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Volunteers install new playground at Richards Park

The Lowell Chapter of Rotary International installed the new playground equipment at Richards Park on Friday and Saturday, August 14 and 15. The swing set has two toddler seats and four regular swings. The large play structure has a double slide and a "Typhoon" slide that is over 9 feet tall as well as other activities including a climbing wall. The X-Wave is a modern version of a teeter-totter that doubles as a balance beam.

About 70 volunteers worked to remove the existing 50+ year old equipment, prepare the site, and install the new equipment over several days. Many community members came

out to work side by side with Rotarians including about a dozen Lowell High School football team members. The camaraderie of shared work and community pride showed in the smiles and fellowship among the workers who ranged in age from teenagers to stalwart 80+ year olds.

This project has been the main focus of the Lowell Rotary Club's fundraising and local community service efforts this year. No tax money or other public funds are being used for this renovation. In addition to the funds raised by Rotary through its bi-annual auction and on-going paver sales, the State Farm Community Foundation and Rotary International

District 6210 supported the purchase of the equipment with grant money. Generous local businesses provided in-kind outright donations of labor, use of equipment, and materials at cost to help make the project possible including Bieri Brothers Excavation, Lowell Granite, King Milling, Ace Hardware, Lowell Light and Power, Buskirk Lumber, and Self-Serve Lumber.

The Lowell Rotary Club will complete the Richards Park makeover this fall with the purchase and installation of removable skateboarding equipment that will be placed in the ice-skating rink during the warmer

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Revised lighting ordinance to shield residents from floodlights

by Emma Palova

The Vergennes Township Planning Commission recommended amendments to the

lighting ordinance to the township board for approval Monday night.

Following many months in the works, the major changes pertain

to floodlights, and some restrictions apply to coach lights.

According to the proposed standards, flood lighting may not intrude

on neighboring properties. Flood lighting must be shielded and directed downward; regular lights should be partially shielded with colored glass.

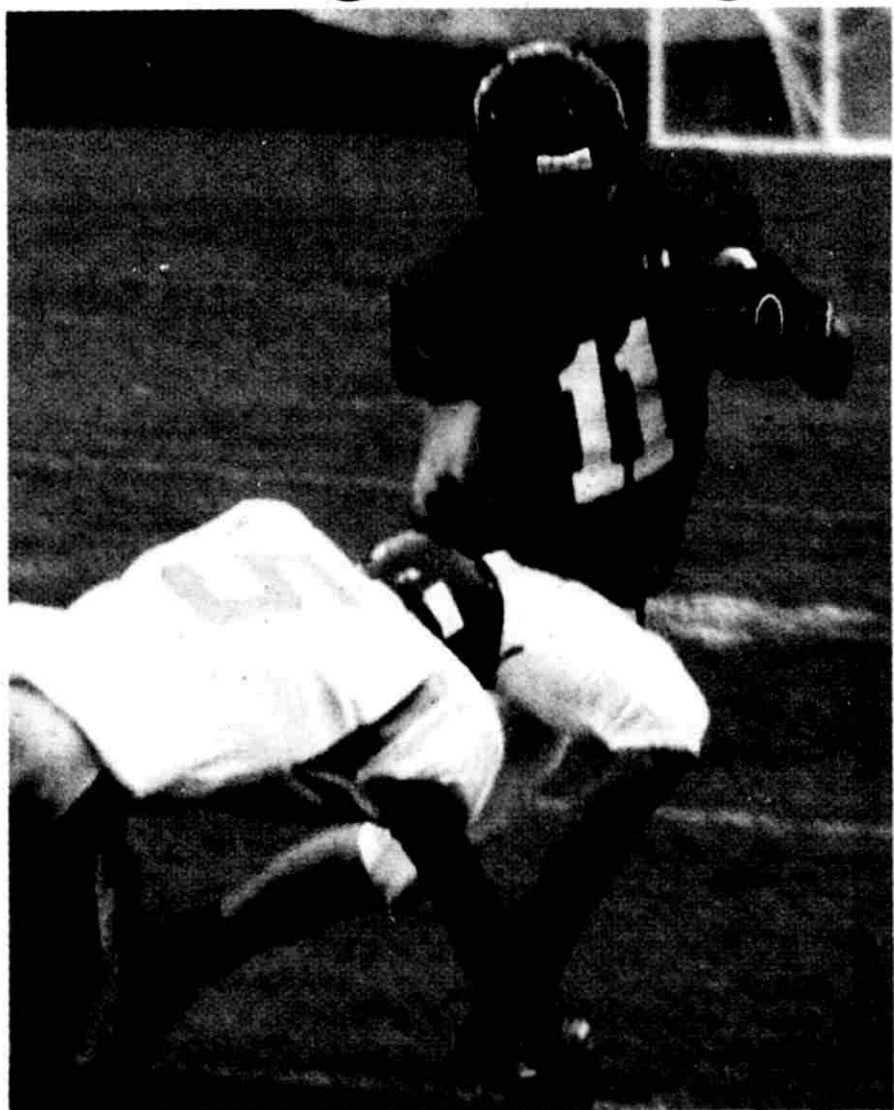
Some local builders opposed the proposal mainly in the area of decorative lighting.

Chairman Scott Jernberg said the revised ordinance is

not more restrictive, but it only has been arranged in wording.

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Let the games begin ... Red Arrows grind out a 35-6 win in opener



by Thad Kraus

The last time Gabe Dean felt nerves close to this was prior to his regional wrestling match in Greenville.

Then, it was just him with his teammates looking on.

Friday night, it was the sophomore under center for the first time with his teammates there to lend plenty of support.

In both scenarios things turned out okay.

Dean and his Red Ar-

rows turned in a workman-like season-opening performance in posting a 35-6 win over Detroit Mumford.

"I was pretty nervous prior to the game. But there is great leadership on this team. I got a lot of support from Austin (Graham), my line and my wide outs," Dean explained. He also got a high five from coach Noel Dean prior to the game.

However, the sophomore quarterback was focusing on his teammates afterwards. "Those guys made me look good," Dean said.

Through the air, he was 9-of-13 for 139 yards, a touchdown and one interception. "I never should have thrown the pass that was intercepted or I should have thrown it out of bounds."

The pass that settled Dean down - no, as he puts it, the reception that settled him down was a 30-yard pass-and-catch to Derek Cornish. "That was a real nice catch on Cornish's part," Dean explained.

Dean also rushed for 105 yards. But when it mattered, it was Graham who punished and wore down the Mustangs with his running.

Graham took the ball

32 times, 18 in the second half, churning up a game-high 168 yards and three touchdowns.

"I thought our offensive line took over the game and Austin just wears you down. We're a grind it out team. There's only an upside to that situation," Lowell coach Noel Dean explained.

Lowell finished with 309 yards on the ground.

As for the play of his young quarterback, "Gabe did things out there that allowed us to maintain possession," Lowell's coach said. "He did okay and will

Red Arrow wide out Derek Cornish (11) caught five passes for 88 yards and scored a touchdown in Lowell's 35-6 win over Detroit Mumford.

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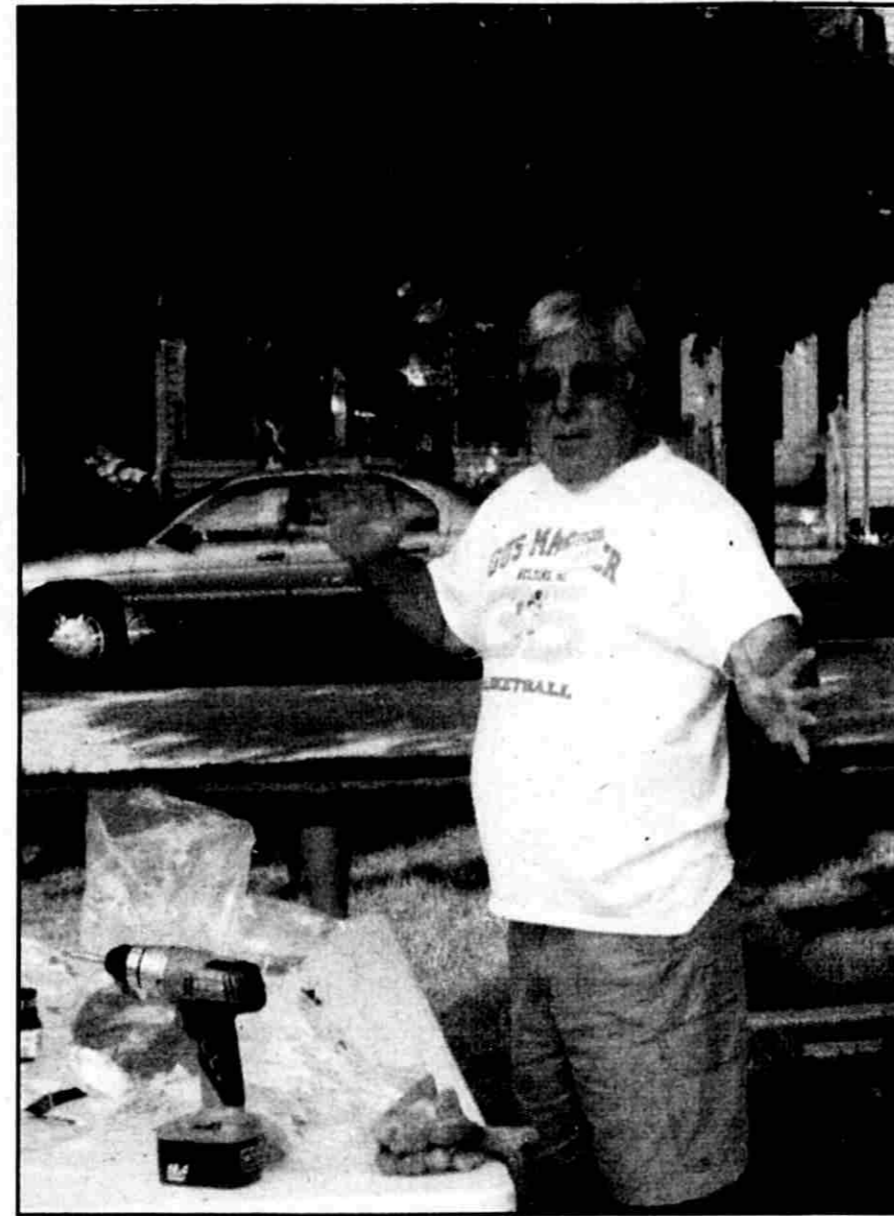
months, making this area useful year-round. Grants from the Look Foundation, the Lowell Area Cable TV Endowment Fund, the Lowell Arbor Committee, and the Lowell Area Community Fund through the First Congregational Church and Our Love Skate Park group will cover 80 percent of the costs of the skateboard equipment. The rest of the money is being raised by Lowell Rotary through the sale of engraved granite pavers which will be installed as a permanent border around the new playground area.

Individuals and businesses in the Lowell Community are invited to help with the renovation of Richards Park by purchasing a paver for a tax-deductible donation of \$100 or more. The pavers are 6" x 12" granite with up to three lines of inscription, and

16 characters per line of engraving. Order forms are available from Scott McDowell at All Weather Seal (897-7300), or ask any Rotarian. Rotary is an international service organization made up of business and professional people. The Lowell Chapter was formed in 1932, and meets weekly.



Theresa Mundt, above, and Dick Bryon were two of the many volunteers "digging in" at Richards Park.



A FEW NOTABLE EVENTS FROM AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 2 • 2009

- Deadly California wildfire threatens 10,000 homes. The 45,000 acre fire, which is five percent contained, is being fueled by dry air.
- Walt Disney Co. announced, Monday, that it has agreed to purchase comic book and action hero company, Marvel Entertainment, for about \$4 billion.
- Chula Vista, California came from behind to beat Taoyuan, Taiwan to claim the Little League World Series crown on Sunday.
- U.S. government reportedly has hauled in about \$4 billion in profits from large banks that have repaid their obligations from last year's federal bailouts.
- NBC Today Show has hired Jenna Bush, daughter of former President George W. Bush. An NBC executive states that Jenna will contribute stories on issues like education.
- Toyota Motor said, Monday, it was developing an anti-drunk driving ego that would lock the ignition of a vehicle if high levels of alcohol are detected. The system features a hand-held breathalyzer equipped with a digital camera.
- Ex-Detroit Red Wing, Sergei Fedorov, wins the lawsuit against the Grosse Pointe Shores man he entrusted to invest \$43 million for him over the past eleven years. The judge ruled Fedorov was entitled to the \$60 million.
- In Georgia, a frantic caller told authorities he came home to find his family members beaten to death with just one barely breathing, according to a 911 call.

Artist creates paintings inspired by Ireland landscapes

by Emma Palova

In her newest series of paintings, inspired by recent stay on the Dingle Peninsula in Ireland, Kathleen Mooney experiments with a layering process.

The paintings created in Ireland are now on display and for sale at the Fire and Water Art Gallery on Main Street in Lowell.

The peninsula landscapes with steep cliffs, rocks, dark soil and beaches, provided an ideal setting for the subtle abstracts created by Mooney.

"Traveling to Ireland each year is an important part of my artist's life," said Mooney. "The stimulation of the beauty in the environment and the artists who gather for the spring art festival gives me inspiration and fire."

Her 2009 trip included a climb up Mount Eagle, a visit to the international artists' retreat, and an invitation to join a troupe of traveling street theatre performers."

Based on the trip, Mooney created 31 original paintings and a book.

'Ireland-Cliffs, Rocks and Fields.'

Mooney sketched on the cliffs with beautiful vistas on the ocean.

"You feel like you can see the earth curve," said Mooney.

When using the layering process, Mooney first sets out the watercolor papers. Then she mixes her blues and greens. She pours it on the first paper, picks it up and lets the water drip off on the second one and so forth, on all 31.

Once the papers are

dried, she uses tempera paints and simple cards to make lines and passages that would be too tedious to paint. She uses white gesso to create a horizon and the sky by dragging it over the existing paints for depth.

It took her 2.5 weeks to make the 31 layered paintings. She always assesses her composition for balance of colors, and if there is enough richness and quiet spaces.

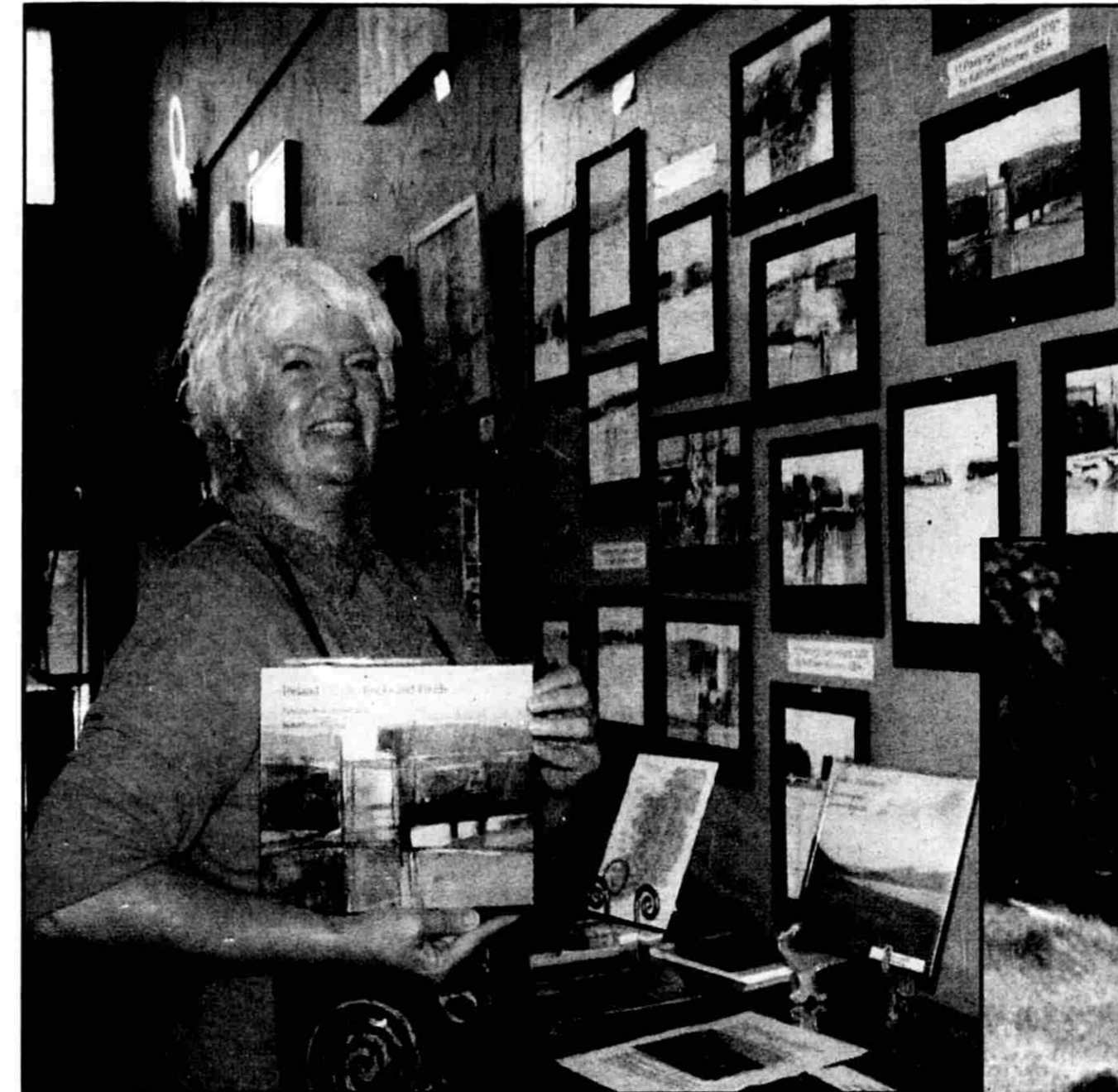
As an artist, she has evolved from bright hot colors to subtle neutrals of layered abstracts.

"Layers are my thing," she said. "I will continue to do that."

Mooney is a signature member of the International Society of Experimental Artists, and the owner of the Fire and Water Art Gallery. She is continuously inspired by the 25 displaying artists.

Her book, 'Ireland-Cliffs, Rocks and Fields' is available at the gallery. She offers classes by appointment.

For more information go to www.fire-and-water-art.com or call 890-1879.



Kathleen Mooney with her book 'Ireland-Cliffs, Rocks and Fields, Paintings in Ireland 2009' and painting in Ireland.



FALL HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDE
It's Home Improvement Time!
FALL HOME IMPROVEMENT SECTION
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Pink Arrow officials are reminding the community to wear new 2009 cyber pink Arrow Force II t-shirts in order to get free in and out privileges.

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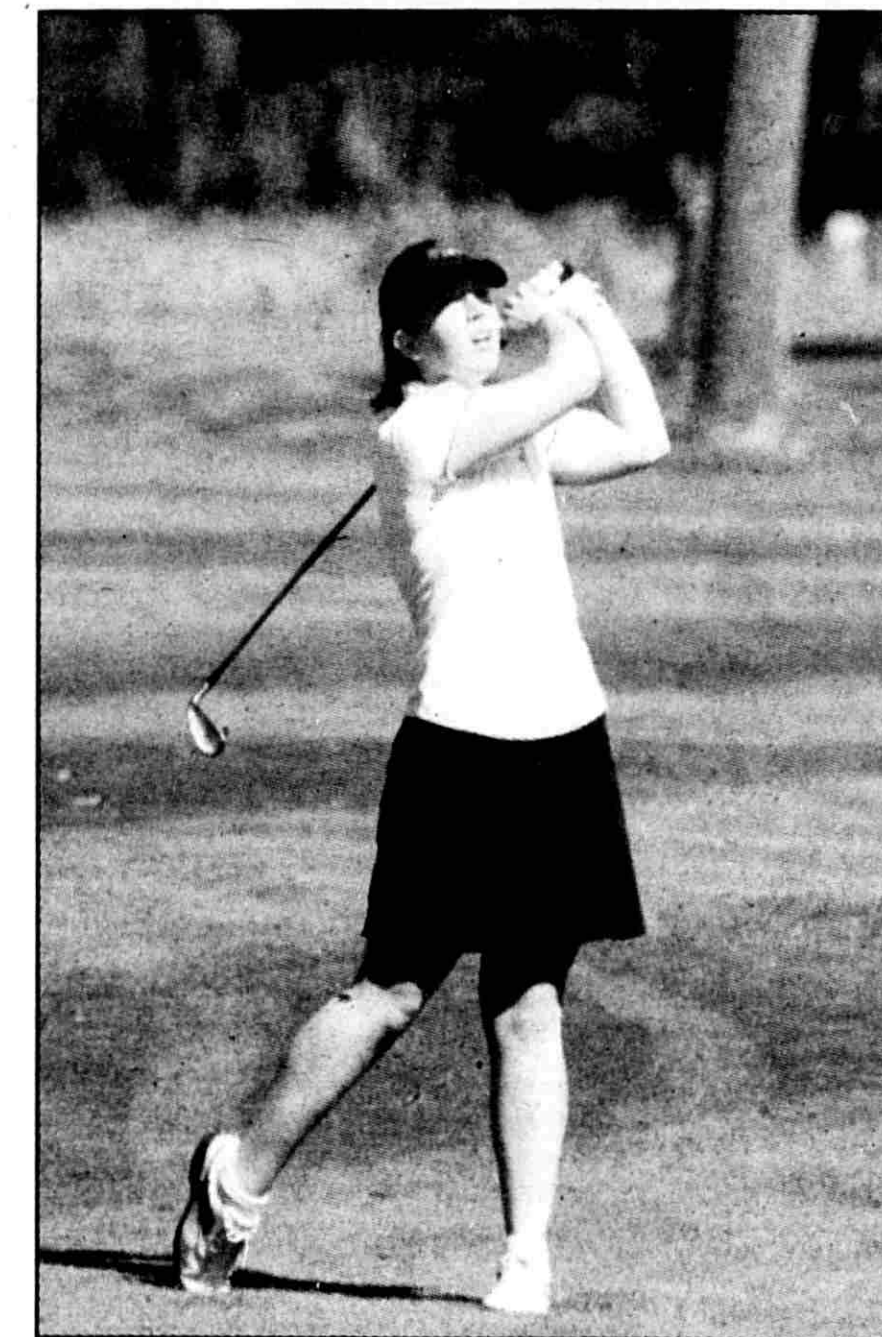
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Red Arrow
SPORTS

Lowell linksters place fifth at preconference tourney



by Thad Kraus

If there was any doubt that 2009 was a rebuilding year for the Lowell girls' team, the preconference tourney probably removed all doubt.

An inexperienced Red Arrow golf team struggled en route to a fifth-place finish.

Sarah Weaver led all Lowell linksters with a 57. She was followed home by Morgan Groom, 60; Melissa Shepard, 64; and Shelby Herb, 65.

Preseason favorite, Greenville, won the tournament with a team-

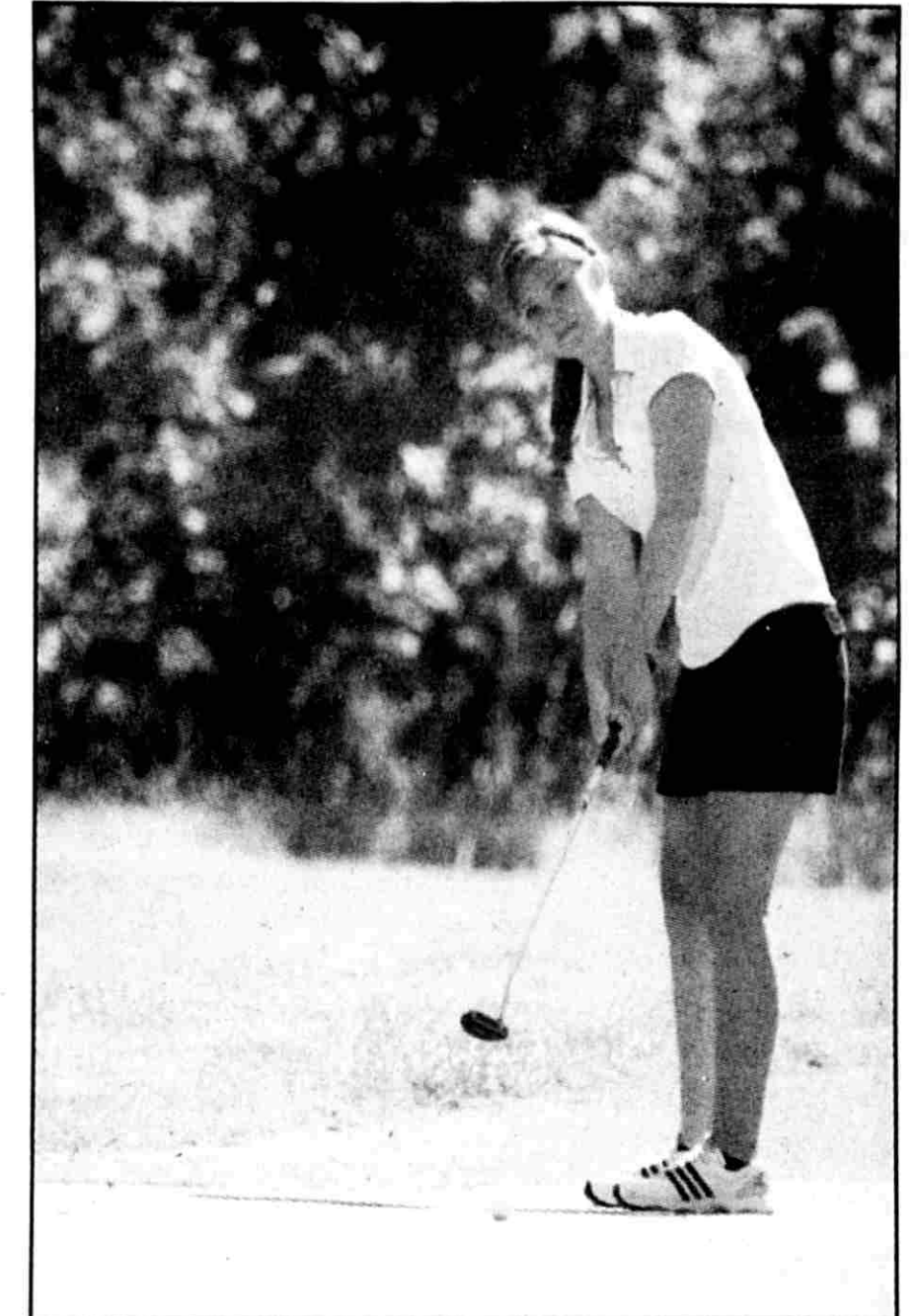
leading 190. East Grand Rapids was second, carding a 200; followed by Grand Rapids Christian, 215; Northview, 233; Lowell, 267; and Creston, 271.

Lowell followed the tourney up with a non-conference dual with league foe Greenville.

The Yellow Jackets bested the Red Arrows 194-267.

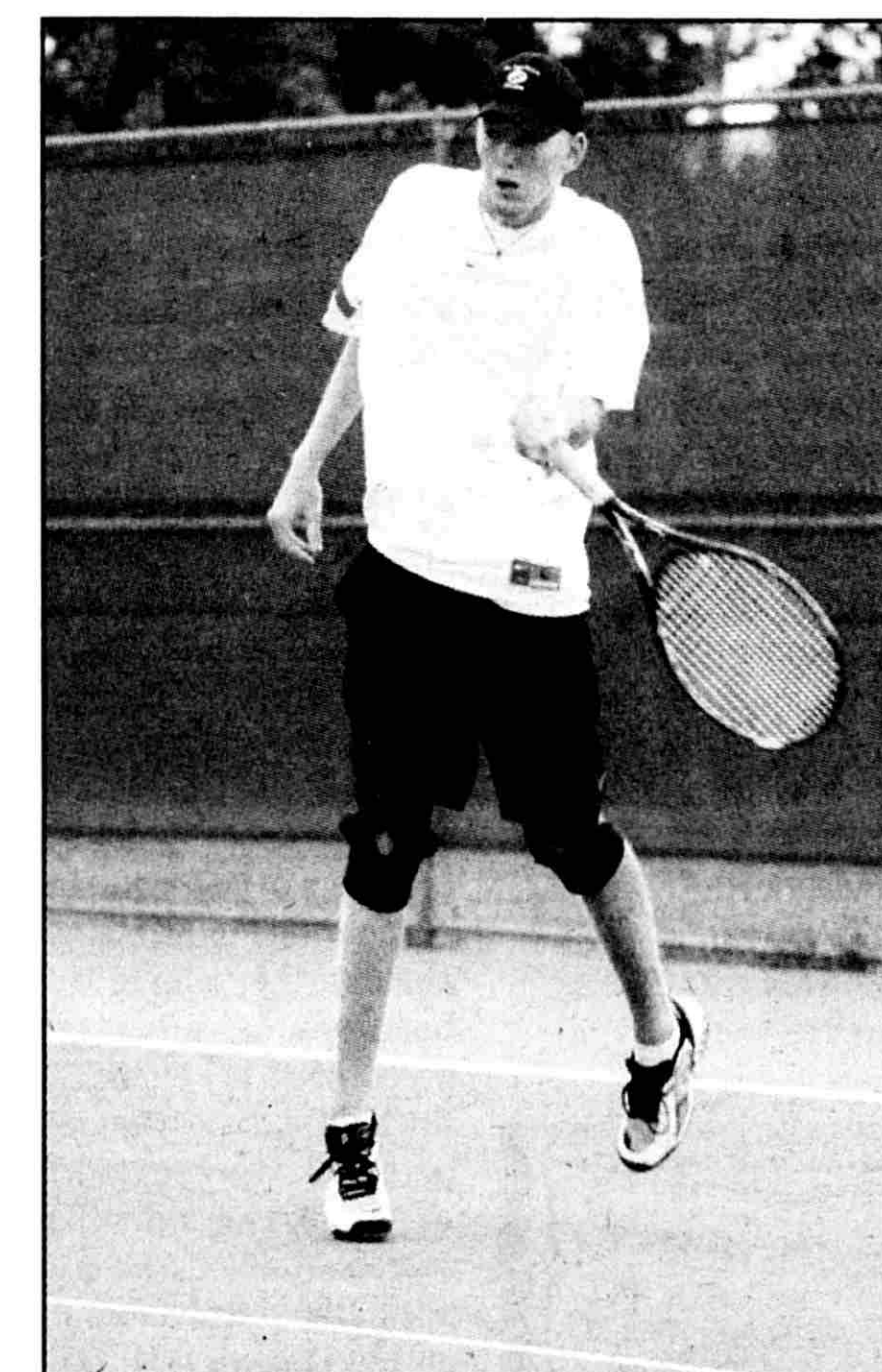
Groom led all Red Arrows with a round of 60. Jenna Ries was second with a 73; Sophia Kohtz shot a 65; and Melissa Shepard carded a 69.

Melissa Shepard finds the green with this iron shot.



Morgan Groom putts on the first hole in action against Greenville.

Lowell netters hammer Hastings



by Thad Kraus

The game of tennis is much easier when you're just better than the opponent.

Lowell boys' tennis team experienced just that in its 8-0 win over Hastings.

"Sometimes when you're playing a team with lesser talent, you slop around out there," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall. "I was glad that wasn't the case. The boys hustled and got the job done."

The Red Arrows did so with better strokes, better hits, and with better players.

"In tennis either you do or you don't," Wall explained. "Today we had more reliable tennis strikes than Hastings."

Lowell found the terrain a little tougher at the Jenison Invitational.

There were four teams (places two through five) within a couple of points of one another.

Standing above the field was tourney champion, Battle Creek Lakeview.

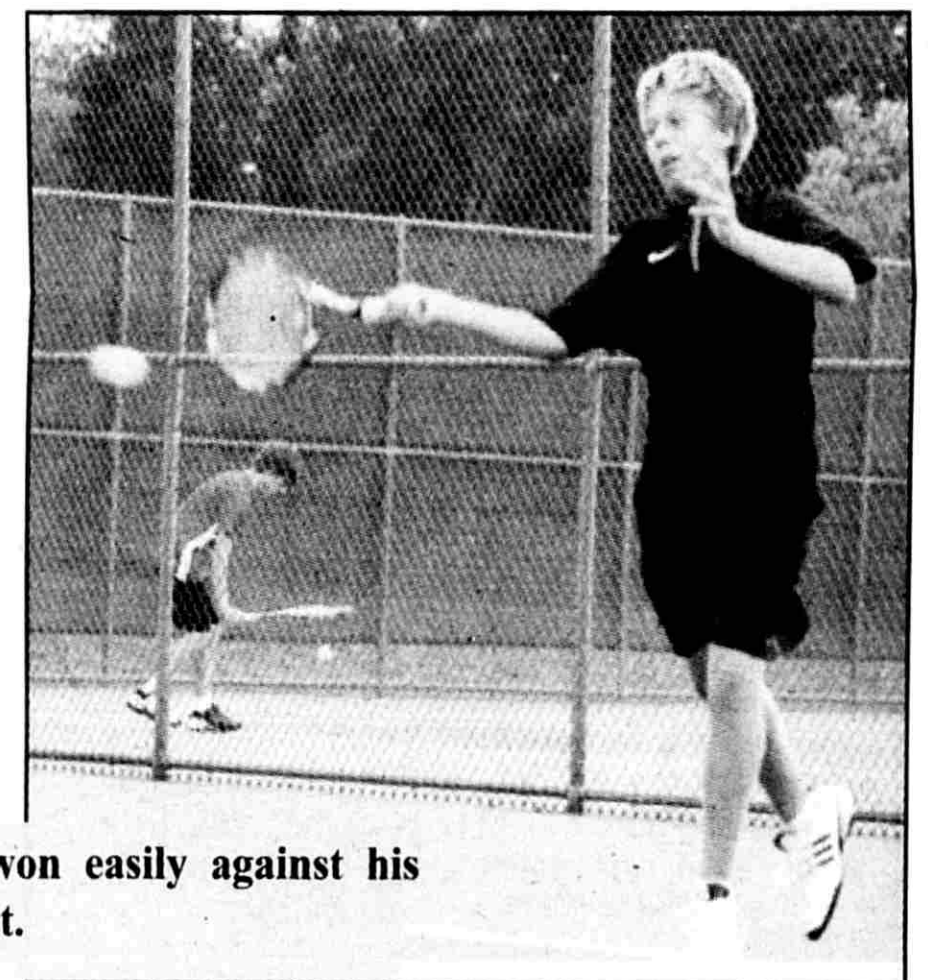
"They just dominated the tournament," Wall said. "Our kids worked hard and gave it their best shot. There were a few close matches that could have gone either way."

Earlier in the week, Lowell had scrimmaged Grandville winning just one match. At Jenison, the Red

Arrows posted victories at third (Isaac Tawney) and fourth singles (Conner Smith), and at second doubles (Micah Babcock and Sean Briggs).

Lowell finished fourth at the Wildcat Invitational.

Cort Thompson won easily against his Hastings' counterpart.



LUNCH MENU
ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of Sept. 7, 2009

MON: Labor Day

TUES: Welcome Back! Hot dog on bun (3 meat sub also offered at Cherry Creek, Alto & Murray Lake), fresh mini carrots, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: Pepperoni pizza (burrito also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), steamed broccoli, warm apple slices, milk.

THURS: Belgian waffle sticks w/syrup or cereal w/ graham crackers & scrambled eggs, fresh fruit/applesauce, milk.

FRI: Beef & cheese nachos (Rib BQ on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad, pineapple, milk.

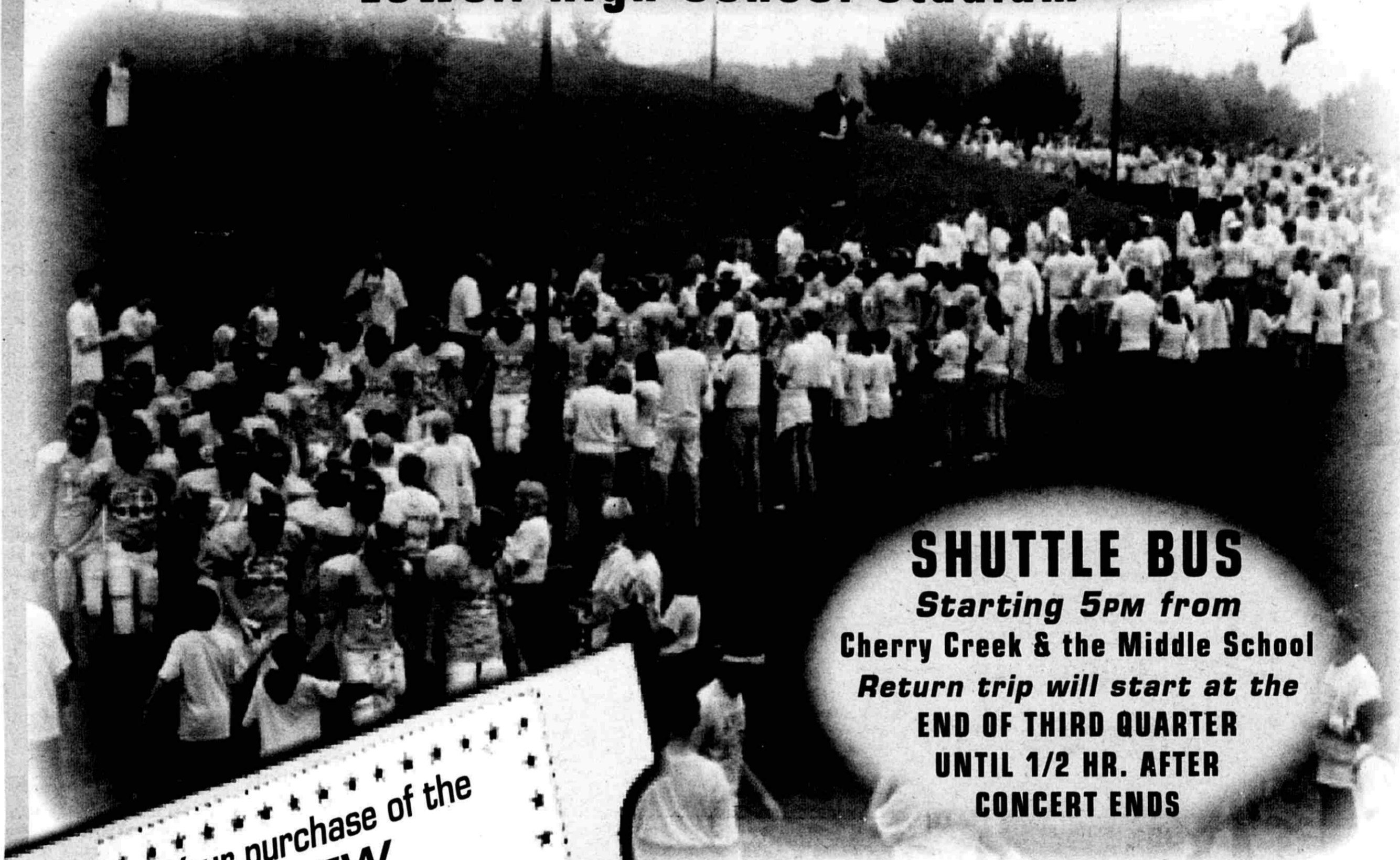
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