

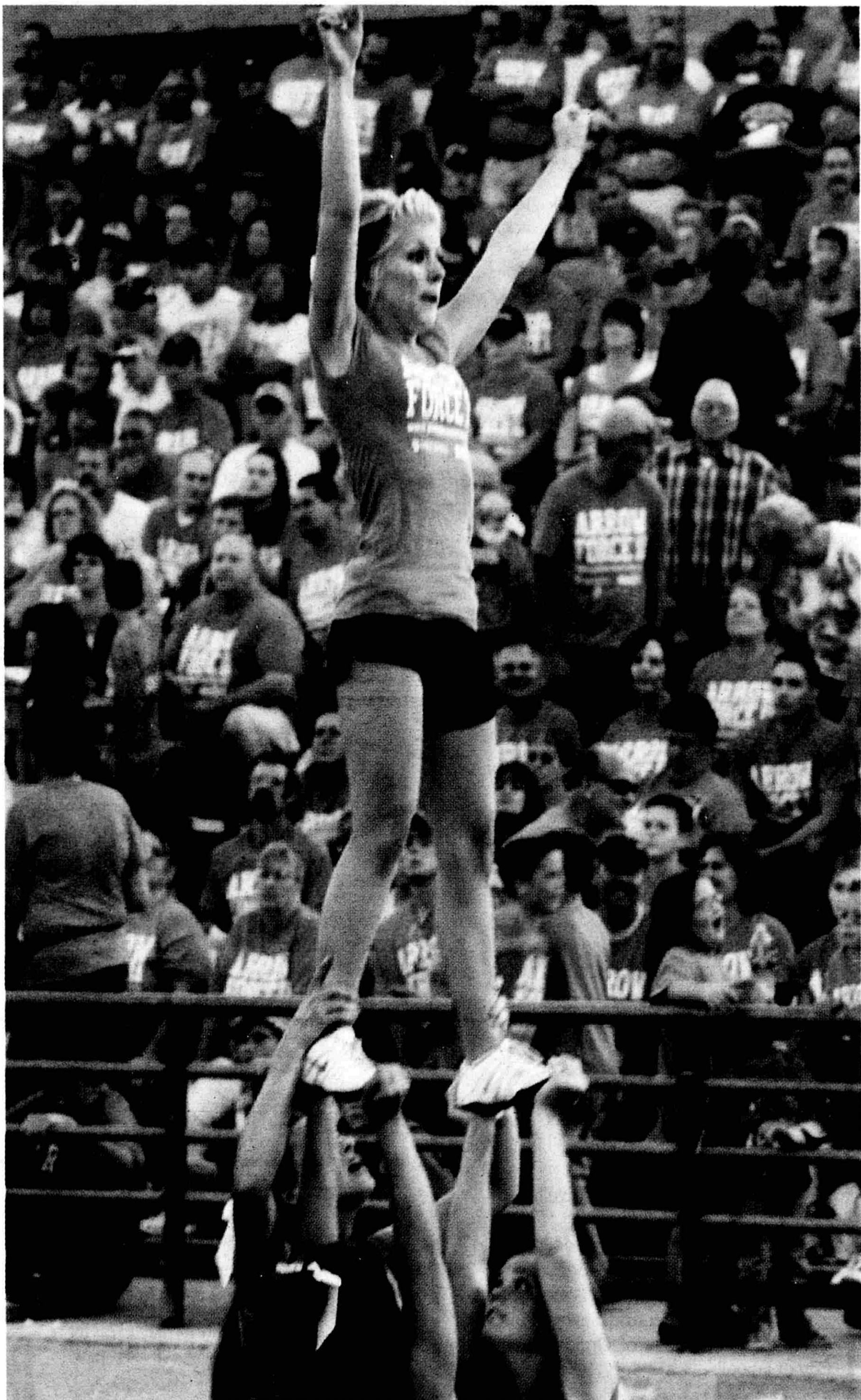


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Hand-in-hand Lowell community encircles the cause

by Thad Kraus

Lowell volleyball coach, Gi Gi Peal, talked about how great it was to be asked to play for something beyond the sport and the scoreboard - to play for the cause.

Following Friday's Pink Arrow event and the Grand Open House of the Gilda's Club and the renovated Senior Neighbors' Center on Sunday, it can be said that Lowell had a whole community "playing for the cause."

The symbolic moment, when 400-plus community members joined hands around the Senior Neighbors' Center/Gilda's Club, spoke to how a community has joined the journey of what cancer patients endure in an effort to bring compassion, awareness, education, and prevention.

"The Pink Arrow event was highly charged emotionally and spoke to cancer awareness," said Pink Arrow project coordinator, Teresa Beachum. "The Grand Open House and renovation brings two fabulous organizations together."

In the future, this will mean free programming on

cancer, grief, support, and bringing speakers to the location funneled through St. Mary's The Lacks Cancer Center.

Lowell football coach, Noel Dean, thought for a moment Friday night, and then, began to speak about grief his family has endured and its personal story of cancer, and the toll it can take.

"I lost my father and my father-in-law," Dean said. "I watched my father-in-law (Al Setzke) deteriorate before my eyes, and it was tough on my wife and on my mother-in-law. He passed away on the morning of the 2000 Hudsonville game. I think about that a lot."

Through the dollars budgeted, in-kind labor, materials and upgrades, the \$50,000 total to enrich the Senior Neighbors' Center will be easily surpassed.

The net figure for the entire Pink Arrow project is unknown, but should be forthcoming over the next couple of weeks.

What is known is that over 7,800 Arrow Force II t-shirts were sold, surpassing last year's mark of 5,400.

"Gifts are still coming in and shirts are still being sold," Beachum said.

Lowell cheerleaders kept the crowd going. More Pink Arrow pics, continued on pages 10 and 11.

Pink power boosts Lowell in win over Union

by Thad Kraus

One might have questioned with all that went on leading up to Friday night's football game against Union, how the Red Arrows managed to keep their focus?

It wasn't their coach. In fact, Noel Dean dismissed that notion out of hand.

"With what others are going through, I think it would be hard to come into this game and not be focused," Dean explained after Lowell's 47-0 shutout over Union.

Before a crowd of nearly 9,000 spectators suited in pink, the football game was the perfect exclamation to

the inspirational Pink Arrow event.

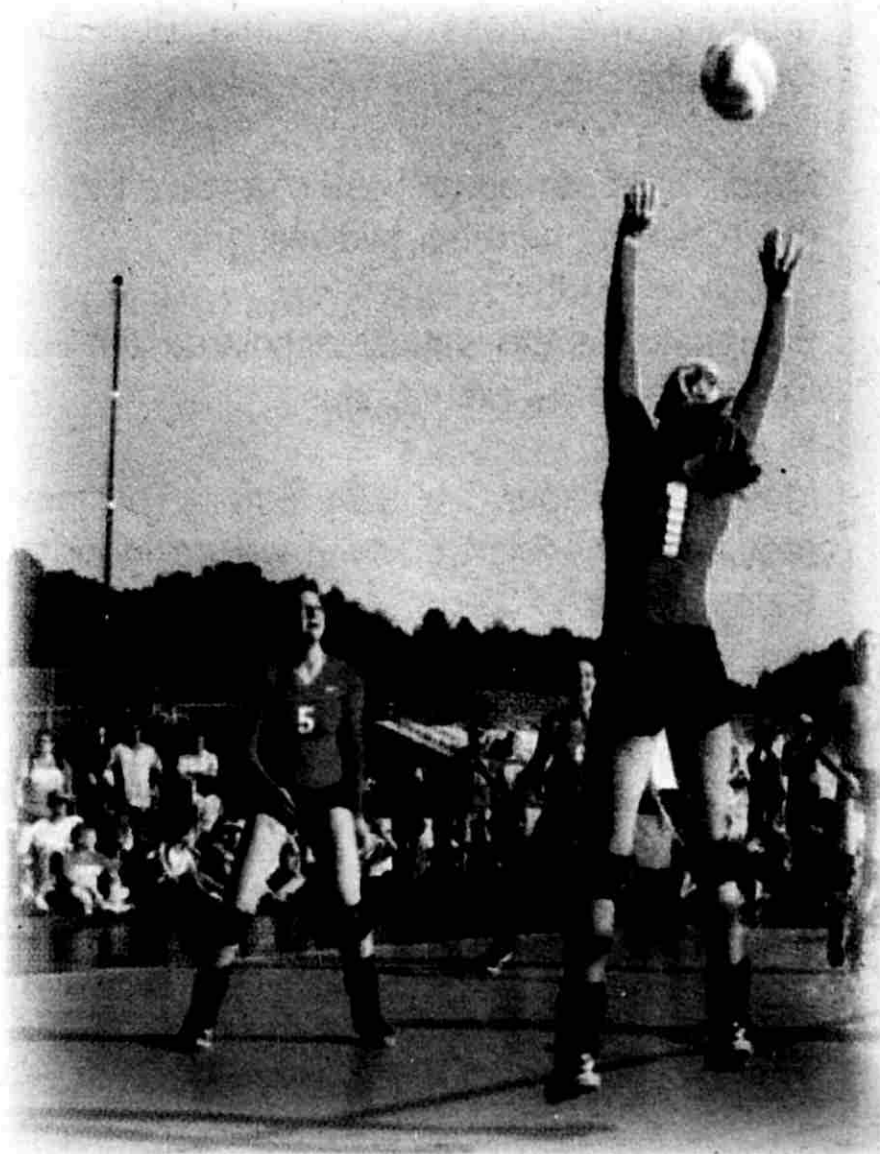
"We're blessed to be in a great town to raise a family and to be in a community so willing to help others," Dean said.

The Pink Arrow event is expected to surpass the \$93,000 total raised a year ago. All proceeds go toward

cancer awareness and education, the Dr. Donald Gerard Medical Scholarship and the Kathy Talus Memorial Scholarship.

Prior to the game, 41 members of the Lowell community were introduced

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Obituaries

LALLEY
William J. "Bill" Lalley, age 87, of Saugatuck, died Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at Spectrum Health Butterworth in Grand Rapids. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1940. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church of Douglas and served his country as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was shot down and held as a prisoner of war. After the war, he worked as an FBI Special Agent. He retired as a personnel director from Donnelly Corp. in 1987. He was very active in the community including serving as President of the West Ottawa School Board, memberships in Rotary Club and Personnel Club. He also loved tennis, golf, and birding. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Joan Andreasen Lalley; his brothers, Robert and John "Jack" Lalley; and a sister, Margaret Delehanty. William is survived by his wife, Joan Lalley; children, Bill and Brenda Lalley of Holland, Lisa Lalley of Lansing, Robert and Sonya Lalley of Hudsonville; grandchildren, Patrick, Sabrina, Brittany and Morgan Lalley; stepchildren, Craig and Karen Hall of Holland, Julie and Rev. Rick Campbell of Holland; step-grandchildren, Taylor and

Mark Oberman, Jordan and Tracy Campbell, Caitlin and Adam Fredricks, Robert Campbell, Dr. Stacey Hall and Ryan Perrone, Erik Hall; stepgreat-grandson, Reeve Oberman; and sisters-in-law, Mrs. Robert (Bernice) Lalley of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Jack (Patricia) Lalley of Ionia, and Karen and Carl Holkeboer of Holland. A Memorial Mass for Bill was held on September 4 at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Fr. Charlie Brown officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Holland. Funeral arrangements were by Langeland-Sterenber Funeral Home in Holland with an online condolence registry available at www.angelandsterenberg.com.

Spouses can apply online for retirement benefits too

You probably already know that when it comes time to apply for retirement, you can do it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline. But did you know that spouses can apply online, too? If you are a spouse applying for benefits based on your husband's or wife's record, you can do it online from the convenience of your own home.

Wonder whether you may qualify to apply for spouse's benefits? If you are a spouse who has not worked or who has worked for very low wages, you could be entitled to a benefit equal to as much as one-half of your retired spouse's full benefit. Even if you are divorced, you may be eligible for benefits based

on the employment record of your former spouse.

To get benefits on your spouse's record, you must be at least age 62 or have a qualifying child in your care — a child who is under age 16 or who receives Social Security disability benefits.

The amount of your spousal benefit depends on your age at retirement. If you begin receiving benefits before full retirement age, your benefits will be permanently reduced in most cases. You also may be eligible for a retirement benefit based on your own earnings. If that benefit is higher than the spousal benefit, Social Security would pay you the higher benefit. We compare which of the two benefits would

be more beneficial to you, and discuss the options you have.

If you have reached your full retirement age and are eligible for a spouse's benefit as well as your own retirement benefit, you may choose to receive the spouse's benefits only in order to continue accruing delayed retirement credits on your own Social Security record. You may then file for benefits at a later date and receive a higher monthly benefit based on the effect of delayed retirement credits.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email at vantil@ssa.gov.

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The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street. The purpose of said hearing would be to receive comments on the following:

An Ordinance to amend Section 7.03 "Special Land Uses" of Chapter 7, "R-2 Residential District," and Section 8.03 "Special Land Uses" of Chapter 8, "R-3 Residential District," to allow Group and Commercial day care homes and facilities of Appendix A-Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

An Ordinance to amend Section 25-17, "Definitions," of, and add Sections 25-31 through 25-37 to, Article II, "Water Service," of Chapter 25, "Water and Sewage Disposal Service," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the ordinances are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or on the City of Lowell's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.

Betty R. Morlock
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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

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Gilda's Club/Lowell Senior Neighbors opens

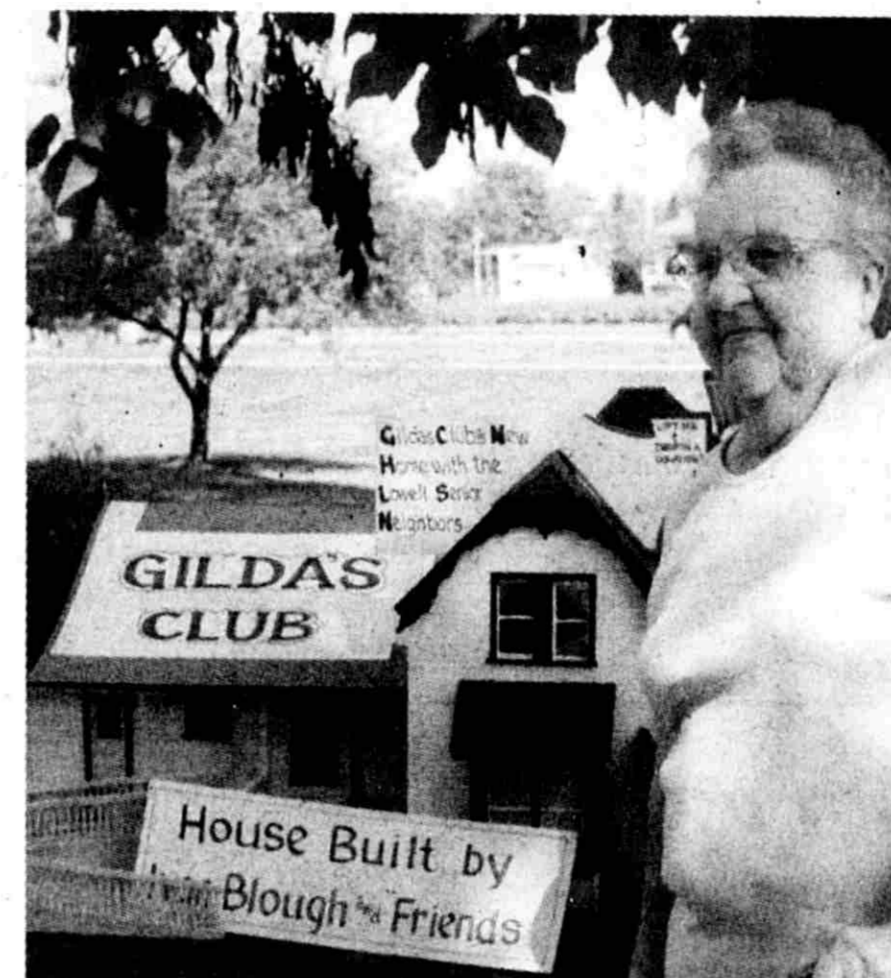
Submitted by
Dave Thompson

It couldn't have been a more perfect day for the nearly five hundred people who gathered Sunday on South Hudson for the dedication of the new shared clubhouse for the Lowell Senior Neighbors and Gilda's Club. Some were just curious about the changes, others were part of a huge work force that transformed the old Look-Hale House into a beautiful new facility, and many more of them were cancer survivors and their families. Regardless of the reason, all came away in awe of what has been accomplished in just a short couple of months. Although it was said in many different ways, the message was universal - Gilda's Club will offer hope and comfort to both those with cancer and those who surround them.

Special guests in attendance were: State Senator Bill Hardiman, State Representative Dave Hildenbrand, Lowell Mayor Jim Hodges, Councilwoman Sharon Ellison, fire chief Frank Martin and assistant chief Ron VanOverBee, both in their dress blue uniforms with dazzling pink shirts for the occasion. Recognized were the lead donors, Norm and Rosemary Byrne, and Bob and Paulette Israels who provided furniture for the opening. Also in attendance was a very special guest, Bonnie Hale Bryant, who grew up in the house back in the 30's and 40's. The popular clown, Purdy, was also on hand to welcome visitors and to greet children who know

her from TV-8's Miranda's Program.

Lowell's football coach Noel Dean's dream for a Gilda's Club came to life on Sunday as he kicked-off the festivities welcoming everyone for coming. Teresa Beachum went on to thank everyone for their hours and hours of hard work, but took a moment to highlight a few special people who contributed extraordinary hours. People like project manager Brian Krajewski, who spearheaded the undertaking, and workers like Tom Crawford, Kim Stevens, Perry Beachum, Denny Blough, John Brott, Scott Wolters, Ivan Blough, and Kim Taylor, all of whom seemed to work around the clock. That list was only the beginning of so many, many wonderful volunteers who made it all happen.



Bonnie Hale Bryant stands by Gilda's Club model.

Leann Arkema, the president and CEO of the Grand Rapids' Gilda's Club, said she was amazed the way this community tackled and completed the project that some thought would take until spring to finish. It was finished in only about eight weeks. At

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Norm and Rosemary Byrne receive applause from those in attendance.

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BANDSLAM (PG) 4:35, 7:15
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EXHIBITION AT LIFE PROCESS CENTER

"Almost an Icon" exhibition by Dee Versluis, Main Gallery and "Markets & Gardens" exhibition by Nancy Fuller, Bonaventure Gallery, Sept. 13-Nov. 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. through Fri., or weekends by appointment. 11650 Downes Street. For more information, call 897-7842.

2010 SENIOR PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting to discuss the senior trip on Wed., Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. at Lowell High School cafeteria. Any interested parents are welcome. Questions, call Janine, 897-0835.

PUMPKIN CHUCKIN' WORKSHOP

Join us in the Reath Barn at the fairgrounds for an informative workshop on trebuchets Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. Don't forget, pumpkin chuckin will be held Oct. 10. For more information go to www.kcfcg.org.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sept. 18-20, at fairgrounds in Lowell. Bands, camping, workshops. Bring the family.

WITTENBACH/WEGE CENTER

Connecting Families with Nature Passport Program kickoff, Sept. 19, 1-4 p.m. Take guided hikes at 1:30 and 2:30 through the forest and prairie. Stop by the Center to get creative making a leaf identification book.

FAMILY TREE NIGHTS AT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Family Tree Nights are scheduled for the second Thursday of every month, beginning in September from 5-8 p.m.* at the museum. Come and look up information about your family. Volunteer George Allchin will be present to help you with your research. *Note the time change.

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Valve turning machine reduces time and adds safety

by Thad Kraus

For many governmental agencies, during these tough economic times, efficiency saves time and time saved is money not spent.

A recent state requirement that all water valves be turned or exercised on a regular basis is a difficult and time consuming operation when without a valve turning machine.

That is exactly where waterdistributionsupervisor, Bob Robinson, and the City of Lowell found itself.

Lowell has 574 valves in its water system. They

range in size from four to 16 inches in diameter-and from three to nine feet.

As Robinson explained, to exercise a valve, the valve box cover must be removed and cleaned out. The depth down to the top of the valve must be measured. Next, the valve must be exercised on and off until it is fully opened or closed.

The number of turns must be recorded. Each system requires 15-51 turns in each direction, therefore a total of 90-303 turns are necessary to exercise each valve. The purchase of a

valve turning machine will cut hours off the job.

Its hydraulic arm senses the torque and rotations

needed for operation as it exercises the valve by spinning it open and closed.

Robinson received the

permission from the Lowell City Council to purchase a demo model from Vermeer Midwest, Inc. at a cost of

\$45,990. The funds would be allocated from the water fund.

Annual bike ride slated for October 10

The 27th annual Colorburst bicycle ride is scheduled for Saturday, October 10 at Fallasburg Park.

This charity tour, hosted by the Grand Rapids' Rapid Wheelmen Bicycle Club, honors two local cyclists who were killed by drunk drivers. Now in its 27th year, the ride has raised over \$100,000 for MADD of Kent County and other local charities. In 2009, ride profits will benefit MADD of Kent County, West Michigan Trails and Greenways, the Lowell High School SADD program, League of Michigan Bicyclists, and The Motion Initiative.

Join them for pancakes before the ride and a soup bar afterwards. The rolling terrain offers four different road routes to suit all riders, and new in 2009 are two dirt road route options. Come and enjoy a beautiful autumn day of bicycle riding and meeting other cyclists. In 2008 the Colorburst ride had approximately 800 participants.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. For more information and to pre-register or volunteer, please visit the colorburst website, www.rapidwheelmen.com/colorburst.

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the same time her comments were being made, a couple hundred motorcyclists were taking part of the annual Toys for Children gathering at the fairgrounds. Leann said there were obviously good vibes between the two groups when the strains of "Don't Stop Believing" drifted across the street as she began her remarks.

One of the real celebrities of the afternoon was Bryant, who made the trip from Romeoville, IL, to be a part of the day. Now 82, she seemed to be overjoyed with the attention her old home was getting. She told a story about how her father had purchased the house from the Look family in 1938 for \$2400, putting

half down and the balance was paid in just two years. She assured everyone that the house never looked as beautiful when they lived here. "One of my jobs," she said with a wistful smile and a sigh, "was cutting all this grass. We had one of those old fashioned push mowers, a job that always took me at least two days to finish." She

also shared a story about her father's corn business. "He had a corn patch behind the old barn and hired us kids and our cousins to sell corn for fifty cents a dozen. He gave us kids half and the other half went in to 'his fund.' By fair time, we had earned a considerable amount of money to go to the fair, making us feel like

really rich people which is something I've never forgotten!" She went on to say that although she lives in Illinois today, she has nothing but fond, fond memories of her youth in Lowell. It was and remains a wonderful little town.

Roger LaWarre introduced ministers Rick Blount, Dean Bailey, and Wes

Hershberger, all of whom had a part in the Blessing of the House. The most moving part of the afternoon came when people stood, hand-in-hand, surrounding the house, the drive, the new flag pole, and sign, as the house was blessed and the ribbon was cut, unveiling the new sign. A spontaneous cheer broke out, though hardly a dry

eye could be found. It was the perfect conclusion to a perfect program on a perfect summery day in mid-September. Many remained for another hour as cameras continued to snap pictures of family and friends who were part of the day.

Finally, as the sign was unveiled, a few of the crowd claimed to have seen the "Ghost of Gilda" up in the tower window. Upon checking, sure enough, the presence of Gilda was there and many looked up to see her smiling face looking down on the assembled throng. The next time you are on South Hudson, very carefully glance up at the tower windows and see if she's still there. A couple of people who happened to be in the house claim to have heard the giggles of Gilda and the barely audible whisper, "I know I'm gonna just love it here in Lowell."



Coach Dean surrounded by just some of those that helped make Gilda's Club a reality.

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of
Sept. 21, 2009

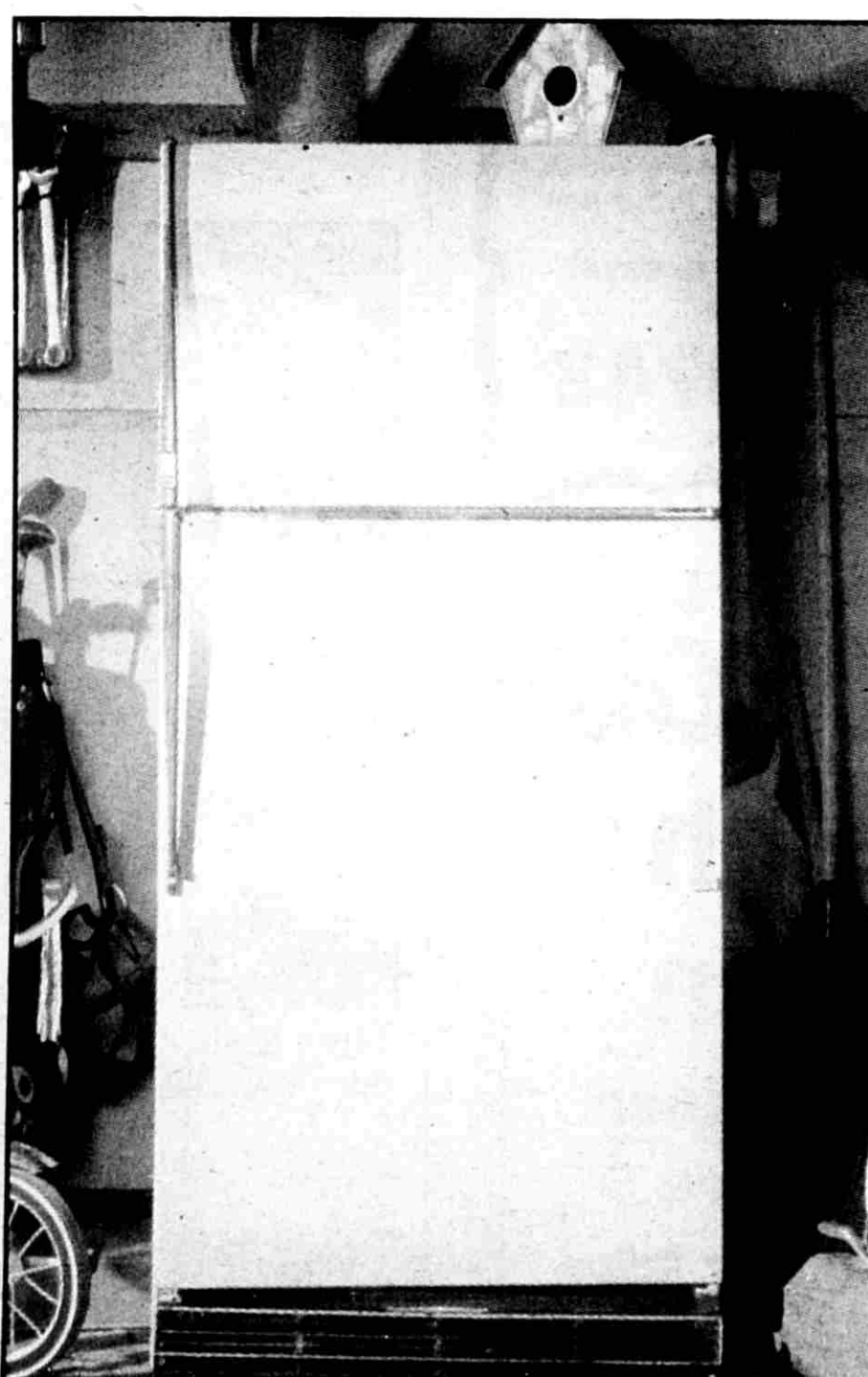
MON: Baked mini corn dogs (hamburger on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), coleslaw, assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Chicken patty on bun (bagel w/ yogurt & peanut butter also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), cut bell peppers, oranges smiles, milk.

WED: Tony's pizza (chili w/crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad, broccoli, warm baked apples, milk.

THURS: French toast sticks w/syrup & scrambled eggs, fresh blueberries, 100% fruit juice, milk.

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Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

The saga of the N. Washington property and city council continues. As residents we're happy, as are our neighbors, visitors, and wildlife, that the industry is gone; the scouts and the land are temporarily protected; and that development is off the table for now. Regrettably, the focus has returned to the house. I had thought we had a year to relax, five years of this is stressful.

Enough of the council feels a variety of inspections are necessary to continue "As Is" - as stated in the contract until next July first. It was a lengthy and taxpayer expensive process to develop this contract. State law accepts our mutual agreement and this place, with work, has been very pleasantly habitable for our thirty years; and rented by others since 1917. The economics are simple: the city only pays for low Vergennes' taxes and we are responsible for increased rent and repair. This old house is solid with fixable problems. They haven't interfered with our comfort but fixing them will be expensive. That is difficult on this new year-to-year contract. The detailed inspections seem unnecessary, intimidating, costly, and the arguments weak. We hope the city's best interests are being represented.

There is a shared value to us being here. I regret lack of communication and the antagonisms. In this anxiety I wrote

a similar letter and read it during citizen comments at last Tuesday's council meeting. Near the end of the meeting, council members responsibly expressed their views, except Mr. Hodges, and he then began to move on. I interrupted and became "out of order." I apologized to the council and those present. I was out of line. Mr. Hodges was kind enough to respond. Thank you, and I am sorry. Hopefully, we can improve our communications.

Wish us luck,
Gary Dietzel

Dear Editor,

In a Sept. 8 city council meeting, a group called VOICE asked the city council to waive the rental fee for the use of the city conference room. As much as I have disagreed in the past with the city council, I believe the city council shouldn't be put in a position of who pays for the cookie and who gets it free. That kind of decision is not what the council is there for. In being that the council is the servant to the constituent, the council's decision should be what is best for all and not just a few. Maybe the council made a mistake in the first place in asking a fee for the use of the conference room, but if that is true then that is what should be changed. How do we expect our city council to make the right decision knowing that they can use favoritism?

Sincerely,
Jim Howard

Ask Kathryn

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.



Currently, one of the "buzz" words in education is "Executive Skills." What does that mean, anyway? Are they trying to make my nine year old an "Executive?" No, certainly not. Executive function is a concept that refers to the cognitive, or thinking processes, required to plan and direct activities. Other skills that are involved in this executive function are: task initiation, follow-through, working memory, sustained attention, performance monitoring, managing impulses, and goal-directed persistence. Although the groundwork for cognitive ability occurs before birth during fetal development, there is a clear progression for the acquisition of these skills from birth to 20 years of age. These skills help a child negotiate the demands of childhood and helps them regulate their own behaviors. Executive skills have a huge impact on behavior and school performance.

Because this is such an important topic, I will devote five articles to Executive Functioning. Peg Dawson and Richard Guare authored a book entitled, "Executive Skills in Children and Adolescents." In this book is listed five executive skills which are: 1.) planning, 2.) organization,

3.) time management, 4.) working memory, and 5.) metacognition. Each of these skills will be reviewed in the next five articles.

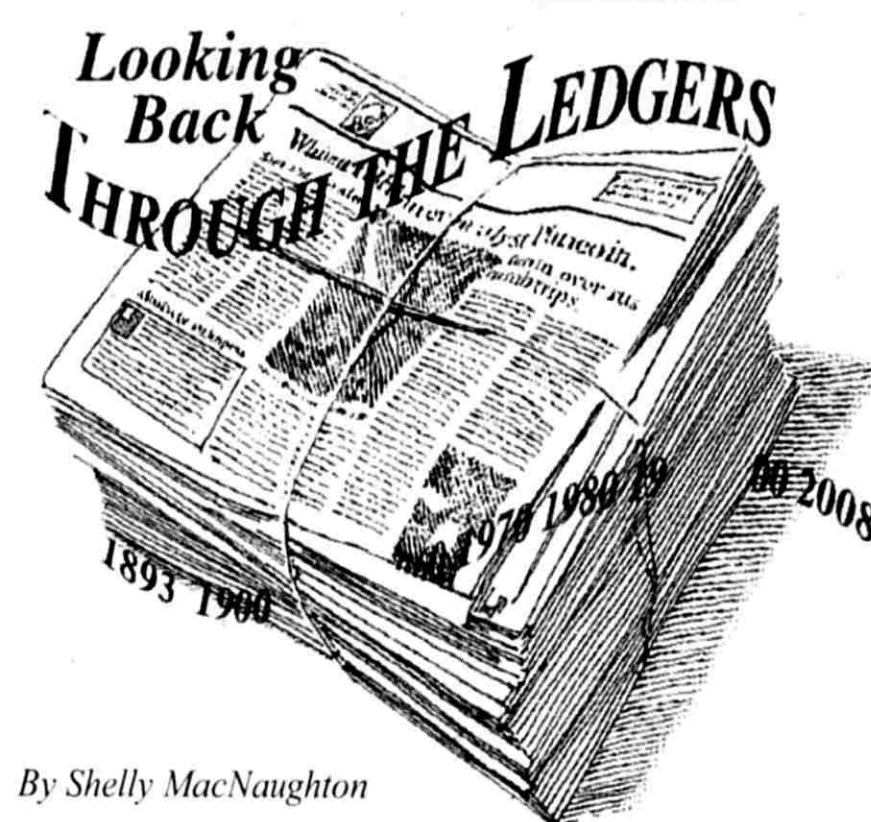
For a brief overview of how the human brain develops, it is important to note that the child's brain at birth weighs about 400 grams and by late adolescence this has increased to 1,400 grams. What accounts for this amazing growth? Nerve cells (neurons) and their supporting cells (neuroglia) are rapidly generated in the brain. They build the "nervous system." These cells communicate with each other to make connections and from these connections, "branches" are developed which are called axons and dendrites. These mental "conversations" are ever expanding. There is an important relationship between the development of the brain and how able the child is to act, think, and feel. Researchers (Pliszka, 2002 and Bronson, 2000) state that the frontal brain systems make up the majority of the connections needed for executive skills. The frontal lobes play a critical part in how a child navigates through the demands of childhood and adolescence. The frontal lobes decide what is worth attending to; they provide continuity and coherence to behavior across time; they modulate interpersonal behaviors; and they monitor, evaluate, and adjust new perceptions. In many ways, the frontal lobes and executive functioning are one and the same. Next month the "planning skill" will be reviewed. We will look at how it works and what activities will help increase the skills in that area.

I welcome any comments or questions that you might have. Please email me at kathryndenhouer@gmail.com.

Writing to the editor ...

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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 17, 1884

It has been suggested that if Lowell people would get up a strong and long petition to have a new passenger depot built here, the D. G. H. & M. Railway Company might be persuaded to grant the request. Try it. The present depot accommodations are not sufficient. The present building is all needed for freight and a passenger depot should be put up on the north side of the track.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 16, 1909

Freeport, Mich., Sept. 13 - John Washburn, aged 11, is dead, having shot himself through the head to avoid arrest by a posse.

Edwin Washburn, aged 13, cousin of the dead boy, is in jail at Hastings, arrested after a long chase by the posse.

Two stores and two residents were burglarized by the boys and they had set out to massacre the Indians residing in the vicinity of Gunn Lake.

These were the results of reading dime-store novels and a pact made by the lads to emulate the heroes of the "yellow backs." Their particular hero was Tracy, the Oregon bandit, who created a reign of terror in the northwest several years ago, and it is believed to be more than a mere coincidence that Johnnie Washburn ended his life after the manner of Tracy, when he saw capture was certain.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 20, 1934

New electric signs have recently put in their appearance on Main St. (pointing the way for the thirsty).

When Lowell's new button factory gets under way there'll probably be no more excuse for the little boy saying, "Button, button, who's got the button?"

William Christiansen has completed the installation of a new interior to his soda fountain. "Chris" seems to be always striving to make things a little better.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 17, 1959

Lowell Village Hostess, Mrs. Marion Westcott, reports that she has welcomed two new families to Lowell recently.

Moving to Lowell from Alpena, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Brooks are making their home on King St.

After purchasing their new home at 250 Brooks St., Mr. and Mrs. William Floyd, and three children, moved to Lowell from Wyoming Park.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 26, 1984

Last Friday, Jeffrey Kill, 23, of Grand Ledge, got the surprise of his life when he found himself heading north down the big hill south of Lowell on Alden Nash with a semi trailer loaded full of wheat and came upon a westbound Grand Funk freight train coming through the crossing. When Kill realized he couldn't stop. Kill's load of wheat, destined for the King Milling Co. in Lowell, was spilled as the tractor trailer rolled over on impact.

Celebrating 155 years in the Lowell community

The First Baptist Church of Lowell will celebrate 155 years in the Lowell community on Sunday, Sept. 20.

As recorded in Lowell: 100 Years of History 1831 - 1931 on September 2, 1854 a meeting was held at the Lowell schoolhouse by a group of sturdy pioneers of the Lowell community to discuss the organization of a Baptist church. Robert D. Winegar was elected moderator and J.S. Cole, the clerk pro tem. Prayer was by Rev. A.C. Howell...but action was deferred until September 18, 1854. At this meeting individuals came with their letter or other credentials and were at that time organized as a Baptist Church. In 1860 a church building was constructed at the corner of East Main and Jackson Street on land donated by Abel Avery. In 1866 the church was reported to be an active progressive church with 74 members.

Skipping ahead 64 years - during the 1930s the church struggled to keep its doors open and the conclusion was that the events of the

Great Depression made it impossible for the church to support a pastor. Fast-forward to 1948 and a new era began for the First Baptist Church of Lowell. A group of young seminary students from the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, which started in 1948, came to Lowell as a class ministry project. They came at the urging of Mr. John Alta, a member of Berean Baptist Church in Grand Rapids.

Keith McIver, a young seminary student, and his wife Cora, were among several students who came to the church's aid. Keith McIver graduated in 1951 and became the pastor of First Baptist. Church attendance was very small and he supported his family working as a carpenter and installer of windows and doors.

When the congregation had outgrown the facility on East Main a new building was constructed at 2275 West Main Street and dedicated on June 25, 1967. Pastor McIver's words were, "This new church stands as a monument to the faithfulness of our God unto

His people, who through faith, prayer, and action, trusted Him implicitly for the fulfillment of a vision."

Families who began to attend in the late 1960s and early 1970s included the Earl and Doris VanLaan family, the Tom and Terre Ritchie family, the Dave and Betty Deans family, Warren and Barbara Johnson, Shirley Carroll, Norma Lemon, Nila Smith and Cheryl Peterson (Haines) family, and the Rev. Richard and Eileen Beach family. Pastor McIver served First Baptist Church of Lowell for nearly 20 years.

From early 1969 to the present, First Baptist

Church has been lead by many dedicated pastors and youth pastors. Our current ministry leaders are Rev. W. Lee Taylor, Administrative Pastor, who joined First Baptist in 1997 with his wife, Beverly, and on August 29, 2004 the church voted to call as our Lead Pastor, Rev. David O. Sims. He and his wife, Gayle, began their ministry with us on September 19, 2004.

The church invites all to come celebrate with the congregation beginning at 9:30 a.m. for worship and reflection followed by a church picnic and fellowship.

St. Mary Church host parish mission in Lowell

St. Mary Catholic Church of Lowell will be presenting a parish mission entitled "Get Real: Religion with Two Feet on the Ground." The mission will be presented over four consecutive nights, Sept. 20-23, at 7 p.m. St. Mary Church is located at 402 Amity Street.

A "parish mission" is a special event for Catholics and all persons of faith are invited to take part in several evenings of faith-enriching talks and prayer by a guest speaker who provides inspirational presentations directed toward key aspects

of faith applied to life issues. The presenter of the St. Mary Church parish mission will be Fr. Hugh Burns O.P., a Dominican priest (Order of Preachers), who has lived, worked, and preached throughout the United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America. His commentaries are also heard on National Public Radio and New York public stations.

St. Mary Parish and Fr. Hugh Burns O.P. warmly welcome all to attend this dynamic parish mission so that they may "Get Real: Religion with Two Feet on the Ground."

The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible.

- Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

Thustons celebrate golden wedding anniversary



August 28 marked the 50th wedding anniversary for Ken and Joyce Thuston. To celebrate, they are enjoying an Alaskan Cruise/Land tour and a Canadian Rockies tour. They are blessed with four children, Todd, of Lowell; Terry (Nagy), of Alto; Tracy (Kapusansky), of Dexter; and Tim, of Prattville, Alabama; and 18 grandchildren.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Leroy & Donna (Heim) GEIGER

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SEPTEMBER 27 • 2-4 PM
(no gifts please)

John Ball Zoo gives families a rare opportunity to "launch" a Monarch butterfly

John Ball Zoo has something very special planned for visitors that attend the kickoff celebration of the Connecting Families with Nature program on September 19. Dr. Matthew Douglas, of Grand Rapids Community College and renowned butterfly expert, works with his students to raise Monarch butterflies from eggs to caterpillars to chrysalis and finally to butterfly. Those hand-reared butterflies are now ready to begin their amazing annual migration to their winter home in Mexico. The release of the Monarchs will take place at John Ball Zoo (providing the weather conditions are right).

To get a chance to help tag and release the butterflies, visitors will be taking their own migration challenge. A series of migration-stations located throughout the Zoo will take them through the 2,500 mile journey as they learn the many obstacles these long-distance flying insects face. At the top of each hour, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., John Ball Zoo will randomly select names of visitors that have completed their journey to take part in the release process. Everyone will be able to see and enjoy the Monarchs as they take flight.

Lowell graduate's husband serves as a Kennedy pallbearer

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Lyons served as one of the pallbearers for the late Sen. Edward Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery.

Lyons is a native of Battle Creek and feels very proud and honored to have been selected for the duty of taking veterans to their final resting place on the hallowed grounds of Arlington.

Lyons transferred to the Old Guard in March of 2008 after completing a second deployment in Iraq - lasting 15 months.

Lyons was the Army representative on the joint services team made up of representatives of each branch of the military.

Lyons serves with the 3rd Regiment, more commonly known as the Old Guard, at Fort Myer in Arlington.

Lyons passed all the intensive requirements and testing to be accepted into the Old Guard.

Kent County environmental education organizations - Kent Conservation District, John Ball Zoo, Ada Township Parks, Blandford Nature Center, Calvin College Ecosystem Preserve, Howard Christensen Nature Center, and Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center. The collaborative program is designed to get families in touch with nature during the upcoming year. Zoo visitors will have the opportunity to get their passport and first stamp at this event.

John Ball Zoo will be open 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on September 19. Admission is only \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for children 13 and under, and children 2 and under are free. John Ball Zoo is located at 1300 W. Fulton. For more information about John Ball Zoo go to www.johnballzoosociety.org or call (616) 336-4301.

Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.
- Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

Happy Birthday

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- SEPTEMBER 17:** Nicholas Blough, Yvonne Swift, Dennis Denton, Dewey Francisco, Noelle Rottier.
- SEPTEMBER 18:** Jon Ossewaarde.
- SEPTEMBER 19:** Abbey Goff, Megan Claypool, Brian Ryder, Renae Heinicke, Griff Brenk, Julie Kline.
- SEPTEMBER 20:** Donald Rittersdorf Jr., Patrick Parish, Mitchell Walling, Phillip Wilson, Marilyn Wilson.
- SEPTEMBER 21:** Deanna Anchors, Renee Fox, Rich Briseno, Joseph Scott, Megan Racine.
- SEPTEMBER 22:** Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan, Tara Thornton, Linda Barnes, Grandma Modlin.

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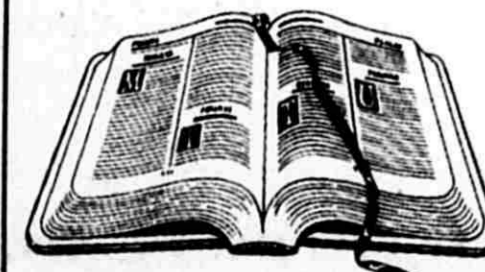
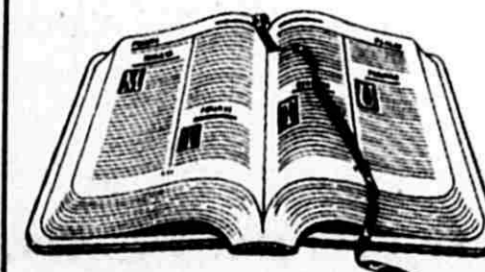

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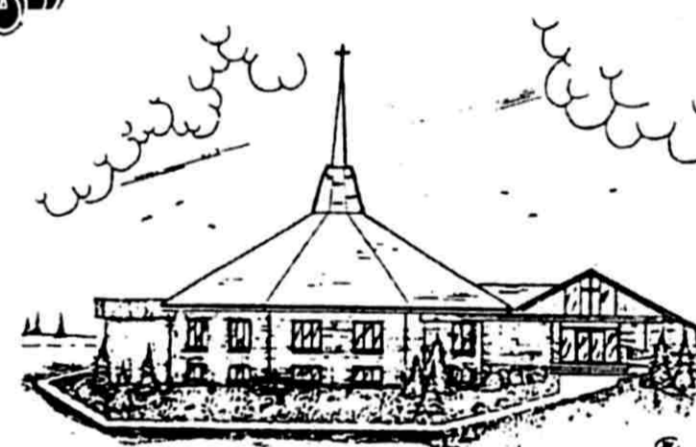
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- The Iraqi journalist, who threw shoes at then President George W. Bush, was released after nine months in prison. While imprisoned in Baghdad, he claims to have been tortured with beatings and electric shocks.
- Singer Kanye West felt the need to express his regret that Beyonce lost to young country singer Taylor Swift at MTV's Video Music Awards. He later apologized.
- After Rep. Joe Wilson's rude shout out during President Obama's address to Congress, his own party forced him to apologize. Now Democrats are calling for a more sincere apology on the House floor. Obama accepted his first apology saying, "We all make mistakes."
- Venus Williams blows up because of a bad line call, screams profanities, and is fined \$10,000. She is now apologizing.
- Three teenagers were tossed from a New Jersey ballpark for refusing to stand during the song "God Bless America" and are now suing the minor league Newark Bears. Apparently they are not apologizing.
- Nobel prize winning scientist Norman Borlaug, the father of the "green revolution," has died at the age of 95.
- A huge raid was executed in New York City where officials say credible evidence led them to believe al-Qaida suspects were plotting more bombings. Apartments were ransacked, computers taken, and so far, no connections to al-Qaida have been made.
- Jay Leno began his new 10 p.m. show with guests Jerry Seinfeld, Jay-Z, Rihanna, and the aforementioned Kanye West.

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- The body of a 24-year-old Yale grad student, Anne Le, who was to be married last Sunday, was found on what was to be her wedding day. Police believe they have a suspect.
- Afghanistan's election commission has been ordered to recount ballots in last month's presidential vote.

All buildings in the Lowell School District receive an "A" from the state

The School Board met Monday night for its regular monthly meeting. Roger Bearup, curriculum director, presented the Federal and State Evaluation for the 2008-2009 school year. All buildings in the district received an overall grade of A. All buildings met AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). The State offers a performance rating in each subject area of MEAP for each school in the district; the rating is calculated on proficiency levels, proficiency change, and growth for MEAP.

Alto Elementary: English Language Arts 96.2 percent, Mathematics 100 percent, Achievement Subtotal 98.1 percent.

Cherry Creek Elementary: English Language Arts 88.4 percent, Mathematics 94.9 percent, Achievement Subtotal 91.7 percent.

Murray Lake Elementary: English Language Arts 96.1, Mathematics 99.8 percent, Achievement Subtotal 98 percent.

Lowell Middle School: English Language Arts 88.4 percent, Mathematics 100 percent, Science 92.6 percent, Social Studies 91.6 percent, Achievement Subtotal 91.7 percent.

Lowell High School: English Language Arts 88.4 percent, Mathematics 100 percent, Science 92.6 percent, Social Studies 91.6 percent, Achievement Subtotal 91.7 percent.

John Zielinski, chief financial officer for the district, offered a budget update to the board. "The news coming out of Lansing isn't good. We don't expect to see a budget until the end of September. We are looking at a \$110 cut in foundation money per student as well as other cuts to other categoricals," said Zielinski.

"We will work hard and keep you informed on the unknown financials as we continue to work through this," said superintendent Greg Pratt.

Student council representative, Parker Liu, reported on activities taking place at the high school. "There were assemblies everyday for the Pink Arrow project; we also held our first ever outdoor assembly," said Liu. Upcoming activities include Homecoming week, October 5-9, with the game on Oct. 9. Fall sports are now in session. "The marching band will be playing in the Alto parade on Saturday," said Liu.

The board received an update on the Arrows on the Move program. The summer 2009 program included four staff: Kim Lum, Jackie Towsley, Joseph Audia, and Tara DeRuiter. The summer program ran for eight weeks and offered all students, preK through eighth grade, the opportunity to come and check out AR books and take AR tests. Weekly, the staff would move books and equipment to six different locations throughout the district for two hour sessions where families could participate. The program was funded this year through a grant from the Lowell Community Fund. Students are given incentives for meeting goals in reading and could earn t-shirts by accomplishing their goals; 100 t-shirts were given out to children. Organizers since the inception, Kim Lum and Jackie Towsley, presented ideas to the board for expanding this program: perhaps a book mobile or offering a meal. They also would like to see the program for summer 2010 in place by February. "I would like to thank our staff for their efforts on Arrows on the Move. This program will be organized early," said Pratt.

Pat Nugent, School Board secretary, presented an outline the board has created to help them follow throughout the year. The outline includes five areas the board works within including: Academic Achievement, Finance and Operations, Personnel, Communications and Board Leadership. This new tool helps the board to track issues as they come up and set goals for addressing them. "This is a tool that the board developed over time to help hold the board to the same accountability that our teachers are held to," said Nancy Hopkins, Board member.

The Middle School will be hosting a Tailgate party this Friday, September 18, before the varsity football game. Activities begin at LMS at 2:30 p.m. from 3:30-6 p.m., there will be a tailgate cookout with a carnival-like atmosphere, complete with a dunk tank.

F.R.O.M. hires director

Mary Novello has been hired as executive director of Flat River Outreach Ministries. She has 30-plus years of experience in nonprofit management and leadership, mostly in anti-hunger, anti-poverty, and social justice work. She spent 13 years as president and CEO of the Food Bank of Delaware (FBD), hired as their first executive director. During that time, FBD grew from a nearly new organization to the leading anti-hunger nonprofit in the state.



Mary Novello

"The volunteers of Flat River Outreach Ministries have been meeting the needs of the people of the greater Lowell area in their time of hardship for ten years," said Novello. "As the need has grown, they have stepped out in faith to respond in creative, collaborative, and compassionate ways. I am thrilled to join the leadership team of this extraordinary organization."

Novello moved to Michigan two years ago following her husband, Bob Schiesler, who was called as the new rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Grand Rapids. Novello and her husband live in the Heritage Hill neighborhood of Grand Rapids, and have a cat named Clawdia.

Lowell driver wins trucking rodeo

Fed-Ex National LTL driver, Ron Metternick, of Lowell, won first place in the tanker division of a state trucking rodeo competition held in Lansing at the end of June. His first place spot gave him the opportunity to compete at the national level in August which was held in Pittsburgh, PA. The national truck driving championship is a three day competition that consists of testing a driver's knowledge of safety, equipment, industry and driving skills. Out of 45 drivers in his division, Metternick took 19th place at the national level, which was an exceptional feeling for him being the first time he has competed at this level. Metternick lives in Lowell with his wife Carrie. They have three children

and five grandchildren. Metternick has been driving for 29 years and estimates he has driven about two million miles, accident free.

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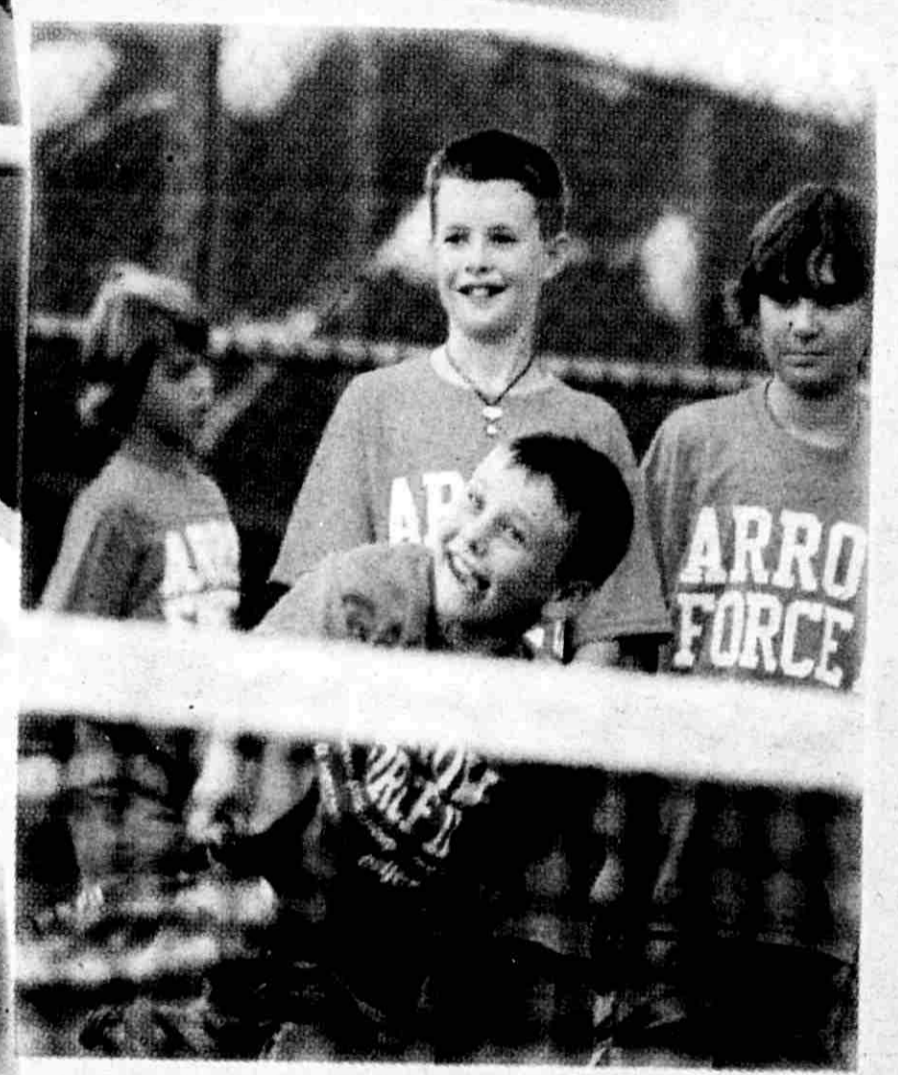
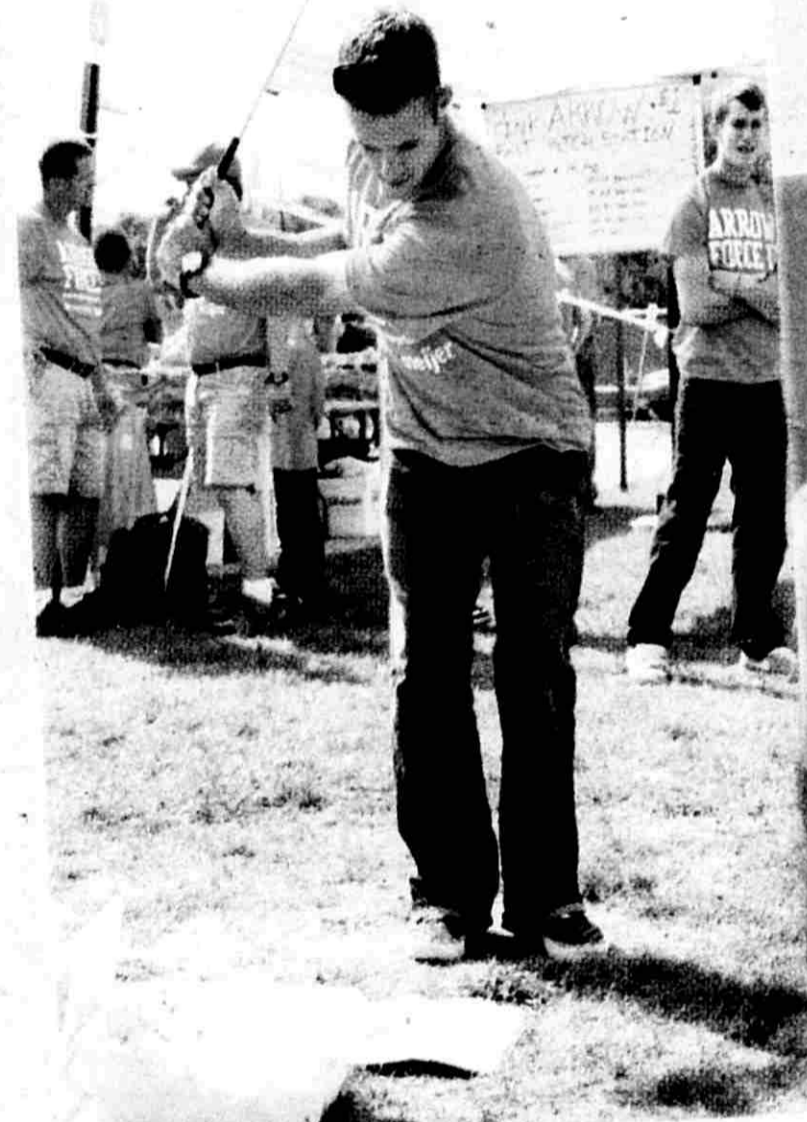
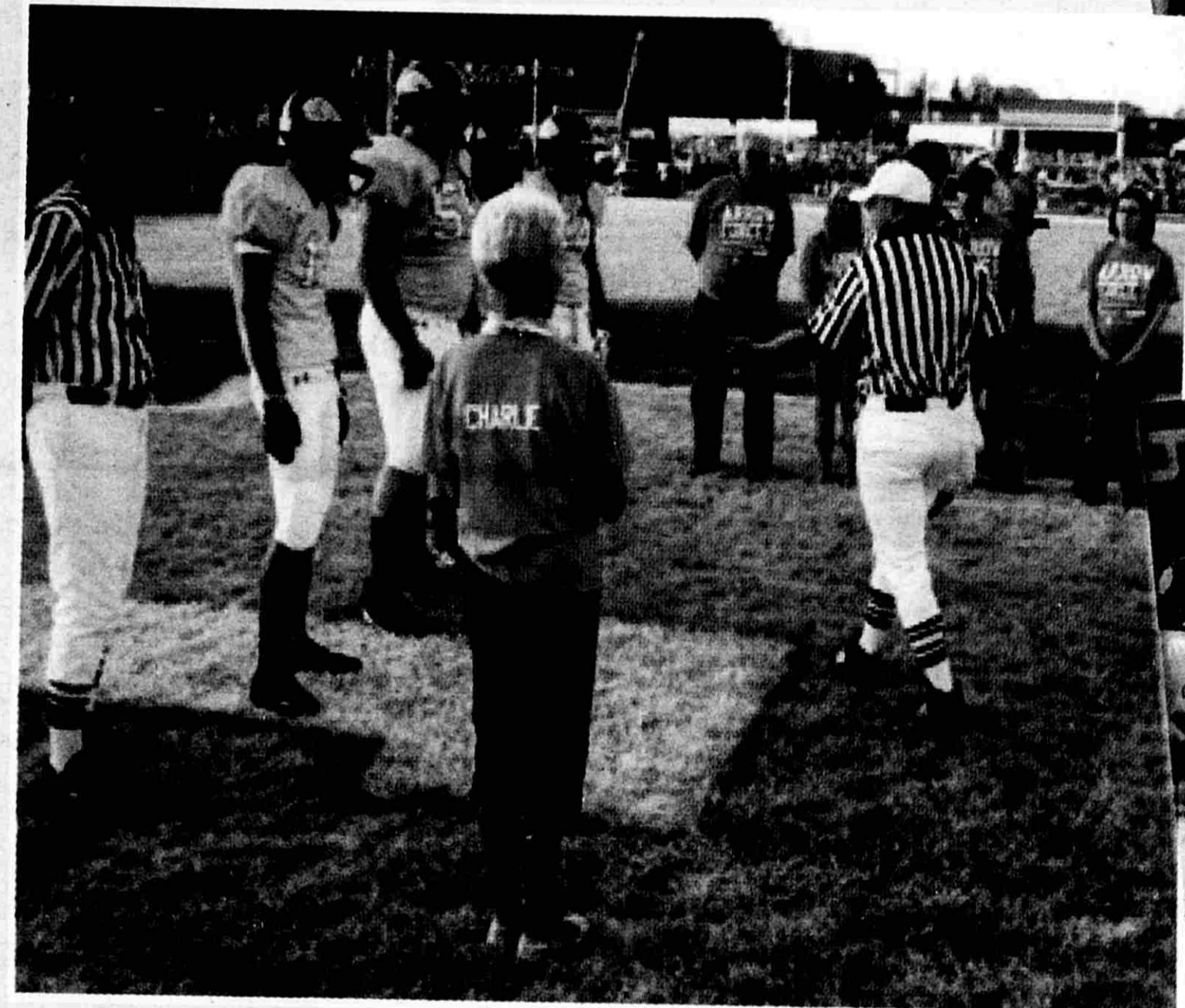
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to the full capacity crowd. Each person had their own individual story and how it related to cancer. Each of their names were displayed on the backs of the Lowell jerseys. Following the game, those jerseys were taken off and handed to them by the players.

"It was a fun game and a great way to finish," explained Dean.

That sentiment was shared by Union head coach Tom Riva, even though his Red Hawks did not have many good game memories to take away.

"This was definitely something neat to be involved in and something our players will remember," said Union coach Tom Riva. "We wanted to use the game to try and create our own good memories."

That was made difficult by the pink uniforms lined up on the other side of the ball, errors, and poor execution of the fundamentals, according to the Red Hawk coach.

Lowell did not disappoint its hometown faithful as the Red Arrows rolled to a 40-0 half-time advantage.

Five different players created their own game memories with first-half touchdowns.

Gabe Dean got Lowell on the board first with touchdown runs of six and 11 yards.

The sophomore quarterback threw touchdown passes of seven and 52 yards to Keegan Hanrahan and Austin Tackmann respectively.

Austin Graham found

the end zone on a four-yard run and Zachary White did the same on a one-yard burst.

Graham found the end zone a second time in the third quarter on a nine-yard scamper.

Lowell finished with 222 yards rushing and 119 yards through the air.

Dean led all Lowell rushers with 98 yards. He was 4-of-6 for 92 yards, two touchdowns, and an interception.

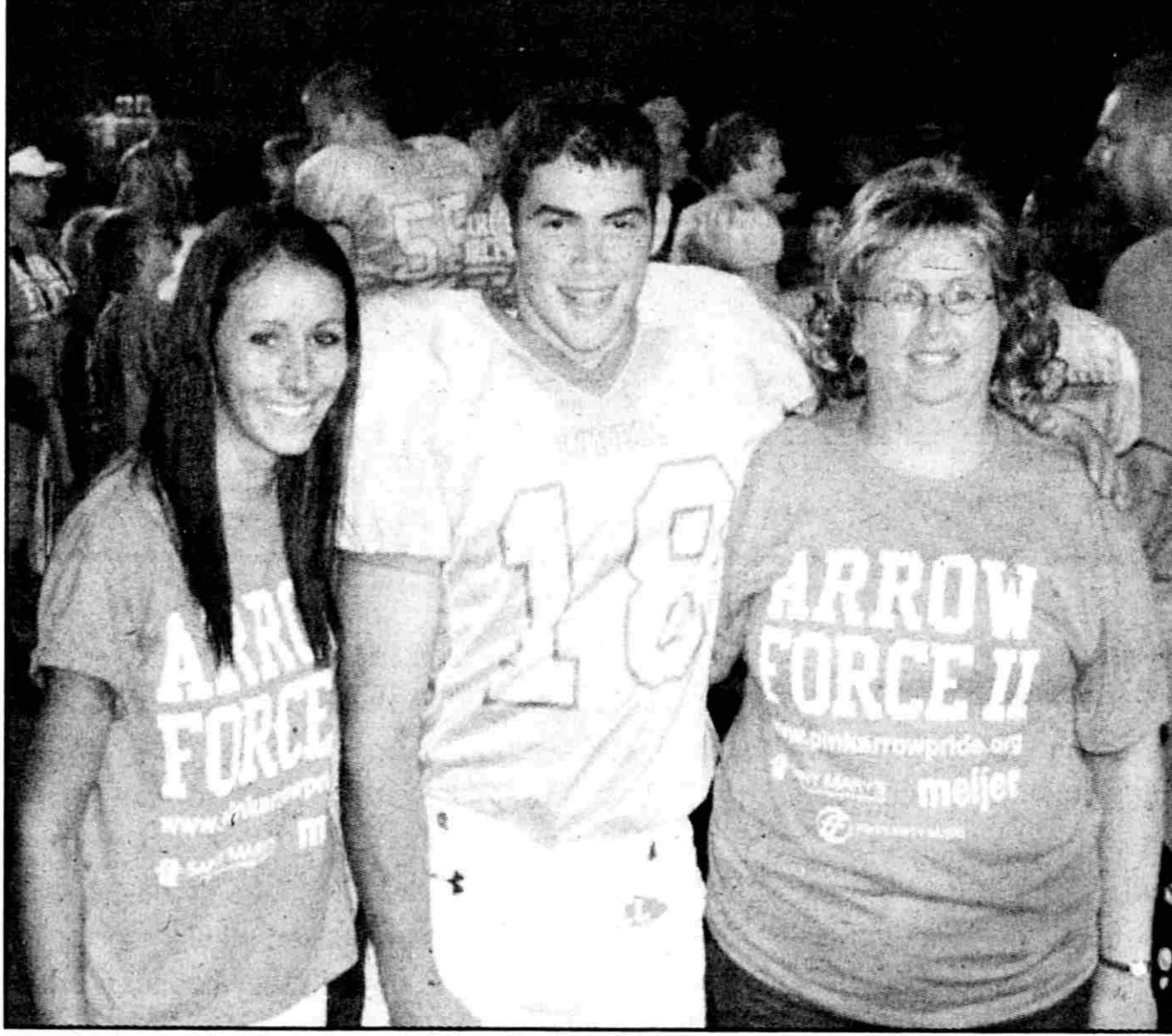
The Red Arrow defensive unit held Union to 170 yards on the ground.

The Red Hawks did not pick up a yard through the air.

Lowell, now 3-0, will host Mona Shores on Friday.



Gabe Dean rushed for two touchdowns and threw for two more in Lowell's 47-0 win over Union.



Kyle Fitzpatrick met with Britteny Ramirez and her aunt Deb Austin following the game Friday night. Austin is a breast cancer survivor.



Lowell's Derek Cornish takes in a 23-yard pass reception in first-half action against Union.



Austin Tackmann is off and running on a 52-yard touchdown pass.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell comes down from on high to blast Greenville

by Thad Kraus

For 33 of the opening 40 minutes against Greenville, the Red Arrow boys' soccer team was high.

Stop yourself! High as in their shots on goal were high right, high left and high above the cross bar.

"It's (shots over goal) been a problem all year," concurred Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge. "It is from a lack of concentration and watching their shots. When you watch your shots they go high and they go long."

With less than 10 minutes to play in the first half, Lowell (5-1, 1-0) had yet to score a goal. "It makes you nervous when you get all those shots and no goals," Legge said. "Often times that's when a team begins to tighten up."

Instead, Lowell received two shots of confidence within 30 seconds from Tommy Rodriguez.

The junior, hunkered down in front of the goal, turned two passes into goals, lifted Lowell to a 2-0 lead

and eventually a 6-0 shutout over the Yellow Jackets.

"Tommy was right where he was supposed to be," Legge said. "I'm hoping this is the kickoff Tommy needs to get his season started."

Lowell, who has netted roughly 75 percent of its goals in the second-half, tallied four second-half goals against Greenville (2-7, 0-1).

Two of those came from sophomore Joe Sweet. Will Athmann and Brent Cone delivered the other two.

For Chris Hamman's Yellow Jackets, they delivered a "great first-half effort" according to their coach.

"We've been struggling with playing hard. Not tonight. I was pleased with our effort," Hamman explained. "We had a hard time keeping up with Lowell's passing game, especially in the second half, and their speed killed us."

Lowell's defender play in the back also hampered any serious Greenville attack.

"We have three tough kids (Michael Underwood, Brent Cone and Jim McCormick) in the back who defend well and have good speed," Legge said.

It was Lowell's fifth shutout in six games.

Earlier in the week Lowell upended Union 2-0 on goals by Rodriguez and Evan Kohtz.



Tommy Rodriguez drills one of his two first-half goals in Lowell's 6-0 win over Greenville.

OKAY - Someone Has To Say It ...

by Thad Kraus

When was the last time you tried to get a small group of old college buddies together?

How about siblings for a family summer outing? How many classmates showed up at your last high school class reunion?

We have all enjoyed or suffered through various degrees of success when trying to gather a small or large group of people for something as simple as a birthday party.

Which is what makes Friday so remarkable. Yes, there were 8-10,000 fans at Red Arrow Stadium.

Been there, done that!

After Friday night, we can now add "and bought the t-shirt."

There may have been someone there attired in something other than the Pink Arrow Force II t-shirt; I did not see that lonely number a-washed in a sea of pink.

You and I know why we all gathered.

A lopsided Lowell win on the gridiron?

Not a chance!

Those are more frequent than a warm summer day in Michigan.

We gathered because we all wanted to be a part of something bigger, more meaningful; something that makes us feel good about who we are and why we're here, something that makes our soul sing.

A 47-0 win on the football field can't do that.

You see - we are strengthened by our faith that we can make a difference - not just words - faith built on words is empty. However, faith built on action-now that's a miracle drug.

That's the Lowell community, that's you and your neighbor and your neighbor's neighbor, wanting to make a difference, wanting to take action.

Cancer has gripped most, if not all of us, either through a family member, relative or a friend. So we can all relate to the stories shared by the 41 community members who lined up on the east sideline prior to the game Friday night.

We all felt and heard the emotion in the voice of public address announcer Tony Stencil.

Making it clear - what we really bought Friday night was more than a t-shirt.

We have invested dollars and time, sweat and tears, aches and pain, sorrow and joy, in the faith that by our action, someday - that east sideline will be void of cancer stories, and on that day - on that very significant day, we will be there just for a football game.

Thad's 10 on 10 Picks

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is considering eight on eight football for some schools next year.

This column will follow those guidelines with a small variation. Instead of eight, I will offer up 10 game winners on top of West Michigan's Top 10 football teams each week.

I'm nothing if not consistent. In week two of the high school football season, I once again reached the 7-3 plateau.

For the year that gives me a 14-6 slate (70 percent). Not bad, not great! As you've already noticed I missed the third week, so here are my picks for week four.

1. Zeeland West rallies from a loss to Hamilton to upend Byron Center.
2. Ottawa Hills fights past Catholic Central.
3. East Kentwood falls to Hudsonville.
4. Hamilton makes it 2-for-2 as they bounce Zeeland East.
5. Rockford drops Jenison.
6. Kenowa Hills is too much for Northview.
7. Middleville finds a way against South Christian.
8. Coopersville has the answer for Sparta.
9. Caledonia recovers from its loss to Forest Hills Eastern as it derails Wayland.
10. Lowell faces its toughest competition to date, but still has too much for Mona Shores.

I wasn't going to do a Top 10, but the football season is here and I can't help myself.

So when it comes to West Michigan high school football rankings, you may consider this the Bible (or maybe not):

1. Rockford
2. Lowell
3. East Grand Rapids
4. Grand Haven
5. Hamilton
6. Holland Christian
7. West Ottawa
8. Unity Christian
9. Forest Hills Eastern
10. Hopkins

Red Arrow SPORTS

Arrows run ahead of the pack at Pink Arrow event

by Thad Kraus

With nothing but the color of pink surrounding him, Zach Robinson brought home top honors in the triangular cross country meet Friday at Red Arrow Stadium.

Robinson and his Red Arrow teammates bested Holland and Creston with 26 points. Creston finished with 41 and Holland tallied 60.

"The boys were pumped up for this event," said Lowell boys' cross country coach Clay VanderWarf. "I thought they ran well. We were glad for the opportunity to participate in the Pink Arrow event."

The course, which was restructured so that runners could finish on the track, was deemed by all to be a little tougher than Lowell's normal course.

"It was warm and the runners had to run one uphill loop twice," explained VanderWarf.

The Red Arrows claimed five of the top nine spots.

Robinson stopped the clock in 18:29. Ben Partridge was fourth overall with a time of 19:21. Tom Mark finished fifth with a time of 19:27.

Teammates, Caleb Hershberger (20:16) and Jon Mark (20:44) placed seventh and ninth respectively.

Finishing the race but not represented in the final team score were Josh Corteville (21:07), Andrew Morse (22:32), Matt Griffioen (22:40), Jackson Morse (22:41), Bryce Hrushovsky (23:08), Zach Jeffries (23:40), Gabe Morse (23:56), Chris Bewell (24:01), Tyler Dalstra (25:23), Brennan Page (25:29), Brandon Hrushovsky (26:57), Scott VanOosten (28:08), and Ryan Timmers (29:10).

O-K White Jamboree

In the league's first jamboree of the year, Lowell finished fourth among six schools.

Grand Rapids Christian (27) ran away with the event.

East Grand Rapids was second with 73 points, followed by Northview, 93; Lowell, 103; Creston, 108; and Greenville, 120.

"It was a flat rolling hill course which I thought our guys handled quite well," said Lowell boys'

cross country coach Clay VanderWarf.

The Red Arrows' top runner was Zach Robinson. The senior was second at 17:52 finishing

11 seconds behind Grand Rapids Christian's Jacob Kuyvenhoven (17:41).

Following Robinson home were teammates Tom Mark (17th), 18:44; Caleb

Hershberger (31st), 19:16; Ben Partridge (43rd), 20:03; and Josh Corteville (48th), 20:18.

"We have to work on getting the times down

of our three through six runners," VanderWarf said. "We were just 10 points shy of Northview - that's a team I believe we can catch."



Lowell's Tom Mark sets the pace early at Friday's home meet against Creston and Holland.



Lowell's Zach Robinson leads the pack of runners into Red Arrow Stadium Friday.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell harriers take third in jamboree

by Thad Kraus

It was a cross country meet taking part in an event larger than the results.

"The other coaches said to me afterwards, that at their meet on Saturday they were going to tell other schools they should be a part of it," said Lowell girls' cross country coach Sarah Ellis.

For the Red Arrows, the Pink Arrow event introduced nerves into the equation.

"Yeah, they were quite nervous, but also really excited knowing that they were a part of something so big," Ellis said.

The nerves were not negatively reflected in their finish.

Lowell grabbed five of the top six spots, taking first with 17 points.

Leading the way was Taylor Marchido in a time of 22:49. She was also the first runner home.

Marchido was followed by teammates Rebekah Betts and Katie Jousma. Betts stopped the clock in 23:27 while Jousma came off the course in 23:33.

Lowell's Amy Bartkus (fifth) came home in 24:15 and Haleigh Timmers was sixth with a time of 24:15.

O-K White Jamboree

It's been a while since the Lowell girls' cross country team has been near the upper third of the O-K White.

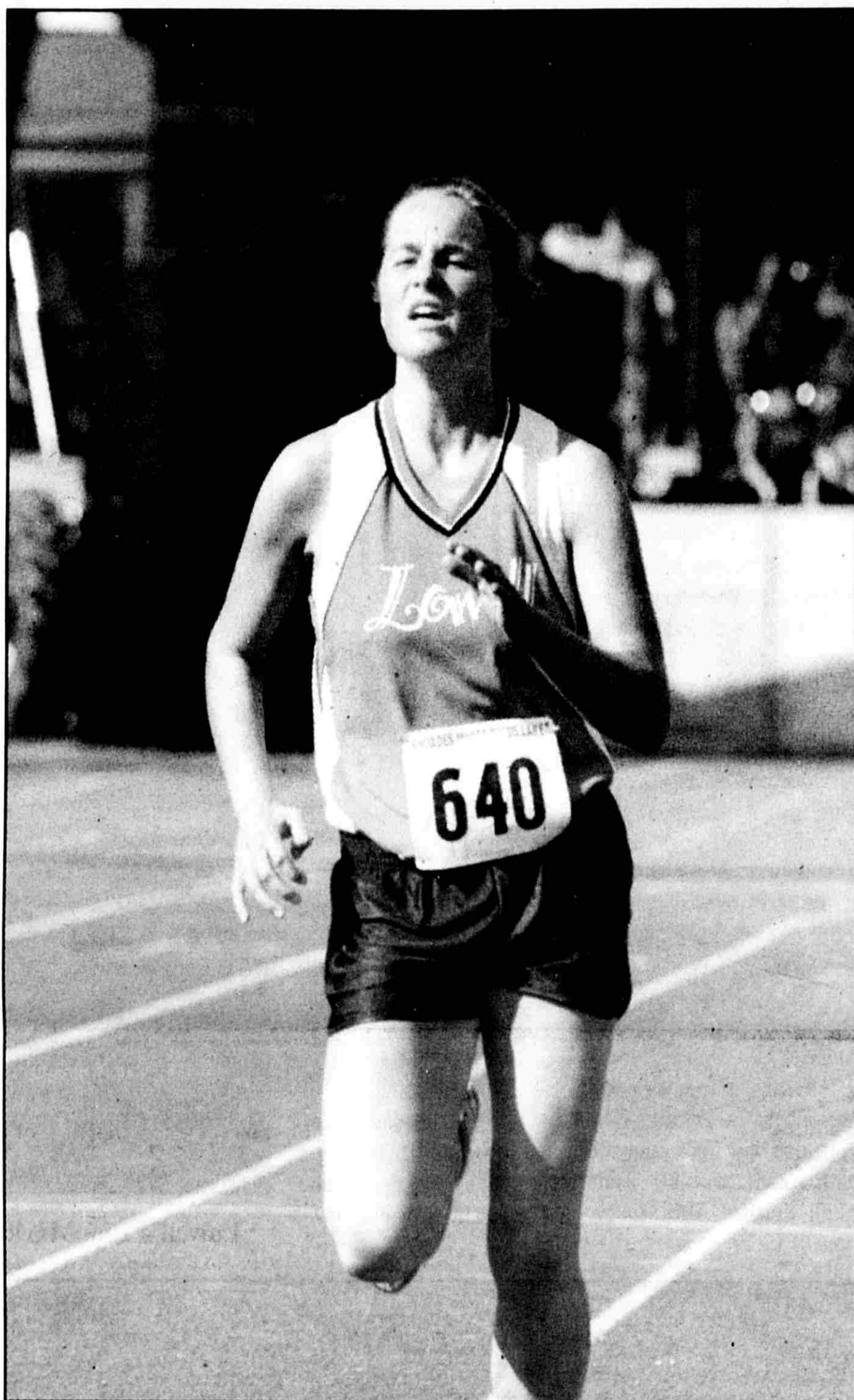
At the jamboree in Greenville they got there and oh what a feeling.

"It's been quite a few years, but we're there," Lowell coach Sara Ellis explained. "While our times were slower, I thought the girls raced well. They did a good job of focusing on the color jersey in front of them.

Lowell was third with 106 points in front of Northview, 109; Greenville, 110; and Creston.

East Grand Rapids won the jamboree with 14 points and Grand Rapids Christian was second with 40.

Lowell's top five times were recorded by Taylor Marchido, 22:04; Rebekah Betts, 22:32; Amy Bartkus, 22:46; Haleigh Timmers, 22:50; and Katie Jousma, 23:02.



Marchido was the first Red Arrow harrier home in the girls' meet against Holland and Creston.



Lowell's Rebekah Betts finished second in 23:27

Red Arrow SPORTS

Volleyball team gels in history-making game

by Thad Kraus

As he stood watching the very first sanctioned high school volleyball match to be played outdoors, Noel Dean was asked if that was where he should be hours before game time.

"It is the only place I want to be right now," Dean quipped.

That could also be said for the 3,000-plus who took in the history-making volleyball game on Friday.

"The environment was just amazing," said Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal. "We've played in bigger matches, but never before that many people."

Oftentimes, the anxiety and nervousness about playing in such an event under such conditions can affect a team's play. That was not the case for Lowell.

"Once our girls got started and settled in, I was very pleased with volleyball played on our side of the

net," Peal explained.

The result was a 25-13, 25-20, 25-13 Red Arrow win over the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern (FHN).

While wishing for better results, Northern coach Tracy Kirk and her Huskies had no reservations about wanting to be a part of the event.

"This was a no-brainer. The girls were very excited to play here today," FHN coach Tracy Kirk said.

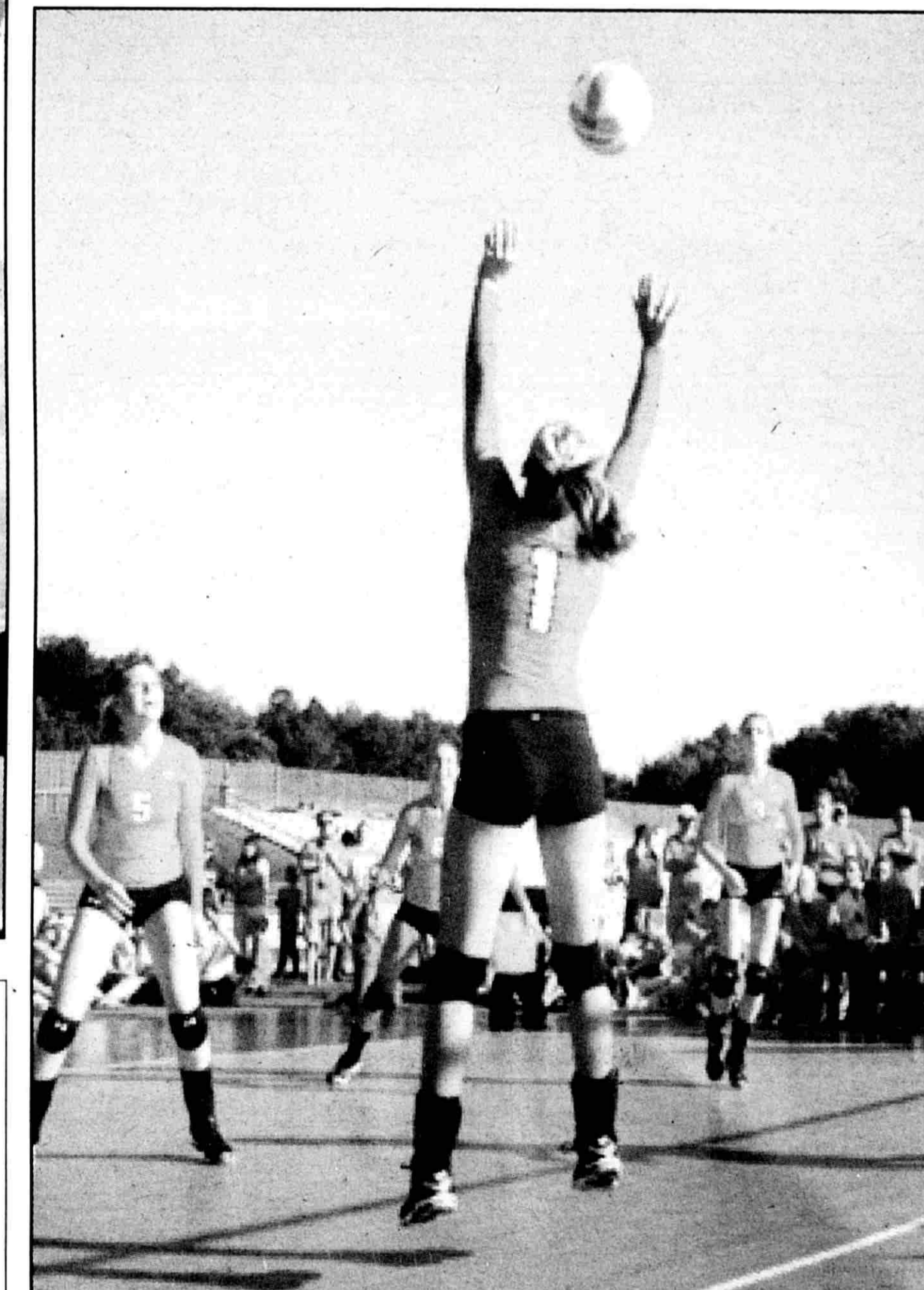
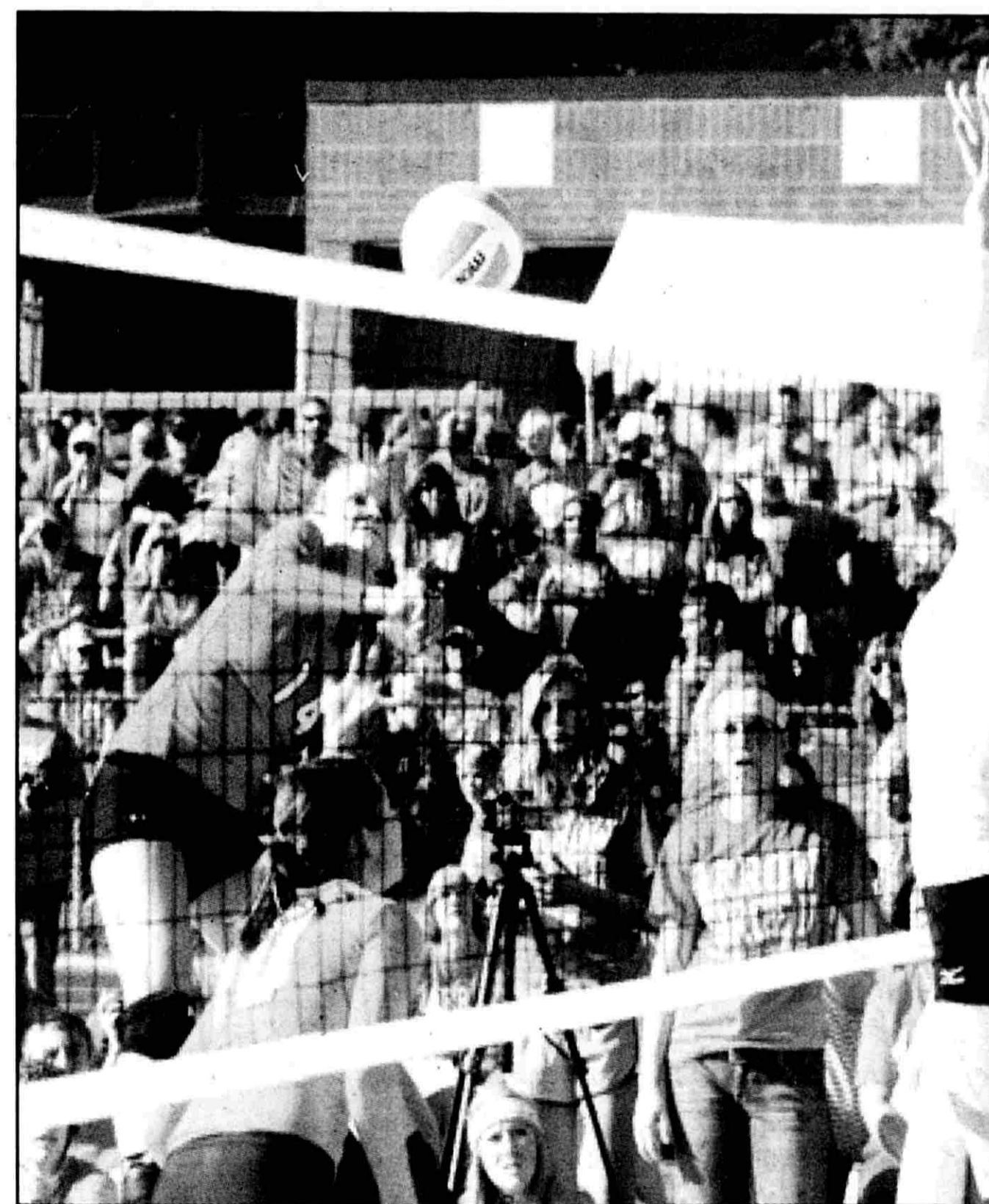
Lowell's win marked the first time a Red Arrow volleyball team has defeated a volleyball-rich Forest Hills Northern program.

"As our volleyball program has grown, who we beat for the first time has been a measuring stick," Peal said.

"Everything worked out well. The girls felt good about their play and were appreciative to play a part in such a big event."



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Lowell's Jordan Timmer sets the ball during action at the first-ever MHSAA sanctioned outdoor high school volleyball game.

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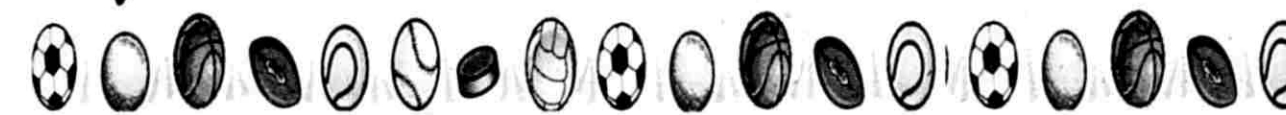
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Lowell's own Karate Kid, back in black

On July 25, Lowell's Mariah Moore became the youngest black belt in U.S. Kyokushin Ro-Ken history at just 15-years old.

She is also one in only a handful of women to have earned this rank and honor.

Recently, eleven of the highest ranking black belts in the Kyokushin Ro-Ken Karate system, with 250 collective years of training, experience and mastery, came from four states to Memphis Tennessee (the city where Ro-Ken Karate

was founded) to test the endurance, skill, knowledge, and martial spirit of Lowell's own Karate Kid, Mariah Moore. All the long nights of practice, the sweat, tears, blood, and even some broken bones over the years, would come down to this very special day of reckoning.

After four grueling hours of testing, the panel had reached a unanimous decision and Moore had recognized her longtime martial arts endeavor.

"A student like Mariah

does not come along often. She has proven herself to be an exceptionally gifted martial artist and she has made all of the Senseis here in Memphis proud to have her as one of us. Although she never met Sensei Kendall (founder of Ro-Ken Karate who passed in 1994), I know she has made him proud too. Mariah has the knowledge and techniques, as well as the love for the arts, to be an awesome instructor and to pass on what she has learned," said Karen King,

Kyokushin Ro-Ken Karate 3rd Dan.

By the age of 10 Moore had trained in China, at 12-years old she had earned two world championship titles, and at just 14 she'd become a four-time U.S. National

Champion and four-time World Champion.

However, Moore had not yet fulfilled her oldest and fondest martial arts dream - to earn the illusive and highly coveted black belt.

Donating countless hours to women's and children's groups, Moore uses the martial art she loves to help raise funds for those in need and to inspire others through motivational speaking and performances.



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Wow...what a wonderful Pink Arrow event Friday! Thanks to all the coaches and athletes and the entire community for working together to accomplish amazing things! Lowell is the BEST!

I was shocked when on September 11 that we didn't pause to remember it as a school. Have we forgotten it in eight years?

We were in a funeral procession line and were going under a

green light when three vehicles decided to break in the line and go through the light. We had to stop to avoid a collision. Do you people know it is against the law to do this? How rude and disrespectful!

To the driver of the gray sedan on Riverside Sept. 2. Thanks for showing your appreciation for nature by throwing your Mountain Dew bottle into the river. Grow up.

To the lady at the gas station. I apologized profusely when I did not see you. Your string of profanity and then threatening me with your truck did not impress me. Probably wouldn't have impressed the police either. Perhaps your boyfriend was impressed.

Dumping a bunch of corn on park property, whether or not it is deer hunting season, is called "deer baiting" and is illegal in Kent County. Thanks for the mess!!

First of all Lowell's Pink football game and everything they did for it was great and I am a cancer survivor. And secondly, Lowell is so fortunate to have a man like Dave Thompson and his wife Jan. To have people like that in our community is wonderful. He's a great guy.

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MOVING SALE - Sept. 17, 9-5 p.m. & Sept. 18 & 19, 9-? Furniture, appliances, kids outside toys, garage door opener, patio set, full size trampoline w/new enclosure. 10298 Bennett (Wittenbach Farm).

GARAGE SALE - Sept. 17, 18 & 19, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 210 Marsac, Lowell. Tool boxes full of tools, Rigid pipe wrenches, screw drivers, elec. drills, lots of free stuff, 8" Craftsman table saw, shovels, canes, military stuff, kerosene tank heater, Jack knives, hunting knife, Indian pennies, radios, wheat pennies, Elvis Presley stuff & VHS tapes.

BARN SALE - Sept. 17, 18 & 19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 30x60 barn, overflowing with: antiques, bird houses, books, Christmas decorations, cross bow w/arrows, clothing, coats, CDs, DVDs, tapes, antique dishes, decorative plates, antique fishing lures & pole, crocks, furniture, glasses, home decorations, moped, shaving & mustache cups collection, cast iron banks, flat irons, 10 ga. milk cans, sewing cabinet, jewelry, Coca Cola Christmas plates. 7904 Parsonage Rd., Saranac.

BIG SALE - Sept. 17 - 19, Thurs. & Fri., 9 - 6 & Sat. a.m. Child bedroom furniture, wooden playset, gas stove and lots more. 12350 36th St.

MULTI-FAMILY & NEIGHBORHOOD SALE - 10963 Spicewood, Eastgate, Fri. Sept 18, 9 to 6 & Sat. Sept. 19, 9-noon. Some furniture, table & lamp, many very nice household & kitchen items, including: dishes, pots & pans, collectibles, vintage table cloth & bowls, some antiques, very nice childrens toys & clothing & jr. & adult clothing, season items.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE - Sept. 18 & 19, 11:420 Trent (behind Goodwill). Entertainment center, dishwasher, books, boys, girls & adult clothing, Avon/Steins, house decor & much more.

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BIG MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - 423 King St., Lowell, Thurs., Sept. 17, 4-8 p.m. & Fri., Sept. 18, 8-5 p.m. Estate items, glassware, books, holiday & seasonal home decor, collectibles, kitchen items, NEW boat seats, Honda powered 8000 watt generator, new & used windows, doors & cabinets, STEP 2 club house & picnic table, backpacks, purses. Lots of brand NEW items, something for everyone! No prior sales, please.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - Mainly 10¢ to \$1. Joy's back from the river. Everything for someone - new/used clothes, household, tools, antique supplies, Fri. & Sat., Sept. 25, 26, 518 Spring St.

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Bikers ride with big hearts and gifts to Lowell fairgrounds



Arriving at the fairgrounds in Lowell.

The 15th annual Tony's Toy Run brought West Michigan bikers together once again for children who will spend their Christmas in local hospitals.

The event was founded by Dave Stevens and Doug Morrel in memory of Stevens' son Tony who died from cancer in 1990.

There were 134 riders who put aside their Sunday afternoon to bring new toys to the fairgrounds to be distributed this year by Bob Warner and his elves.

The bike ride started at the Veteran's Home in Kent County and wound its way to the fairgrounds where live music, games, a ride-in bike show and food and refreshments awaited.

Again this year, a quilt was raffled off with the proceeds being donated to the Battered Women's Shelter in Grand Rapids.

Belding's Gary Buche was the lucky quilt winner. The quilt was designed by local artist Sally Golds. The quilt featured an American

bald eagle with a four foot wing-spread on a patriotic background of stars and stripes.

Prior to leaving the Veteran's Home, there was a blessing of the motorcycles and riders, and a tribute to the veterans.

The motorcycle procession was led by Stevens, who was dressed up as Santa Claus.

Motorcycle clubs participating in the annual

Toy Run were: the Rough Riders, RoadBed Ministries, and Paradise and the Sons of God Ministries.

"The biker community has a big heart when it comes to kids. They always have their heart in it," Warner explained. "I would also like to thank the City of Lowell and its police department for all they do for this event."



Santa, a.k.a. Dave Stevens, originator of the Toy Run, rode in on the lead bike.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

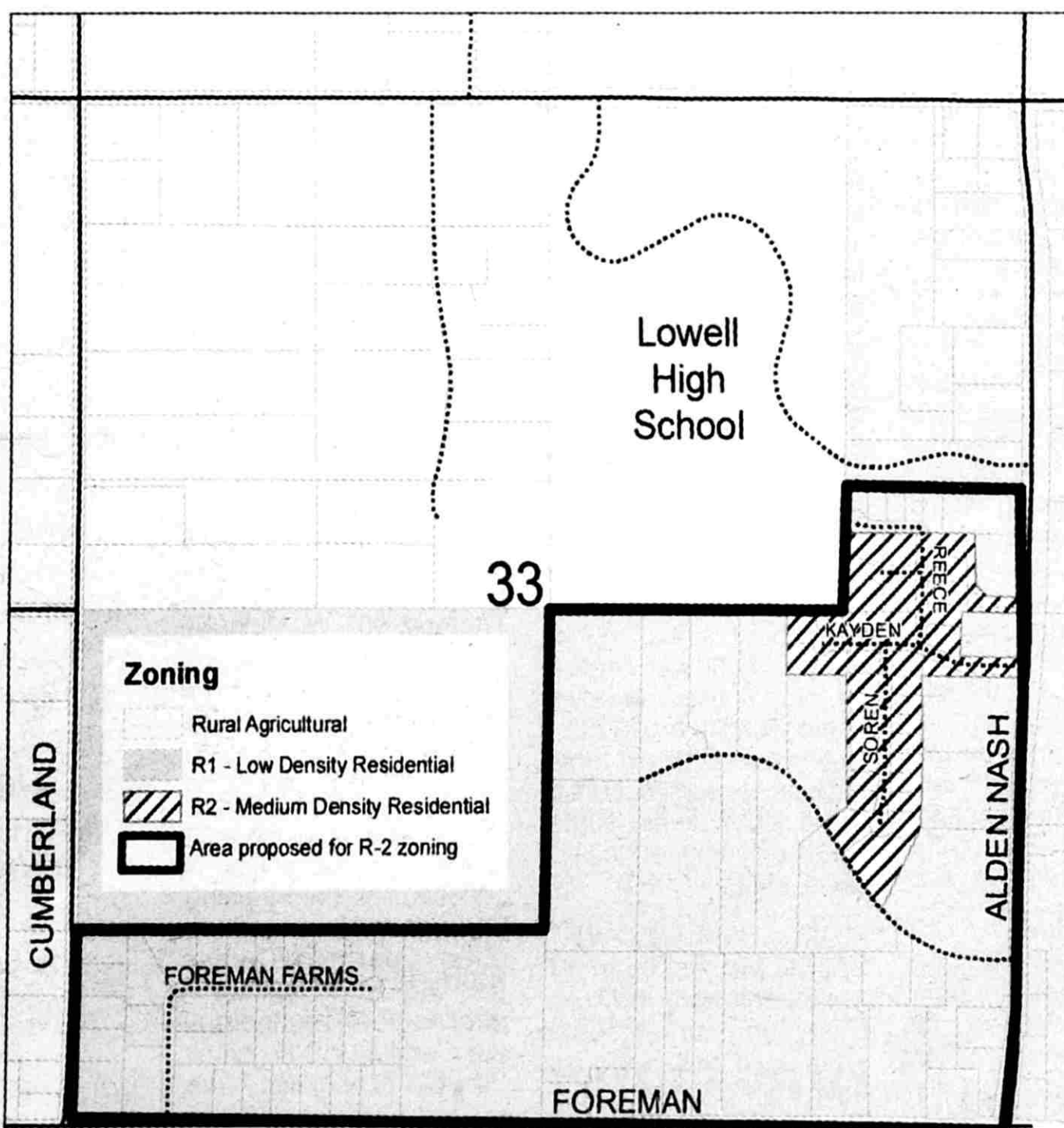
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Text and Map as summarized below:

The Planning Commission is proposing to amend a portion of the zoning ordinance map from R-1 to R-2 that is planned for and described in the Master Plan. The area is in section 33, between Cumberland and Alden Nash along the north side of Foreman St., going north up to the Kent County Gravel Pit property including Foreman Farms and north up to the High School parcel including all of Pheasant Valley parcels, and from the south edge of the High School east driveway parcel and south along the west side parcels of Alden Nash to Foreman. The Alden Nash West development is already zoned R-2 within this proposed area.

The Planning Commission is proposing to add new language to section 201.402 Accessory Buildings, allowing an accessory building on an adjacent lot owned by the same owner of a parcel with a dwelling on it for developments such as site condo or a plat that does not permit lots to be combined. The language would require a special use permit except that minor storage buildings may be a permitted use. Standards, conditions and process are included.

The complete ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org.** Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission



CITY OF LOWELL

PLANNING COMMISSION-CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

The City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An Ordinance to amend Section 5.03 "Special Land Uses" of Chapter 5 "SR Suburban Residential District," to allow Group and Commercial day care homes and facilities of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the ordinance are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or on the City of Lowell's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk