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## Michigan will wait until June for a shot at Race to the Top federal funds

by Chad Kraus

If at first you don't succeed, try again in June. That is apparently the State of Michigan's plan in its effort to secure funds from the federal Race to the Top program.

Michigan hoped to win up to \$526 million in education funds from the federal program, the Obama Administration's national competition to reward states committed to education reform.

However, Michigan's legislative process and the inability to construct a complete plan in the time allotted left Michigan out of the running for the first phase of funding.

Lowell superintendent Greg Pratt said that the second round of funding rewarded in June will be favorable for Michigan.

The reform package presented by the state in December called for raising

the high school dropout age to 18, paving the way to open up more charter schools, giving the state power to seize control of failing schools, and ending the long standing union protections of ineffective teachers.

The ineffective teacher piece is more about ways to improve rather than to remove.

"It's about how to better evaluate staff and use new data. To a lesser degree some

of that is already in place," Pratt explained. "It's also about being accountable."

In regards to opening up more charter schools, Pratt said he believes that is meant to tie into the creative nature and new ideas associated with charter schools.

Some question how a state can seize control of failing schools when it currently struggles to fund education.

Governor Jennifer Granholm and lawmakers

have tried to settle a \$2.8 billion gap for the fiscal that started in October.

School districts took a \$165 per pupil funding cut, plus an additional \$52 million reduction shared among Michigan's wealthier districts.

Schools may have deeper cuts to face as federal stimulus cash dries up after this year and the economy continues to lag depleting the school aid fund.

## Morse state title leads Lowell; seven Red Arrow wrestlers place

by Chad Kraus

In essence it's why all 224 individual wrestlers qualified for the state tournament in Auburn Hills over the weekend.

None of them settle for something less than their best effort every time they go out onto the mat.

Lowell's Dan Fleet lost his opening match at 152 pounds on Thursday, but did not lose his drive to give his best effort.

"I just went out and continued to try my hardest. I could not accept anything else," Fleet explained.

The junior was not going to lay down, so his option of choice was to go out and kick some tail.

That's what Fleet (42-8) did. After the opening round loss to the eventual state runner-up, the Red Arrow strung five wins together to place third in the state at the 152-pound weight class.

His 2-1 overtime win against Caleb Haddad of Holt also provided some redemption.

"I wrestled him in the district and lost by a point," Fleet said.

Lowell wrestling coach Dave Dean said Fleet's perseverance says a lot about the junior's character.

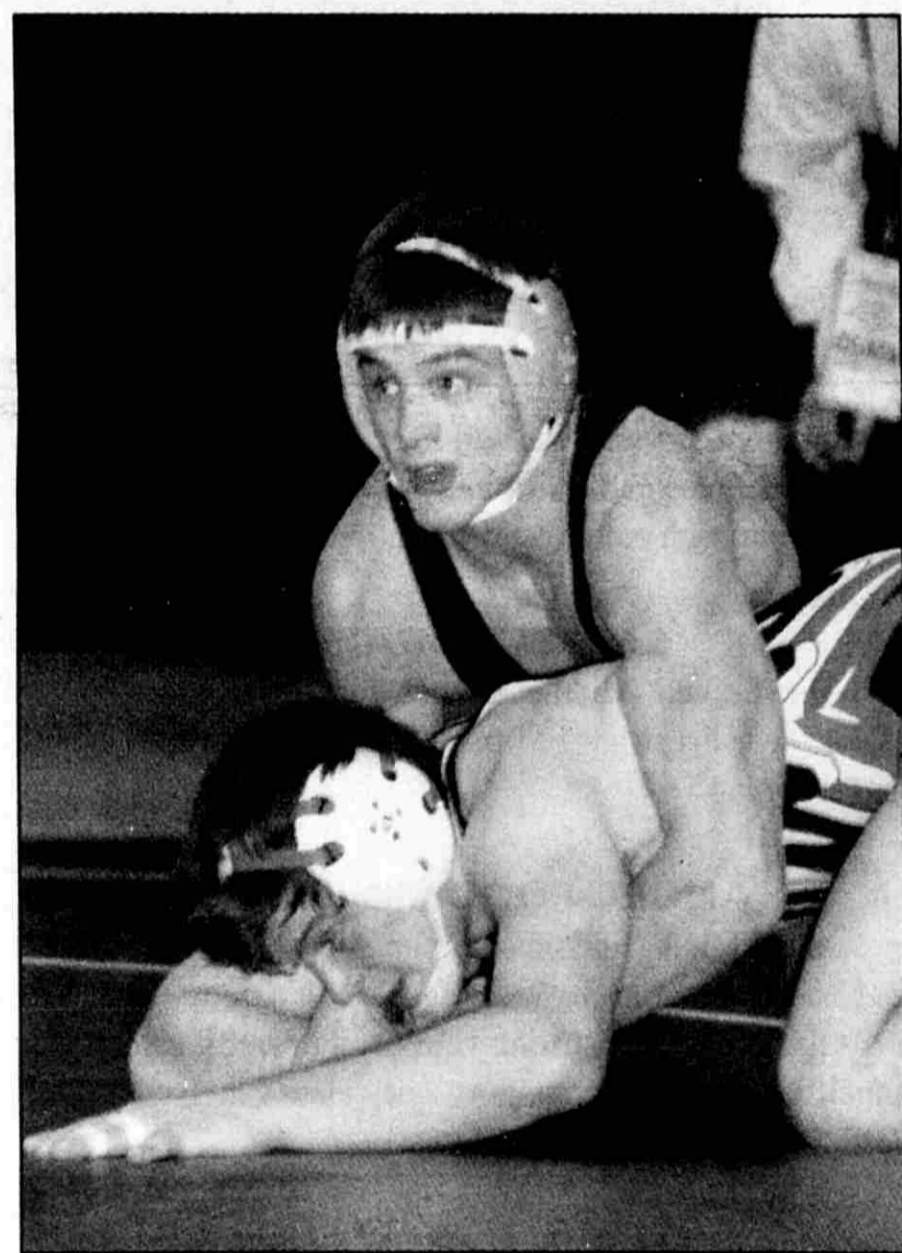
Jackson Morse's third consecutive individual state championship says a lot about just how special a

wrestler the senior is. "There is no surprise here. Jackson did a great job. He has met each of the challenges he has faced in each of the last three years," Dean said.

Morse finished his senior year with a 47-1 record and with a 7-2 decision over Rockford's Jake Johnson in the finals.

"My first state title as a sophomore is probably my favorite, but this one is probably the most rewarding," Morse explained. "That's because my goal at the start of the season was to win a third

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The Red Arrows' Jackson Morse holds down Rockford's Jake Johnson during the third period of his 7-2 victory in the Division 1 160-pound championship Saturday at the individual state finals. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

## Marketing plan key element in success of established community events in Lowell

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has budgeted over \$50,000 in each of the last two years toward its community-wide business marketing plan.

The money has been provided through the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Lowell Community Fund.

At its March meeting the DDA granted the Chamber \$5,000 toward its 2010 marketing plan. The Chamber has asked for \$30,000. The DDA board noted it will look at its 2010

budget and consider granting the remaining \$25,000 at its April meeting.

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce director Liz Baker explained that the Chamber has budgeted \$70,000 toward its community-wide business marketing plan.

Those funds will be used for radio, cable, television, billboards, direct mail newspapers, and promotional material.

These outlets will all serve to drive people to the Chamber web site and to

market around established local events.

Marketing revenues will also be created through securing private business money. Baker said the Chamber has already secured \$10,000 through this approach.

The initial grant of \$5,000 will be used toward the bridge project's "bridge bucks" weekly drawing where \$200 a week will be given away. These monies will be earmarked toward shopping downtown Lowell.

The bridge buck giveaway begins in April.

"We want to keep people engaged with what's happening and with the extra things going on around them during the bridge project," Baker explained.

This is in keeping with the Chamber mission statement: To strengthen the Greater Lowell Community through the development of a community-wide business marketing plan, which will promote Lowell as an attractive area to work, start

a business, relocate a plant, go to school, raise a family, shop, dine and enjoy its many other amenities.

In other city news, the DDA will grant \$2,000 toward providing retrofit CFL light fixtures.

The initial pilot test area will be the parking lot off Avery Street.

The DDA will also spend \$4,000 to upgrade ground fixtures at the Veteran's Park location and at the Englehardt Public Library.

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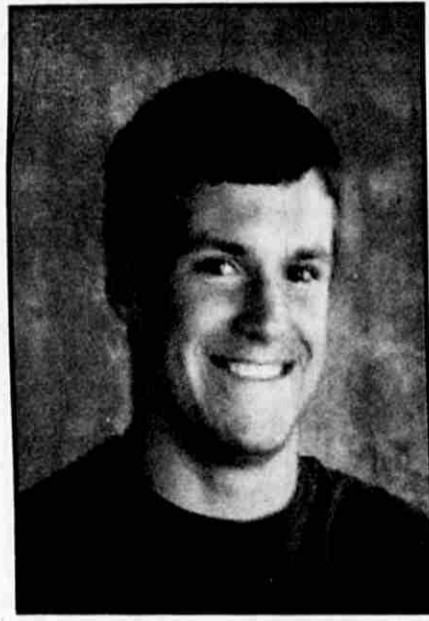


# LHS announces two national merit finalists

Lowell High School announced that Samantha Hagerman and Dylan Olin have both qualified as National Merit finalists. More than 1.3 million students enter this scholarship competition. About 50,000 students with the highest PSAT scores were notified that they have qualified either as a commended student or semifinalist. Approximately 16,000 students were named National Merit semifinalists this year. In February, the committee reviewed

the semifinalists' detailed scholarship applications and academic performance and National Merit finalists were determined. Hagerman

and Olin will be formally recognized for this accomplishment at Senior Honors Night on Tuesday, May 25.



Dylan Olin



Samantha Hagerman

# Time marches on

Time goes by so quickly, it can be easy to forget important deadlines and even easier to let critical items fall to the nether regions of your to-do list. Whether you get to everything or not, time marches on — so we'd like to share some reminders with you.

**Tax Time is right around the corner.** If you haven't filed your tax return yet, now is the time. If you plan to claim your children or any other dependents on your tax return, you'll need to have a Social Security number for each individual. If you don't already have a Social Security number for a dependant, you better get to it right away. Applications and evidence requirements

are available online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber).

**Request your 1099 online.** If you receive Social Security benefits and your total annual income is \$25,000 or more for an individual or \$32,000 or more for a couple, you may need to pay taxes on a portion of your Social Security benefits. If so, you'll need your SSA-1099, which shows the total amount of benefits received in the previous year. If you receive Social Security and have not yet received a 1099 for 2009, you can request a replacement online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/online-services](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online-services).

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already retired and receiving benefits, there's no better time than the present to visit Social Security's Retirement Estimator for an instant, personalized estimate of your future retirement benefits. Spend a few minutes trying out different scenarios to figure out what retirement options will work for you — and what plans you may want to make now to benefit you in the future. You can do it in minutes at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator).

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# health

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



## Canker sores

Canker sores are shallow, painful sores in your mouth. They can occur inside your lips, inside your cheeks or under your tongue. They differ from cold sores which usually occur on the outside of your lips or the corners of your mouth. Canker sores can affect people of all ages but most often occur in adolescents and young adults. The exact cause of canker sores is unknown but stress appears to be a factor.

Several over-the-counter medicines can be used to treat canker sores. Ibuprofen or acetaminophen can be used for pain. Oral pain relieving gels, like those used on teething baby's gums, can also be used for temporary relief. Another treatment

consists of mixing equal parts of Milk of Magnesia and Benadryl allergy liquid. This mixture is then swished about inside the mouth for one minute and then spit out. This can be repeated every four to six hours and is thought to provide a temporary protective barrier over the sore. Alternative treatments of possible benefits include sucking on zinc lozenges, taking vitamin C or vitamin B complex and taking a lysine supplement.

You should be evaluated by your health-care provider if your canker sores are accompanied by a fever or any other signs of illness, as well as if the canker sores are large, last longer than a week or prevent you from eating.

# college news

Ferris State University has announced that the following students received academic honors for the semester that ended in December 2009.

Charles, Alm, Anthony Amato, Alison Bedi, Benjamin Biondo, Theresa Buist, Emily Ciosek, Darice Clements, Mary Jo Doering, Julie Dunn, Robert Eseh, Cassandra Espinosa, Anna Ferris, Spencer Flory, Angelo Franchi, Thomas Hall, Debra Howell, Kristie Kurth, Brett Lesiewicz, Cameron Raterink, Kasey Stowell, Claire Vredevoogd, Brooke Hanson, Emily Canda, and Robert McGuire, all of Ada. Susan Burchardt, Lauren Clements, Sara Fifarek, Steve Yonker, Kristine Huberts,

Jonathan Ekkens, and Conrad Rullifo, all of Alto.

Logan DeClercq, Sarah Fynevever, Travis Gillan, Trevor Hoard, Brian Hook, Karen Hysell, Abbot Kastanek, Andrew Kelly, Michael Kleinpaste, Jacob McVey, Nicholas McVey, Eric Mundt, Thomas Pfaller, Randi Raimier, Kara Rasch, Maranda Ruegsegger, Blake Spoelman, Megan Willemstein, Kyle Wittenbach, Mark Keely, Lee Wirick, Theodore Bergin, and Crystal Dietz, all of Lowell.

The following students completed the requirements for certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Ferris State

University. Kendall College of Art and Design, and the College of Professional and Technological Studies during the semester that ended in December 2009.

Lenin Duran-Solorzano, Jessica Kehoe, Christopher Nabkey, and Lorilyn Webb, all of Ada; Susan Burchardt of Alto; and Kimberly Stuckey of Lowell.

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

Students from this area honored for the fall semester include:

Bryan Avery, Brian Boyce, Laura Brady, Elisabeth Brasure, Drew Clouse, Melinda Darcangelo, Timothy Dawe, Jill Deacon, Kristin Dunn, Matthew Entingh, Timothy Flanders, Brittany Foley, Kristian Frimodig, John Gallagher, Meaghan Gallup, Trenea Gilbert, Zachary Harmon, Madeleine Hart, Emily Henk, Caitlin Hinton, Stephen Hoekwater, David Hoogmoed, Andrea Justian, Colin Kammeraad, Ashley Kohlbeck, Tiffany Kohler, Nathan Lake, Anna Lane, Marisa Lesiewicz, Emily Lindhout, Elizabeth Liguigli, Amy Mohr, Sarah Nichols, Meredith Osborne, Shannon Page, Benjamin Rasmussen, Erin Rozek, Allison Scholz, Kira Sniderman, Corinne Vanderklok, Rachel Verstrat, Dillon Vrosh, Carolyne White, David Yanoschik, and Erin Zezulka, all of Ada.

**TUES:** Baked minicorndogs (hamburger on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), oven potatoes, orange smiles, milk.

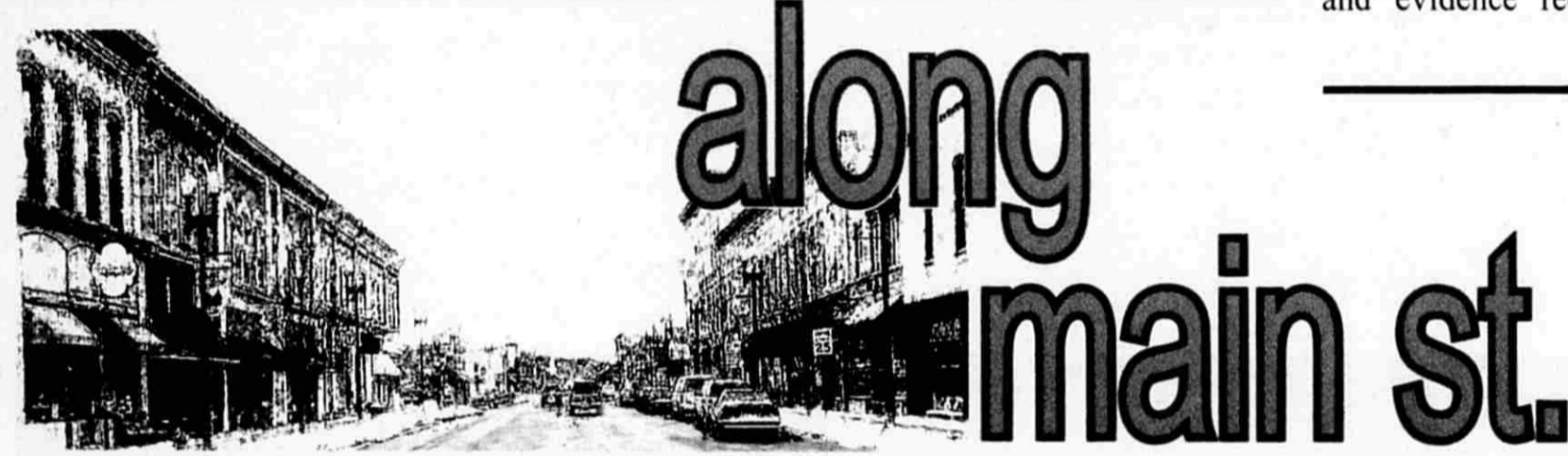
**WED:** Chicken drumstick w/dinner roll (tuna salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/gravy, fruited green gelatin, milk.

**THURS:** Tony's pizza (ham & cheese wrap also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), vegetables & dip, fresh fruit, milk.

**FRI:** French toast sticks/syrup or cereal/graham crackers & scrambled eggs, cinnamon applesauce, fruit juice, milk.

## LUNCH MENU

**ELEMENTARY MENU**  
Week of  
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# business matters

## International representatives to speak with Lowell students

Lowell High School sophomores have an exciting opportunity on Thursday morning, March 11, from 7:50 to 10:30 a.m. at the school. Students will be able to meet with ten representatives from countries around the world to learn about each of their respective cultures and educational systems. Students will be able to address the speakers and ask

questions. They will also be able to sample food from a variety of world cultures.

This effort was designed to introduce Lowell Area School students to the diversity of the world and celebrate different cultures. The session is being funded through a grant provided by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation and Kent ISD Diversity Initiative.

Mark Johnson, local agent for Farm Bureau Insurance in Grand Rapids, was honored for his sales and service to clients during 2009 at the recent Multi-Line Marketing Convention held in Traverse City on February 25 through 27. Johnson, who earned two awards, was recognized

by Farm Bureau's executive vice president, Jim Robinson. Robinson said, "We are very proud to have agents of Mark Johnson's calibre representing us and helping their clients. Mark Johnson is a trusted advisor for clients, building relationships based on trust, expertise, and a caring attitude."

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# One year contract settled by teachers, staff and administrators

by Shelly MacNaughton

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Monday night. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month.

Parker Liu, the student council representative to the board, updated everyone on the activities taking place at the high school. Students are now beginning the third and final trimester of the school year. Spring sports are underway. There will be a collage concert on March 30 in the high school Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Students from choir, band and orchestra will perform at this annual fundraiser for the music boosters.

High school principal Tricia Murphy-Alderman presented information on the instructional model they are now using at the high school. According to Murphy-Alderman this seems to be an effective teaching model for teachers and administrators.

The model was created through joint collaboration with the teachers and staff over the past two and a half years and incorporates four key components: relationship, student engagement, instructional strategies and clear expectations.

Murphy-Alderman went on to explain the schedule for the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) testing taking place this week at the high school.

A very intricate schedule has been put together for high school students this week to allow for testing to take place. "Mrs. Murphy-Alderman is doing a wonderful job with our team. Congratulations," said Pratt.

Teachers and administrators have reached a one year contract agreement. "Considering the economic times, we are pleased to be able to collaborate together," said Paul Jacobus, president of the LEA.

Board member Pat Nugent said, "This is not something I thought would be an easy process. I think there are some things in this contract that are very good spots for both sides."

Pratt added, "We are very privileged to have this type of dialogue in Lowell. "Kudos to you, Paul, and the work of your team."

Fourteen teachers have decided to participate in the voluntary retirement



At Your Local Library

### Women who changed America

In celebration of March as Women's History Month, the Lowell Area Historical Museum and the Friends of the Englehardt Library of Lowell will sponsor "Women Who Changed America" starring Marie Papiak on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7 p.m. The program will be held at the Lowell Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash. Papiak will perform as Laura Smith Haviland and Sarah Emma Edmonds, important women in Michigan history.

### PAJAMA STORYTIME

For families who can't come to the library during the day, Pajama Storytimes offer an evening of stories and fun. Bring your teddy bear or other snuggly friend; pajamas optional! For children ages 6 and under with a caregiver.

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# viewpoint

**outdoors**  
National Wildlife Week  
Dave Stegehuis

The National Wildlife Federation sponsors National Wildlife Week during March 15-21, 2010. The event is intended to promote appreciation of nature and draw attention to wildlife and the environment. The National Wildlife Federation website (nwf.org) provides a link to National Wildlife Week activities for children, parents, and teachers as well as a number of other ongoing programs which offer opportunities for participation in a variety of outdoor, recreational, and conservation related activities.

Observing National Wildlife Week is a good opportunity for anyone seeking to reconnect with nature or looking for interesting and productive outdoor activities. The National Wildlife Federation web site provides many options for getting involved with environmental projects, learning about nature, and just having fun outdoors. For those who have always been concerned about the state of our environment and the welfare of wildlife, this serves as a reminder to step up and get involved to defend and promote conservation efforts.

I make note of this annual observation because many of us, particularly children, have lifestyles which are so far removed from what is happening in the fields and forests that we sometimes forget that there is a world out there beyond the pavement. Making a lasting connection with nature can add more depth and meaning to our lives, as well as strengthening our resolve to make choices which will help to preserve wildlife and habitat to pass on to future generations.

## to the editor

Dear Editor,

The [City Council News in Brief] in The Lowell Ledger stated that a pavement management work session was set for March 29 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall. I'll have to say that a work session is better than nothing considering Lowell's roads are twice the age of replacement. And I'll give the city council another thumbs up for bringing this problem to the forefront, but what good comes out of the meeting is to be seen. It seems that there hasn't been any money put aside for road replacement down through the years even though the city has a tax rate near the top in Kent County.

Now the city goes from year to year to do small sections of the city's disintegrating streets. I believe there can be more money acquired for road work replacement than what they have been coming up with. I believe new taxation is not a consideration considering Michigan has been in a harsh recession for eight years with no end in sight. But the city can bring about more funding by utilizing all available city taxes and not just what goes into the general fund - that means a change in the way the city functions.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell

## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

**When investing, learn all aspects of risk**

In life, you can't avoid all risks — and you shouldn't try, because endeavors that carry risk also bring the prospect of reward. And it's certainly the same in the investment world. So instead of trying to invest risk-free, which is impossible, learn to recognize the different types of investment risk while becoming familiar with your own risk tolerance.

To start with, let's quickly look at some of the most common forms of investment risk:

- **Risk of losing principal** — This is the type of risk most commonly associated with investing. You could lose some, or even all, of your principal if you sell an investment, such as a stock, whose value has dropped lower than the purchase price. You can't eliminate the risk of losing principal, but you may be able to reduce it by buying quality stocks and holding them long enough to overcome short-term market drops.
- **Inflation risk** — With an investment that pays a fixed rate of return, such as a certificate of deposit (CD), you run the risk of not keeping up with inflation, which means you could lose purchasing power over time. Consequently, it's a good idea not to "overload" on these types of investments.
- **Interest-rate risk** — When you own a bond, your investment is somewhat at the mercy of changing market interest rates. For example, if you buy a bond that pays four percent interest, and market rates rise so that newly issued bonds pay five percent, the relative value of your bond will go down; no one will pay you face value of your bond when they can get new ones that pay higher rates. Of course, if you hold your bonds until maturity, which is often a good idea, you can avoid being victimized by interest-rate risk.
- **Concentration risk** — This type of risk occurs when you have too much of your money concentrated in one area, such as in a particular stock or in one industry. If a downturn strikes that stock or industry, your portfolio could take a big hit. To combat this type of risk, you need to diversify your holdings among stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments. While diversification, by itself, doesn't eliminate risk, it can help reduce it.

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Looking Back THROUGH THE LEDGERS

1893 1900 1976 1980 2008

By Shelly MacNaughton

it in his coat pocket intending to deliver it into the hands of the owner, but as man is wont to do, forgot to deliver the epistle. The coat was declared of no further use as wearing apparel and was cast off with other articles. One day this winter, after nearly eleven years, the housewife decided she needed that coat in a rug which she was making. So the coat was resurrected, and the long-lost letter brought to light, and it was soon placed with the owner after which followed a correspondence with the Lowell post-master with the result of the sisters being reunited.

**125 Years Ago**  
The Lowell Journal  
March 11, 1885

We understand that Mr. F. D. M. Davis, late prosecuting attorney of Ionia County, has made arrangements to come to Lowell as successor to Mr. M. H. Walker who will move to Grand Rapids.

The rink chairs have arrived.  
Geo. Salisbury of Bowne is deputy sheriff.  
The new furnace in the Congregational Church seems to do its duty well.

**100 Years Ago**  
The Lowell Ledger  
March 10, 1910

After a separation of more than twenty-two years, Mrs. Jas. Gibson is enjoying a visit this week with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Covey of Cadillac. There had been no communication between them during all those years.

In 1899 a friend of the family visited relatives in the vicinity of Cadillac and in the immediate neighborhood of the Covey's and on becoming acquainted with the Covey family discovered the relationship with Mrs. Gibson. After coming back to Lowell, this fact was communicated to the relatives here. Mrs. Gibson immediately wrote to her sister. A neighbor, who was accustomed to call for their mail, received the letter from the post office at Cadillac, placed

**75 Years Ago**  
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo  
March 14, 1935

The fire department was called to the Standard Oil station on West Main St. this morning because of an explosion in an oil heating stove. The result was not much of any damage. It was the first fire call in nearly five months.

The Lowell Rotary Club, the town's newest organization, will be given its charter at a banquet to be held at the Lowell City Hall. Upwards of 200 visiting Rotarians from towns throughout Michigan will be present in honor of the occasion.

**50 Years Ago**  
The Lowell Ledger  
March 10, 1960

At the annual meeting of the Lowell Board of Trade on Thursday, March 3, Dr. Robert E. Regan was elected president of the organization for the coming year.

Lowell Board of Education authorized the superintendent to take steps to remodel a room on the first floor of the high school building for biological science. The estimated cost of construction and equipment was set at \$5,660.

**25 Years Ago**  
The Grand Valley Ledger  
March 13, 1985

Parking in the central business district has long been a problem in Lowell. At the urging of a reorganized Chamber of Commerce and a mayor whose business suffers from congested parking, Lowell City Manager Ray Quada has announced a tough new parking policy for the downtown.

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## engagements area births

### Farr/Regan



Molly Farr and Patrick Regan

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Farr of Petoskey would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Elizabeth to Patrick Alan Regan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Regan of Lowell. The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School and a graduate of Lansing Community College. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and Michigan State University. They plan to wed in Harbor Springs on July 31, 2010. The engaged couple currently resides in Nashville, TN where the future groom is a full time student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University pursuing a degree in aviation maintenance management. The bride-to-be works as a certified neurophysiologist in various hospitals in the Nashville area.

### Strauss



Gavin Michael Strauss

Sean and Stacy Strauss welcomed the newest member of their family on Feb. 23, 2010. Gavin Michael weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 20 inches. He joined big sisters, Jordyn and Jaelyn at home. Proud grandparents are Carol and David Johnson, Tim and Jude Stone of Muskegon, and Mary and Jerry Strauss of Lowell.

## happy birthday!

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| <b>MARCH 13</b><br>Sophia D'Agostino, Dode Dey, Paul Seese, Tyler Schneider, Jack Robert Malone. |  |

## Financial Focus, continued

cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, it can help reduce the effect of volatility. In addition to understanding the above types of risk, you also need to tolerance and how it affects your investment strategy. If you are constantly worried

about "the market," you've probably got too many investments that are at risk of losing principal. At the other end of the spectrum, if you're always concerned that your portfolio won't grow enough to generate the income you'll eventually need for retirement, you may be investing too conservatively — and, as a result, you're inviting inflation risk. Ultimately, you need to match your own risk tolerance with a strategy that allows you to achieve your goals. This will require self-awareness, patience, discipline — and, at times, a willingness to move outside your own "comfort zone." By learning to balance and manage risk, you can ultimately put yourself in a position to pursue your investment strategy.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

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*She and her husband, George Dey, moved to Lowell around 1956. They raised their 6 children here and were very involved in the community. She currently lives at Schneider Manor.*

Love from all of us:  
Susan and Mark Ewing; Jim and Mary Wernet; Barb (Wayne) Porter; Mike and Mary Dey; Laura and Frank Leasure; Kathe and Dave Biggs; and all of your grandchildren: Randy, Don, David, Teresa (Lyle), Beth, Jim (Kristin), Alan, Tony, Patti, Jamie, Richard, Samantha, Mary, Christina, Brian, Jason; and great-grandchildren, Owen and Luke.

## Elementary students celebrate reading month



Authors Laura and Robert Sams entertain Murray Lake students.

Murray Lake kicked off March is Reading Month in grand style. Laura and Robert Sams, authors of "Pirate's Quest" and many other books about nature, came in to meet with Murray Lake students. The Sams are a brother and sister team who started the company, SISBRO, a few years ago. SISBRO not only publishes many children's books, but has also produced children's movies.

Murray Lake students watched the Sams' movie "Riddle in a Bottle" and read their book, "Pirate's Quest," prior to the author's visit. The Sams walked the students through the process of writing a book and creating a movie. The children learned that neither a book or a movie is "finished" after the first draft. Laura Sams stated that they rewrote "Pirate's Quest" over twenty times.

Students at Murray Lake were thoroughly entertained by the Sams' presentation, while at the same time learned many things to implement into their writing.

Murray Lake students have set a "500 hours of at home reading per week" goal for the month of March. Reaching the weekly goal will earn them a Crazy Days week, extra recess time, a no homework night, a wild animal presentation, and a family pizza night. Their names will also go into a drawing for prizes purchased by the Family Links.

The students are very excited about the month's events and have already accumulated over 700 hours of at home reading and over 600 AR points during the month of March.

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**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr. PO Box 208, Lowell to hear the following business:

Applicant Bill Harrison is requesting a lot area variance from section 201.304 (E) and 201.501 (A) to split off a small portion of land from an adjacent existing nonconforming parcel and combine it with his property (11904 4 Mile Rd, pp# 41-16-04-226-013). The existing nonconforming parcel is less than the required lot area of 3 acres. The parent parcel is located at 11914 4 Mile Rd (part of along the south side of the private road portion west of the intersection of Alden Nash NE and 4 Mile Rd, pp# 41-16-04-226-012).

The members may review any other business that may come before them as permitted by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to: zoning@vergennestwp.org

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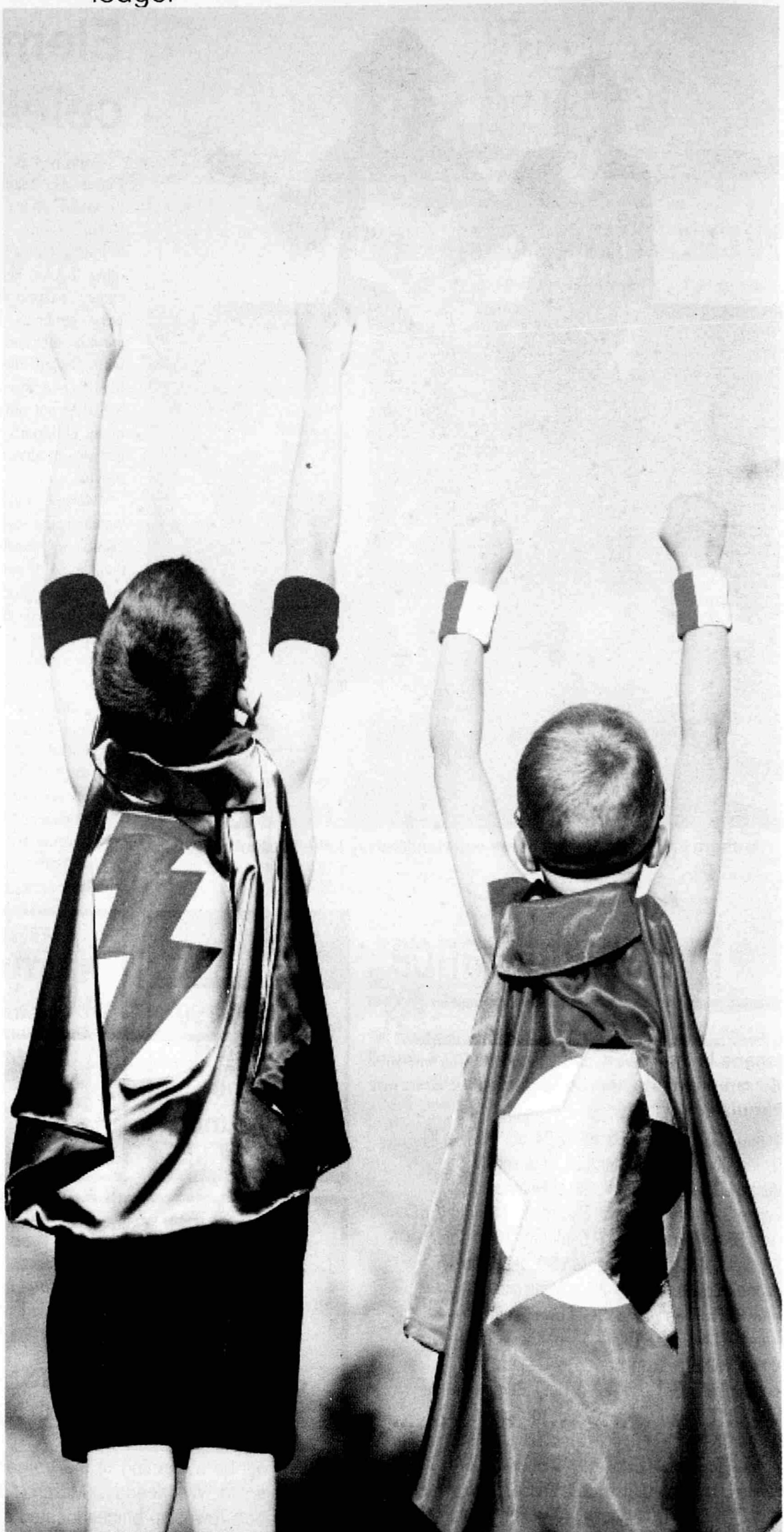
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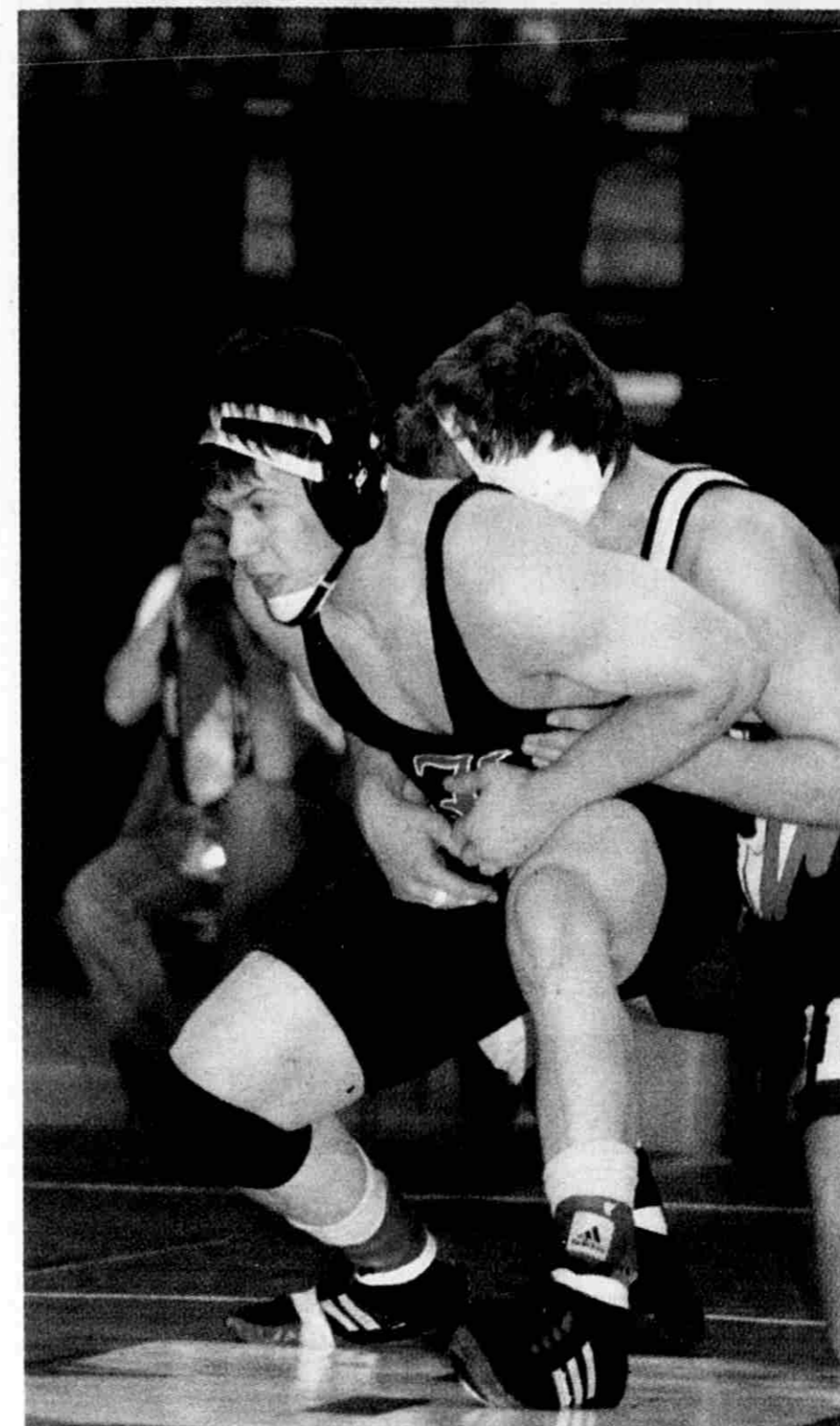
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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Wrestling, continued



Lowell's Ryan Olep (left) works toward an escape in the second period of his 171-pound championship match against Rockford's Jake Dorulla Saturday at the Palace.

(Photo by Brett Bremer)

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Reading made Don Quixote a gentleman. Believing what he read made him mad.

- George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)

straight state championship and I accomplished that goal."

For sophomores Andrew Morse (145) and Gabe Dean (189), their outstanding seasons ended in frustration as they lost their championship matches to opponents they had beaten early in the year.

In Dean's case, twice. The sophomore (35-4) lost 8-2 to Grandville's Caleb Rivero.

Morse, a victim of a four-point lateral drop, lost 6-5 to Detroit Catholic Central's Doug Eldridge.

"Both Andrew (45-2) and Gabe did great jobs in the tournament and had great seasons," Dean explained.

Heavyweight Connor Kruse (32-4) saw his state championship hopes taken away when he was taken down in the final seconds of his match. Kruse lost 5-4 to

Saginaw's Quinton Moore.

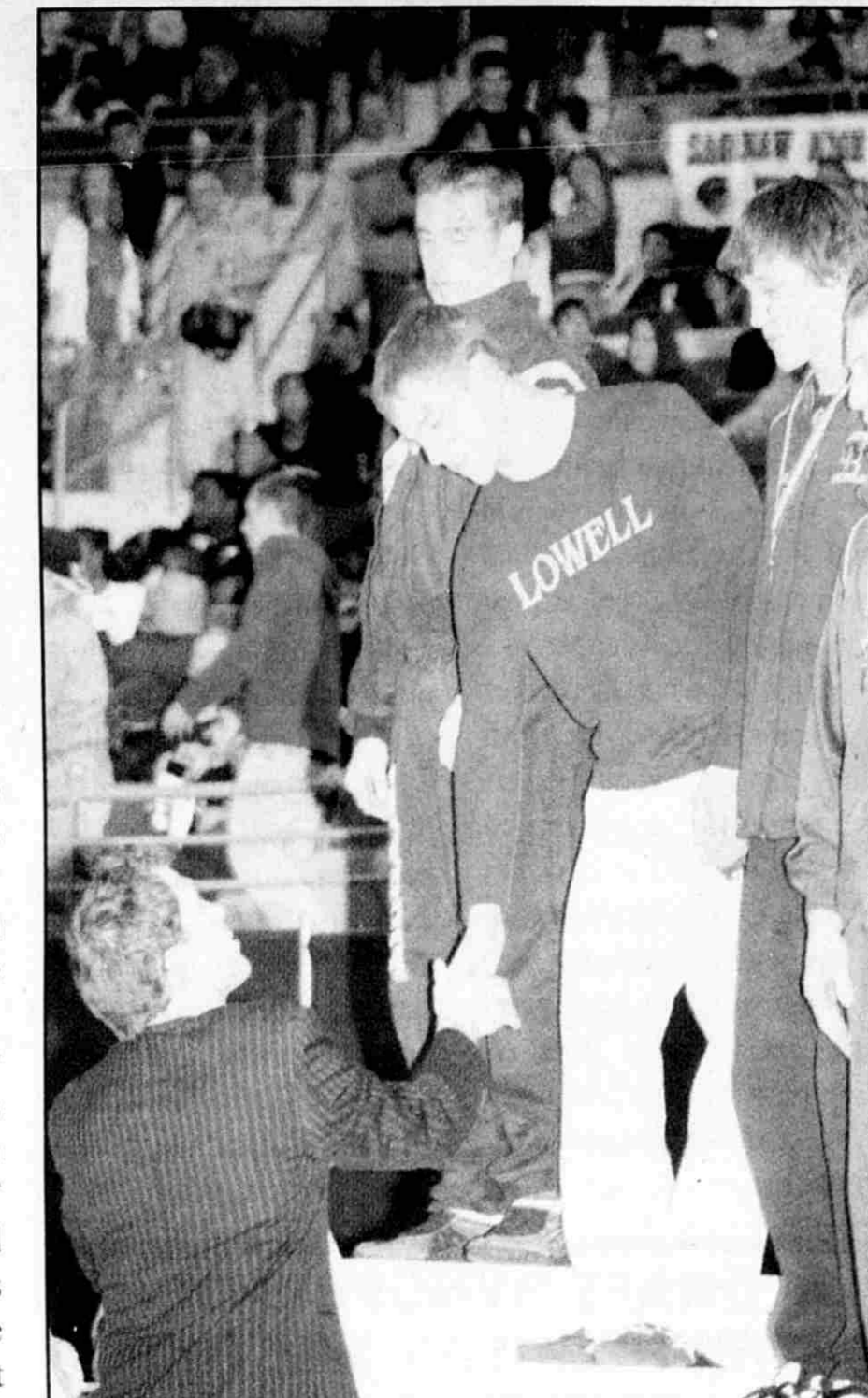
Ryan Olep (171), 36-4, dropped a third close match with Rockford's Jake Dorullo. The Ram, defending state champion, defeated Olep 6-4.

"He's a tough kid and the defending state champion for a reason," Dean explained. "Ryan wrestled a good match and I think this was one of his best state tournaments yet."

Sophomore Gabe Morse (40-9) wrestling at 135 pounds placed seventh.

Senior Jake Fillingham (29-18) did not place in the 130 pound bracket.

"Overall, I feel pretty good about the way the boys performed placing in seven of the eight weight classes," Dean said. "It's been an odd year where a few little things got away from us, but one when where we've had great leadership."



Lowell's Andrew Morse accepts the medal for his runner-up finish in Division 1 145-pound weight class at the Palace of Auburn Hills Saturday.

(Photo by Brett Bremer)

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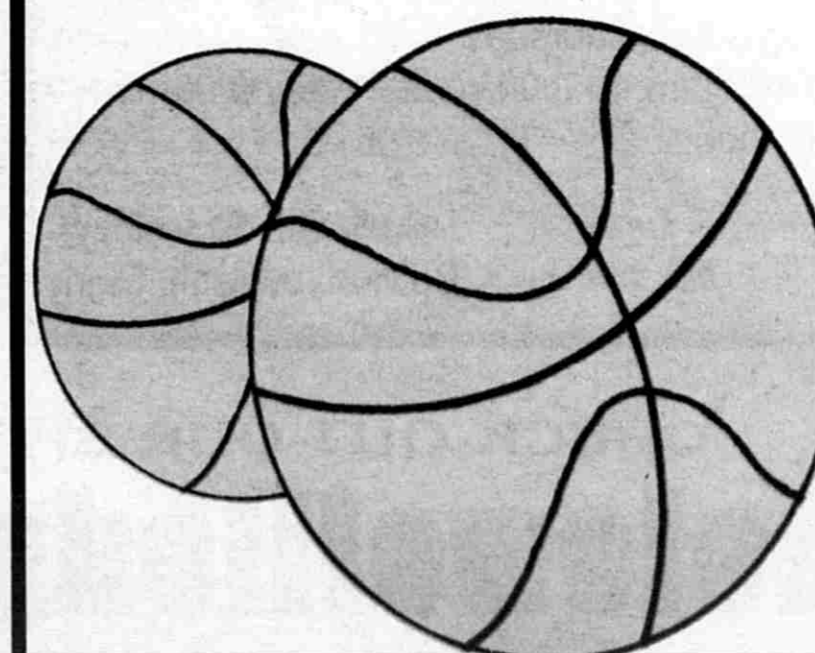
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Thad's picks will be published in the paper and his running total will be in each week's edition.

First-round selections will be worth a point apiece; second-round selections will be worth two points; third-round, four points; fourth-round, eight points; and the championship game is worth 16 points.



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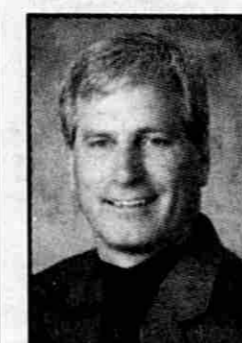
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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Teft earns regional all-around championship

by Thad Kraus  
When the result of doing something is hitting your head, many would choose not to repeat that again.

Many, however, would not be Division 2 regional gymnastic all-around champions today, either.

That's what separates Lowell's Kelsey Teft from the many. The Lowell senior will be an all-around competitor at the Division 2 state gymnastics meet on Saturday in Rockford.

Teft stuck a new vault trick at Kenowa Hills on Saturday helping her attain a score of 9.2 (second place finish).

"The last time I attempted that trick I hit my head," Teft explained. "I stuck it on Saturday and that was really exciting."

Teft earned three second-place finishes (vault, floor and beam) and an eighth-place finish on the bars.

The Red Arrow tallied scores of 8.55 on the uneven bars, 9.3 on the balance beam and 9.375 in the floor exercise. Her total all-around score of 36.425 was a personal best and made her the first Lowell gymnast to earn an all-around individual regional championship.

"This is my highest all-around score. I'm very happy it all came together today," Teft said.

Teft's beam score was a season high. An accomplishment she achieved one other time this year.

"Kelsey is good at everything she tries, but she is also a hard worker, determined and as humble and down-to-earth an athlete as you're going to meet," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan explained.

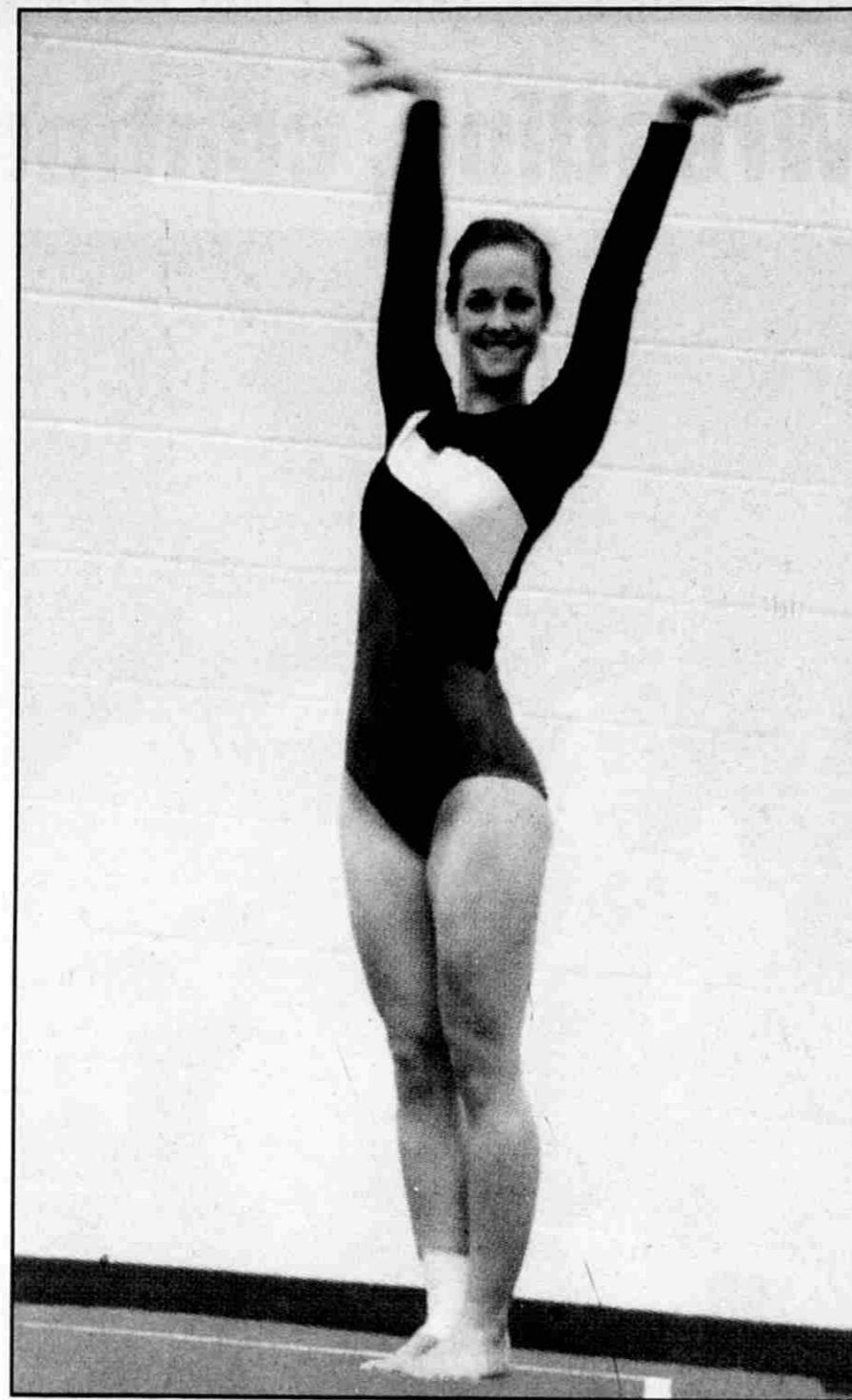
The Lowell coach sat

down with Teft at the end of her junior year and talked to her about what Teft wanted for her senior year. The senior wanted to compete at the state level in all events.

DeHaan then hooked her up with gymnastics trainer Ashley Byrnes who has worked to help Teft improve her skills.

Teft and her teammates also accomplished a season high team score with their score of 130.25 placing them seventh overall. Mona

Gymnastics, continued, page 16



Lowell's Kelsey Teft earned top all-around honors at the Division 2 regional in Kenowa Hills Saturday.

## Geldersma leads Lowell with eighth-place finish

by Thad Kraus

Lowell's Kristin Bouwhuis placed fifth among 60 bowlers in the Division 2 individual state bowling tournament in Canton on Saturday.

In the round of 16, Bouwhuis defeated South Lyon's Katelyn Pakkala 318-317 (148-170, 125-192).

In the quarterfinals, Bouwhuis was defeated by Lindsey Ploof of Flint Kearsley 404-395 (225-179, 173-222).

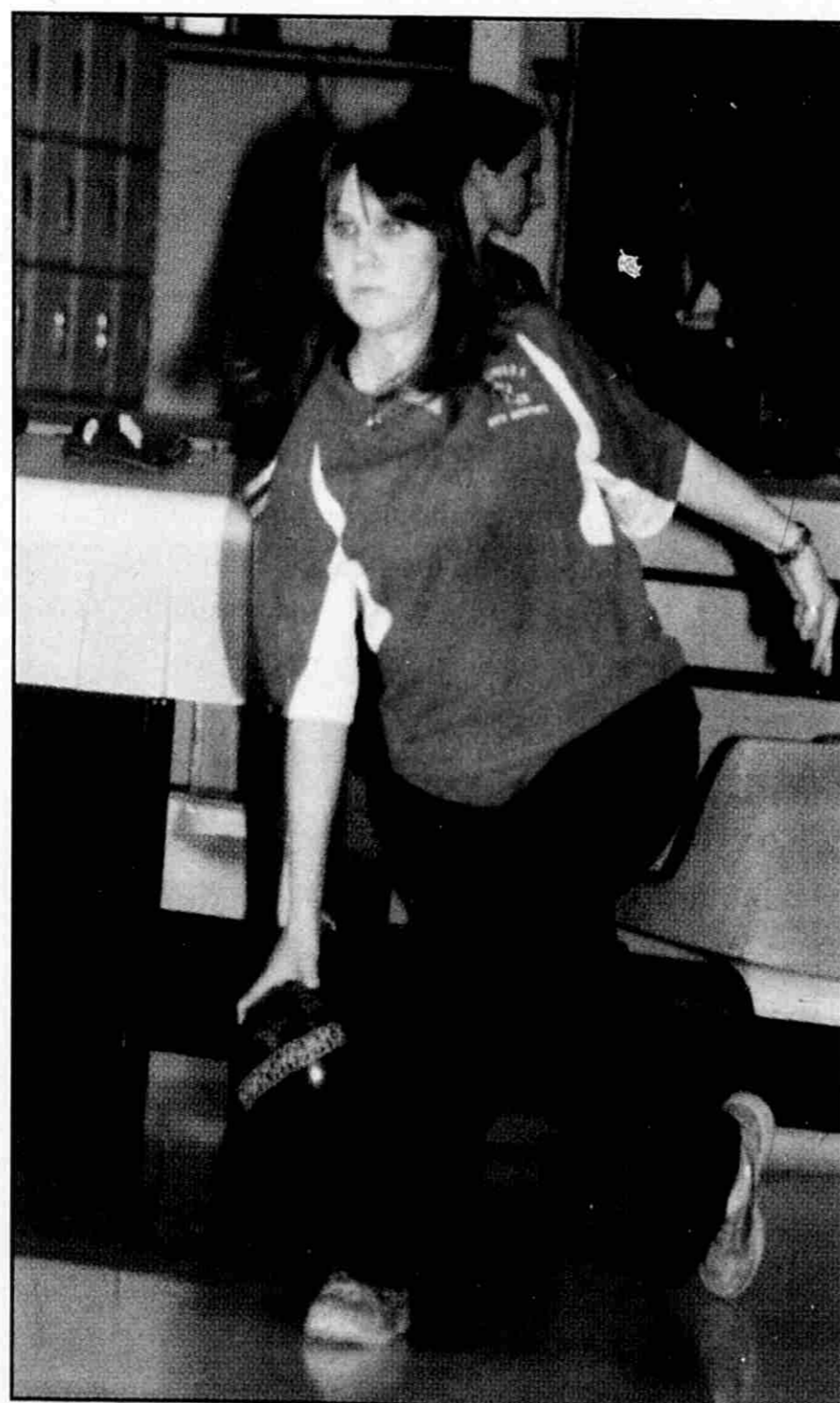
Bowling for Lowell, but not advancing to the round of 16, were Sammi Geldersma 975, and Sarah Mogor 969. Bouwhuis advanced with a total of 1126.

The Lowell girls' bowling team finished 13th in a field of 18 with a total pin count of 2,891.

"The girls did amazing. They had higher scores than at regionals. They even beat the other two teams who

placed from our region. The girls knew what to expect, this not being the first time to state, and they gave it their all. I am very proud of

them. It brought me back to high school all over again," Lowell girls' bowling coach Eva Geldersma said.



Kristin Bouwhuis finished eighth in a field of 60 state individual bowlers in Canton over the weekend.

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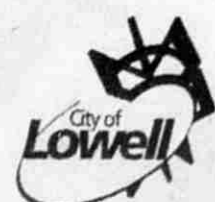
The Bowne Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal years 2010-11 at the Bowne Township Hall - 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302 on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. "The property tax Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed Budget will be a subject of this hearing." A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Office at the above address Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Cornish leads Lowell in regular season finale

by Thad Kraus

Throughout the season the Red Arrow boys' basketball team has not demonstrated the ability to win close games.

In its final regular season game of the year, Lowell saw a 10-point fourth-quarter lead dwindle down to two with 10 seconds to play.

The Red Arrows, with a chance to extend the lead to four, missed two foul shots and then held their collective breaths as Forest Hills Eastern's Bradley Rosenzweig's three-point shot from in front of the Hawk bench bounced off the front of the rim giving Lowell a 55-53 non-conference win.

"I'm happy for the boys, especially the seniors. We've had some difficult losses this year. We've struggled with our ball handling and free throws," Lowell basketball coach Jeff McDonald said.

For a second straight game, Lowell received a game-high scoring performance from Derek Cornish.

The senior netted 23 points against FHE. That, following a 26-point effort in an overtime loss to Middleville.

"Derek did a nice job of slashing when he got the ball," McDonald said. "When he's playing well we're a different team."

Despite the late game drama created in part by the Hawks' perimeter shooting, Lowell led throughout much of the game. The Red Arrows trailed 14-11 after the first quarter, but rallied with a 17-11 advantage in quarter

number two to take a 28-25 half-time lead. One it never relinquished.

"We never put ourselves in good position to win this game," said FHE coach Jason Yelding. "Lowell played hard, took care of the ball and played with discipline."

Yelding did not feel his club executed to its potential. "Ideally, you'd like to play with more of a rhythm going into the district," Yelding concluded.

The Red Arrows led 46-36 with 3:39 to play. The Hawks, with the aid of three three-pointers, outscored Lowell 17-9 in the game's final minutes.

Other than Cornish's 23 points, Lowell got nine from Isaac Tawney, eight from Elliott Drain, and seven from Jacob Meyer.

Lowell finished the regular season with a record of 5-14. Greenville 45 Lowell 34

A tough, challenging season concluded Monday night in the opening round of the Division 1 district in Greenville.

The Red Arrows were unable to overcome a stumbling, scoreless start in its 11-point loss to Greenville.

"We stumbled out of the starting blocks," said Lowell boys' basketball coach Jeff McDonald. "You just can't fall behind by 11 points in the first quarter."

Lowell trailed 11-0 after the opening eight minutes. The Red Arrows' first basket

of the game did not come until the 6:28 mark of the second quarter.

Despite the slumbering start, the Red Arrows did manage to stick around and actually battled back to within four points midway through the fourth quarter.

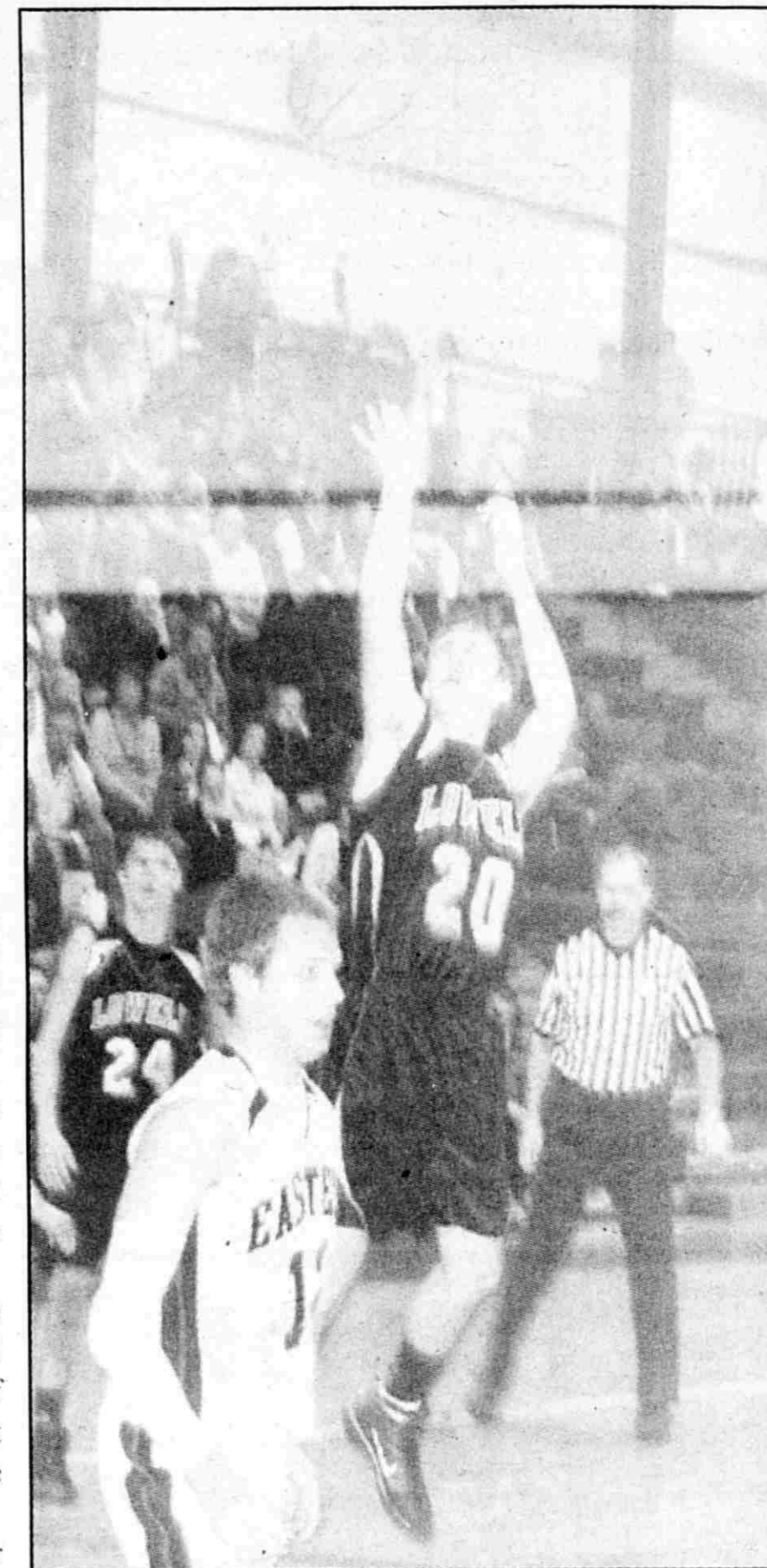
Lowell, trailing 31-20 to start the final stanza, opened the quarter with a 9-2 spurt to close the deficit to four at 33-29.

Greenville, however, responded as it closed out the game on a 12-5 run.

"Greenville has size, contested our shots and out rebounded us," McDonald noted. "I'm sorry to see our seniors go out this way. They are a bunch of great kids. This team has been great to be around."

Lowell finishes the season at 5-16.

Isaac Tawney led all Lowell scorers with 13 points while Derek Cornish netted 10.



Lowell's Sam Steed pulls up for a jump shot in first-half action against Forest Hills Eastern.

## Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

### March Madness

There's been talk about enlarging the NCAA basketball tournament field to 96.

No! No! No! The tournament is not in the need for mediocrity. Enlarging the field would only bring bad into play.

We don't need bad, big conference teams playing in March.

The only reason it would be done is money. The NCAA could sweeten its already big TV contract. Which is why it is considering opting out of

its CBS contract which still has three years left on it.

By opting out, larger dollars could be had from Disney (ESPN), FOX, and Comcast/NBC.

This discussion was talked about again recently because big TV draw schools such as UCLA, North Carolina, Connecticut and Arizona may not make the tournament.

That is bad for network television. Let's be honest, is the 77th team selected into the tournament going to make

a run at winning the whole thing? I seriously doubt it. No more so than the 64th team does, now!

Some kudos need to go out to some winter sport athletes.

Kelsey Teft became the first Red Arrow gymnast to win an all-around regional championship and thus qualify to compete in all four events at the state level this Saturday at Rockford.

Jackson Morse (160 pounds) won his third consecutive individual state wrestling championship on Saturday.

Earning runner-up honors were Andrew Morse (145), Ryan Olep (171), Gabe Dean (189), and Connor Kruse (285).

Dan Fleet (152) was third and Gabe Morse (135) was seventh. Jake Fillingham (130) qualified but did not place.

Kristin Bouwhuis placed fifth in the Division 2 individual state bowling tournament. Also qualifying for the tournament were Sammi Geldersma and Sarah Mogor.

Finally, NCAA tournament selection is Sunday. Don't forget to fill out your bracket and send it in or drop it off to the office before noon on Thursday (March 17).

Anyone or all participants who beat me will have a shot at winning a \$35 gift certificate to Larkin's Restaurant.

To consider a Special Use Permit request from Greg Canfield to establish a second floor for residential purposes at 115-117-119 West Main Street. Since the property is zoned Downtown Business District, a residential dwelling along with a commercial use requires a special use permit.

To consider a Special Use Permit request from Robert Robinson to install a radio antenna at 130 North Center Street. Under Section 4.22 of the Zoning Ordinance, amateur radio antennas may be approved by the Planning Commission as a special use permit.

\*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 web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://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.

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by Thad Kraus  
When the result of doing something is hitting your head, many would choose not to repeat that again.

Many, however, would not be Division 2 regional gymnastic all-around champions today, either.

That's what separates Lowell's Kelsey Teft from the many. The Lowell senior will be an all-around competitor at the Division 2 state gymnastics meet on Saturday in Rockford.

Teft stuck a new vault trick at Kenowa Hills on Saturday helping her attain a score of 9.2 (second place finish).

"The last time I attempted that trick I hit my head," Teft explained. "I stuck it on Saturday and that was really exciting."

Teft earned three second-place finishes (vault, floor and beam) and an eighth-place finish on the bars.

The Red Arrow tallied scores of 8.55 on the uneven bars, 9.3 on the balance beam and 9.375 in the floor exercise. Her total all-around score of 36.425 was a personal best and made her the first Lowell gymnast to earn an all-around individual regional championship.

"This is my highest all-around score. I'm very happy it all came together today," Teft said.

Teft's beam score was a season high. An accomplishment she achieved one other time this year.

"Kelsey is good at everything she tries, but she is also a hard worker, determined and as humble and down-to-earth an athlete as you're going to meet," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan explained.

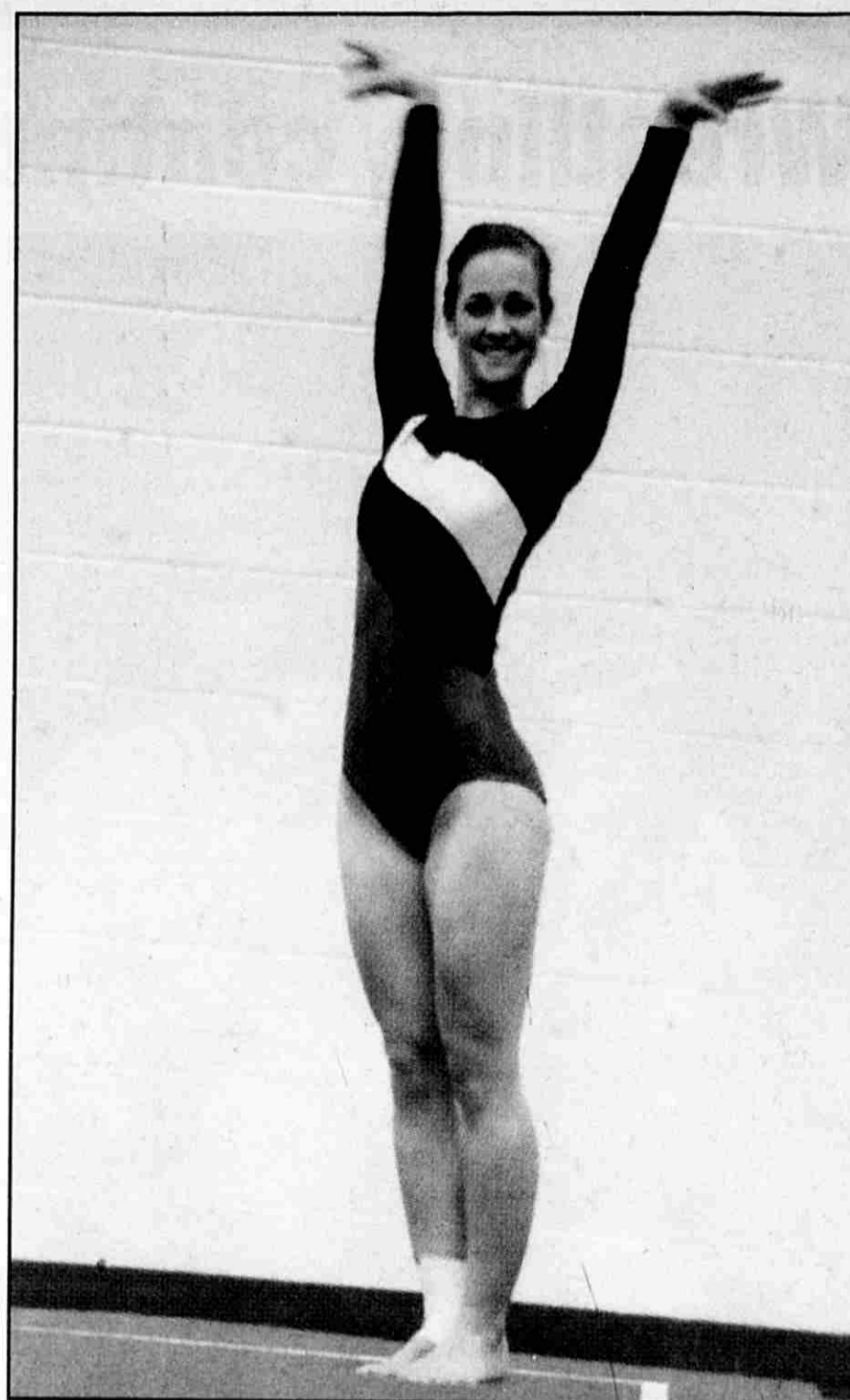
The Lowell coach sat

down with Teft at the end of her junior year and talked to her about what Teft wanted for her senior year. The senior wanted to compete at the state level in all events.

DeHaan then hooked her up with gymnastics trainer Ashley Byrnes who has worked to help Teft improve her skills.

Teft and her teammates also accomplished a season high team score with their score of 130.25 placing them seventh overall. Mona

Gymnastics, continued, page 16



Lowell's Kelsey Teft earned top all-around honors at the Division 2 regional in Kenowa Hills Saturday.

## Geldersma leads Lowell with eighth-place finish

by Thad Kraus

Lowell's Kristin Bouwhuis placed fifth among 60 bowlers in the Division 2 individual state bowling tournament in Canton on Saturday.

In the round of 16, Bouwhuis defeated South Lyon's Katelyn Pakkala 318-317 (148-170, 125-192).

In the quarterfinals, Bouwhuis was defeated by Lindsey Ploof of Flint Kearsley 404-395 (225-179, 173-222).

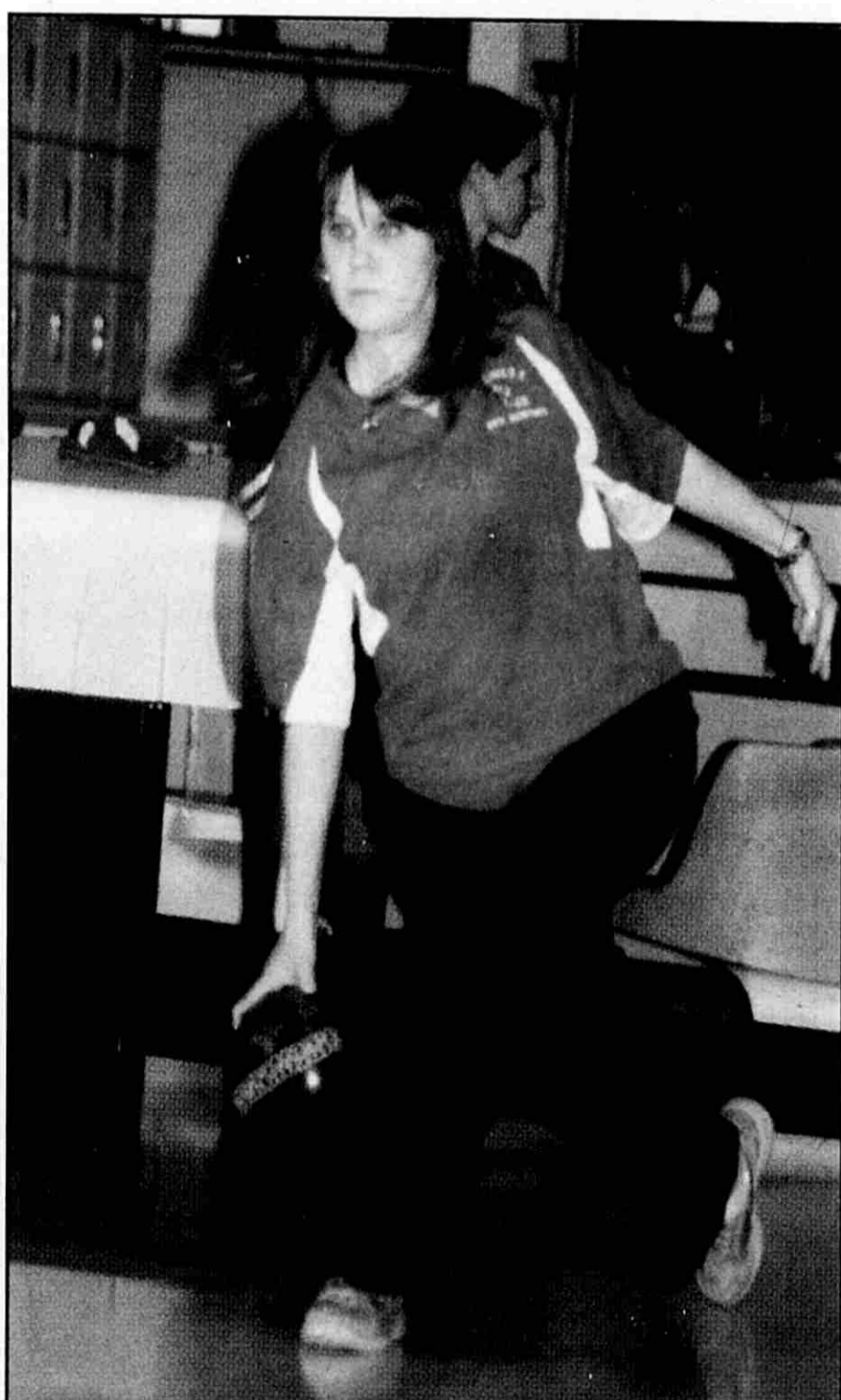
Bowling for Lowell, but not advancing to the round of 16, were Sammi Geldersma 975, and Sarah Mogor 969. Bouwhuis advanced with a total of 1126.

The Lowell girls' bowling team finished 13th in a field of 18 with a total pin count of 2,891.

"The girls did amazing. They had higher scores than at regionals. They even beat the other two teams who

placed from our region. The girls knew what to expect, this not being the first time to state, and they gave it their all. I am very proud of

them. It brought me back to high school all over again," Lowell girls' bowling coach Eva Geldersma said.



Kristin Bouwhuis finished eighth in a field of 60 state individual bowlers in Canton over the weekend.

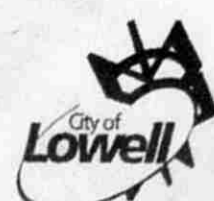
## BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Bowne Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal years 2010-11 at the Bowne Township Hall - 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302 on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. "The property tax Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed Budget will be a subject of this hearing." A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Office at the above address Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

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Betty R. Morlock,  
City Clerk



# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Cornish leads Lowell in regular season finale

by Thad Kraus

Throughout the season the Red Arrow boys' basketball team has not demonstrated the ability to win close games.

In its final regular season game of the year, Lowell saw a 10-point fourth-quarter lead dwindle down to two with 10 seconds to play.

The Red Arrows, with a chance to extend the lead to four, missed two foul shots and then held their collective breaths as Forest Hills Eastern's Bradley Rosenzweig's three-point shot from in front of the Hawk bench bounced off the front of the rim giving Lowell a 55-53 non-conference win.

"I'm happy for the boys, especially the seniors. We've had some difficult losses this year. We've struggled with our ball handling and free throws," Lowell basketball coach Jeff McDonald said.

For a second straight game, Lowell received a game-high scoring performance from Derek Cornish.

The senior netted 23 points against FHE. That, following a 26-point effort in an overtime loss to Middleville.

"Derek did a nice job of slashing when he got the ball," McDonald said. "When he's playing well we're a different team."

Despite the late game drama created in part by the Hawks' perimeter shooting, Lowell led throughout much of the game. The Red Arrows trailed 14-11 after the first quarter, but rallied with a 17-11 advantage in quarter

number two to take a 28-25 half-time lead. One it never relinquished.

"We never put ourselves in good position to win this game," said FHE coach Jason Yelding. "Lowell played hard, took care of the ball and played with discipline."

Yelding did not feel his club executed to its potential. "Ideally, you'd like to play with more of a rhythm going into the district," Yelding concluded.

The Red Arrows led 46-36 with 3:39 to play. The Hawks, with the aid of three three-pointers, outscored Lowell 17-9 in the game's final minutes.

Other than Cornish's 23 points, Lowell got nine from Isaac Tawney, eight from Elliott Drain, and seven from Jacob Meyer.

Lowell finished the regular season with a record of 5-14. Greenville 45 Lowell 34

A tough, challenging season concluded Monday night in the opening round of the Division I district in Greenville.

The Red Arrows were unable to overcome a stumbling, scoreless start in its 11-point loss to Greenville.

"We stumbled out of the starting blocks," said Lowell boys' basketball coach Jeff McDonald. "You just can't fall behind by 11 points in the first quarter."

Lowell trailed 11-0 after the opening eight minutes. The Red Arrows' first basket

of the game did not come until the 6:28 mark of the second quarter.

Despite the slumbering start, the Red Arrows did manage to stick around and actually battled back to within four points midway through the fourth quarter.

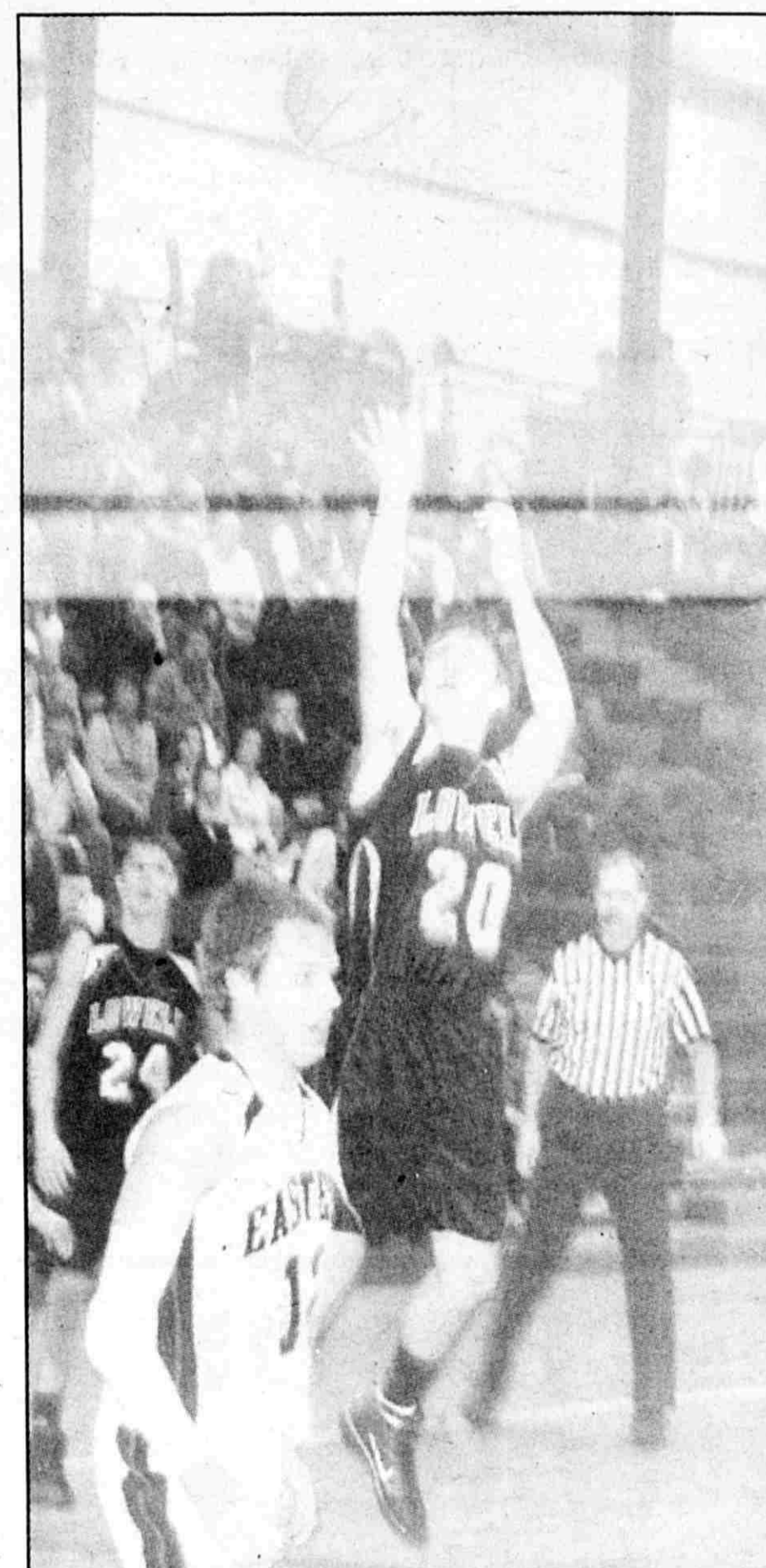
Lowell, trailing 31-20 to start the final stanza, opened the quarter with a 9-2 spurt to close the deficit to four at 33-29.

Greenville, however, responded as it closed out the game on a 12-5 run.

"Greenville has size, contested our shots and out rebounded us," McDonald noted. "I'm sorry to see our seniors go out this way. They are a bunch of great kids. This team has been great to be around."

Lowell finishes the season at 5-16.

Isaac Tawney led all Lowell scorers with 13 points while Derek Cornish netted 10.



Lowell's Sam Steed pulls up for a jump shot in first-half action against Forest Hills Eastern.

## Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

### March Madness

There's been talk about enlarging the NCAA basketball tournament field to 96.

No! No! No! The tournament is not in the need for mediocrity. Enlarging the field would only bring bad into play.

We don't need bad, big conference teams playing in March.

The only reason it would be done is money. The NCAA could sweeten its already big TV contract. Which is why it is considering opting out of

its CBS contract which still has three years left on it. By opting out, larger dollars could be had from Disney (ESPN), FOX, and Comcast/NBC.

This discussion was talked about again recently because big TV draw schools such as UCLA, North Carolina, Connecticut and Arizona may not make the tournament.

That is bad for network television. Let's be honest, is the 77th team selected into the tournament going to make

a run at winning the whole thing? I seriously doubt it. No more so than the 64th team does, now!

Some kudos need to go out to some winter sport athletes.

Kelsey Teft became the first Red Arrow gymnast to win an all-around regional championship and thus qualify to compete in all four events at the state level this Saturday at Rockford.

Jackson Morse (160 pounds) won his third consecutive individual state wrestling championship on Saturday.

Earning runner-up honors were Andrew Morse (145), Ryan Olep (171), Gabe Dean (189), and Connor Kruse (285).

Dan Fleet (152) was third and Gabe Morse (135) was seventh. Jake Fillingham (130) qualified but did not place.

Kristin Bouwhuis placed fifth in the Division 2 individual state bowling tournament. Also qualifying for the tournament were Sammi Geldersma and Sarah Mogor.

Finally, NCAA tournament selection is Sunday. Don't forget to fill out your bracket and send it in or drop it off to the office before noon on Thursday (March 17).

Anyone or all participants who beat me will have a shot at winning a \$35 gift certificate to Larkin's Restaurant.

To consider a Special Use Permit request from Greg Canfield to establish a second floor for residential purposes at 115-117-119 West Main Street. Since the property is zoned Downtown Business District, a residential dwelling along with a commercial use requires a special use permit.

To consider a Special Use Permit request from Robert Robinson to install a radio antenna at 130 North Center Street. Under Section 4.22 of the Zoning Ordinance, amateur radio antennas may be approved by the Planning Commission as a special use permit.

\*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 web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://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  
City Clerk



obituaries

EDWARDS

Isobel Gretchen Edwards, nee Raymor, age 83, of Lowell, passed away Friday, March 5, 2010.



OLTHOFF

Jacob "Jake" Osborn Olthoff, aged 25, of Lowell, passed away Friday, March 5, 2010.

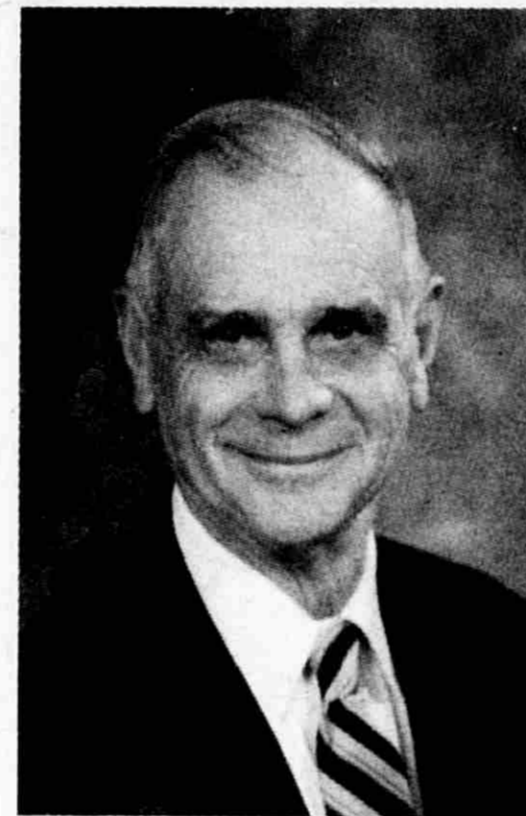


WELLS

Gerald Alvin Wells, aged 77, of Alto, passed away Sunday, February 28, 2010.

WISNER

Allen J. Wisner, age 89, of Lowell, entered into the presence of his Lord on Tuesday, March 2, 2010.



DAWSON

Charles Seymour Dawson, born in Lowell March 31, 1921, passed away in his home in San Francisco.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARSHA A. MORRISSEY, who lived at 2945 Charlesgate Ave, SW, Wyoming, Michigan, died May 15, 2008.

John T. Conroy (P43709) 410 Bridge St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-454-4119

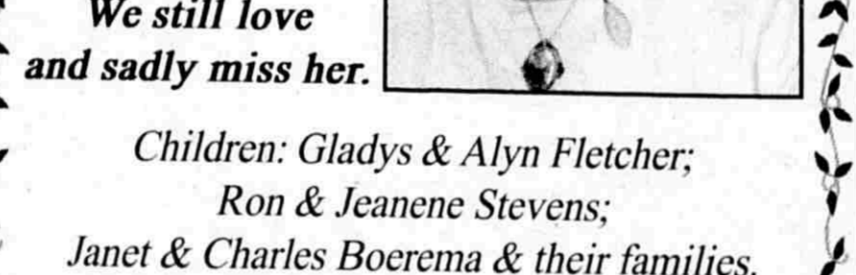
CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 10-01 IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, LICENSES AND APPROVALS FOR THE SALE OR DISPENSATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Ordinance No. 10-01 was adopted by the Lowell City Council on February 16, 2010. Ordinance No. 10-01 imposes a six (6) month moratorium from the effective date of Ordinance No. 10-01 on the issuance of permits, licenses and approvals of the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana in the City of Lowell.

BEATHEA E. STEVENS

Our dear mother went to her heavenly home 20 years ago March 12, 1990. She was the heart of our home.



Children: Gladys & Alyn Fletcher; Ron & Jeaneene Stevens; Janet & Charles Boerema & their families.



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for sale

FREE AD! - Place & pay for an ad in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE!

TACK SALE - New, used items. Saranac High School, March 20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

BUNKBEDS - All new. 58 models, wood, metal or futon, \$199 & up.

MATTRESSES - New. Twin set, \$100; full, \$125; Queen, \$150; king, \$175.

FOR SALE - Wall entertainment center, approx. 6 ft. by 6 ft.

PUREBRED BEAGLE PUPPIES - 6 weeks old, no papers. Parents on-site.

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misc.

CANFIELD PLUMBING & HEATING - When we need you quick you respond right away.

FREE "MEET THE CHURCH" SPAGHETTI DINNER - Wed., March 10, 6 to 9 p.m.

LOWELL LITTLE LEAGUE - sign up until March 13, go to www.eteamz/lowell-littleleague.com

sales

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ALTO - 2 bedroom apartment, pond view, \$500 deposit, \$550 per month includes trash removal.

MUIR/IONIA AREA - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, full walkout basement.

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate!

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When calling please have zip code, weight & dimensions of box.

WOMEN WHO CHANGED AMERICA - Tues., March 23, 7 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell.

WANTED - CRAFTERS WANTED - for West Catholic High School Spring 2010 Craft Show. Go to www.westcatholicband.org or call 616-791-6277.

card of thanks

The family of our loved one, Louis Mulder, would like to thank our families, friends and neighbors for their prayers, cards and other kind deeds at the time of his death.

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Daylight Saving Time Begins March 14. Image of a clock.

Community Calendar. PLEASENOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. FOOD PANTRY - at Lakeside Community Church. LEGO CONTEST - March 23 from noon-5 p.m. BEADING WORKSHOP - Tues., March 23, 6-8 p.m. DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP - Meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Elmdale Church. CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS EXTRA CRUNCHY LIBRARY PROGRAM - have an extra crunchy good time w/games & creative activities. MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE - gildasclub.org. JAPANESE MANGA CLUB - Trade & meet w/other fans of Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh and Bakugan. SPA NIGHT - Tues., March 30, 5:30 - 7 p.m. WOMEN WHO CHANGED AMERICA - Tues., March 23, 7 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall. SARANAC AREA MUSICIANS - Practice Thursdays at Saranac High School band room. Family Storytime - Thursdays March 18 to May 6, 10:30 a.m. Share books, stories, rhymes, music & movement. Pajama Storytime - For families who can't come to the library during the day. Enhance Fitness Class - An activity program especially for those 60 or better. Saranac Area Musicians - Practice Thursdays at Saranac High School band room.



### NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 16th day of March, 2010, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, William R. Byl, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "MOSELEY COUNTY DRAIN," and the apportionment thereof will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3688.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the drain commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed:

- 41-12-23- 300-002, -004, -007, -008; 400-005, -011;
- 41-12-26- 100-004, -005; 200-001, -002; 300-002, -010, -011;
- 41-12-27- 100-017; 200-002, -006, -007, -009 thru -011; 300-002, -006, -014, -016; 400-005;
- 41-12-34- 200-009, -014, -022, -030, -031, -033; 400-001, -018 thru -020;
- 41-12-35- 100-003, -005, -007; 200-003, -004; 301-004; 351-007, -009; 376-012; 400-012;

Grattan Township at large and the County of Kent on account of roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Mary Hollinrake - Clerk of Kent County, Franklin Force - Grattan Township Supervisor and Jon Rice - Kent County Road Commission Managing Director, that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Moseley County Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

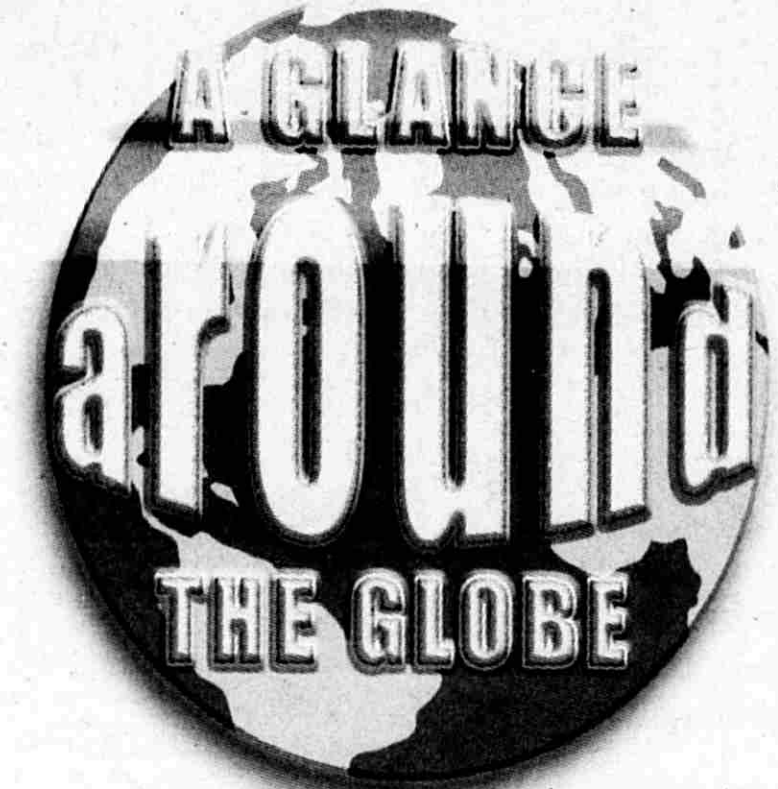
AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear at the time and place noted above to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2010.

William R. Byl, Kent County Drain Commissioner

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#### MARCH 3 - MARCH 9

- At the Oscars "The Hurt Locker" beats out box office titan "Avatar" to win best picture and director. Kathryn Bigelow of "The Hurt Locker" becomes the first woman to be named best director.
- Iraqi election officials count votes at polling stations in Iraq. Voters are electing a 325 member parliament.
- John F. Kennedy condolence letters are published for the first time. More than 200 letters have been published in "Letters to Jackie: Condolences from a Grieving Nation."
- A strong earthquake hits eastern Turkey killing 51 people and knocking down houses in at least six villages.
- President Barack Obama will outline his administration's new vision for space agency NASA and an eventual trip to Mars.
- General Motors announces Friday that they will reinstate 661 dealers, but they must meet financial requirements.
- Mary Josephine Ray has died. She was certified as the oldest person living in the United States at age 114 years and 294 days.

To vote on the current poll question go to:

www.the lowell ledger.com

#### Sound Off! The Ledger's "Almost" anything goes column!

The Ledger reserves the right to choose what is printed, and reminds the public that views expressed in Sound Off, unless otherwise stated, are not the opinions of The Ledger staff or its publishers.

A recent accident was caused by a driver who was texting down their driveway and did not stop at the end. They "t-boned" a moving school bus causing the rear wheels to rip off the front of the car. This texting thing has gone too far...

It's time to be part of a tale. A story guaranteed not to fail, Of townsfolk and local shops, Mystical creatures and fun plots, In a few weeks we'll start on the trail.

There once was a family of Trolls, Living under a bridge down in Lowell, MDOT is coming to town, And will tear the bridge down, Soon our trolls will have no where to go.

The Lowell junior high FFA team would like to thank everyone that donated to their bake sale fundraiser on Saturday at Blue Ribbon Feed. They raised enough money for the whole team to go to the state finals. Also a big thank you to the Carpenters for letting them use their place of business for the fundraiser.

#### DOES YOUR DENTIST PROVIDE THE CARE YOUR FAMILY DESERVES?



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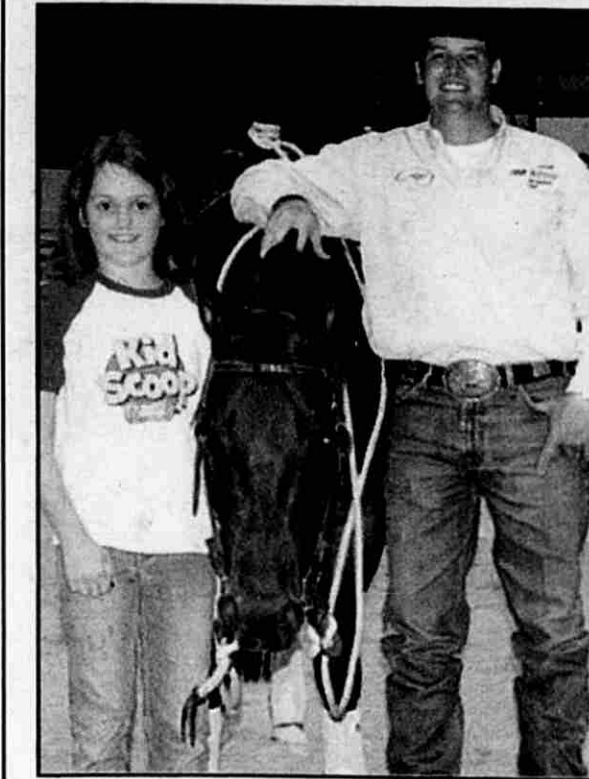
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## Kid Scoop

MARCH 8 - 12 IS NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION WEEK



### Young Journalist Gets Star Treatment

In 2009, Veronica Talbert won the Free Lance-Star's Hometown Heroes essay contest and then went on to become the National Writing Contest Winner! Winning meant she had the opportunity to select and interview a National Difference Maker. Below is part of her article. To read her interview with Clinton Anderson, visit www.kidscoop.com/kids.

#### My Big Day

By Veronica Talbert

I chose to interview Clinton Anderson, a professional Australian horse who makes a difference to horses and their owners.

On July 8, 2009 I attended Clinton Anderson's Wahl Walkabout Tour. Afterwards I conducted my interview.

When I walked in, I was told to sit in the VIP section. When we got there, the whole front row had signs that said "Seating for Veronica Talbert and Family."

After Anderson introduced himself to the audience, he

introduced me to everyone! Later during the day, people me on my accomplishment. I was really, really embarrassed, but also quite

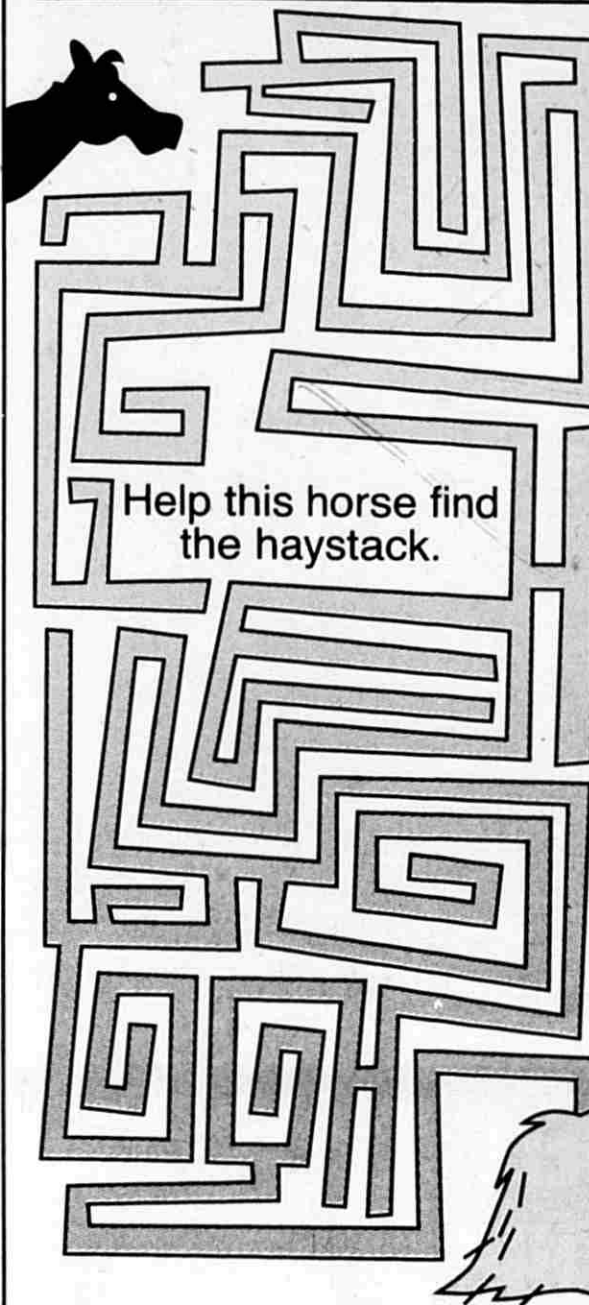
Next, Clinton brought out a mustang and a pen used to train a horse. He first showed the crowd how to gain the of the horse and then how to catch the animal with a halter.

After that, Clinton brought in a "troubled" horse named Kid. Clinton demonstrated his on the spooked horse. First, he desensitized the horse to

"scary" objects. He let the horse see and smell those things, and then started moving them around Kid's body. He repeated this until Kid was so familiar with the objects, he barely recognized that they were there.

Lastly, Clinton brought out his gorgeous horse, Diez, to show some pro riding. Clinton kept to music with Diez. It looked like they were dancing.

After the show it was time for the biggest part of the day—my interview with horse trainer Clinton Anderson.



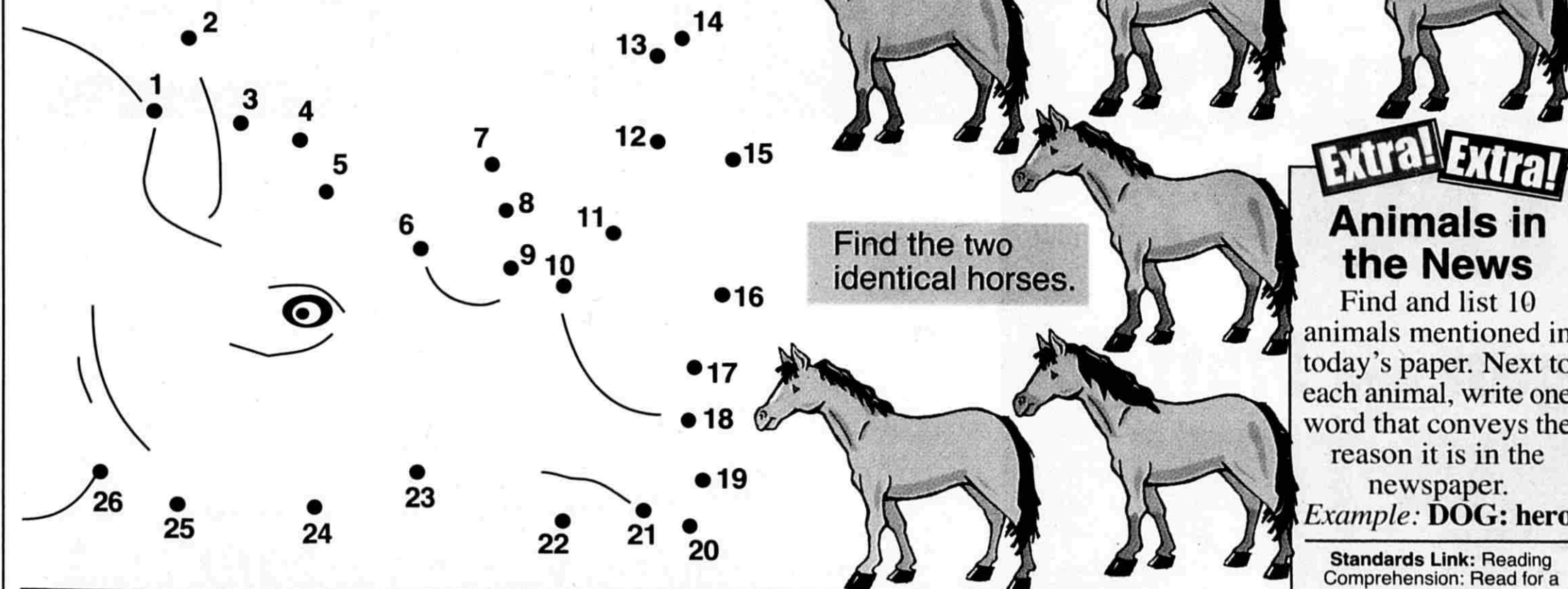
Help this horse find the haystack.

Read Veronica's article. Then, decide where each of these missing words belongs.

- PROUD TIME RESERVED TRAINER METHOD CONGRATULATED RESPECT

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students use reading skills and strategies to understand a variety of texts.

Connect the dots to find out which unusual animal is actually a relative of the horse.



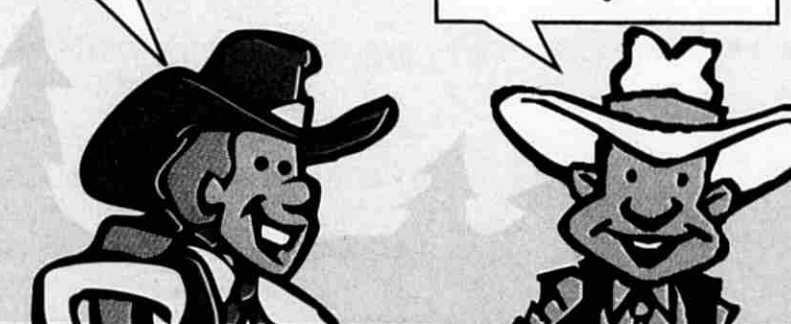
Find the two identical horses.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Eye-hand coordination.

#### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Did you know horses live about 0 years?

Horses only sleep about hours every day!



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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Hometown Heroes is an essay contest sponsored by the Kid Scoop Foundation. For more information go to www.kidscoopfoundation.org.

#### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

WINNER DIFFERENCE INTERVIEW NATIONAL SIGNS FAMILIAR RESPECT TRAIN SPOOKED METHOD GAIN TOUR CONVEY BARELY CARS

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

#### Kid Scoop Together:

How to Measure a Horse The height of a horse is measured in "hands." One hand is the width of an average adult's hand, or about 4 inches (10.16 cm). A horse's height is measured from its feet to the top of its shoulders, called withers.

#### How many hands in a foot?

If a hand is 4 inches and a foot is 12 inches, how many hands are in one foot?

4" + 4" + 4" = 12"

How many hands tall is each of these kids? How many hands tall are you?



Standards Link: Measurement: Measure in standard and non-standard units.

#### Kid Scoop Joku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word HORSE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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#### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: INTERVIEW

One meaning of the noun interview is a conversation between a reporter and a person in a news article.

The reporter asked the president several questions during the interview.

Try to use the word interview in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

# Lowell's season ends with loss to Northview

by Thad Kraus

The worst thing that happened to Lowell Wednesday night in the Division I district semifinal may have been what happened in its final regular season game five days earlier.

The Red Arrows defeated Northview 26-18.

"That served as an awakening to our girls," said Northview coach Mike Kapustka. "We went back to work. I got their attention and tonight they regained their mental focus."

Lowell was hindered by that and its inconsistent play in a 43-23 season-ending

loss to the Wildcats.

"It's been our problem all year. Nothing has been continuous," Lowell girls' basketball coach Danielle Gallert said.

In its eight-point loss to Lowell, Northview did not seem to have a Plan B for poor perimeter shooting.

It found an answer Wednesday night in senior Kaila Stortridge.

"We installed a different set allowing us to go high, low," Kapustka explained. "Kaila played awesome. She was definitely a spark for us tonight."

The Wildcats broke out of the gate quickly jumping

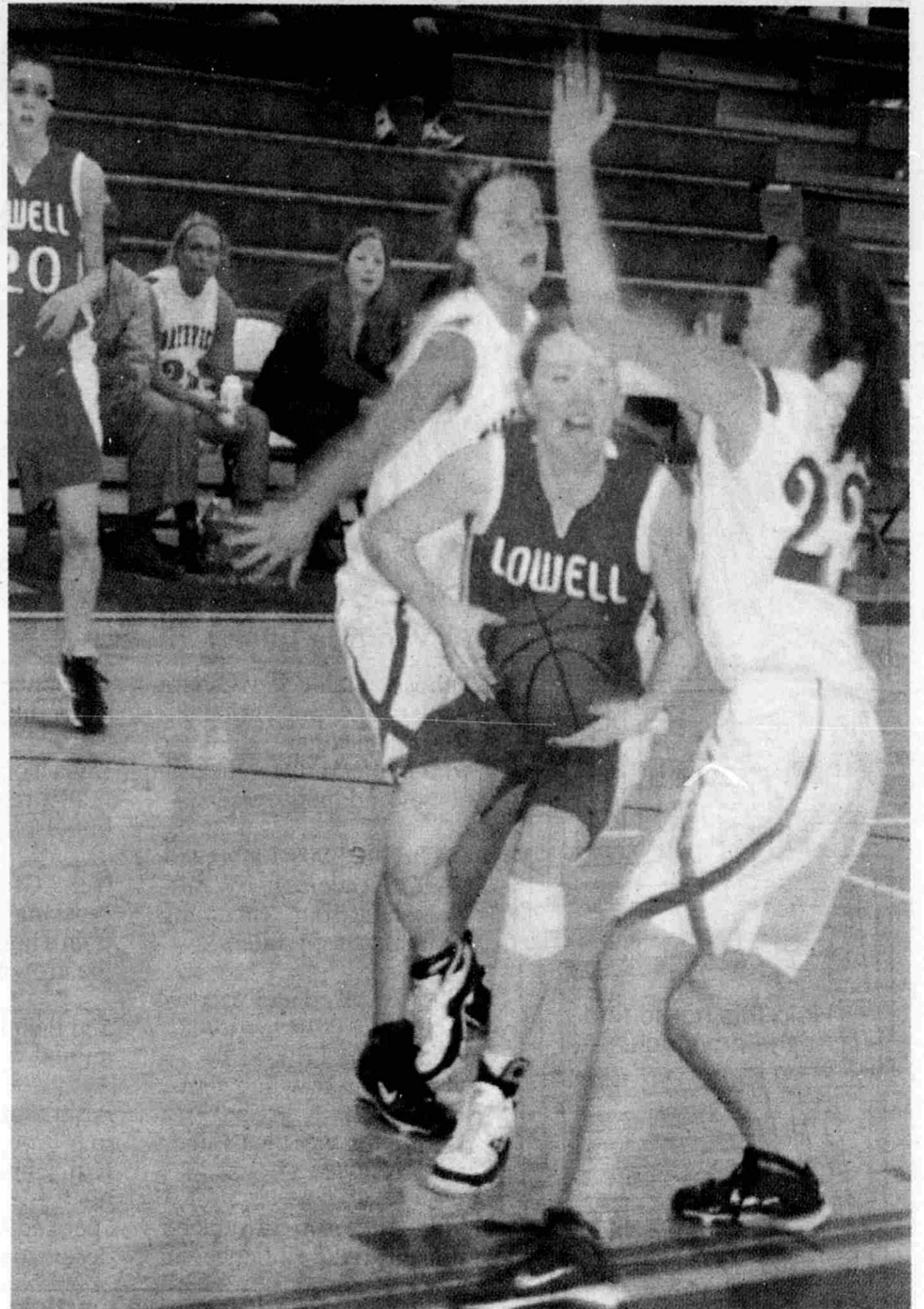
to a 7-0 lead in the opening minutes. By the end of the first quarter Northview had built a 13-2 lead.

The Red Arrows responded with their best eight minutes of the game as they netted 12 second-quarter points and trimmed the deficit to 10 at 24-14.

Northview controlled the entire second half, outscoring Lowell 19-9.

"We committed a lot of turnovers and had poor shot selection," Gallert explained. "We're young, however, and have everyone coming back."

Lowell finishes its year at 10-11.



Lowell's Bryleigh Loughlin struggles to get a shot off in district action against Northview.

## Gymnastics, continued

DeHaan had it figured out for that to happen, her club would need to average 32 points per exercise.

Lowell's last event was the uneven bars. "We needed a little over 29 to reach 130 points," DeHaan explained.

Teft, the last one up on the bars, needed to score an 8.3; she recorded an 8.55.

"It was just a great way for the girls to finish," DeHaan said.

### Gymnastic Notes:

1. In her final performance as a Red Arrow gymnast, Lowell's Emma Beneker

executed a kip on the uneven bars.

"That's a difficult trick and Emma did it for the first time at the regional," DeHaan said.

2. All 11 Red Arrows competed in at least one event on Saturday.

### Individual Scores:

#### Vault

- Vonda Kyes 8.25
- Jorie Bennett 8.25
- Sarah Piell 8.4
- Morgan McVey 8.45
- Abby Rogalke 8.55
- Kelsey Teft 9.2--2nd place

#### Uneven Bars

- Morgan McVey 6.35
- Lauren Trasky 7.45
- Sarah Piell 7.4
- Kelsey Teft 8.55--8th place
- Balance Beam**
- Abby Rogalke 6.9
- Morgan Rogalke 7.15
- Cassie Miles 7.95
- Morgan McVey 8.225
- Kelsey Teft 9.3--2nd place
- Floor**
- Becky Chamberlain 7.65
- Sarah Piell 7.775
- Abby Rogalke 7.875
- Morgan McVey 8.25
- Kelsey Teft 9.375--2nd place.

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