utility airport allowing for corporate twin engine airplanes to use the facility. What's next - a land grab, annexation or even better yet both? I think it is time to look at our city bi-laws and see where it says the city has the right to diminish our neighbors' domain and livelihood. I believe the city airport land is more valuable to the community than a playground for the rich and their play toys. Putting the word 'city' in front of the word 'Lowell' doesn't necessarily make Lowell a city. Let us start acting like the small community we really are, come together and treat are neighbors like are brothers and sisters.

Jim Howard



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL NOVEMBER 22, 1882

Howard and Pease have enlarged their store. If you want to know what a mean man you are, run for office.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 21, 1907

We are in receipt of a copy of the first number of The Iconoclast, a publication designed by its editors to make people think. It hails from Coopersville, Mich. and the price is \$1 per year.

Martha C. Lockwood of Grattan Township has begun suit for divorce in Circuit Court against Jerome Lockwood. She charges desertion. The complainant alleges that her husband gave her only one dress in 30 years.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 17, 1932

Car loadings at Lowell during the month of October beat all-time records, declares F.F. Rosevarne, local agent for the Pere Marquette.

Headline: "Lowell High School Football Team Captures 1932 County Title - 28th Consecutive Victory" - Subheadline: "Defeats Strong Grandville Team 7-0 in a Thrilling Armistice Day Game."

The Lowell Women's Club held a very interesting meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hattie Peckham.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 21, 1957

A chicken pox epidemic has kept about 18 elementary students out of school in the past three weeks. Most of the children it has affected are the ones in the first and second grades.

The Lowell Council is looking for 45 folding chairs that are missing from the City Hall. Seems that there are not enough seats for some organization meetings. Whoever may have these chairs, please return them.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEMBER 17, 1982

Both the teachers' union and the Lowell Board of Education "indicated some movement" in the mediation session for teachers contracts held last week Wednesday, Nov. 10, but neither side was willing to reveal the specifics of that movement.

About 30 Lowell Township residents interested in cable television attended the township meeting Monday night only to be told that members of the board were not yet ready to make any decision concerning the matter.

Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



A BITTER DAY ON THE BITTERROOT

The cold October rain spattered against the windows of a rustic convenience store in Darby, MO. Gwen and I had ducked in for a cup of hot coffee to ward off the chill. About that time, a sport utility vehicle pulling a two-seat inflatable drift-boat rolled to a stop by one of the two gas pumps. Out steps a young woman in her late 20's. She is dressed head to toe as if she had just jumped off the cover of a high-end fly-fishing catalogue.

The next day we were walking a trail 30 miles north along the Bitterroot River and spotted the SUV and trailer minus the drift-boat and the young woman. The owner was apparently determined to make the best of what little remained of the Montana trout-fishing season.

There has been a huge increase in the number of female fishermen and hunters in the last several years. It is encouraging to know that there is a new source of recruits

to reinforce the dwindling ranks of the fishing and hunting fraternity. Because of shortfalls in appropriations for the Department of Natural Resources, it has been left to outdoor people who pay special taxes on equipment and buy licenses to assume a large share of the cost of sustaining and managing our natural resources. This group also provides political support for resource issues at all levels of government.

This is a good time for youth, women, and men who do not hunt or fish, to consider the possibility of participating. Some folks hunt, some fish, some do both, and many do neither. Like anything else, it may or may not be for you.

However, if you think you might have just a spark of interest, make an effort to find out what all the excitement is about. It is not necessary to commit a lot of time and money to get a feel for the experience. Read fishing and hunting books and magazines. This winter attend hunting and fishing shows which are produced locally and around the state. Ask a friend or family member to take you along on his or her next outing, or if you are asked, just go. It is something that must be experienced firsthand to fully understand.

Hunting and fishing may not be for everyone, but you won't know unless you explore the possibility. Find out what motivated that young woman to drift-fish the Bitterroot River on a cold windy day in October.

Financial Focus



With Christopher C. Godbold

Edward Jones
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period of time other than one year. For example, a two-year return of 10 percent could be stated as an annualized rate of return of 5 percent. And by comparing annualized returns, you can learn a lot about a fund's historical performance. If a fund's annualized return for the last three years is 12 percent, but over 10 years it was just 5 percent, you could conclude that the results of the past three years are not representative of the fund's long-term track record.

Apart from its annualized return, what else should you look for when considering a mutual fund? Here are a few suggestions:

- Performance against similar funds - How has the fund you're considering performed in comparison to other funds with the same investment objective over 10- and 15-year time periods? That is, if you're evaluating a growth-and-income fund, contrast its performance against the universe of other growth-and-income funds.
- Fund manager's longevity - Ask your financial advisor how long a fund manager - to a management team - has been responsible for making the investment decisions. Assuming the fund has a superior 10- and 15-year track record to begin with; the longer a manager has been in place, the better.
- Expense level - Different mutual funds have different costs associated with them. All factors being

WHEN CHOOSING MUTUAL FUNDS, LOOK PAST SHORT-TERM RETURNS

What's the most prominent thing you notice about mutual fund advertisements? In most cases, it's the fund's return. Quite often, these returns are truly eye-popping. But if you look closer at the ads, you'll see that many of the highest returns are for short periods of time, such as one year or three years. And a mutual fund's short-term return is not, by itself, reason enough to buy that fund - so don't rush to your checkbook.

Actually, a mutual fund's short-term performance may tell you less about the fund than about what's been happening in the financial markets. If most stocks rise significantly for a few years, the chances are pretty good that a stock-based mutual fund is going to do well, too.

But more importantly, you shouldn't evaluate a fund on its short-term return because a mutual fund is a long-term investment. To assess a fund's long-term performance, you'll need to look at its annualized return - its return over a

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KENT COUNTY AREA
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. These young ambassadors are looking forward to fulfilling their life-long dreams.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) executive director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Kent County area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER 21:
Gert DeHaan, Michael Hewitt, Tammy Gildner.

NOVEMBER 22:
Lu Green, Carla Briggs, Andrea Richmond, Karrie Borton, Joshua Gerard, Dylan Olin.

NOVEMBER 23:
Trisha Propst, Sherri Veziro, Gregory Duiven, Mike Harding, McKinsie Rice, Dave Thompson.

NOVEMBER 24:
Sabra Nicole Kinsley, Ryan Moore, Jenny Decker, Heather French.

Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo.

- H. G. Wells (1866 - 1946)

will. If a rich uncle died and left his will to us we'd read and re-read and hire lawyers to carefully read again that will to see what is in it for us. It is no different with the Bible. God recorded his desire for us in his will. How much do we read it? How carefully do we re-read it?

It is important for us to read God's will so we know what we will do. First we could reject our own will, not the document, but our philosophy. All of our narrow self-focused thinking must fall away if we are to follow God's will clearly. One old theologian I like to often read put it this way, "to obey your will without any back talk." Second we should help others carry out God's will. This gets tricky if God has called them to do something alone, but usually God calls us to community action. This is not limited to working for the city, it is more of a communal working toward God's philosophy of grace and peace.

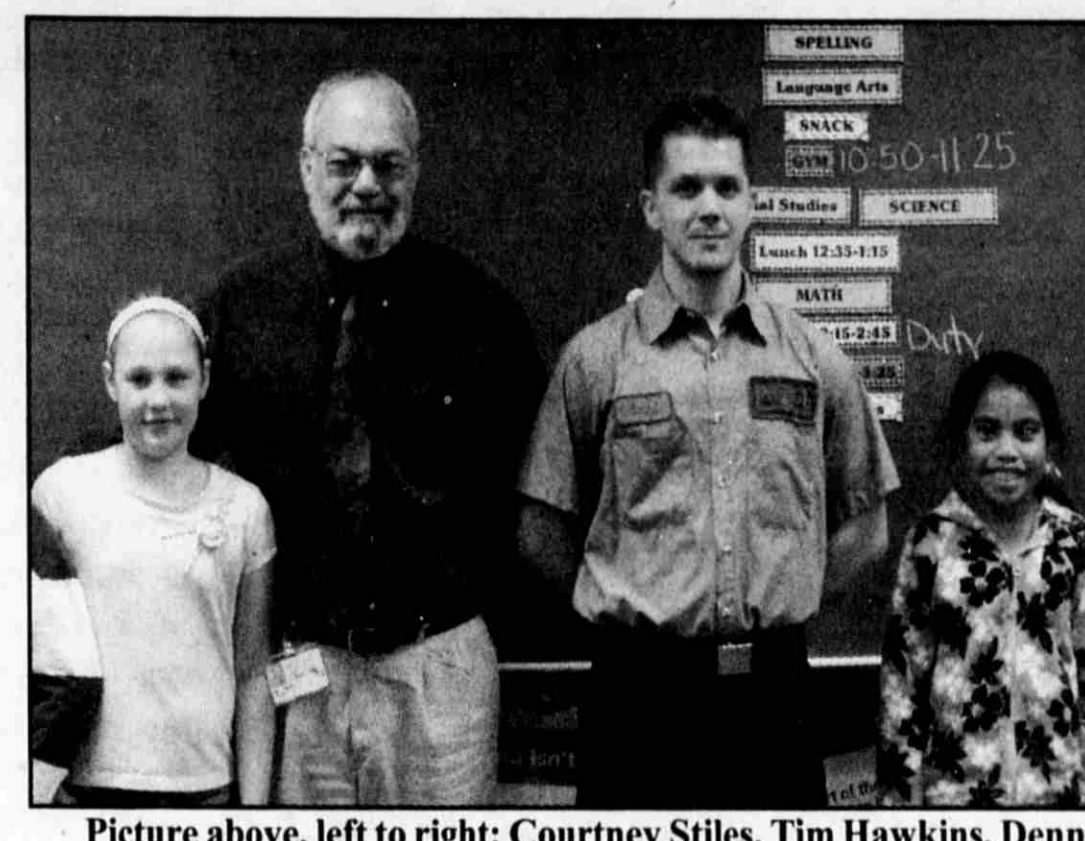
The Lord's prayer gives us a little reminder that what we will do mirrors the heavenly activity of the angels. From what we read of the heavenly realm angels do God's will and the demons do not do God's will. For us on earth it is not as simple as winged creatures are good and forked creatures are bad. This is why we need the little rub in the Lord's prayer to do God's will as it is being done in heaven. Come on earth, heaven is winning, catch up!

Finally, what are some pictures that can help us better understand God's will on earth? We mentioned the rich uncle with the will. How about a football coach who, practice after practice, runs the plays so that during a close game the players know what to do because they know exactly what is the Coach's will. Or what about a parent whose child watches day-in and day-out what the parent does. Often the child does not even need to be told how to act in a given situation because she already knows what the parents would do. Or what about a conductor who carefully listens for instruments that are out of tune or players who hit a note out of turn? When the big performance night arrives the conductor almost seems invisible as the music fills the auditorium.

I like this last picture best because I heard a contemporary theologian describe God as a conductor not standing at a music stand, rather God is seated at a keyboard playing beautiful music. Slowly player after player joins in the music too. When we pray "Your will be done on earth" and if we already know God's will from the Bible we simply join in the song. God is playing with us and we are playing with God. That's what it will be like in heaven.

Alto Elementary honors Veterans

Each grade level celebrated Veteran's Day on Monday in different ways. Third graders made and donated a Thanksgiving blessing snack mix to the Veteran's home. First graders created cards that were also sent to Veterans. Fourth and Fifth graders watched a movie that detailed the history of Veteran's Day and the meaning of our flag. Second graders sent e-cards to active service men and women. Fourth graders also had a visit from Iraq War Veteran and former Alto student Denny McClure. Here, Denny poses with Alto's own Vietnam Veteran Mr. Tim Hawkins. Every Tuesday during the month of November, students and staff will wear Red, White and Blue as a tribute to our Veterans.



Picture above, left to right: Courtney Stiles, Tim Hawkins, Denny McClure and LaRae Yssledyke



Cherry Creek students visit Capitol

Cherry Creek Elementary 4th graders, left, listen intently to the tour guide during their visit to the Lansing Capitol.

Sure there are dishonest men in local government. But there are dishonest men in national government too.

- Richard M. Nixon (1913 - 1994)

Reflections of faith

by Randy Meyers
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

In our evening worship times we spend much time in prayer. This has led us to a study of prayer. In particular, we are studying the prayer Jesus taught his disciples which is commonly known as the Lord's Prayer. This past Sunday evening we looked at the phrase "your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

"Will" as in "what will we do" can be a verb. "Will" can be a legal document expressing the intent of the author. "Will" can mean a philosophy such as "willpower." In the Lord's prayer we see all three understandings. Nothing happens in our life without the will of our Father in Heaven, God intends that justice, mercy, grace, and love are operative in our life, and there is the implied question, "What will we do?"

We need to read the Bible and listen to the Holy Spirit in order to know what is God's good, pleasing, and perfect

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HEALTH



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

BELL'S PALSY

Bell's Palsy is due to paralysis of the muscles on one side of the face. Swelling and inflammation occurs in the facial nerve which controls the muscles of the face. Bell's Palsy affects only one facial nerve (right or left) leading to one-sided paralysis. It is believed that a viral infection with the herpes simplex virus is probably responsible for this condition. It is most common in adults but can occur at any age.

Symptoms of Bell's Palsy include a droopy eyelid and inability to completely close the affected eye, facial paralysis or weakness, drooping of the cheek or corner of the mouth and impaired taste. The symptoms usually develop over one to two days then slowly improve over six to 12 weeks. Most people will recover completely but some are left with residual weakness on one side of the face.

Bell's Palsy is easily diagnosed just by examining the patient. Your physician may recommend an MRI or other imaging study to rule-out other causes of facial paralysis.

Most doctors treat Bell's Palsy with steroid medication and an antiviral drug for a couple of weeks. Studies have shown that when the medication is started soon after symptoms appear there seems to be a better chance for a full recovery. So you should probably see your doctor shortly after symptoms start.

Help support women at risk in Third World countries. Come to a W.A.R. Jewelry and more party November 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the community room of the Lowell Library.

This is a non-profit event for the ladies hosting and presenting and all the proceeds go right back to help women at risk across the seas. Plan to join us and invite your friends. Light refreshments served.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a Special Use Permit and site plan for Mainline Coffee. The proposed use would be a drive-thru coffee stand. The site is zoned Commercial.

Project location: 11260 E. Fulton Street
Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-09-100-043

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed site plan and project information are available for review the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

Minutes of the October 15, 2007 meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

The following actions were taken:

Motion to adopt the ordinance regarding regulations of temporary storage units.

Motion to provide concurrence of the City Master Plan.

Motion to approve a 2% increase for the MERS Retirement Benefit (Benefit Program E) involving the Lowell general retirees.

Motion to approve the resolution approving adjustment payments and payment of certain bills related to Cable TV sale.

Motion to approve the \$75,000 grant agreement with Michigan Department of Transportation for east side approach tree clearing.

Motion to adopt a resolution to acquire air easements for two west side properties in order to meet air safety standards.

Motion to approve the URS contract of \$11,500 for engineering services related to removal of the east side trees.

Motion to approve the policy creating added grave spaces at Oakwood Cemetery noting grave stones in the Old Section must be flat to the ground.

Motion to approve Huntington Bank at a total cost of \$88,485.72 with an interest rate of 4.05% for the lease purchase of two DPW vehicles.

Motion to approve the quote of \$2,375 from Marks Body Shop to change all police equipment, emergency lights and computer equipment on the two new 2008 Chevrolet Impalas.

Motion to approve the resolution for Lowell Xtreme Girls Softball Club of Lowell as presented.

Yea: 3. (Councilmembers Shores, Pfaller and Mayor Myers)
Nay: 2. (Councilmember Hodges and Mayor Pro Tem Mathews) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resolution for the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association for the ten year agreement using Recreation Park.

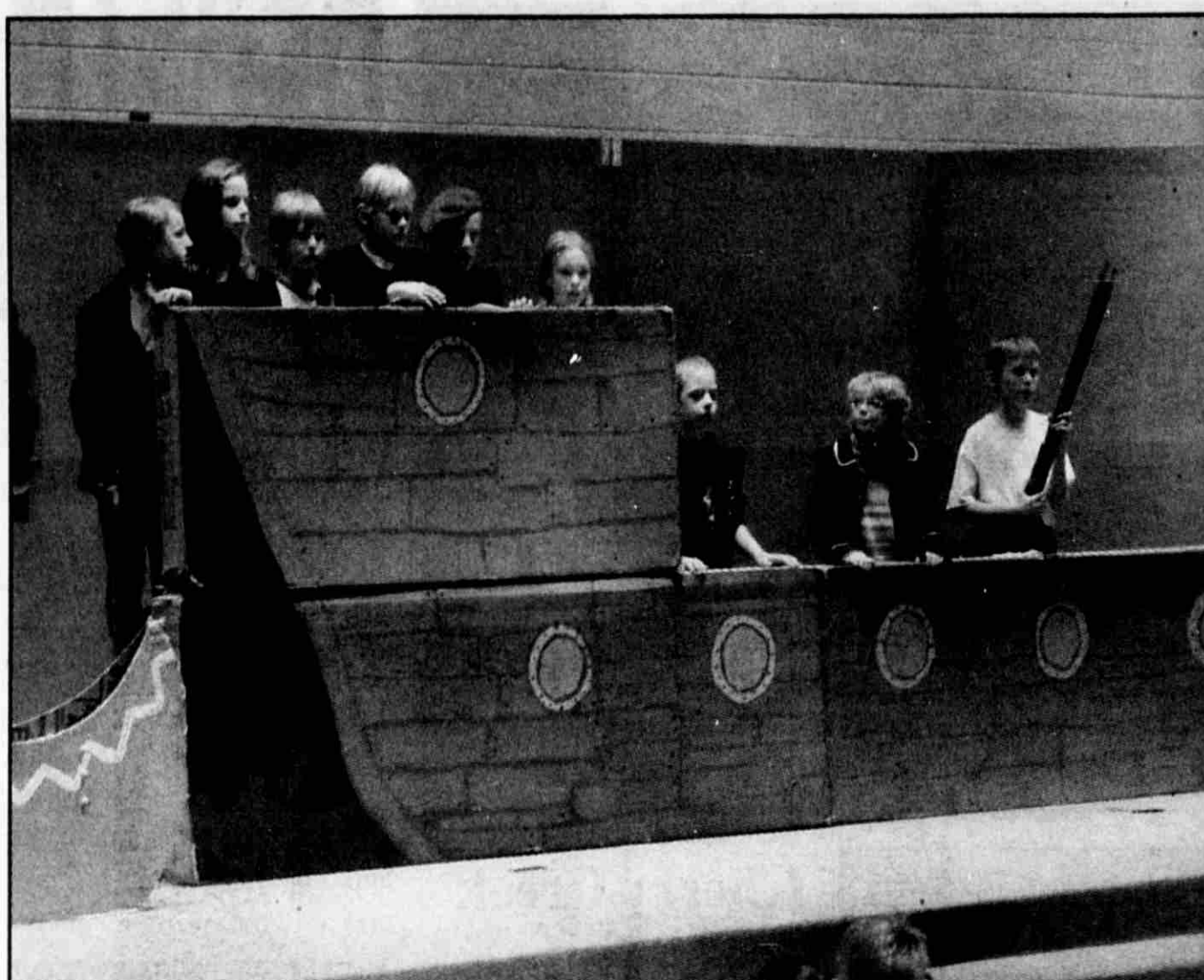
Motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 19, 2007.

Complete minutes are available on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk
City of Lowell

Reenacting Columbus' voyage at Murray Lake

Pictured at right are fifth grade students from Paul Jacobus' social studies class at Murray Lake Elementary. The students are reenacting Columbus' maiden voyage to the "Americas". This scene captures Columbus (played by Logan Smith) and his crew finally seeing land after several weeks at sea. The play comes as a culmination of their 5th grade explorer unit. Pictured (L-R): Hannah Lambert, Jessie Steiner, Dylan Mankel, Nick Higgins, Logan Smith, Jordan Harding, Jon Bigham, Brittany Scott, and Landen Nethercott.



Financial Focus, continued ... From page 5

equal, look for those funds with the lower expense levels. The more you pay each year in expenses and fees, the lower your overall return. However, some funds have justifiably higher expenses, and you may want to consider these funds to help diversify your mutual fund holdings.

• Investment "overlap" - Even if a fund has shown consistently good returns and has a talented, experienced manager, it still might not be right for you, particularly if it overlaps with similar funds in your portfolio. You might be better off by purchasing a different kind of mutual fund and thereby broadening your holdings. Your financial advisor can help you create a diversified mutual fund portfolio that fits your risk tolerance and investment objectives.

Finally, ask your financial advisor for a copy of the fund's prospectus, which contains complete information about the fund, including risks, charges and expenses as well as other important information that should be carefully considered.

By doing some research and learning all you can about a mutual fund, you'll be prepared to make smart investment decisions.

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Total all Payments	\$11,599.77	\$7,650.24	\$7,737.60	\$11,081.07	\$15,289.95	\$14,498.25
End Value	\$18,292.95	\$12,618.80	\$13,274.80	\$10,246.10	\$18,987.95	\$21,963.18
Term	39 mos.	39 mos.	39 mos.	39 mos.	39 mos.	39 mos.
Miles Allowed	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500
Cost per mile	25	25	25	25	25	25
Over Limit	25	25	25	25	25	25

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Air Force Airman 1st Class Daniel J. Lanning has graduated from the First Term Airman Center at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. The center assists first term airmen to

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The airmen also spend five to seven days conducting work details, including base clean up and baggage

handling. After 30 days, the airmen receive a certificate of accomplishment and report to their duty section ready to be trained in their job specialty without interruption.

Lanning, a materiel management apprentice, is assigned to the 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

He is the son of Grace M. Lanning of Grand

Rapids, Mich., and Lavern C. Lanning of Cedar Springs, Mich.

His wife, Michelle, is the daughter of James E. and Kathleen Yeomans of Ada, Mich.

The airman is a 1999 graduate of Forest Hills Northern High School, Grand Rapids, and received a bachelor's degree in 2004 from Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids.

First buck, continued ... From Page 1

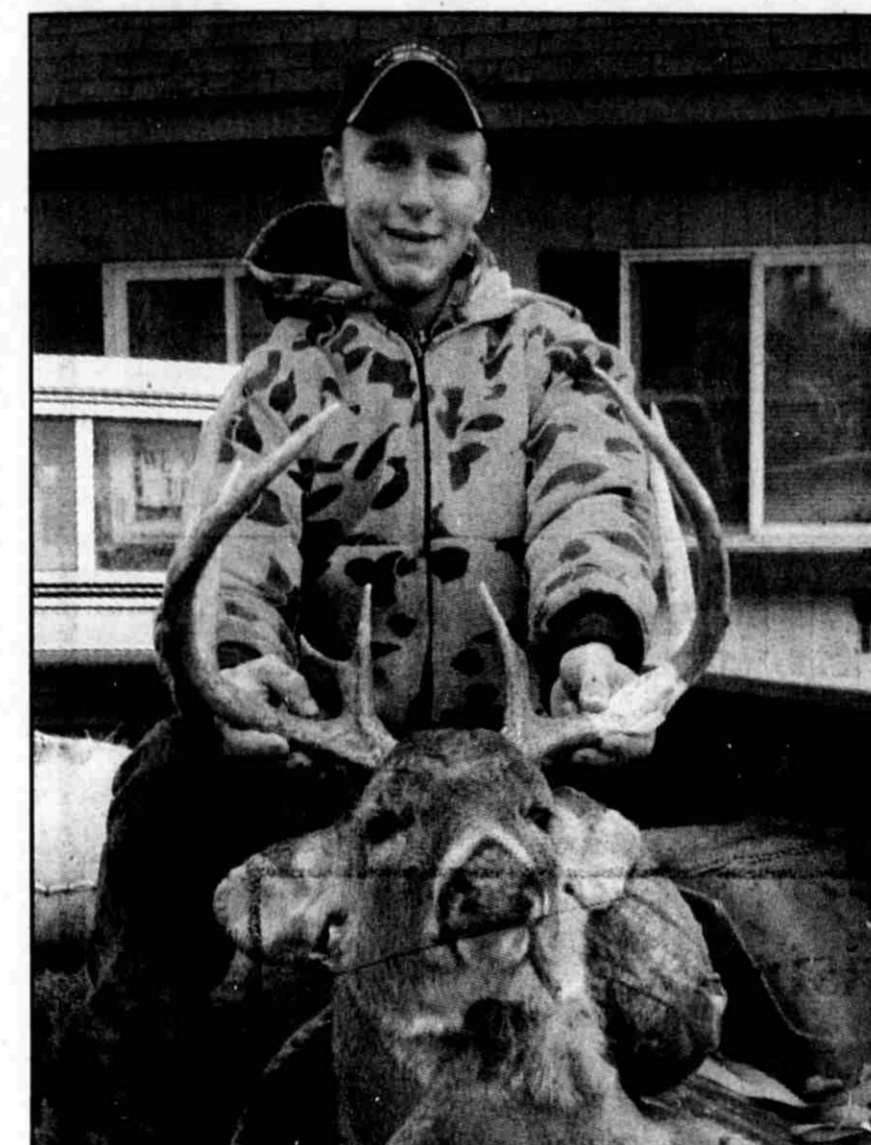
Jim Crosby of Lowell shot a beautiful nine-point buck at 7:50 a.m. off Sales and Whites Bridge roads.

However, at 9:50 a.m., Crosby was the fourth hunter which left him without a prize.

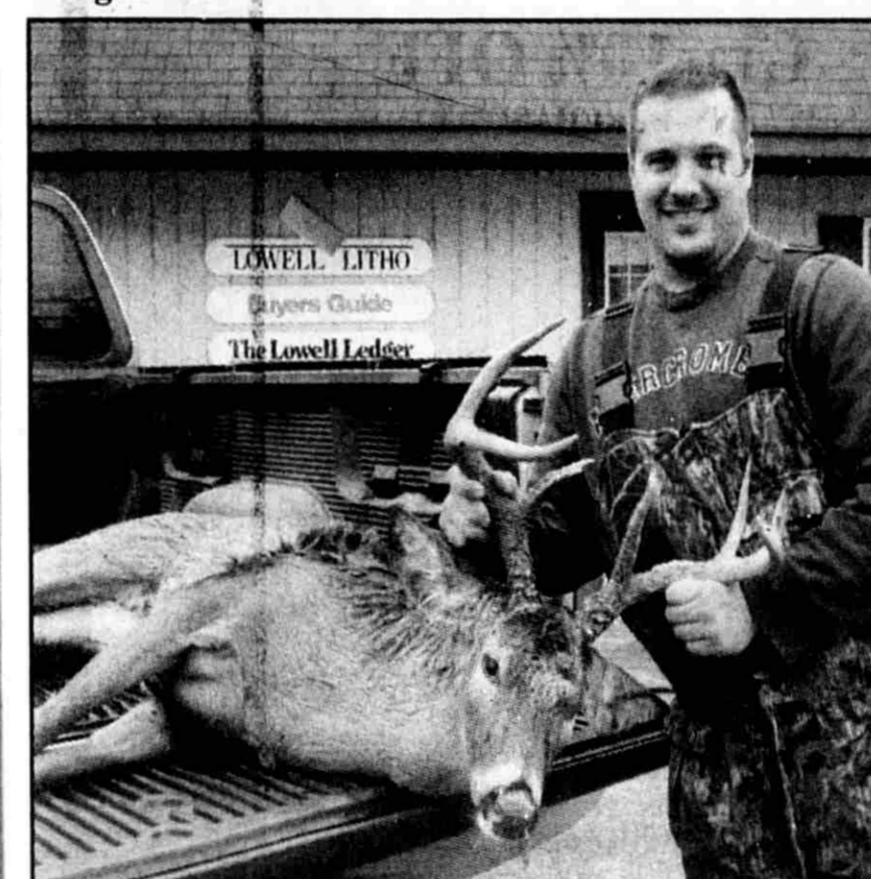
Another beautiful eight-point buck arrived at the Ledger shortly after 10 a.m. "He walked up to me and boom," said longtime hunter Ted Mager of Saranac.

Other hunters included Ron Thomure, Jon Vezino and Kevin Rasch. All the

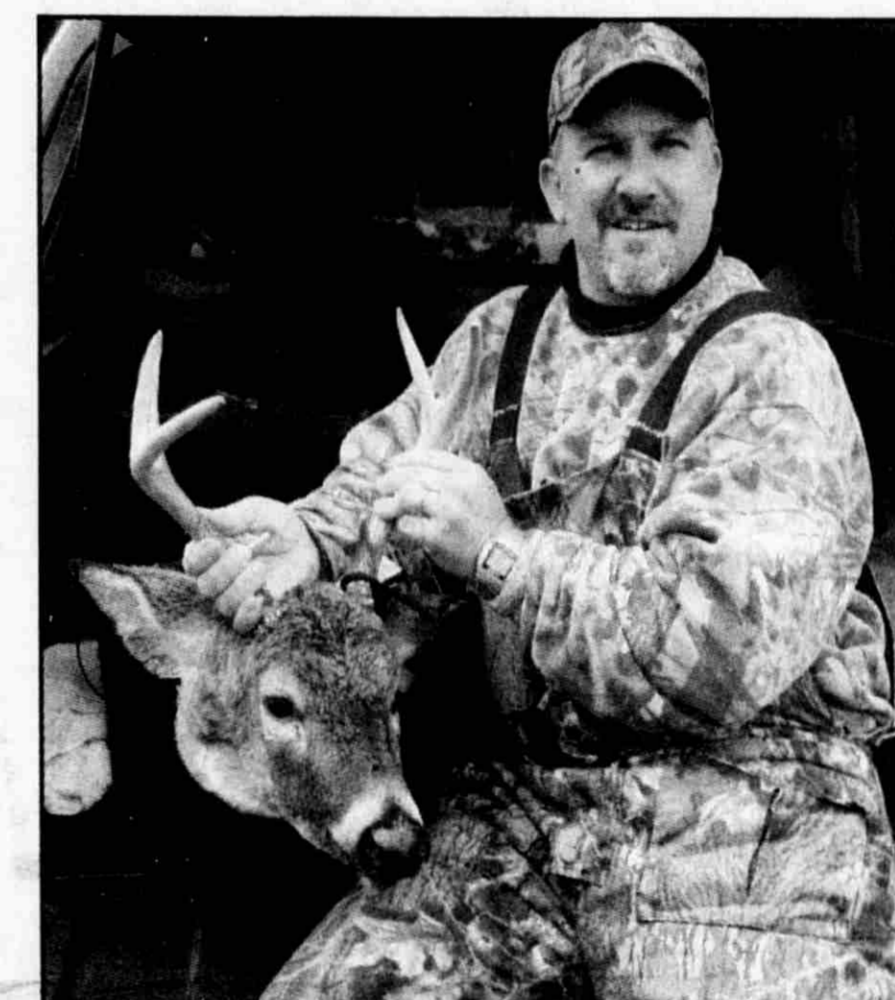
hunters said they were going to eat the meat from their animals.



Jim Crosby was the fourth hunter to arrive at the Ledger.



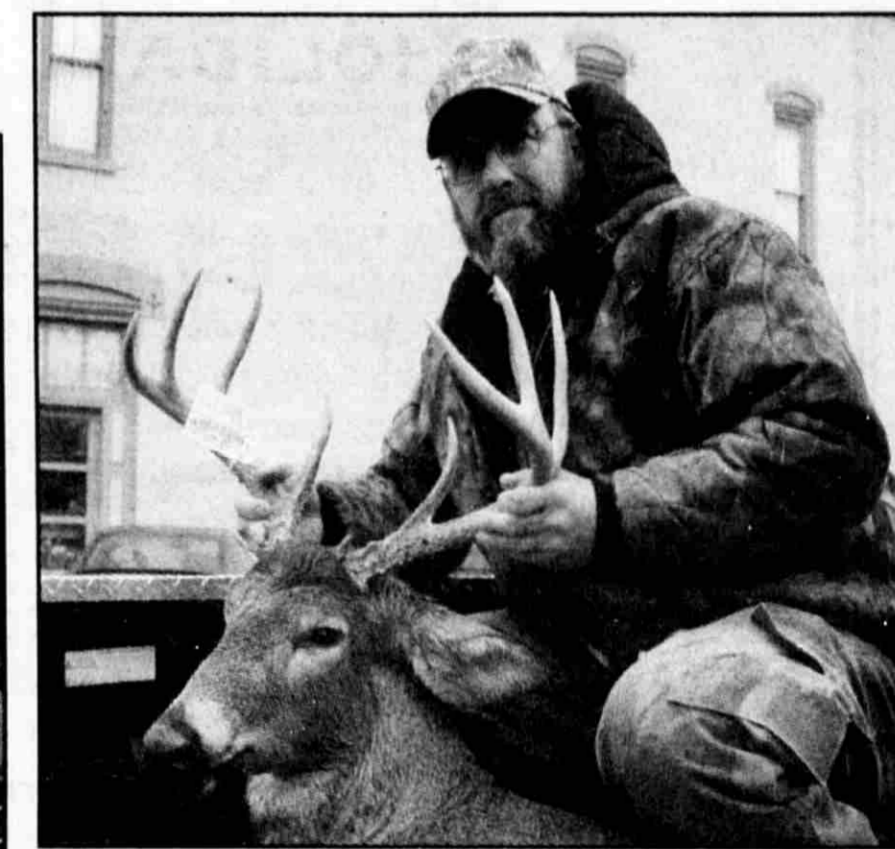
Kevin Rasch came in with an eight-point buck.



Jon Vezino was seventh with his eight-point.



Ron Thomure was sixth with his four-point.



Ted Mager had a beautiful 8-point buck.

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RED ARROW SPORTS



Football team loses in tough game against Midland

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The 2007 football season has proved to be one of great proportions—Lowell managed to overcome adversity, allowing their young players to march straight from Week 1 to the semi-finals of State playoffs with only two losses, one to OK-Red powerhouse Hudsonville early in the season and the second to a feisty East Grand Rapids, who will be appearing in the State final game this week.

So it was with heartache that the team and their fans

staggered out of Lansing Everett's football stadium Saturday afternoon, after suffering a 31-28 loss to Midland.

The Arrows scored all 28 points in a thrilling first half, leading 28-14 after coming out of the field house. Austin Graham sparked the Arrows' offense with a 5-yard touchdown in the first quarter, while Matt Alcott of Midland scored on a 33-yard pass.

Graham would strike again in the second quarter, on a 16-yard run to score. Kyle Nichol ran the ball 4

yards for the third touchdown and hit Torsten Boss for a 75-yard touchdown pass. Boss' TD late in the first half was the last time Lowell would see the endzone. Blake Benner of Midland scored on a 5-yard pass with 5 seconds left in the half, and would change the pace of the game.

A renewed Midland team was too much for Lowell, scoring twice in the third quarter on a 4-yard pass to Joel Parsons from Andrew Maxwell and a 31-yard field goal. Alcott scored the game-winning touchdown

for Midland on a 28-yard pass from Maxwell.

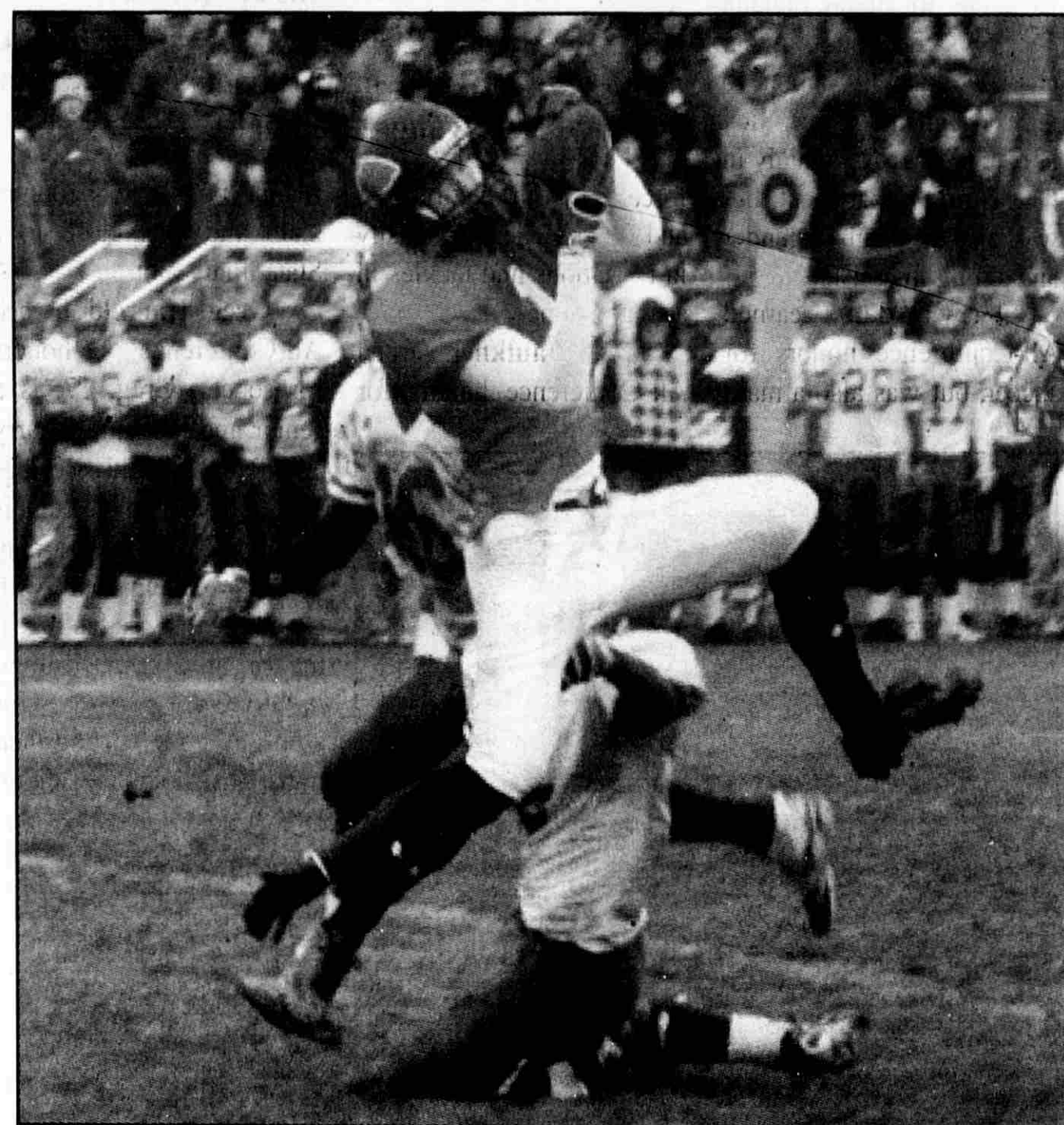
The Arrows had a chance to score late in the fourth quarter, after driving the ball 88 yards to the 1-yard line. But Nichol dropped back and spiked the ball in a confusing moment, and the ball went to the Chemics.

Graham ran 15 times for 80 yards. Nichol completed 10 of 19 passes for 212 yards, and rushed 21 times for 81 yards.

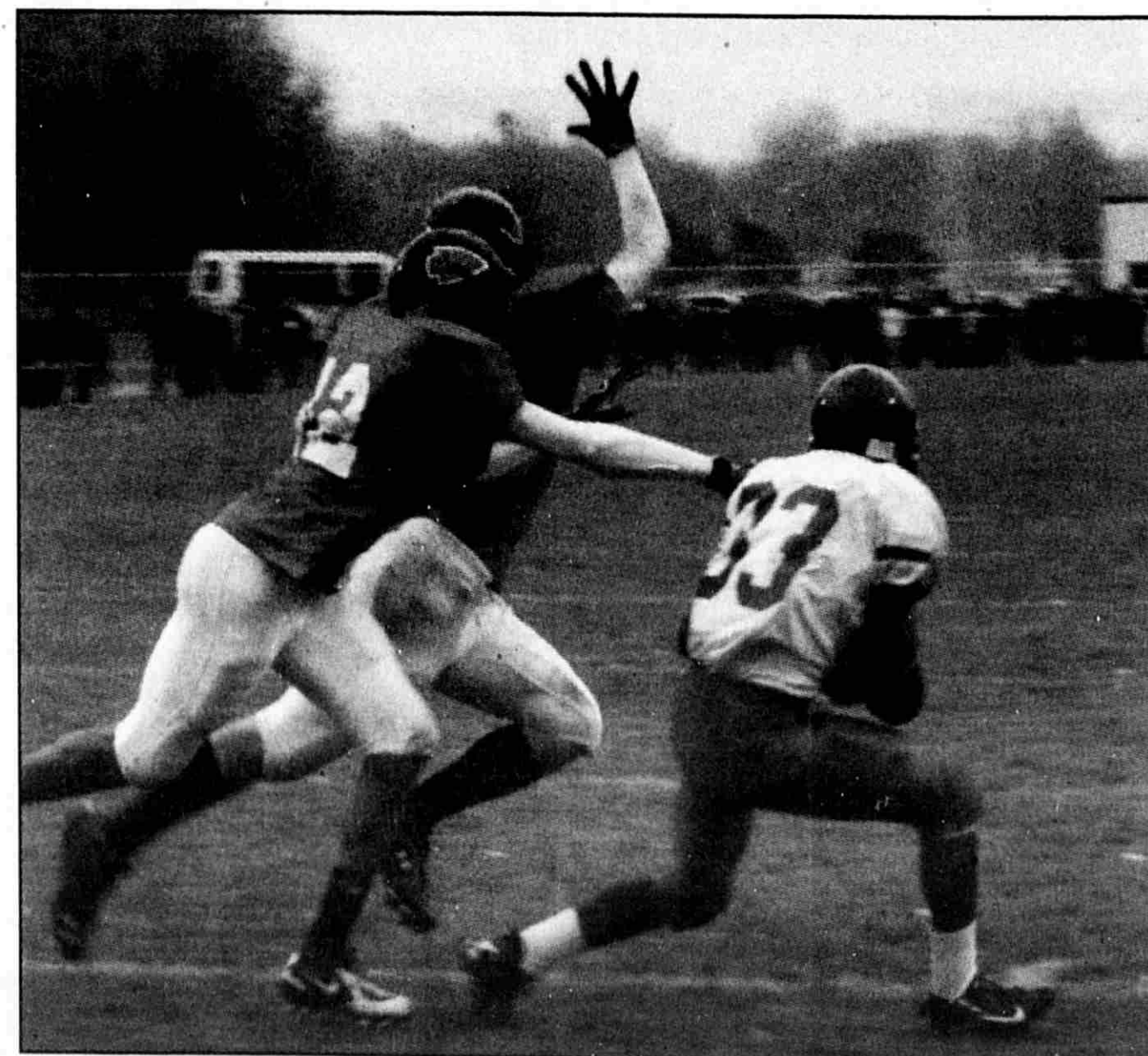
Alcott had 2 receptions for 60 yards, while Porter had 8 for 102 yards. Maxwell was 23 of 48 passes for 314 yards.



Photos submitted by Andy Benningfield
Cole Wade (48) is taken down by a Midland defender.



Jacob Swift (1) leaps for a catch from Kyle Nichol.



Dylan McElveen (12) and another Lowell defender grab for a Midland player.

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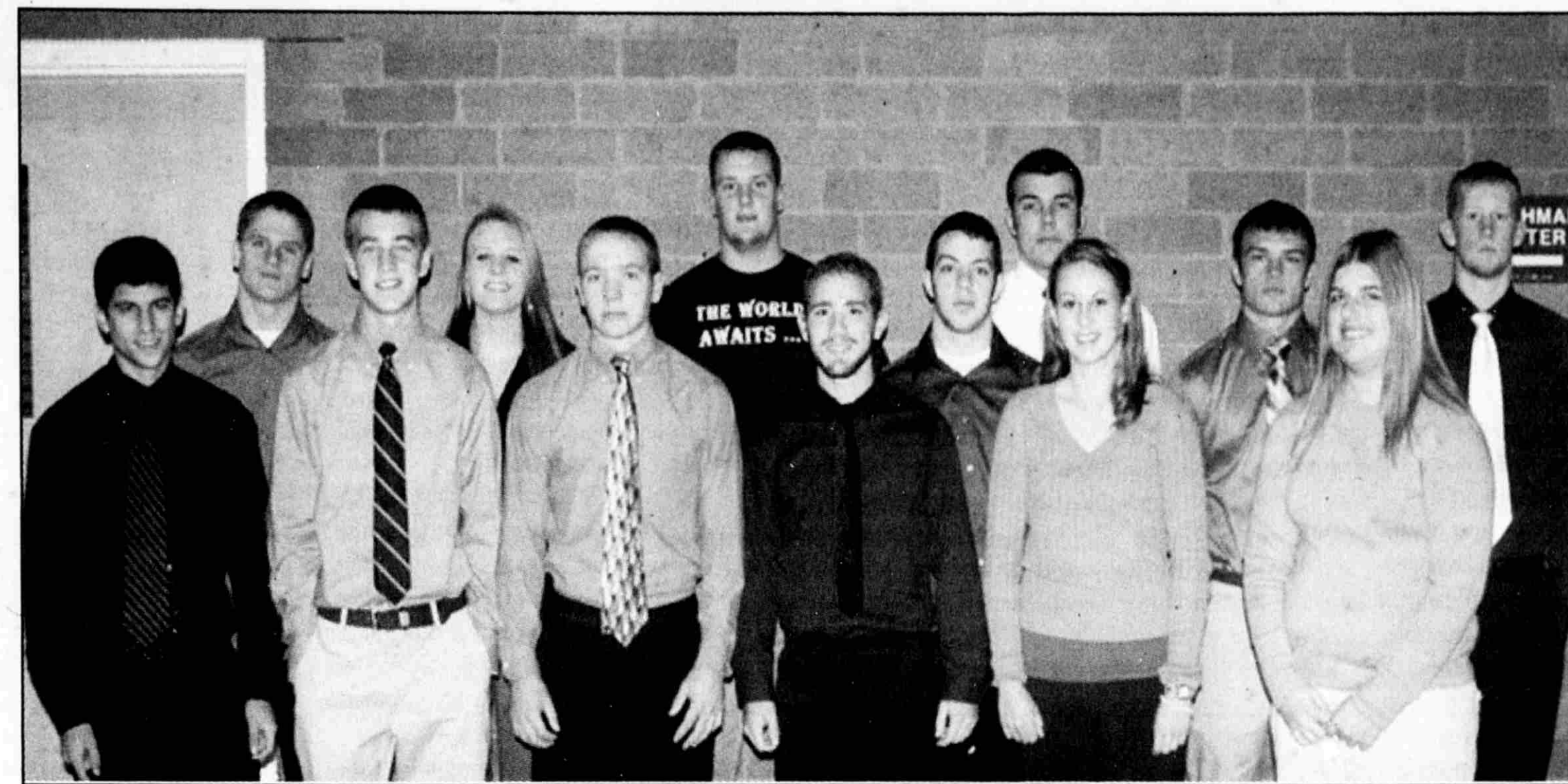
Several Lowell athletes take home All-Conference honors

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Lowell High School took home a variety of All-Conference selections this fall, naming at least one student for each sport played. Fifteen students were chosen for the honor. To find out more about them, keep reading.

Nick Abdo earned All-Conference honors for soccer. Nick, 17, is a senior and the son of George and Tina Abdo. Besides soccer, he also runs track, and is on the Honor Roll, the National Honor Society, the Model UN (United Nations) and Rotary Club. He plans to attend Indiana Tech to become an electrical engineer, and will continue to play soccer in college. Nick helped the Arrows mainly in the scoring department, but was also a tough defender and strong in assists.

Jerry Adams earned All-Conference honors for soccer, but was also a main



All-Conference selections are (first row, L-R): Nick Abdo (soccer), Travis Trapp (tennis), Corey Fitzpatrick (cross country), Jerry Adams (soccer), Lauren Heemstra (golf) and Sydney Stuewe (golf). (Back row, L-R): Torsten Boss (football), Amy VanEns (volleyball), Taylor Sprague (football), Kyle Nichol (football), Josh Faulkner (football), Randy Hogan (football) and Nate Vaught (football).

force on both the offense and defense, leading easily in receptions and tackles in a single game.

Josh Faulkner earned All-Conference honors for

for the boys' cross country team and was close to a State finals spot.

Greg Harreld earned All-Conference honors for soccer. Greg, 17, is a senior and the son of Larry and Patti Harreld. Besides soccer, he also played tennis in school, and likes to play golf and hang out with friends. After graduating in the spring, Greg plans to go to GRCC for two years for a business degree, and then transfer to another school. Greg was a tough presence in the midfield for the Arrows this fall.

Lauren Heemstra earned All-Conference honors for golf. Lauren, 16, is a junior and the daughter of Randy and Molly Heemstra. Besides golf, she also plays tennis, and is active in SADD, International Club, Varsity Club and youth group through the "Ada Bible Church. Lauren plans to attend either Cornerstone University or Grand Valley State University after her senior year, and said she would like to play golf if she attends Cornerstone. She was a consistent top scorer for her top-ranked team.

Randy Hogan earned All-Conference honors for football. Randy, 15, is a sophomore and the son of Dennis Hogan. He plans to go to college after his senior year, and would like to play football during his stint. Hogan was a young force on defense, often leading the team in tackles.

Kyle Nichol earned All-Conference honors for football. Kyle, 16, is a junior and the son of Gary and

Patrice Nichol. He plans to go to college after his senior year, and would like to participate in soccer and golf in high school, and is part of the Scholastic Clay Shooting Club. He plans to attend Grand Valley State University, and then dental school. He doesn't plan to go on with athletics. He was a strong contender in No. 1 singles for the Arrows, and finished his career at LHS with a 78-28 record.

Amy VanEns earned All-Conference honors for volleyball. Amy, 17, is a senior and the daughter of Kathleen and Daniel VanEns. Besides volleyball, Amy has also participated in track and the equestrian team (which earned her a State Championship this year), as well as 4-H and

Sydney Stuewe earned All-Conference honors for golf. Sydney, 16, is a junior and the daughter of Robert and Valarie Stuewe. Besides golf, Sydney has also participated in the International Club and the Art and Drama Club. She plans to attend culinary school after graduating, at the Culinary Institute of America or GRCC. She would like to continue on with golf in college if it's offered at her school. Stuewe often led the Arrows on the golf course this season.

Travis Trapp earned All-Conference honors for tennis. Travis, 17, is a

senior and the son of Tim and Cindy Trapp. Besides tennis, Travis has also participated in soccer and golf in high school, and is part of the Scholastic Clay Shooting Club. He plans to attend Grand Valley State University, and then dental school. He doesn't plan to go on with athletics. He was a strong contender in No. 1 singles for the Arrows, and finished his career at LHS with a 78-28 record.

Nate Vaught earned All-Conference honors for football. Nate, 17, is a senior and the son of Dave and Mary Vaught. Besides football, Nate also wrestles, and is involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Student Council. Nate is undecided, but would like to attend college and either wrestle or play football. Nate was a strong force on the Arrow team this fall.

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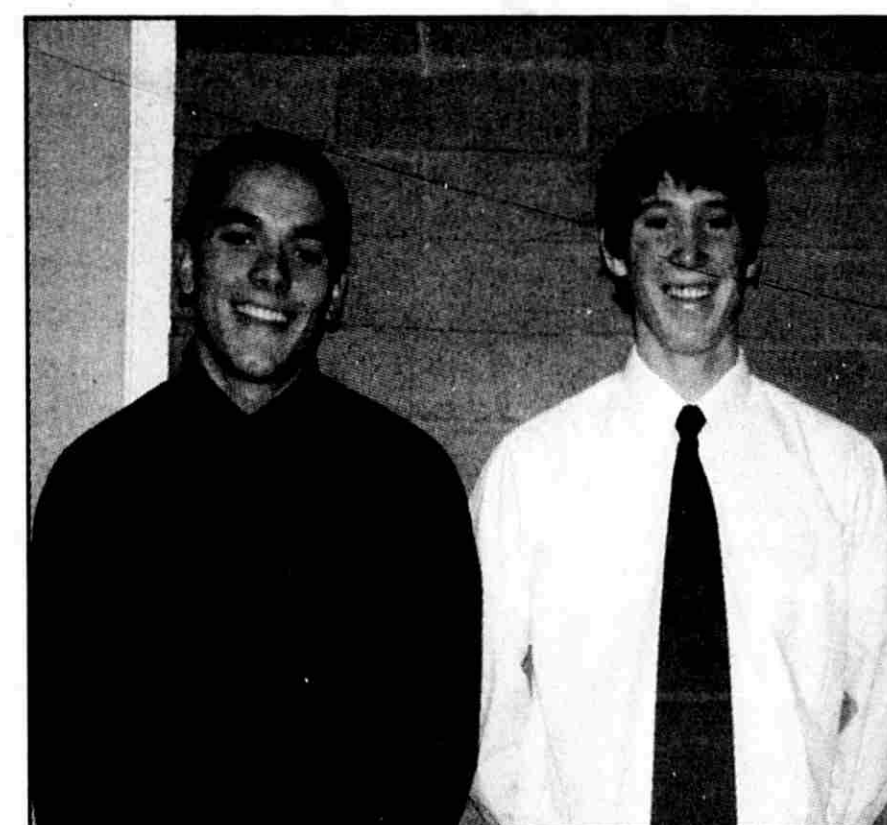

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Fall sports season brings ups and downs for LHS athletes

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Cross country teams work on rebuilding

The boys' cross country team saw success early on, but had trouble finishing the season consistently. Head coach Clay VanderWarf said, "the boys started out to have a strong season, placing 2nd and 3rd in the first two jamborees, but we lost some of the momentum when Kirk Geldersma obtained a knee injury and that hurt us."

The team did see a strong performance by All-Conference selection Corey Fitzpatrick, who was consistently the top performer for the team, and improved his time throughout the season. VanderWarf also said he was proud of sophomore Zach Robinson, "who broke into the 17:00s as a sophomore."

The girls' team wasn't as lucky, with a small team. Taylor Marchido was a consistent runner for the Red



Arrows, placing at the top of her team through much of the season. Also placing high was Emily Hauschild.

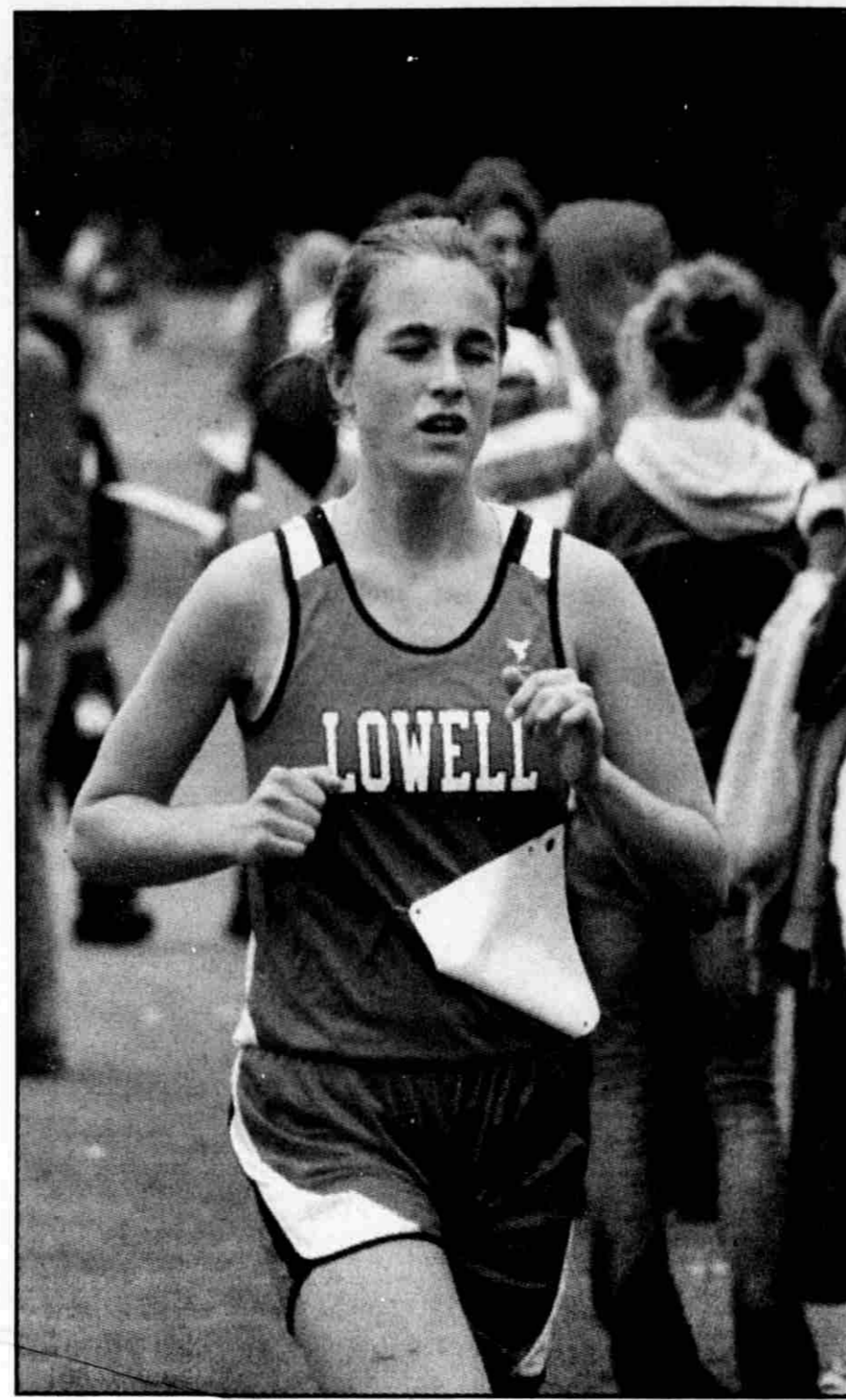
The team looks to build on experience to compete with other OK-White teams next fall.

Young football team proves depth and finishes season strong

Early in the season, the football team struggled with staying consistent on offense, and saw one of its three losses in Week 2 to Hudsonville. But as the season progressed, the team grew immensely, and its offense proved formidable under the one-two punch of juniors Kyle Nichol and Torsten Boss.

Big wins against Caledonia during the middle of the season and in the second round of playoffs and a revenge-win against Hudsonville during Regional finals showed the team's improvements. The team came close to perfect in the first round of playoffs against Portage Central, which Coach Noel Dean called "probably the most complete football game we've had, for this particular team." A close loss to Midland in the State semi-finals ended the season last week.

The season saw standout plays from a variety of players, like



All-Conference selections Dylan McElveen, Jacob Swift and Ben Canfield.

Nichol, Boss, Nate Vaught, Taylor Sprague, Randy Hogan and Josh Faulkner, as well as Justin VanAcker, Ryan Olep, Jordan Boon,

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RED ARROW SPORTS



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Girls' golf stays competitive throughout season, places high in post-season polls

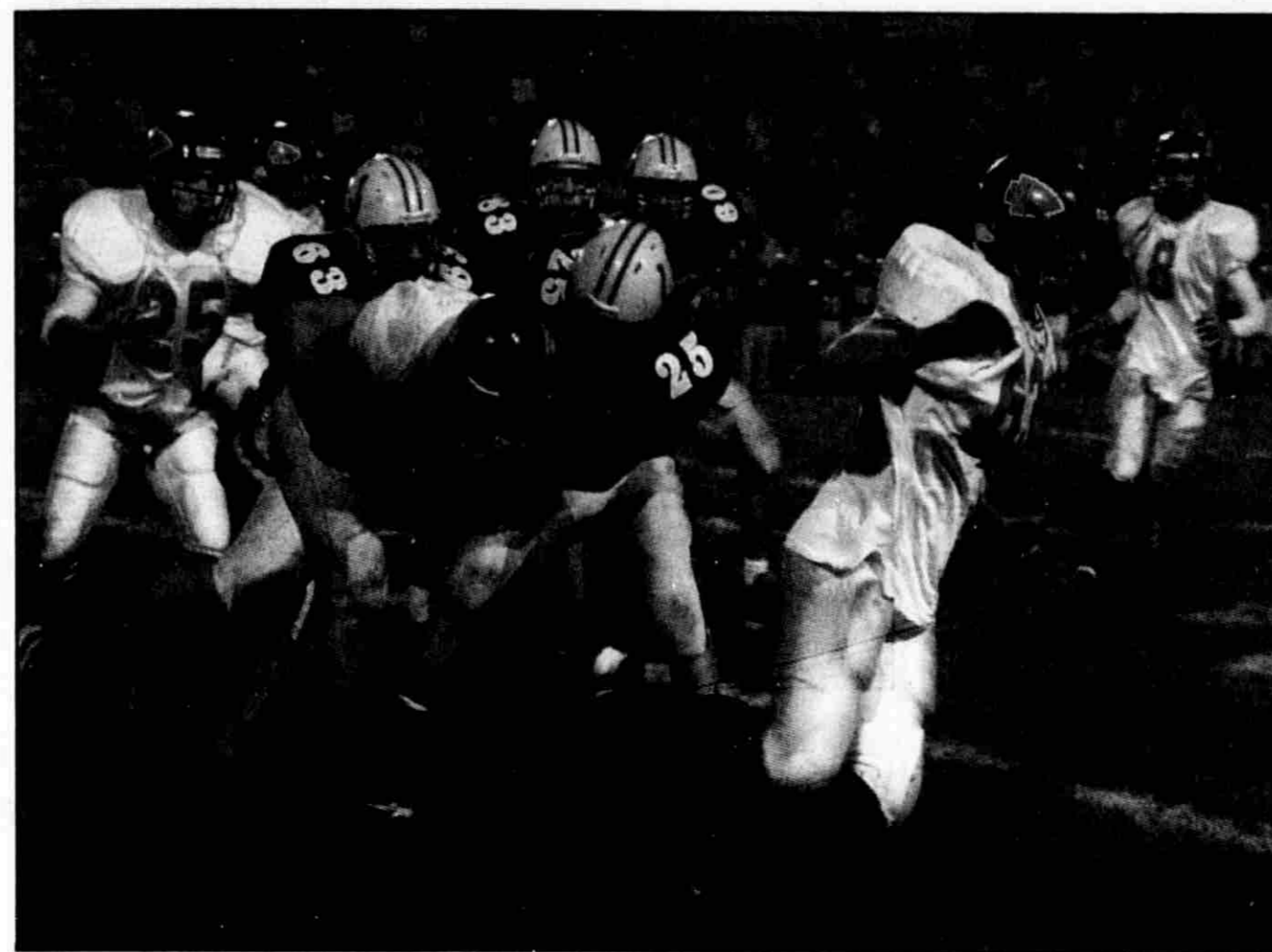
The girl's golf team was a strong contender in the OK-White conference this fall, posting low numbers for all teammates and finishing strong. The team played well in a tough conference during the season, and Coach Bob Stuewe said he was proud of the way they played. "I though we had

sort of season for the boys' soccer team, with wins in spectacular settings and losses that proved heartbreaking. Most specific to its staggered season was the win/loss week that took place near the end of the season. Lowell took on EGR and lost 1-2, and then came back two days later to win 9-2 against Kenowa Hills, "finishing just about every opportunity," according to coach Paul Legge.

Harrell and Ian Beddows, as well as Jake Karasiewicz, Bud Shepard, Matt Schloop and Phil Bieri, to only name a few.

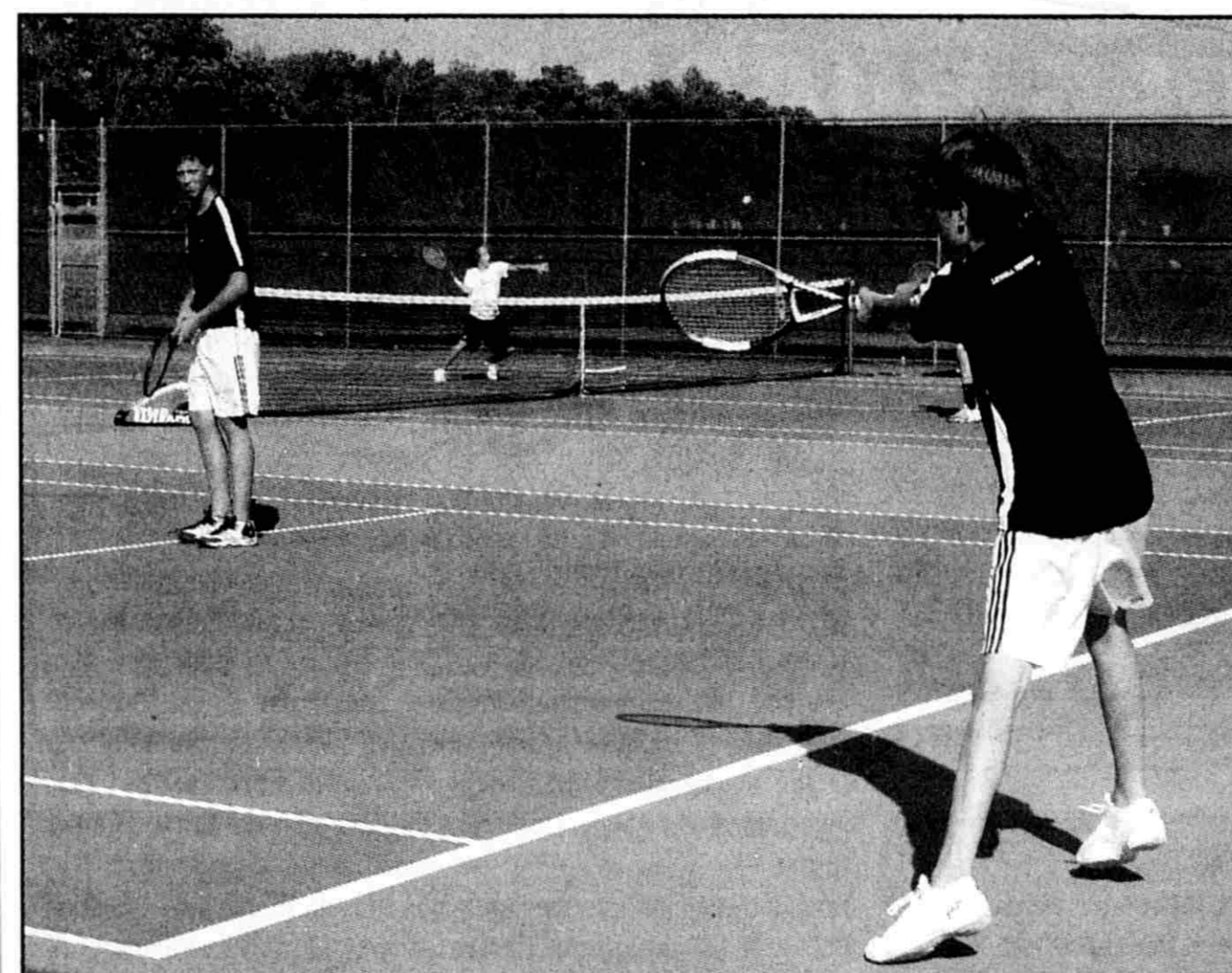
Boys' tennis team has strong season for individual players, despite change in seasons

The tennis team had its ups and downs all season, with injuries plaguing the team late in the season and a tough conference and region



a great season with some stellar wins against some good programs - FHC and Kenowa Hills to name two."

He said that in the four losses the team had, three



matches were decided by three strokes or less. The team finished 3rd in the OK-White, behind Greenville and FHC.

The Arrows will continue their streak next year, as top contenders and All-Conference selections Lauren Heemstra and Sydney Stuewe return.

Boys' soccer team bags big wins but fails to stay consistent. It was an up and down

He said his team would best be characterized as the "tale of two teams - we create a ton of chances on goal every game, but it just depends on which team shows up. The team that

started strong in. The team started with a win at the Haslett Invitational and sweep against Lakewood, but struggled against State powerhouse teams like East Grand Rapids.

Singles players Travis Trapp and Pat Misner had strong seasons, as did doubles players like Tony Dubbink and Cort Thompson.

Head coach Bonnie Wall said she was proud of her team's efforts and play against tough programs. "[Trapp's] four-year record is 78-28, and he's played in one of the toughest leagues in the state," Wall said of the senior singles standout.

for a young girls' volleyball team, as the players prepared to play not in the winter, as usual, but at the beginning of the school year.

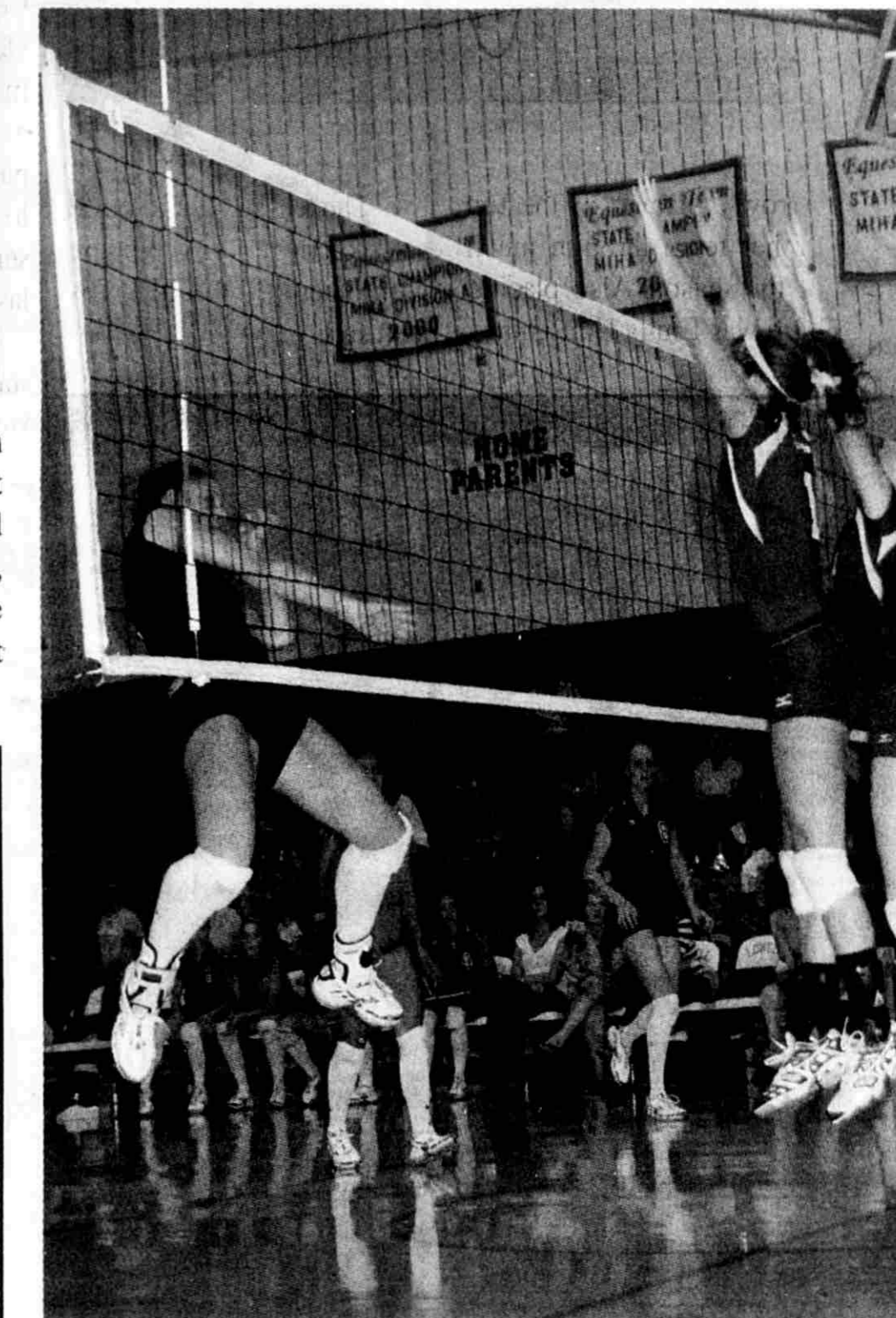


Volleyball team struggles early on, but improves with a rebuilding team. It was a tough fall season

for a young girls' volleyball team, as the players prepared to play not in the winter, as

usual, but at the beginning of the school year.

Early losses to Caledonia, Northview and



EGR weighed heavily on the team's mind.

Although the Arrows lost their first few games, improvements in the players helped push the team forward and into the winning zone.

Big wins against rivals Kenowa Hills and Greenville gave the team much-needed confidence and gave standouts like All-Conference selection Amy VanEns, as well as Mary Vanderlaan, Heather Burger and Madelyn Brower a chance to show their skills.

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Lowell runner raises funds for Ugandan children

LHS 2004 graduate Scott Riddle was known by his cross country teammates as an overly-obsessed competitor when it comes to running. Things haven't changed very much. Riddle is an Ironman now, having finished the Ironman competition in Madison Wis., in 2006, in 11 hours and 9 minutes. He felt good about raising money for the Ironman Community Fund, which helps needy people at the same time.

He now plans to go above and beyond what he did last year at the Ironman, not only physically but also charitably. The best challenge he could dream up that exceeds an Ironman, would be trying to run non-stop from Ann Arbor, where he attends the University of Michigan, to his parent's house near Lowell. A close-to-impossible 116-mile feat, this will test his mental will, physical capabilities, pain threshold, stupidity, and perseverance to a level never experienced.

He estimates that there is roughly a 25 percent chance that he will be able to complete this challenge, and running this distance is something that few in the world have ever done or attempted. This adventure will take him through Eaton Rapids, Charlotte, Lake Odessa, and about fifteen

other small towns, and will take roughly 24 hours. Scott plans on attempting this on Dec. 1, leaving Ann Arbor at midnight of the 1st with a headlamp and a belt full of high-calorie food, and arriving in Lowell sometime the night of the 1st. His parents have agreed to provide post-run hospital support, chiropractic and psychiatric services as well as cheerleading and batteries for his headlamp.

Scott will be running to raise money for "Invisible Children", an organization fully committed to changing the lives of thousands of displaced children in the country of Uganda. The "Invisible Children" of Uganda have been forced to remain in hiding for much of their lives in order to avoid being kidnapped by local guerrillas and turned into soldiers themselves. In recent years, the war in Uganda has ended, but these displaced children continue to struggle. Through education and innovative economic opportunities, this organization partners with affected communities and strives to improve the quality of life for these "invisible children". Invisible Children is a non-profit, whose programs are carefully researched with developed initiatives that address the need for quality education, mentorships, the redevelopment of schools, resettlement from

the camps, and financial stability. More information on the Invisible Children organization can be found at www.invisiblechildren.com.

Anyone is welcome to make a per-mile donation to Scott's run to raise funds for the Invisible Children. Upon completing this challenge, whether by foot or stretcher, he will report to donors about his thoughts and experiences during the run, including the number of miles that he successfully completed. Your donation is tax deductible. Scott's goal is to raise \$5,000 that will be directly sent to this organization and will make an impact on the lives of the Invisible Children of Uganda. He appreciates your support, and asks you to please embrace this opportunity to not only give to a wonderful organization, but to also live vicariously through his mental incapacities.

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Regular Meeting of November 12, 2007

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT
Tyler Barkacs, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that the Homecoming activities were a huge success and was proud to report that the student body achieved their goal of \$6,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He thanked the students and principals from the other schools who participated along with community members who showed support. The Student Council held a blood drive and received 69 pints. A discussion will be held soon as to whether to conduct another Alternative Spring Break trip.

REPORTS
Murray Lake Student Council - Brent Noskey introduced members of the Murray Lake Student Council. Students shared the election process and activities that they are involved in during this school year.
Honeywell Report - Larry Mikulski introduced Greg Mackey from Honeywell, and he shared the year 2 energy audit summary from the energy conservation measures the company completed last year. Cost avoidance accumulated results with the completion of year 2 is at \$152,439.

ACTION ITEMS
The Board accepted the following gifts:
• Alto Lions Club donation of \$1000 to be used for the Alto Elementary School library.
• Mark & Nancy Hopkins donation of tenor saxophone valued at \$500 to be used by the Lowell High School band.
• Mark & Nancy Hopkins donation of a drum set valued at \$200 to be used by the Lowell High School band program.
• Mark & Nancy Hopkins donation of preschool and early elementary books valued at \$150 to be used by the TOTS program.
Adopted the resolution to accept the donation of property from Betty Yeiter.
Approved the contracts for administrators for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school year
Approved the contracts for the central office support staff for the 2007-2008 school year.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:
• Minutes for the October 8, 2007 Board meeting, the October 22, 2007 Board workshop, the October 29, 2007 Special meeting and closed session
• The following payment of bills for October 2007:
GENERAL FUND.....\$1,247,514.81
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
A. Food Service Fund.....\$96,097.65
B. Athletic Fund.....\$11,731.72
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$6,351.19
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....\$9,359.54
1990 Debt Fund.....\$307,936.25
2000 Debt Fund.....\$33,795.48
2005 Debt Fund.....\$225,206.20
2004 Construction Fund.....\$19,937.12
• Personnel - Leave:
Mary Spoelhof - Alto 3rd grade teacher - Extension of current child care leave through the end of 2007-08 SY
Tammy Coleman - H.S. science teacher - unpaid leave beginning November 30, 2007 through the end of the 2007-08 SY
• Summer Tax Resolution
• Board Policy - #9015 "Advertising in School District Sponsored Media and Forums"
• Seek bids for 4 new buses for the 2008-09 SY

BUDGET UPDATE - John Zielinski reported that an amendment to the 2007-08 budget will be on the December Board meeting agenda now that the state aid bill has been approved. It is hoped that the auditor will also be on hand to give a report on the 2006-07 audit. The plan to set aside dollars from the state aid bill slated to help middle school math programs was eliminated. LAS will receive an additional \$96 per pupil if the sales tax on some service businesses is not repealed. If it is repealed, LAS will receive \$48 per pupil.

CURRICULUM UPDATE - Roger Bearup shared the "guiding principles" that he uses as the Curriculum Director for LAS. In order to improve curriculum throughout the district, data is continually being reviewed and evaluated. Teachers completed a survey for the first ten days, second ten days to

evaluate the writing and reading lessons that had been established for the start of the 2007-08 school year. The data warehouse allows staff to track student test scores so as to improve classroom instruction, measure progress toward school improvement goals and assist with reporting requirements. "Back on Track" is being offered through a computer based learning software called NovaNet as a pilot program for high school students who need to recover credit. Technology integration is one of the "guiding principles" and a technology fair is being planned in the near future.

PUBLIC COMMENT - G.M. Ross - Generosity of Soul
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt thanked Roger Bearup and John Zielinski for their reports to the board and thanked the administrative team members. The Lowell Education Foundation recently awarded \$15,000 in grant dollars to the teachers who applied to enhance their programs. The planning of the Wege land from the potential donation of land from Peter Wege is going very well. With a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund, Williams & Works was hired to help with the process and they recently conducted a public forum and two day-long design meetings asking for community input. It is hoped that the plans will be finalized prior to Christmas. Thanks to Jim White and Larry Mikulski for their efforts in the cost containment of energy measures taking place and to the custodians for their hard work in saving energy where possible.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Board Workshop - Monday, November 26, 2007 - 6:00 p.m.
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room
300 High St., Lowell, MI
Regular Board Meeting - Monday, December 10, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
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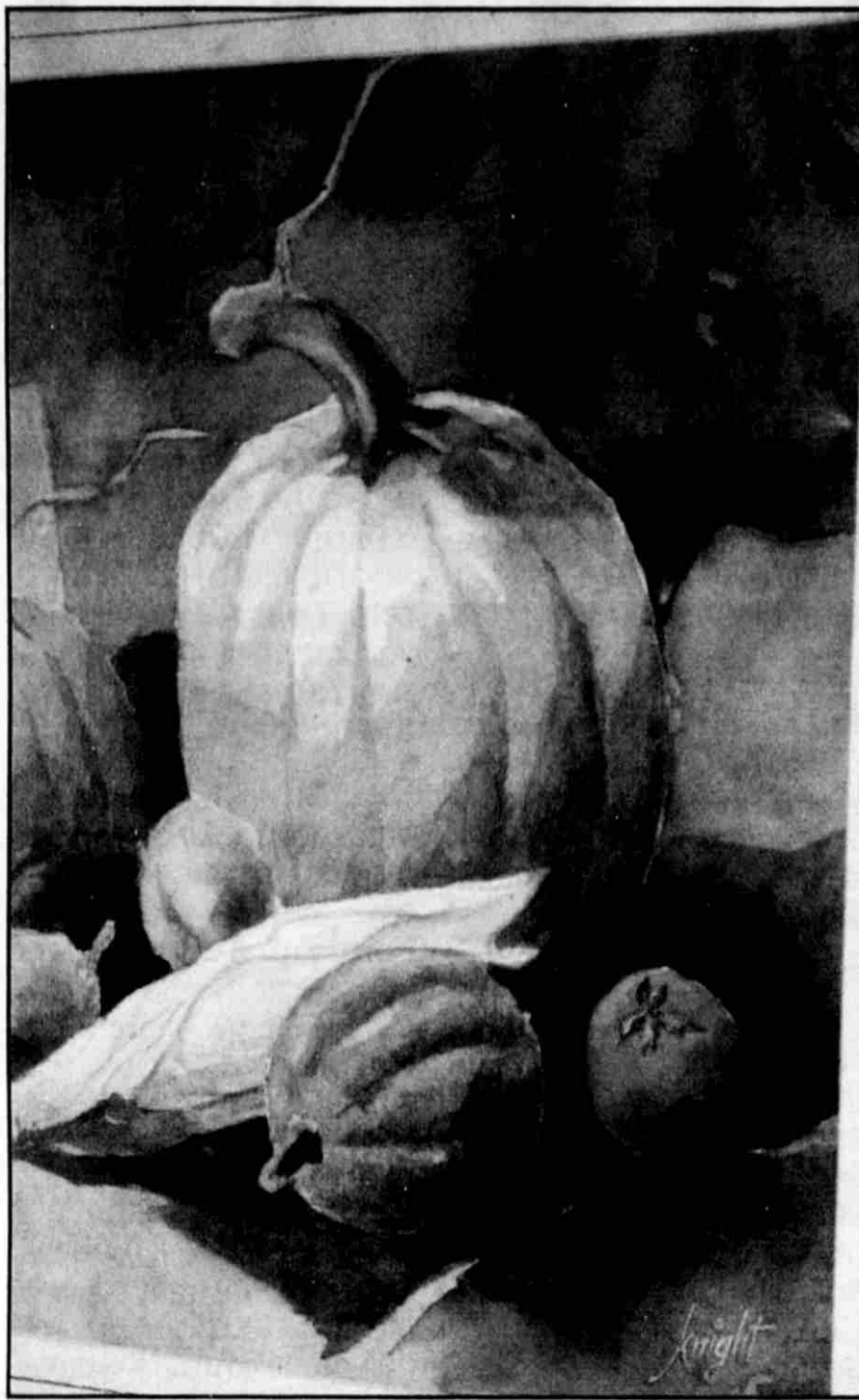
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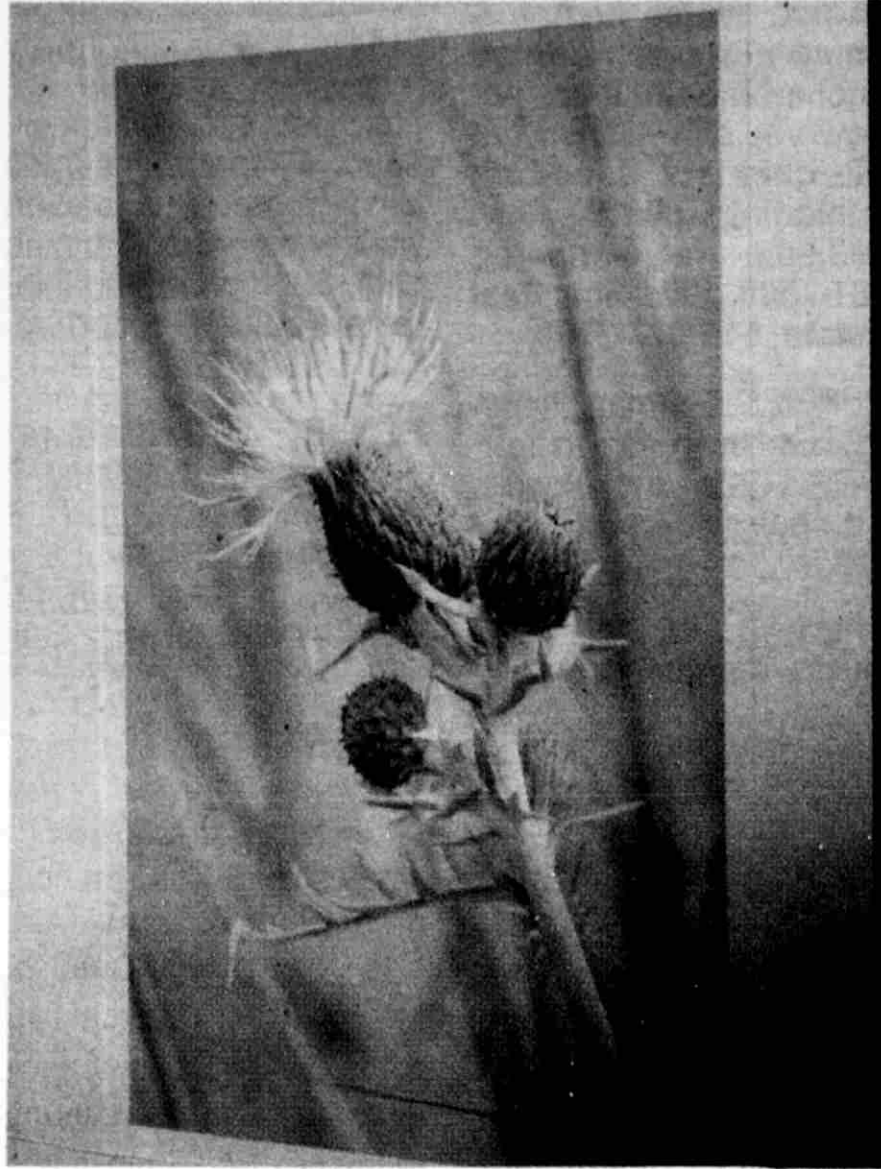
"Earth Keeping" holiday exhibit focuses on wonder of creation



Pictured are the top three pieces depicting wonders of nature received equal prizes.

by Emma Palova

The fifth annual "Earth Keeping" holiday exhibit at the Franciscan Life Process Center focuses on the wonder of creation. The top pieces included "Wonder" acrylic by Peter Gordon, mixed media by Suzanne Christensen "Let the Vineyards Be" and photo "Pitcher's Thistle" by Steve Huyser-Honig. "Each year we pick a different theme," said John Knight art director. Money for the equal prizes is raised at the annual reception with awards. This year, the show had fewer entries than previously because the student category wasn't filled. The exhibit runs from Nov. 6 through Jan. 4.



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A novel holiday centerpiece

by Emma Palova

Modeled after colonial Williamsburg decorations, the Bread Tree makes an interesting centerpiece for the holidays.

Cindy Samson made the tree with Chris Lefor as one of the many decorations at Saint Patrick's parish center during the Christmas through Lowell tour. St. Pat's joined the tour for the first time this year to raise visibility for the school.

"We have a lot of volunteers," said Samson. "This was good timing for us."

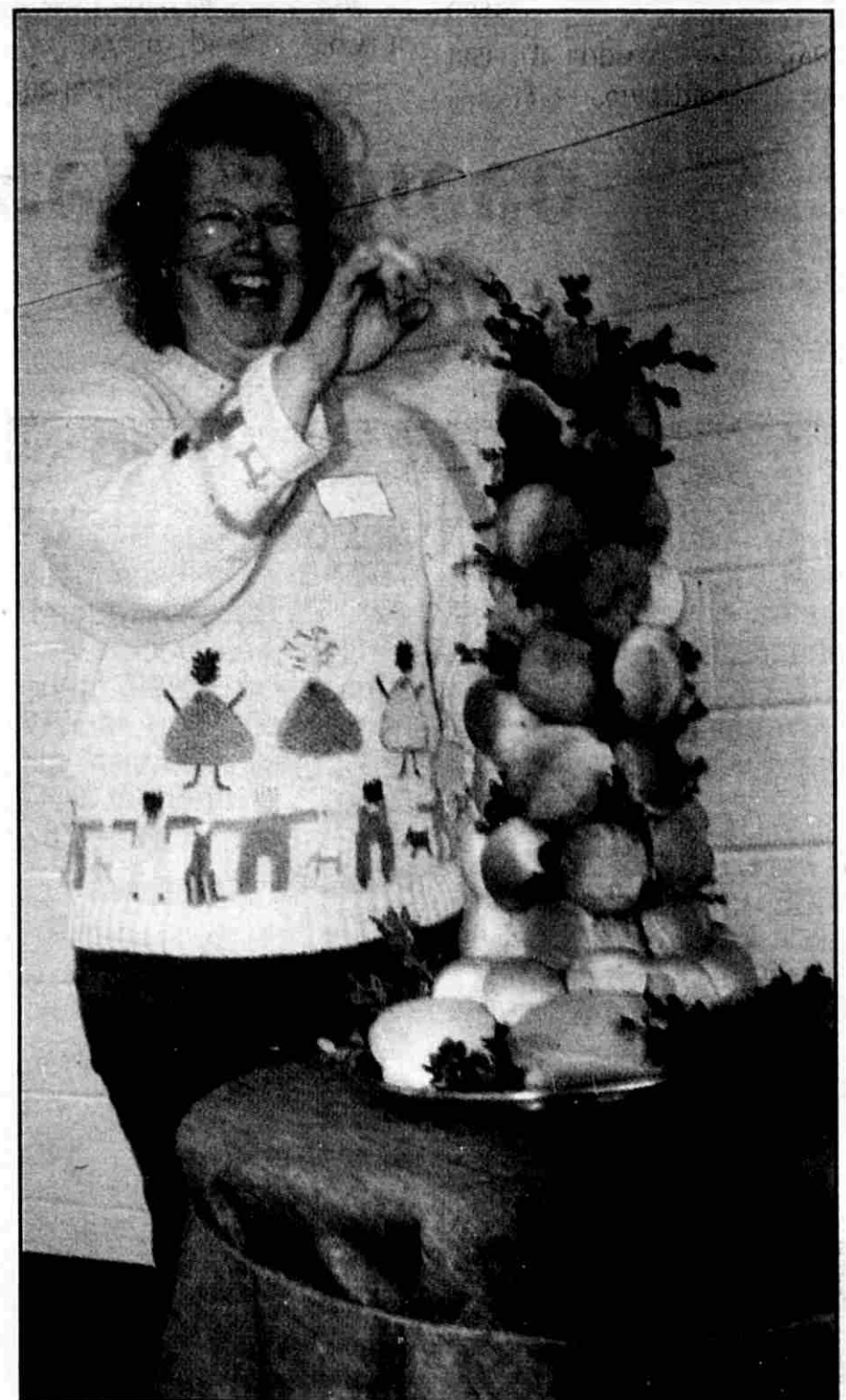
Along with their annual pie sale, the ladies and gentlemen of the parish got incredibly creative from painting tiles with Christmas themes to building bread trees.

For the Bread Tree centerpiece the duo used dinner rolls, a round loaf and two long French loaves for the base. They hollowed out the round loaf and stuck a styrofoam cone in it. Then using wooden skewers attached into the styrofoam cone, they put the dinner rolls of different shapes on the skewers. For greenery,

the ladies used boxwood.

"We're pleased how it turned out," said Samson.

The centerpiece will last for approximately five days.



Cindy Samson with the Bread Tree centerpiece at St. Pat's.

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