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City of Lowell hosts mayor exchange with Hastings

by Emma Palova

A Lowell tradition of 21 years, the Mayor Exchange Day held in May showcases the community's success and accomplishments.

The annual event also serves as a learning and networking opportunity for the participating city officials. This year Lowell hosted a delegation from Hastings.

"We try to pick communities of similar size

and close proximity," said Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale. "And sometimes they pick us."

The main purpose of the exchange, according to Pasquale, is to promote the awareness of similar issues in the communities.

"It gives us an opportunity to network and meet other people who we can rely on," said Pasquale.

Some of the similarities between the two

communities were budget issues and the funding of street improvements in dire economic times.

New this year on the Lowell tour was the Lowell Light & Power substation located on West Bowes Road.

However, the mainstay of the tour remains one of the area's largest employers, Litehouse Inc., on Foreman Road. Susan Serne of Litehouse Inc. guided the tour through the facilities last Thursday.

The delegations got a glimpse of the efficient plant, the production lines, cooler storage capacities and marketing strategies.

Serne explained that most recently, the emphasis has been on healthy lite products, such as vinaigrettes and organics.

One of the newer products is freeze-dried dill. Other favorites include caramel apple dips, original and low fat.



Mayor Bob May of Hastings and Mayor Jeanne Shores of Lowell at Lowell Light & Power during Thursday's Mayor Exchange Day. (Photo by Molly Benningfield)

The City of Hastings had the following delegates: mayor Bob May, Deb May, mayor pro-tem Don Tubbs, council member Dave Tossava, council member Barry Wood, city manager Jeff Mansfield, community development director John

Hart and photographer Rose Hendershot.

The City of Lowell was represented by mayor Jeanne Shores, council members Jim Hodges, Jeff Altoft, city manager Dave Pasquale, and clerk Betty Morlock.

The Lowell delegation will travel to Hastings on May 21.

"The tour went very well," said Pasquale. "They were very friendly. We got to exchange information and we've established relationships."



Bulk jars of shrimp cocktail sauces made their way down production lines at Litehouse Inc.

Lowell veterans prepare for Memorial Day

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

In preparation for Memorial Day this Monday, local veterans from the American Legion and VFW of Lowell placed American

flags at veteran gravesites in Oakwood Cemetery last Thursday.

There are almost 500 veterans buried in the cemetery, and the flags placed will stay put for

four weeks surrounding Memorial Day.

The big event for Memorial Day is the parade Monday morning, starting near the King Memorial Building in the fairgrounds

on South Broadway, forming at 9:30 a.m. and beginning at 10 a.m. The route will proceed east on Main Street to the Veteran's Memorial at the bridge for a brief ceremony, and then continue on to Oakwood Cemetery.

Leading the parade will be the VFW and American Legion color guards, followed by veterans of all wars, with some in full uniform. The high school and middle school marching bands, under the direction of Tim Haan and Dale Latva, respectively, as well as the 4-H court (who will make a floral presentation at the ceremony) and Boy and Girl Scouts, will follow the veterans.

Dave Thompson, who is the American Legion Post Commander-Elect, said that it is becoming increasingly important to remember the veterans, as World War II becomes more distant to younger generations. "As the years continue to roll along, we are now losing about 1800 WWII veterans each day in the United States. We, as a country, owe

a great deal to these brave men and women, which is the reason why this day was set aside 143 years ago, to show respect for veterans following the Civil War."

The ceremony, lasting about 35 minutes, at the cemetery will include the presentation of the Colors, traditional music by the high school band, a prayer by Army Chaplain Glenn Marks, the presentation of tributes at the Memorial, remarks by US Navy Captain Richard VanDop, the 21-Gun Salute to veterans who

have passed on, and Taps, played by Jack Misner.

Local veterans who placed flags at gravesites last week shared memories of their time in the service.

Fay Johnson, Navy veteran and Commander of the American Legion in Lowell Johnson graduated from Lowell High School in 1943 and went into the US Navy. He completed his service in 1946, but went

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Pictured at Oakwood Cemetery are (L-R): Col. Sam Yeiter, Fay Johnson, Chaplain Glenn Marks and Bill Hurt.

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City approves Regis Mapping for \$16,000

by Emma Palova
 Joining 21 other communities, the Lowell City Council approved the Regis computerized mapping program Monday. Regis, based on individual parcels in each city, provides vertical integration of utilities, permitting, zoning, public safety, cemeteries and public works information into one database.

Information about sex offenders will also be integrated into the database, according to Regis director Dharmesh Jain. The program comes with training for the city staff and council members. "We want everyone to be able to use it," said Jain. Although, mainly driven by a need at the water department for detailed maps of mains, valves, and

hydrants, the system will be shared by all the city departments. "You can locate hydrants," said Jain. "You don't have to go through all the maps. It's more than just mapping. It's sharing services and cost effectiveness." Regis will include into the vertical integration the city electric utility, Lowell Light & Power.

The cost to join is a \$16,000 one-time recovery fee spread over three years, plus annual dues of \$9,600. The costs will be allocated among different city departments, since each department will benefit from the service, according to city manager Dave Pasquale. The conversion of data will start in July, and the project is expected to be completed in six months.

In related city business: The council approved a resolution revoking industrial exemption certificates issued to Newell Manufacturing and Attwood Corporation. An agreement for permitting, inspection and enforcement services with Imperial Municipal Services. Residential lease agreement with Gary

Dietzel and Sandra Bartlett for property located at 990 N. Washington for \$350 per month. Fairgrounds manager Ron Wenger complained about having to take out recently planted trees under non-energized utility lines at the grounds.

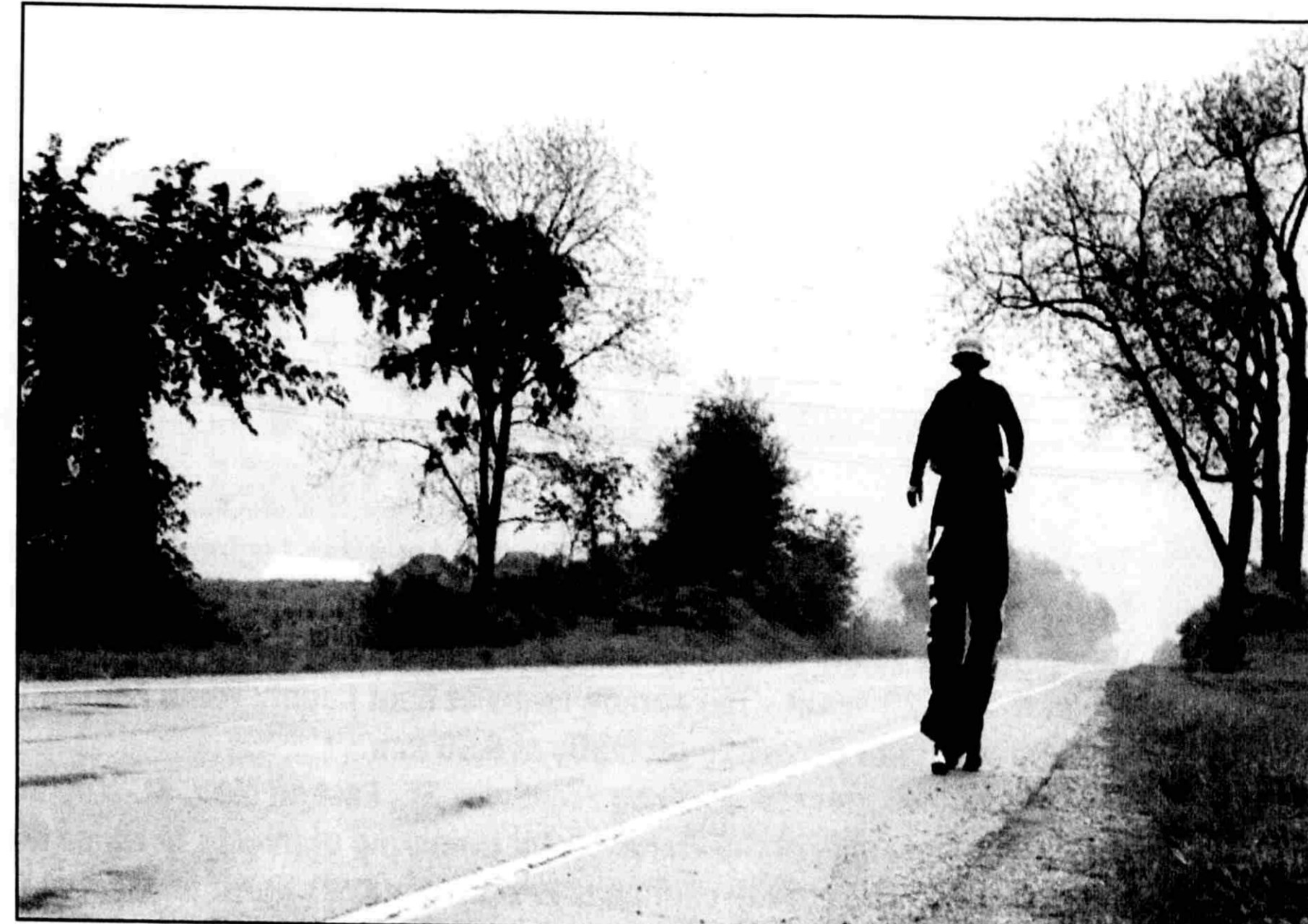
Michigan man on stilts walks down Cascade Road

by Molly Benningfield
 Editor

If you were driving down Cascade Road Wednesday morning, you might've seen a strange sight - a man on stilts walking on the side of the road, with only a hat to block from the rain shower. Neil Sauter, originally

from Blissfield, Mich., is walking on stilts to raise money for United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan.

Sauter has mild cerebral palsy, and decided to walk across Michigan to raise money for UCP's Assistive Technology Loan Fund, which gives people with



disabilities the opportunity to buy equipment to help them navigate their daily lives and increase their overall independence and quality of life. For more information, go to www.ucpmichigan.org.

Sauter was on Day 9 of his journey when he traveled on a rain-soaked Cascade Road, near Morse Lake just west of Alden across both the lower and upper peninsulas. His walk will take him two months and 830 miles.

Neil Sauter walks on stilts on Cascade Road near Morse Lake Road in Lowell.



CITY OF LOWELL BIG TREE CONTEST

Who has the biggest tree? You or your neighbor? East Side or West Side?

To help kick off the first year of the City of Lowell Arbor Board Committee and promote awareness, respect, and appreciation of our City's abundance of trees, we want to recognize and protect our BIG trees. The contest runs from April 25th to September 28th, 2008, Fallasburg Festival Weekend.

Contest Details

Categories: East Side vs. West Side of Flat River. Must be within the city limits of Lowell.
 Date of Contest: April 25th until September 28, 2008.
 Winner announced at Harvest Celebration in Lowell, October 2008.
 Tree size will be confirmed by an arborist and a professional landscaper.
 Grand Champion Tree Prize: TBA
 Entry Form available at City Hall or City of Lowell website: www.ci.lowell.mi.us

Entry Form

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303 and American Legion Post #152 invite all Veterans, Civic Organizations, Scouts & other participants to take part in the annual Memorial Day Ceremonies & salute our deceased & living Veterans.

Monday, May 26, 2008 - The parade forms at Kent County Youth Fairgrounds on S. Broadway St. at 9:00 a.m. with departure promptly at 9:30 a.m.

The parade will proceed North on Broadway St., East on Main St. stopping at the Veterans memorials on the east side of the Flat River for rendering of honors to Those Who Have Perished at Sea.

The parade continues East on Main St., North on Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery for observances at the GAR Civil War Memorial there.

Any wishing to participate should please contact Parade Marshal Herman Weststrate at 897-9479.

Patriotic themes shall be permitted. Commercial and political advertising is prohibited. Tossing of candy from floats or passing out of literature along the parade route is strictly prohibited. Memorial Day is a day to remember and honor those who have served our nation and have passed on.

Guest Speaker: Richard VanDop, retired Navy Captain

SOUTH BOSTON CEMETERY

The 111th meeting of the South Boston Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, May 26, 2008 at noon at South Boston Bible Church, 6958 Kyser Road, Lowell. Rev. Ron Tuinstra, Pastor of South Boston Bible Church, will be the speaker. Service will be followed by a potluck dinner at the Fellowship Building.

All are invited to attend.

SARANAC

10:00 a.m. - Parade starts at Erv Taylor Avenue at the rear of business district and ends at the cemetery. All entries welcome. There will be a program at the cemetery. Speaker: Dwain Dennis, Ionia County Sheriff

BOWNE CENTER

Monday, May 26, 8:00 p.m. - Meet at the Bowne Cemetery, corner of Alden Nash (M-50) & 84th St. Service will be held followed by a 21-gun salute and taps.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

20th Annual Memorial Day Celebration and Bridge Walk Monday, May 26, 2008

7:00 - 10:00 Pancake breakfast - Fire Station

11:00 - 11:45 Memorial Service, Speaker, Senator Bill Hardiman

11:45 - 12:00 Bridge walk & foot parade - Grattan Center Cemetery across bridge. Shuttle available.

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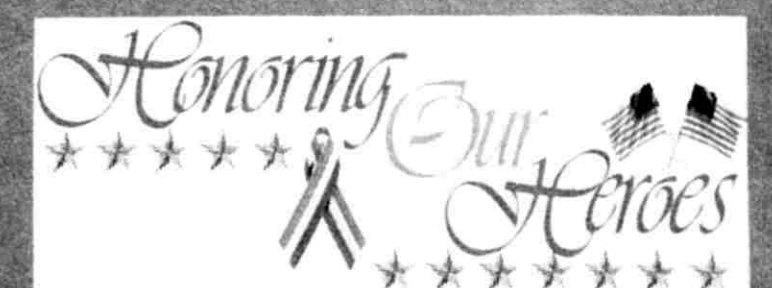
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back to Korea for a while. Johnson said that the time when he was drafted was a compelling one. "When everybody's drafted, there's this enthusiasm and support for the war."

He said it hasn't really been like that since, although things are turning around. "People are finally realizing that it's the government, not the servicemen."

Johnson traveled to the

central Pacific in WWII, with stops in Saipan and Iwo Jima, as well as being near Japan during the dropping of the atomic bombs. He was a second-class fire controlman, working on computers.

Johnson described a typhoon that sunk his sister ship, with waves that were "75-feet high. That was probably the scariest time - the weather, not the combat, because [fighting is] what

you're supposed to do."

In 1949, he married his high school sweetheart, Donna, who worked as a nurse in Hawaii.

Johnson still attend reunions with his shipmates, which he said there are around 25 servicemen out of around 300 left. "Anyone who served in the service are very proud of what they do."

When he thinks of his time in the Navy and remembering WWII vets, he said, "we're not heroes, we just served with them."

Sam Yeiter,
Army Colonel

Yeiter graduated from Lowell High School in 1935 and went to Michigan State University, where he was head cheerleader and All-American in 1940.

When Yeiter entered the service, he only had a couple of months of training, and then was "thrown in there". He was sent to North Africa because the German field marshal, Erwin Rommel (known as the "Desert Fox") and his troops were being driven into Tunisia and Algeria by the Brits. Yeiter said Rommel was "trying to

get all of the Mediterranean, and we were trying to deny him access."

The final battle was at the CASARENE PASS, where Yeiter said "we were the only ones able to stop him. He got through the pass, but we started the artillery, and he was defeated."

Of Yeiter's many accomplishments in North Africa, he said he was defeated only twice, and only lost two men.

After the triumph in North Africa, he was sent to Italy for two years, and was CCB in the 1st Armor Division. He said he had to move South to North in the central part of Italy.

When the war was over, Yeiter went to Fort Knox in Kentucky to write manuals, which was the basis for combat. He then went back to Europe - this time Greece - to teach the Greek Army tactics for one year, and then to Salzburg, Austria, for intelligence work close to enemy lines. They were planning evacuations, in case the war continued up there.

He said all of his time over there "put me beautifully through Europe, but it's not as though we were tourists there."

After his time in the service, Yeiter worked as a Tupperware salesman for 40 years, helping with Tupperware parties. He also adopted "two German babies", and was married to his first wife Ida, who died after 49 years of marriage. His second wife, Jeanette, brought a stepson and stepdaughter.

Glenn Marks,
combat Medic in the First Army in Germany



Chaplin Glenn Marks places a flag at a veteran's grave in Oakwood Cemetery.

Marks was part of a four-man team to go with infantry unit, expecting heavy casualties to evacuate the wounded. He was with the first troops that entered Germany in the Battle of the Bulge. He was with the first troops to cross the Rhine River into mainland Germany at least seven times, which he said if things had been "a little different, I would have been killed or wounded."

After the war, he spent seven months helping care for wounded German soldiers and returning them to their homes. When he returned to the U.S., he attended college on the G.I. Bill. He married wife Norma Jean 57 years ago, and

has four children, and 14 grandchildren. Together, the couple has spent 53 years in the ministry, and started five new churches. The most recent is Evergreen Missionary Church east of Lowell in the Eastgate addition. He is now chaplain of the local VFW post.



Tech Sgt. Dave Coons and Col. Sam Yeiter at Oakwood Cemetery.

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REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12, 2008

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA - The Board approved the addition of an agenda item to go into closed session to discuss negotiations.

REPORTS -
Winter Color Guard Exit 52 and Almost Home
Sharon MacDermaid reported that on April 5, Exit 52 and Almost Home traveled to Saginaw Valley State University for the 33rd Annual Michigan Color Guard Circuit State Championship. Both groups came home with gold medals. The High School Winter Guard, Exit 52, became the 2008 AA class champion. The Middle School flag line, Almost Home, became the 2008 flag line champion. In addition to receiving first place honors, five team members received scholarships from the Michigan Color Guard Circuit to cover membership dues for the 2009 season.

C.I.M.S.
Jonathan Schelke, Director of Special Education, presented information regarding the Continuous Improvement Monitoring System (C.I.M.S.) that has been implemented by LAS to ensure the early intervention for special education services.

ACTION ITEMS -
The Board accepted the following gifts:
• Tawney Consulting donation of \$300 for the Lowell Lacrosse Team.
• Carol Briggs donation of a sand and water table valued at \$30 to be used for the Early Childhood Playground.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:
• Minutes for the April 21, 2008 Regular Meeting, the April 21, 2008 Closed Session and the April 28, 2008 Board Workshop minutes.
• The following payment of bills for April 2008:
GENERAL FUND.....\$1,048,451.04
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
A. Food Service Fund.....\$101,238.37
B. Athletic Fund.....\$6,643.95
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$36,189.13
1990 Debt Fund.....\$3,355,020.00
2000 Debt Fund.....\$359,450.01
2005 Debt Fund.....\$266,118.75
2007 Debt Fund.....\$171,791.73
2007 Construction Fund.....\$69,884.15
• Approval of Handbooks
BUDGET UPDATE - John Zielinski reported that minor budget adjustments and final assumptions for the 2008-09 school year will take place after the May 16 revenue consensus meeting. A formal budget hearing for the 2008-09 budget will be held on June 9 at 6:30 p.m. John also reported that the payment of bills for April is higher than most months due to debt fund payments.
CURRICULUM UPDATE - Roger Bearup reported that he spent time with the Middle School teachers to develop Power Standards. A County-wide forum on Power Standards will be held on June 17 and 18. Roger also reported that all four Elementary Schools and the Middle School made Adequate Yearly Progress and earned an A

grade. The district's Cherry Creek Principal interview committee met on May 12 and will interview several candidates on May 19. The screening process for the Alto Principal position has begun and interviews will start in early June.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt started out by thanking the community and staff for their cooperation and understanding during the construction process. He reported that construction is underway at the Middle School with the replacement of the roof; construction crews are running a second shift to help speed along the process. Mr Pratt also discussed the changes that are happening with technology this summer. Alto Elementary will receive fiber and the district server room will get upgraded. Over the next three years each school will receive all new multi-media, including projectors and teacher computers for each classroom.
UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Board Workshop - Monday, May 19, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room
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Regular Board Meeting - Monday, June 9, 2008
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- Coach Bob Rodenhouse

Softball team ties with Northview for second in OK-White

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The Arrows are now 16-11 overall, with a 9-3 record in the OK-White, good enough to get them in second place standing with rival Northview.

Lowell vs. Hudsonville
Last Monday, the team traveled to Hudsonville for a doubleheader and split the games. They lost Game 1 1-0-8, but rallied in the second game to win 3-0.

Hudsonville, ranked No. 4 in the state in Class A, had 13 hits to win the game, as well as a "very good pitcher - Sarah Driesenga", said coach Bob Rodenhouse. The Arrows' only hit of the game came from Jessica Meyer.

Game 2 was a different story for Lowell. Lauren Dood limited Hudsonville to four hits in an eight-inning game. The Arrows scored all three runs in the top of the eighth inning to win.

Rodenhouse said he was pleased with Dood's cool under pressure. Hudsonville had people on base in almost every inning, he said, "but Dood did a nice job." The team recorded no errors, which is something they've been working on improving all season.

In a great defensive game, Beth Lyckoff had a

big play in the fifth inning, after a Hudsonville player hit a triple with only one out. Lyckoff got the next out and kept the runner on third base.

The Arrows also improved their hitting in the second game. Lyckoff had a bunt base hit, Ellie Timpson had a bunt base hit, Katie McElroy fisted a ball over the third basemen's head, Monica Vigil had a base hit, and Samantha Mundt had a base hit with two RBI, after Hudsonville drew the infield in.

Rodenhouse said he was "pleased that we walked away with the win. It was probably the best game of the year so far - it was a great win for us."

Lowell vs. EGR
The Arrows went up against the Pioneers on Tuesday, winning their second match-up 8-1.

Vigil had two hits, with a triple and two RBI; Mundt had two hits, with three RBI; and Cassie Decator had two hits. The Arrows scored five runs in the fourth inning, and Dood won the game.

"She pitched well," Rodenhouse said. "We did what we had to do."

Lowell vs. Kenowa Hills
In their fourth game in three days, the Arrows won 9-4 against conference

opponent Kenowa Hills. Bailey Allen won the game. She went six innings, and gave up four hits and two runs.

The Arrows had four triples for the day. Meyer had a triple with two base hits; Lyckoff had three hits with a single, double and triple; and McElroy and Mundt each had two hits and one triple.

Lowell vs. Northview
For the second place title in the league, Lowell won one and lost one at the doubleheader in Northview, to tie their opponent for the runner-up spot.

In Game 1, the Arrows lost 2-8. Rodenhouse said their opponent scored early and kept the momentum, and they couldn't keep up.

"We didn't hit the ball very well that game, we weren't ready to play," he said. Meyer had two hits in the game.

In Game 2, Rodenhouse said the Arrows "turned it around" and won 7-4.

They started the game off with a bang, with five runs in the first inning. Vigil, Ashley Nawrocki and Meyer all had hits, while Kristin Nagy had a groundout that brought in a runner.

In the second inning, McElroy had a base hit, while Mundt drove her home with a base hit.

In the sixth inning, McElroy had a base hit (with a wild pitch getting her to third and then home).

Rodenhouse said Dood stood her ground when Northview got within two runs of the Arrows. "Dood shut them out, and retired 10-11 hitters," he said. Dood, who is now 9-2 (5-0 in the conference), "pitched well. She keeps it nice and low."



(Top): Monica Vigil (10) sprints to first after a base hit. (Below): Cassie Decator (17) gets an out at first base as catcher Ashley Nawrocki (13) looks on.

(Far left): Bailey Allen (15) winds up for a pitch against Kenowa Hills.



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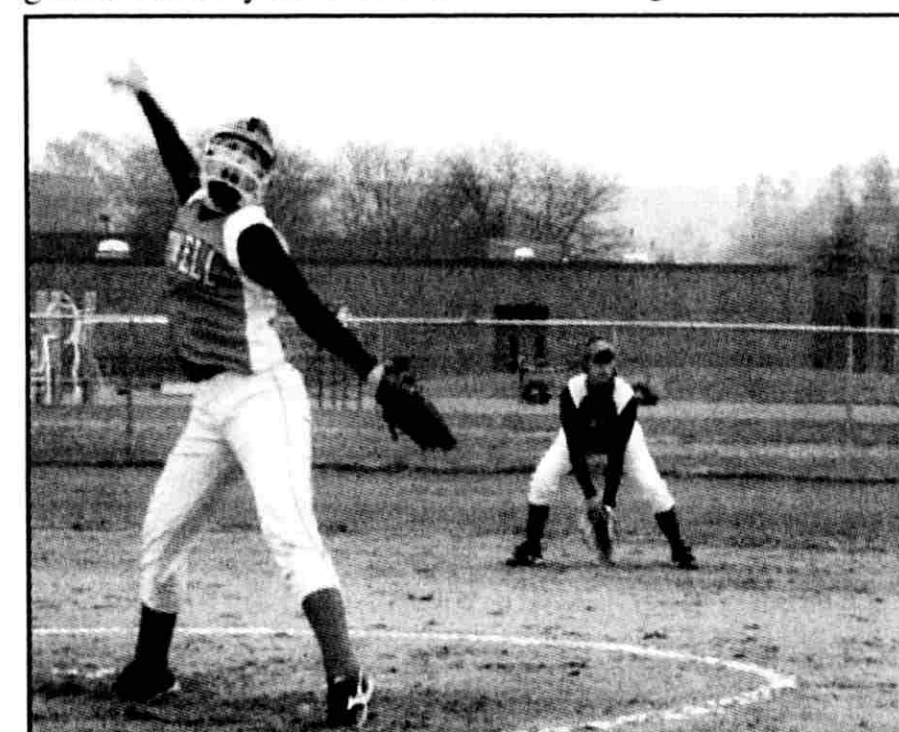
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Lowell tennis takes third in regional, fourth in conference

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Lowell took third of ten schools at the regional tournament, narrowly missing qualifying for state by two points.

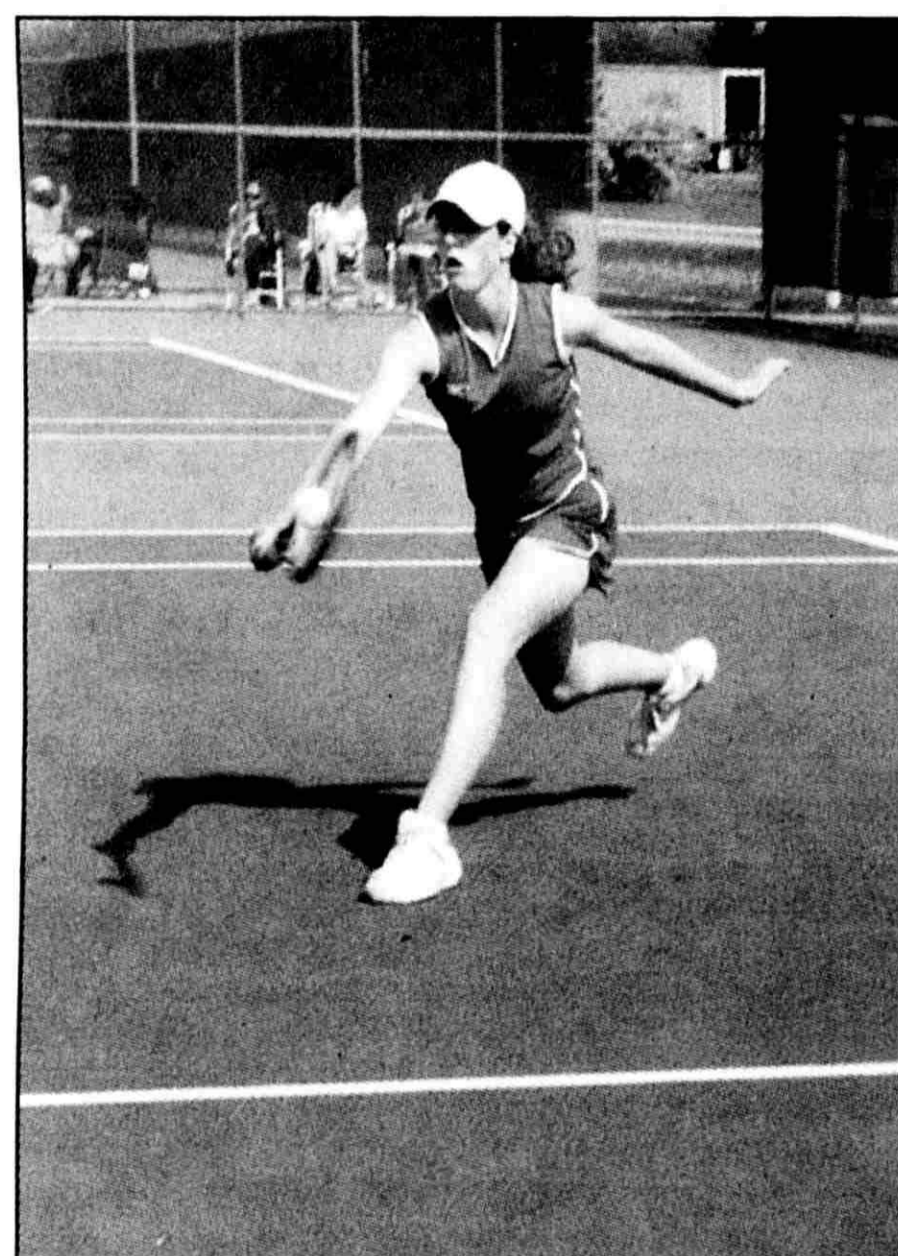
No. 1 singles player Kelly Trapp qualified for state finals by taking second at the tournament, with a 23-6 record overall. No. 2 singles Melissa Zuiderveen and No. 4 singles Tanya Baker also reached the finals and took second place. No. 3 singles Lauren Heemstra and the No. 3 doubles team of Patty Lawrence and Taylor Menkel reached the semifinals.

At the conference meet, the Arrows took fourth place. Lowell was tied for second with Forest Hills Central and Caledonia going into the tournament.

The Arrows beat Kenowa Hills 8-0, but then lost to East Grand Rapids 0-8. Trapp made it to the finals at No. 1 singles, before losing to Ellen Silver of 1-6, 0-6.

No. 2 singles Zuiderveen took third. No. 3 singles Heemstra took fourth and No. 4 singles Baker took fourth. The No. 2 doubles team of Leara Glinzak and Caitlin Baker and the No. 3 doubles team of Patty Lawrence and Taylor Menkel each took fourth. The No. 1 doubles team of Katrina Schollaart and Megan Willemstein took fifth, as did No. 4 doubles Becca Happle and Heather Walendzik.

The Arrows also won against non-conference team Lakewood last week, 6-2. The team's overall record is



Freshman Kelly Trapp is headed to state finals at No. 1 singles.

8-3-1, while being 4-2 in the conference.

At No. 1 singles, Trapp defeated Chelsea Bickford 6-0, 6-1; at No. 2 singles, Zuiderveen defeated Kasey Flannery 6-0, 6-1; at No. 3 singles, MacKenzie Chase of Lakewood defeated Heemstra 6-4, 6-4; at No. 4 singles, Baker defeated Michelle Bulling 61, 6-0.

In a thriller, the No. 1 doubles team of Willemstein/

Schollaart defeated Danielle Graham/Addie Hunter 4-6, 5-2, 7-6(6); at No. 2 doubles Leara Glinzak/Caitlin Baker defeated Amber Chase/Lizzie Studt 6-2, 6-0; at No. 3 doubles, Lawrence/Mankel defeated Sarah France/Morgan Mitchell 6-4, 7-6(3); at No. 4 doubles Walendzik/Happle lost to Abbie Haskin/Orianna Ramos 6-4, 6-4.

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7th grade track gets second place in the conference

Submitted by Jayne Mathews

Last Thursday was the final meet for the Lowell Middle School 7th grade girls' track team. Lowell finished second in the conference meet, with only one point separating Lowell from the first place team.

Lowell swept the pole vault, with Abi Ellis taking second and Maranda Johnson taking first, with a 6-foot vault. Mattie Newman threw an outstanding 34 feet in the shot put, taking first. In the high jump, Jordan Johnson finished fourth and Danielle Ordway took first, jumping 4-feet, 2-inches. In the long jump, Lowell took fourth with Delainey Ferguson, jumping 14-feet, 11-inches, and Michelle Foote took fourth with a jump of 13-feet, 11-inches. Ellis took fourth in the 55-meter hurdles. Taking fourth place in the 1600-meter run was Skylar Anderson. In the



100-meter dash, Ordway took fifth, while Ferguson took second. Foote took first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:07. Lowell took fourth place in the 3200-meter relay, sixth in the 1600-meter relay, and third in the 400-meter relay. Ferguson sprinted in the 70-meter dash to a first place finish, with a time of 9.52. Ellis placed sixth and

Johnson placed fourth in the 200-meter hurdles. Foote took third in the 200-meter dash.

The 8th grade girls track team placed seventh in their conference meet last Wednesday. Overall season, the entire LMS girls' track team came in second under Forest Hills Eastern, again losing by one point at their dual meet earlier in May.

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Lacrosse gets two wins and three losses in last week of regular season

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The Arrows defeated Zealand 7-3 and Northview 13-10, but lost their leading scorer, Joel Morgan, to a leg injury. The team lost to Forest Hills Eastern 2-20, Catholic Central 4-5 in overtime and Caledonia 2-6.

The Caledonia game saw Lowell receive 19 penalties to the Scots' five. Coach Eric Bredin said the

good news that came out of that game was that "our 'man down' (penalty killing) unit did outstanding. Hats off to all of our longpoles and our goalie, Roman Tapia. I've never coached a team that has been penalized that many more minutes than the opponent."

Bredin said the team was a class act during the game. "In my opinion, we played hard and fair and I thought our boys played with class.

We didn't capitalize on the offensive opportunities when we had them - and when you're penalized as much as we were, every opportunity counts."

Regionals take place today at Haslett High School at 4 p.m.

(Right): Abe McIntire (39) makes a tough grab against Zealand Tuesday.



(Below): Alex Vera (55) turns his body away from an opponent.



(Top): Jon Woods (28) scoops up the ball against Zealand Tuesday night.



Boys and girls' track finish season at regionals

The boys track team finished 12th at the regional meet held at Lowell High School with a score of 7.5.

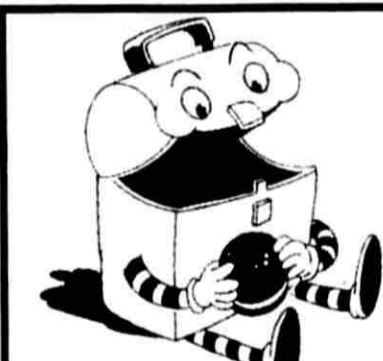
Spencer Sellner took fourth place in the high jump with a height of 6-feet, 1-inch. Dylan McElveen took sixth in the 200-meter run with a time of 22.68 seconds.

The girls track team

finished 8th at the regional meet with a score of 32.

Richelle Kimble took sixth in pole vault with a height of 9-feet, 6-inches. Amy VanEns took third in the high jump, with a height of 5-feet, 2-inches. Kimble took fourth in the long jump, with a jump of 16-feet, 2 3/4-inches. Jasmine Holliman took fourth in discus, with

a throw of 104-feet, 7-inches. Lowell took sixth in the 3200-meter relay, with a time of 10 minutes, 41 seconds. Kallie Holzhueter took sixth in the 800 meters, with a time of 2 minutes, 27.33 seconds. Lowell finished sixth in the 1600-meter relay, with a time of 4 minutes, 18 seconds.



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FRI: Bushnell Field Day. Baked chicken nuggets & dinner roll, oven potatoes, assorted fruit, milk.

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