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Pink Arrow - a show of pride on and off the field



An aerial view of the Pink Arrow Pride pep rally on Friday morning.

Aerial photos by J. Boss

by Thad Kraus

Changing the lives of individuals in the Lowell community.

Since Gilda's Club's Lowell Clubhouse stood ready to serve a year ago, more than 500 children, adults and families have

been reached in the Lowell community.

Examples were everywhere Friday afternoon and night at the Pink Arrow Pride event.

Lesley Crowley, a 25-year-old breast cancer survivor and Joy Sargeant,

a 30-year survivor of seven cancers, were just a few of the 24 community survivors of cancer honored Friday night.

And it remembered Maureen Mikulski, Joyce Gerst, Pam Posthumus and the other untold numbers

who have lost their battles to cancer.

"This is truly a special event. The entire Lowell community has come together to make life better for individuals and families whose lives are affected by cancer," said Lowell

superintendent Greg Pratt. "Student athletes continue to demonstrate to all of us the fine example of honoring our cancer survivors and remembering those who have lost their fight."

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Schools board reviews start of the school year

by Shelly MacNaughton

Lowell High School principal Tricia Murphy-Alderman and curriculum director Roger Bearup presented a report on the student engagement survey at the regular board of education meeting Monday night.

High school students took the survey and the data is going to be used to help teachers and administrators evaluate students learning experiences at Lowell. They then hope to come up with

ways to further enhance student experiences.

The board approved the hiring of three new teachers. Katherine Homer was hired as business teacher and Kelly Gibbons was hired as SPED teacher at the high school. Rosemary Haugen was hired as the art teacher at St. Patrick's School.

Bearup offered a curriculum update and

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Library welcomes new branch manager

Kristin Meyer has been hired as the new branch manager of the Englehardt branch in Lowell and began her new role on September 7, 2010. She will be responsible for day-to-day operations, programs and services, supervision of support staff, selection and maintenance of the collection, and implementation of policy and procedural changes.

Meyer received her master's degree in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University. She

has worked for KDL for the past eight years, most recently as a youth librarian at the Wyoming branch. She is passionate about programming and library outreach and has presented on these topics at a variety of professional conferences. Meyer will be taking over for Jane Aronson who retired in July.

"I am looking forward to becoming a part of the vibrant Lowell community, working in a library branch with such a rich history, and becoming a member of the

KDL management team," Meyer said.

The Englehardt branch of Kent District Library is located at 200 N. Monroe St. in Lowell.



Kristin Meyer

Strong and determined, Crowley survives battle with breast cancer

by Thad Kraus

Lesley Crowley at the age of 25, on July 2, had to deal with being diagnosed with breast cancer.

The former Red Arrow basketball star, on July 27, had to deal with undergoing a bilateral bisectomy.

"It's not something you expect to hear, especially at my age. It sucks," Crowley reflects. "But a strong family structure and a great fiancée (Ryan Bennett), who's been very supportive, has made it easier. To try to do it alone would wear you down and would be very hard."

From the dark cover of cancer, Crowley will step out into the brightness that will be her wedding day (Oct. 16).

"It's a new beginning. Everything (in dealing with breast cancer) will be done before my wedding, in time for me to start a new chapter in my life," Crowley explains.

The physician assistant returned to Lowell on Monday to speak to the Lowell football team.

"I didn't prepare a formal speech. I just briefly told them my story with breast cancer," Crowley said. "It was surreal. You've always had people

coming back talking to you and trying to take in their message. But I don't think it truly sinks in until it happens to you personally."

The message Crowley shared was one of not knowing what's going to happen in life.

"I told them the lessons they learn on the field and in school will get them through a lot of things in life," Crowley said. "I told them to never take anything for granted and to work hard and to work through it (setbacks)."

Her strength in being able to share her story with young high school athletes comes from family structure. Crowley also credits being involved in sports and having a team around her - whether it's her family, teammates or friends.

At the same time, she has been a pillar of strength

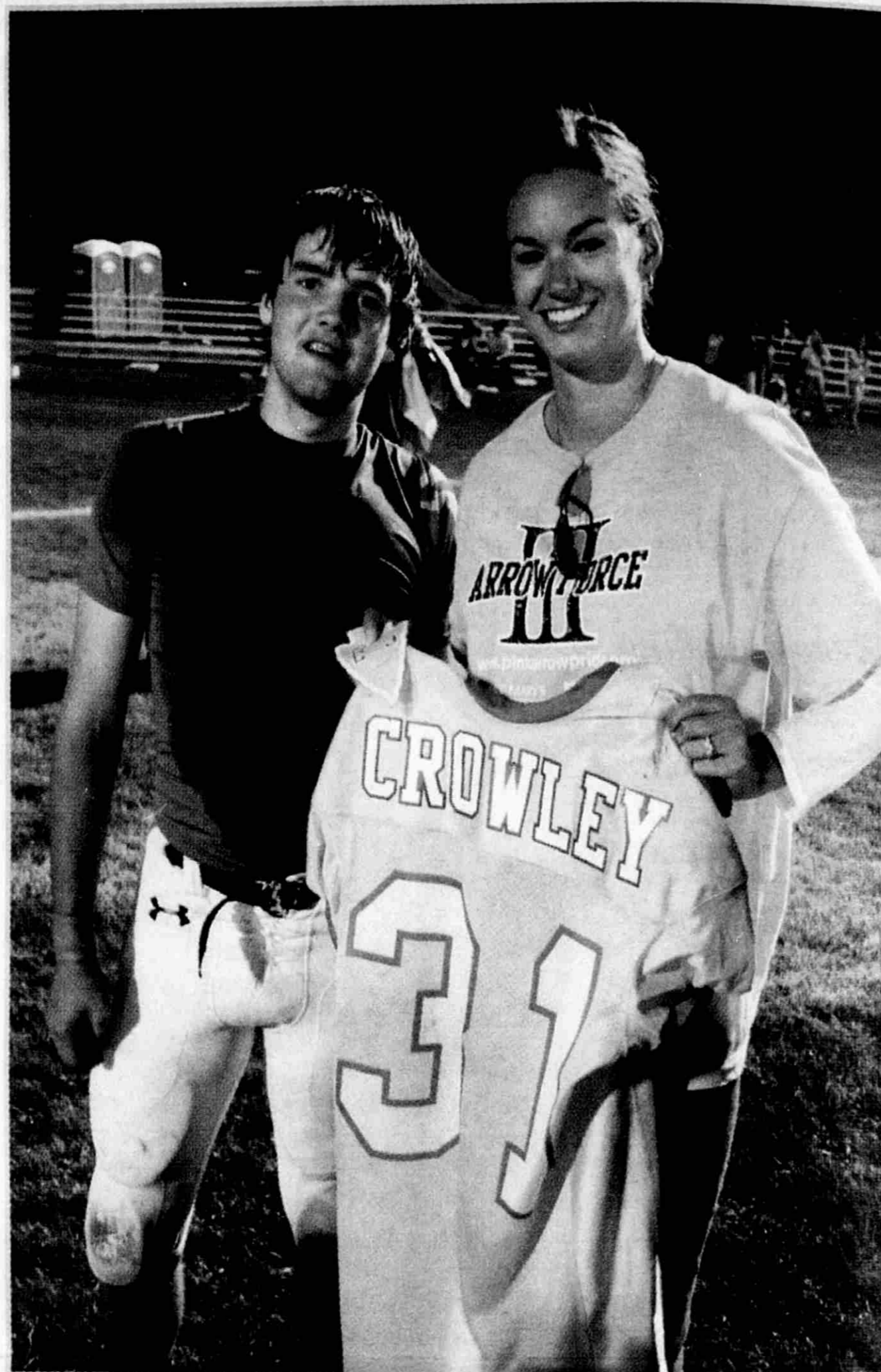
for others, most notably her mother Dee.

"It was shocking, tough and emotionally challenging. You never want your son or daughter to be sick like that. You'd rather it be you," said the Lowell High School assistant principal. "I had friends tell me that they knew Lesley would be okay, but they were worried about me. Lesley has always been strong and determined."

The young Crowley is now determined to use her experience to inform, help and to be a role model for others, just like the support she has received from family, friends and teammates.

"They were always supportive which helps you to handle things when growing up," Crowley concluded.

Lowell's Jeff Houston played in Friday night's Pink Arrow Pride game against Kenowa Hills in honor of Lesley Crowley, a former student and cancer survivor. The number 31 is also the number Crowley wore on her back as a basketball player at Lowell.



Kaleidoscope of Flavors savors its first year



Jenny Huffman was the grand prize winner at the first Kaleidoscope of Flavors.

The first annual Kaleidoscope of Flavors was a success with more than 22 non-profit organizations participating. "Our first event did not draw hundreds of people however, we still felt it was a great success. These type of events take time to build and we look forward to holding the event again in 2011," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce director Liz Baker.



The Lowell Rotary Club and the Lowell Rockford Ambulance at Richards Park in downtown Lowell.

LL&P offers free freezer and refrigerator recycling

Lowell Light and Power takes promoting energy efficiency to a new level by offering free refrigerator and freezer recycling to their residential electric customers. They'll even give you a check for \$30 to let them haul the unit away.

In addition to the \$30 reward, the program will also benefit Michigan residents by allowing them to save up to \$150 a year in energy costs as a result of lower electricity usage. Typically, the appliances

recycled through the program are outdated units used for extra storage and kept in garages and basements. But the convenience of chilling an extra six-pack and some leftovers can come with a steep price. Refrigerators manufactured before 1990 can use three times more electricity than new appliances.

By participating in the program, you not only save money, you make money. The old refrigerators and freezers will be recycled at a Michigan recycling center

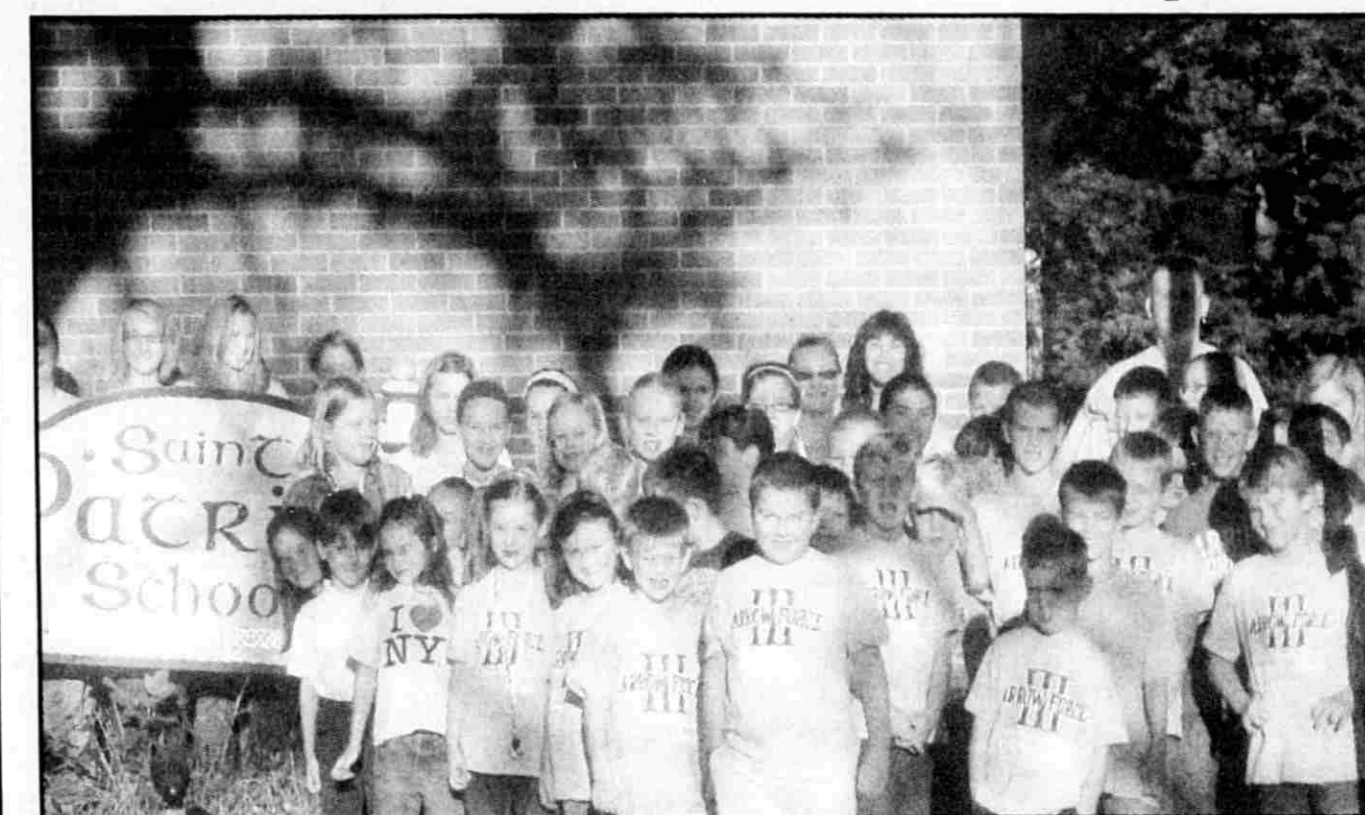
so they don't end up in a landfill.

The requirements to participate are simple and easy.

Refrigerator or freezer must be between 10 and 30 cubic feet in size and must be in working condition. This recycling program is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call 877-270-3519 or visit www.jacoinc.net to schedule your pickup.

St. Pat's kids are in the pink



St. Patrick School in Parnell traded its green for pink in support of Pink Arrow Pride 2010. Students were encouraged to wear Pink Arrow Force III t-shirts or other pink apparel in anticipation of Friday night's Pink Arrow football game against Kenowa Hills.

School board, continued

discussed a few things that took place during the teacher professional development day. Teachers worked on a mission statement for Lowell and came up with: High Quality Learning. Every Student. Every Classroom. Every Day.

"What a start up, we have had a wonderful start once again. Our focus was community as a whole and our community works great together. Thank you to some of those folks that help us: transportation, custodial staff, and front office staff. Thanks for all the extra effort to get us off to a great start," said superintendent Greg Pratt.

The Pink Arrow Pride was being touted as a huge success. "Hundreds of people with hundreds of hours donated go into the Pink Arrow event," said Pratt.

"Kudos to all those involved on Friday. A special thanks to the bus drivers for the donated time to transport kids during the day and also donated time in the evening to provide transportation," said John Zielinski.

"A lot of gratitude to everyone that pitched in to the starting week of school and the Pink Arrow Project," said board member Jim Turner.

"The Wittenbach Center celebrated its 10 year anniversary; our students get a hands on experience because of that center," said Pratt.



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FALLFEST BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Many bands, lots of jam sessions, instrument workshops, camping, kids activities. A great family affair. Sept. 17-19, Fri. 6-10 p.m., Sat., noon-10 p.m., and Sun., 11-2 p.m. at the Lowell fairgrounds.

2010 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books are now being offered by Lowell Women's Club to raise funds for Senior High School girls' scholarships and local community projects. The books are only \$25 and are packed with 50% off and 2-for-1 offers. They are available at Brenda's Hair Design, Huntington Bank, Lowell Area Arts Council, and from club members or call Marj, 897-8107.

VINTAGE BASE BALL TOURNAMENT

Fallasburg Historic Village will serve as the backdrop for the John Wesley Fallas Vintage Base Ball Tournament

hosted by the Fallasburg Cubs and the Fallasburg Historical Society on Sat., Sept. 25. Games begin at 10 a.m. on Fallas Field with the championship game at 3:30 p.m. A consolation match will begin after lunch at 2 p.m. The Schoolhouse Museum, the Misner House Museum, and the John Fallas House Museum will be open to the public from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fallasburg Historical Society, 13944 Covered Bridge Rd., www.fallasburg.org

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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THE EXPENDABLES (R) 7:20, 9:40
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HOME COMING PARADE 2010!

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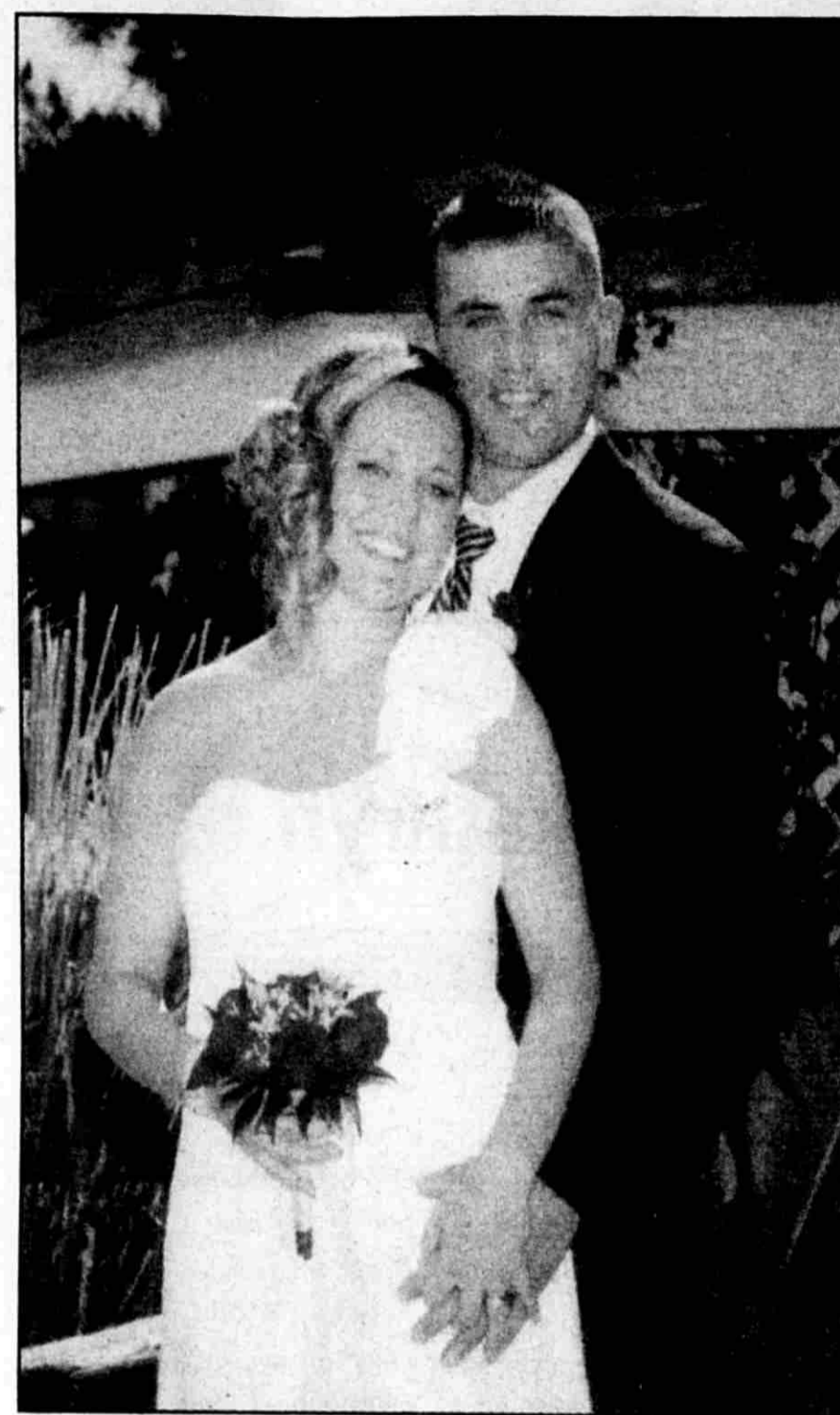
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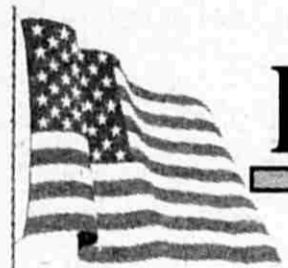
Sarah Catherine Smith Parents of the couple are and Cody Michael Soyka Matt and Cathy Smith and exchanged wedding vows on Chris Soyka, all of Lowell, May 7, 2010 in Las Vegas, and the late Sheila Soyka, Nevada.

Briggs celebrate 25 years of marriage



Greg and Robin Briggs of Lowell are celebrating their silver wedding anniversary. They were married September 21, 1985 at East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids.

Their marriage has been blessed with three terrific kids: Hillary, Haley, and Sean.



In The Service

Army National Guard Pvt. James R. Miller has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of

training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Miller is the son of Toni Besemer and grandson of Russell Rozman, both of Lowell.

engagements

Bieber/Westbrook

Stefany Bieber of Lowell and Brandon Westbrook of Saranac will be wed on June 4, 2011. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Perry and

Marcia Bieber of Lowell. Her fiance is the son of Debbie and Roger Erridge and Michael Westbrook.



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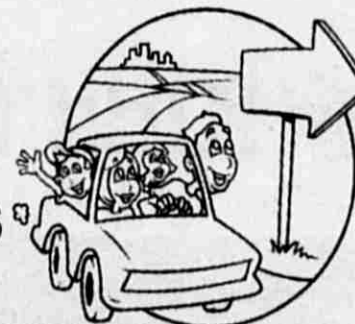
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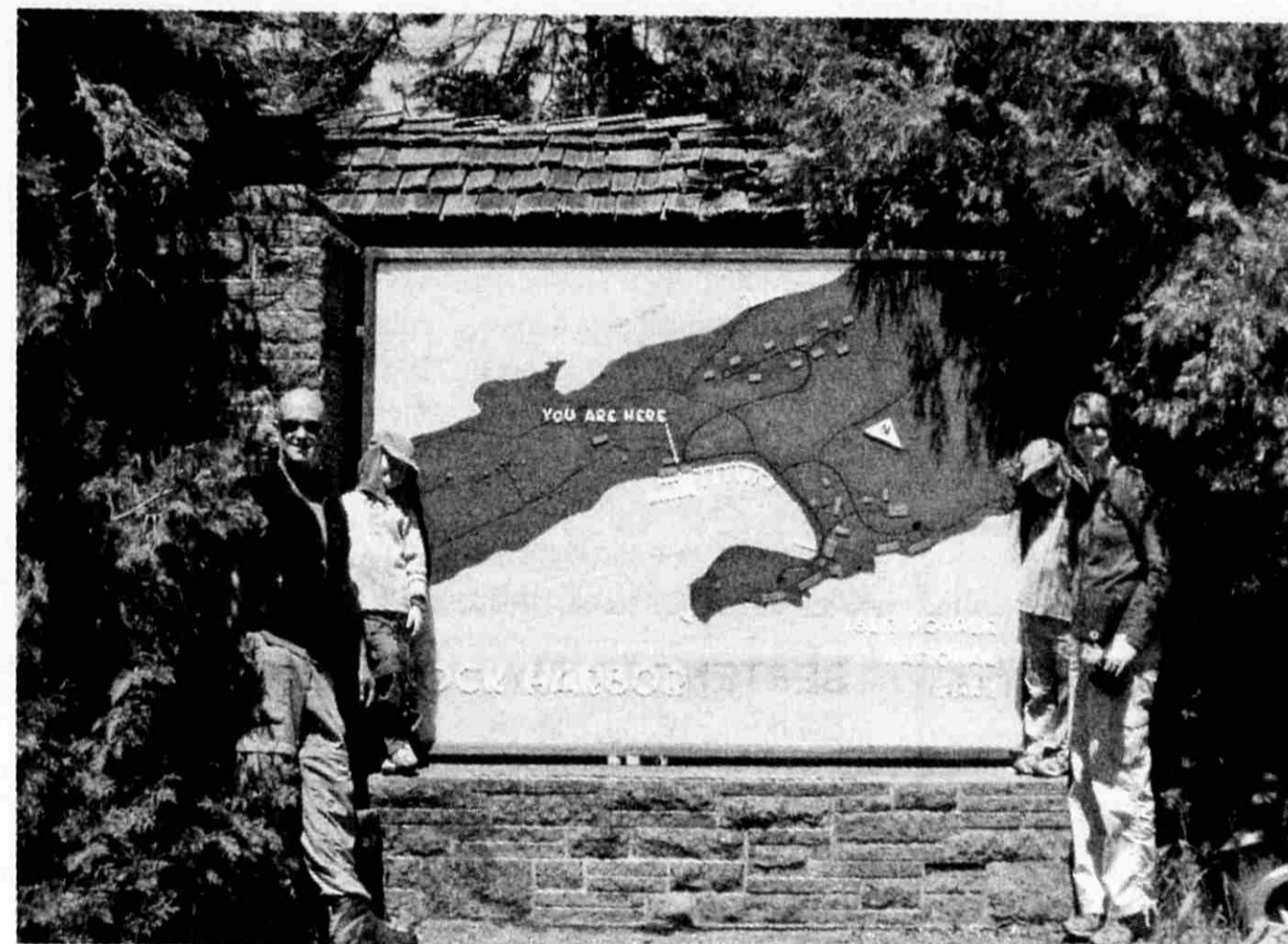
Kurt Heishetter

What began as a goal between two parents to show their kids America has turned into an all out obsession. After traveling in Europe and Australia, and after our twins were born, my wife and I asked ourselves how much of the United States we had really seen. Our answer was clear. We really hadn't seen a whole lot. So we set a goal to show our kids America. Not the theme parks, amusement parks and over crowded summer beaches, we made the choice to take them to every national park, the crown jewels of the United

when they were seven.

At each park we make it a point to have the kids sign up for the Junior Ranger program. This allows them to get a little more knowledge about each individual park. It also gives them something to collect - Junior Ranger badges.

We have seen bears, moose and wolves, slept in a park so dark at night you could not see your hand in front of your face and sat in hot springs on the Rio Grande just 20 short feet away from Mexico. We've hiked in caves and gone swimming in beautiful mountain lakes. Each adventure was unique and we hope each contains



The author and his family on Isle Royale.

States' parks, the parks that set us apart from the rest of the world.

Not just the popular ones like Yellowstone and the Great Smoky Mountains, we were going to visit all 56 of them. From the Dry Tortugas off the coast of Key West to the eight in Alaska (some of which are only accessible by air) was our goal. If our route took us by a national historic site or national monument, we would take the time to stop and tour them as well. After all, since we are spending some of the kids' college dollars on this goal, we might as well get them a little education while we're at it.

These visits were mostly camping done with a travel trailer. When we started, we thought this was best for three-year-old twins. As of today, our little family adventure has taken us to 20 different parks in 12 different states. Each week I will tell a little about our experience in one park.

From camping on Isle Royale to hiking in Glacier, we started when the kids were three in Yellowstone and the five-mile hike was a little more challenging than the eight miles at Glacier

something the kids will remember forever.

I will do my best to describe the beauty in our national parks, sometimes through the eyes of very small children. In this space our journey begins in Michigan at Isle Royale National Park which is actually much closer to Canada.

The one thing you need to know about Isle Royale is how isolated it is. The park is situated some 56 miles off the tip of the Keweenaw peninsula in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. You can only access this park by boat or air and the boat ride is a good three hours. As the National Park Service puts it, "More people visit Yellowstone National Park in one day than visit Isle Royale in a year."

Most people that go to the island to camp stay more than two days. However, we felt that two days with five-year-old twins was just fine. The alternative to camping on the island is staying at the Rock Harbor Lodge with 60 magnificent rooms overlooking the harbor, fine dining and room service. However, this was not an option for us. Just getting to the island involved spending

as much as a four-day pass to Disney World.

Planning for this trip took at least six months. The biggest question was how to get to the island. Since we were only going to be there two days, we thought about taking a float plane. We found that it would have been less to fly the four of us to Cancun, so that option was thrown out quickly.

The next option would be to take a two-hour boat trip out of Grand Portage, MN. Unfortunately, this boat would drop us at the opposite end of the island of where we wanted to visit. Since my wife and I had no intention of hiking forty miles with five-year-olds, we had to find another way to get to Rock Harbor.

The other way to the island is by taking the trip by one of two boats: the first is the National Park boat called the Ranger III out of



The Isle Royale Queen IV takes you to the island.

had to wonder what the heck we were doing with two five-year-olds? I think others were also curious, especially after seeing my daughter's doll sticking out of the top of my backpack.

After three hours of unbelievably smooth boating across Lake Superior we were at Isle Royale National Park. The passengers were broken up into two groups. The individuals lucky enough to have booked a room at the lodge were free to go. The rest of us consisted of true wilderness adventurers, with the latest Gore-Tex and Sierra Designs pack tents, and us - a family of four from Lowell: mom with her pack loaded with a sleeping bag, some food, and a few clothes; two kids with very small packs loaded with sleeping bags and a few small items; and me, loaded with a tent, three bed rolls, my sleeping bag, food, dishes and last, but certainly not least, my daughter's stuffed doll. I could tell that the true wilderness adventurers couldn't wait to get away from us, but they had to wait until the ranger gave us his twenty-minute introduction to wilderness camping etiquette.

The beauty of this place can only be appreciated by hiking the trails. Our first afternoon was spent hiking the round trip trail to the three-mile campground. This included a stop at Suzy's cave, a glacier carved cave in the side of the hill. This five-mile hike is remembered for two things: rocks and roots. There are granite boulders of all shapes and sizes on and

the interior of Isle Royale has campgrounds every six to ten miles. So one could spend a fair amount of time hiking and not stay at the same campground. At both ends of the island, Rock Harbor and Windigo, the campgrounds have covered, screened shelters. These covered shelters are to be used for one night only, typically for the beginning or end of your hike. Since we were only going to be there for one night, this seemed like the perfect place for our time in the most isolated place in Michigan. The shelters are first come, first serve, so we had to hurry to ensure that we got one.

Once the Ranger's explanation of the do's and don'ts of the "pack it in - pack it out" wilderness camping was over, and we signed in at

the ranger station, and with my fifty-pound backpack in place, (doll and all) we were off.

We moved as fast as we could down the trail to secure our home for the night. This is where the "screened shelter" started to become very important to us. Mosquitoes, a thick, black fog of them, engulfed us on the half-mile trail to the campsite. And these weren't your average mosquitoes. These things were the size of hummingbirds. We were thinking that if we didn't get a screened shelter, we just might die getting carried away by mosquitoes. But, just like the boat ride over, luck was once again on our side and we found a screened in home for the night.

We had just enough time to boat down to the Rock Harbor lighthouse and the Edison Fishery. If you are ever lucky enough to visit Isle Royale, these two sites are a must. As with all national parks, the park service goes to great lengths to restore and preserve original buildings. This allowed us a chance to take a step back in time and imagine what it was like to



The island lighthouse.

live and work in this totally remote place.

After returning our boat to the rental dock, we packed up and waited for our ride back to civilization. For the second day in a row, a flat Lake Superior allowed us the pleasure of sitting on deck, breathing the crisp, cool lake air as the two kids slept.

DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the regular minutes of the August 16, 2010 meeting as presented.
Motion to approve the accounts payables.

Motion to approve the request from Larkin's Restaurant to close Broadway on Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the annual Chili Cook Off.

Motion to approve the request from Lowell Rotary Club to close Elm Street and Lincoln Lake by Richards Park on Thursday, September 9, 2010 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the Kaleidoscope of Flavors.

Motion to rezone 119 Lincoln Lake including the vacant lot at the southeast corner of Chatham and Lincoln from PF (Public Facilities) and R-3 (Residential) to C-3 (General Business).

Motion to accept the low bid from Michigan Paving and Materials of \$75,909 for resurfacing of South West and South Pleasant Streets which will be funded from the Local Street Construction Fund.

Motion to allocate \$2,300 from the LCTV Endowment Fund for the completion of the Library exterior trim work.

Motion to approve the Ordinance amendment requiring licensing of snow plow operators.

Motion to approve the resolution establishing license term and fees for waste haulers licenses and time for collection.

Motion to approve the resolution establishing license term and fee for snow plow operators.

Motion to approve the resolution approving and authorizing the renewal agreement for legal services with Dickinson Wright.

Motion to enter into Sanitary Sewer Flow Study Phase 2 with Hubbell, Roth and Clark.

Motion to appoint Dan DesJarden as officer delegate and Greg Pierce as alternate for the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) that is being held at the Radisson Plaza in Kalamazoo from September 15-17, 2010.

Motion to appoint Mayor Hodges as a voting delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Ellison as alternate for the Michigan Municipal League Annual meeting held in Dearborn from September 21 -24, 2010.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, September 20, 2010.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on September 20, 2010 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Students are Weather Kids for a day



Tommy from STAR 105.7, Anna and Ivan Reynolds, and Brook from STAR 105.7

On September 8, Anna and Ivan Reynolds were selected to be the Wednesday Weather Kids for STAR 105.7 with Brook and Tommy in the morning. White Knight Limo service picked them up at 6 a.m. and delivered them to the recording studio where Anna and Ivan were able to try their hand at recording the weather report. Anna is interested in becoming a meteorologist and Ivan was invited after calling in one morning and telling a story. They went to the interview at Meijer in Cascade and were selected. It helped that they were from Lowell and that it was Lowell's Pink Arrow week.

What's in a name?

It's an age-old question: what's in a name? The answer: it depends on what name you are talking about. Each one has a history and a story.

You can learn a lot about many names at www.socialsecurity.gov. That is because as Social Security card applications come in for

newborns, we keep track of baby names. As a result, we know all about baby names, how popular they have been through the years, and how that popularity has changed.

For 2009, the top baby names are Jacob and Isabella. Jacob's been America's most popular baby name for boys since 1999. Isabella is new to number one, and just entered the top 10 in 2004. She didn't even make the top one thousand until 1990.

On Social Security's Popular Baby Names page, you can see the top ten names back to 1880. (The top names in 1880 were John and Mary.) You also can see

the top 10 names of the past decade (Jacob and Emily rule!) or any decade. There is a lot of interesting trivia in these lists.

For example, there's something about Mary. She remained in the number one slot for girls from 1880 until 1946, slipped to second for six years, then returned to the top spot. Mary was in the top ten for nearly 100 years, from 1880 to 1971. This marks the first year since we have been recording names that Mary slipped out of the top 100, to 102.

What's in a name? If the name is www.socialsecurity.gov, a lot.



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Pink Arrow Pride, continued

There was Bill Gardner, battling bone cancer, who was there supporting his daughter, now Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal and his granddaughter Jordan Timmer.

"He didn't miss a match of mine growing up," GiGi Peal said.

Nearly 9,000 (8,801) Pink Arrow Pride t-shirts were sold and nearly 2,000 Purple Shield shirts were sold in the Kenowa Hills community.

"I really appreciate everything the Kenowa Hills community did to support this project tonight," said

Lowell football coach Noel Dean.

The Purple Shield Project organized just under two months ago, used the Pink Arrow event to raise funds for the pediatric cancer support group called "We Do Care."

"One thing we've learned from Lowell's Pink Arrow Pride Project is this will not be a one time thing, it will be an active process throughout the year," said Kenowa Hills assistant football coach Gary Carey, who also serves as president of the Knights' Rocket Football program. "It's a

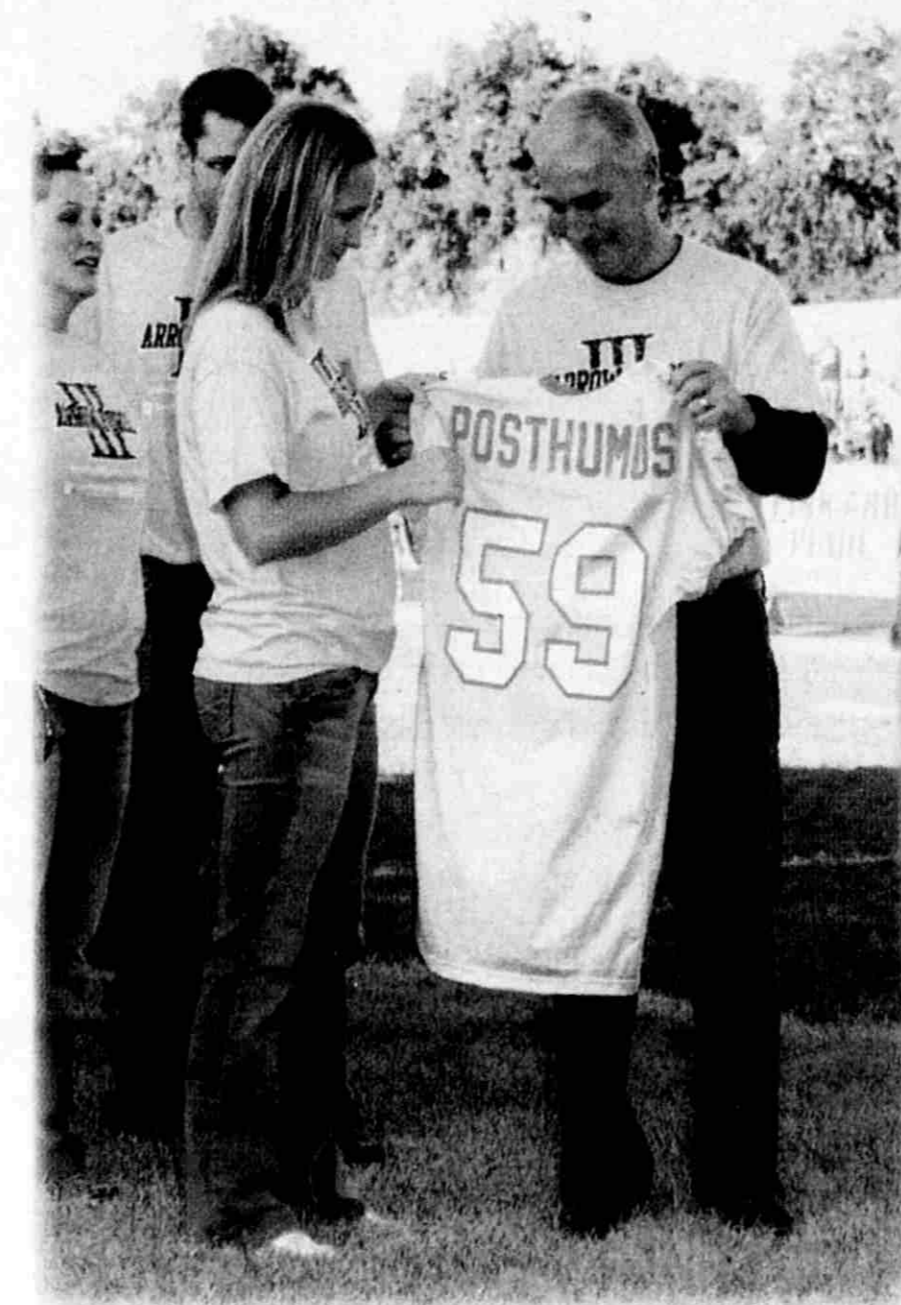
privilege to have been asked to participate in such a great event."

Carey said Friday night's event in Lowell was an emotional night for his family as well. "My mother has battled with breast cancer four times and my wife's father lost his battle to cancer."

The Lowell Pink Arrow Project continued its role in providing grants and scholarships for student athletes pursuing a higher education in the medical field.

At the end of the first quarter of Friday night's game, Natalie Kent received the Dr. Donald Gerard Medical Scholarship for a second consecutive year and Nicole Everitt and Lauren Ferguson were presented with Kathy Talus Scholarships.

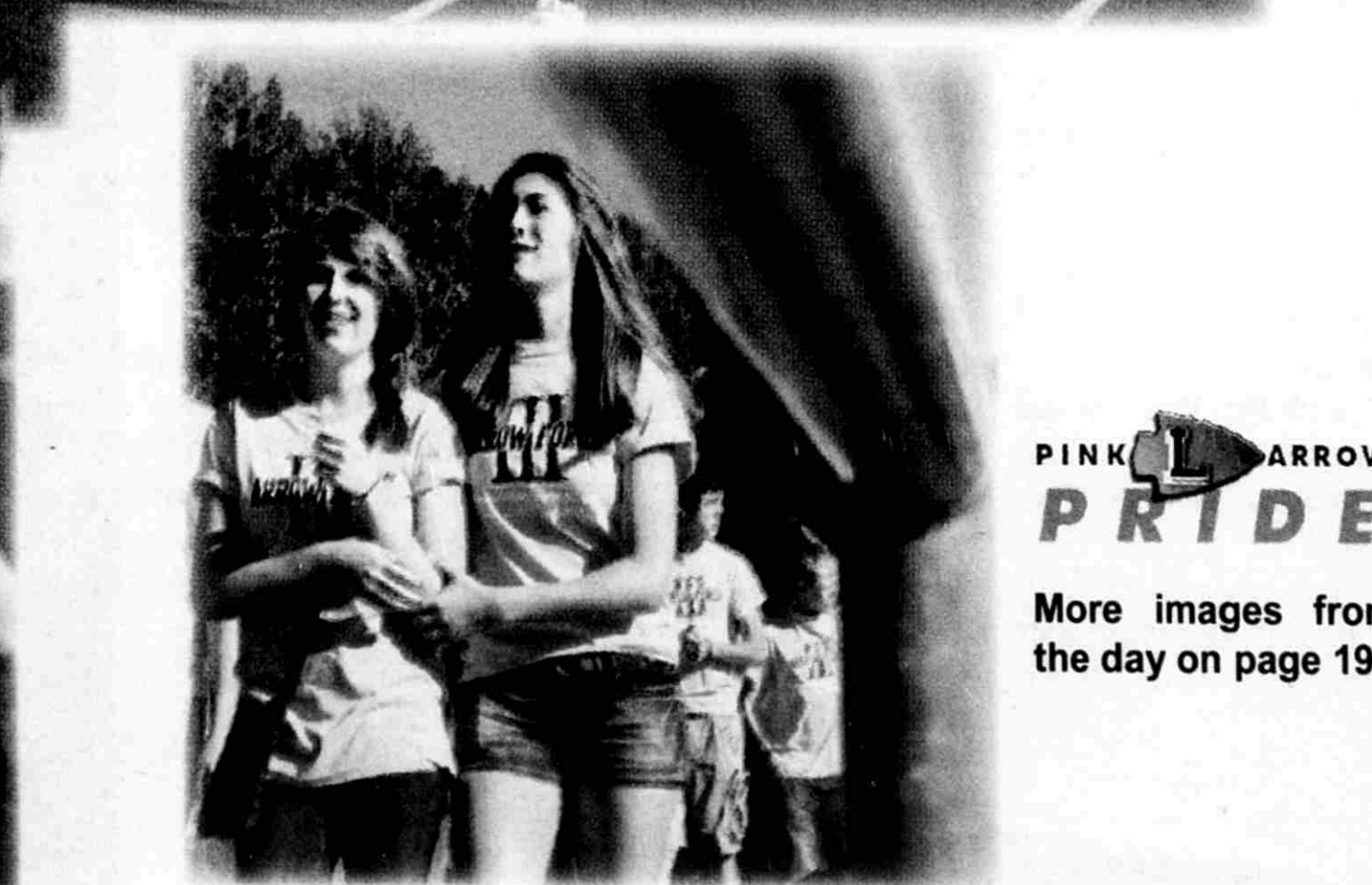
"Everybody already won here before the game started," Dean said. "Until you are here, you cannot understand this event. There are other color games going on, but nothing quite like this."



Dick Posthumus along with his family performed the honorary coin flip prior to the start of the game. Posthumus, recently, lost his wife Pam to cancer.



Former director of transportation for Lowell Area Schools, Larry Mikulski, unable to attend following heart surgery, lost his wife Maureen to cancer this year. His family, however, was in attendance displaying this picture of their father and mother on the back of their shirt.



PINK ARROW PRIDE

More images from the day on page 19

LHS FALL TEAMS

cross country



Front row, left to right: Jon Wyckoff, Zack Jeffries, Ben Partridge, and Scott VanOosten; second row, left to right: coach Clay VanderWarf, Ben Carlson, Ryan Timmers, John Mark, and Cody VanOosten.

Hard work, positive thinking Arrows eye improvement



Front row, left to right: Rachael Walters, Alli Oesch, Emily Jelsma, Kaylie Petroelje, Kallie Holzhueter, and Jess Graves; second row, left to right: Leigha Boogaard, Colleen Lally, Skye Thebo, Kelsey Smith, DeeAnne Merriman, Rebekah Betts, Sam Kooiman, Kendra Merriman, and Pauline Harrington; third row, left to right: coach Sarah Ellis, Karis Dilly, Kendall Solon, Bailey Groendyke, Lindsey Crawford, Kelsey Mankel, Carissa Paiz, Amanda Vietzke, and Lexi Wabeke.

Small numbers will demand rapid improvement

by Thad Kraus
If Lowell boys' cross country team is to have any success in the O-K White this year, improved times will have to come on a race to race basis.
"We need to continue to drop times consistently if we are going to beat other teams in the conference," said Lowell boys' cross country coach Clay VanderWarf.
Gauging where his runners were to start the 2010 season, they have been able to improve their times with each race.
"I have a handful of guys who ran over the summer," said Lowell boys' cross country coach Clay

VanderWarf. "Those who haven't put in the miles will need to strengthen their conditioning."
The coach says his club has been working hard. For hard to turn into wins, improvement will have to come at an accelerated pace.
As the Red Arrow coach stated earlier this season, "The focus will be to work on individual efforts to get their times down. The responsibility is on them to take ownership and to be accountable."
Ben Partridge and John Mark entered the year having knocked a couple minutes off their times from a year ago. In the Northview Jamboree,

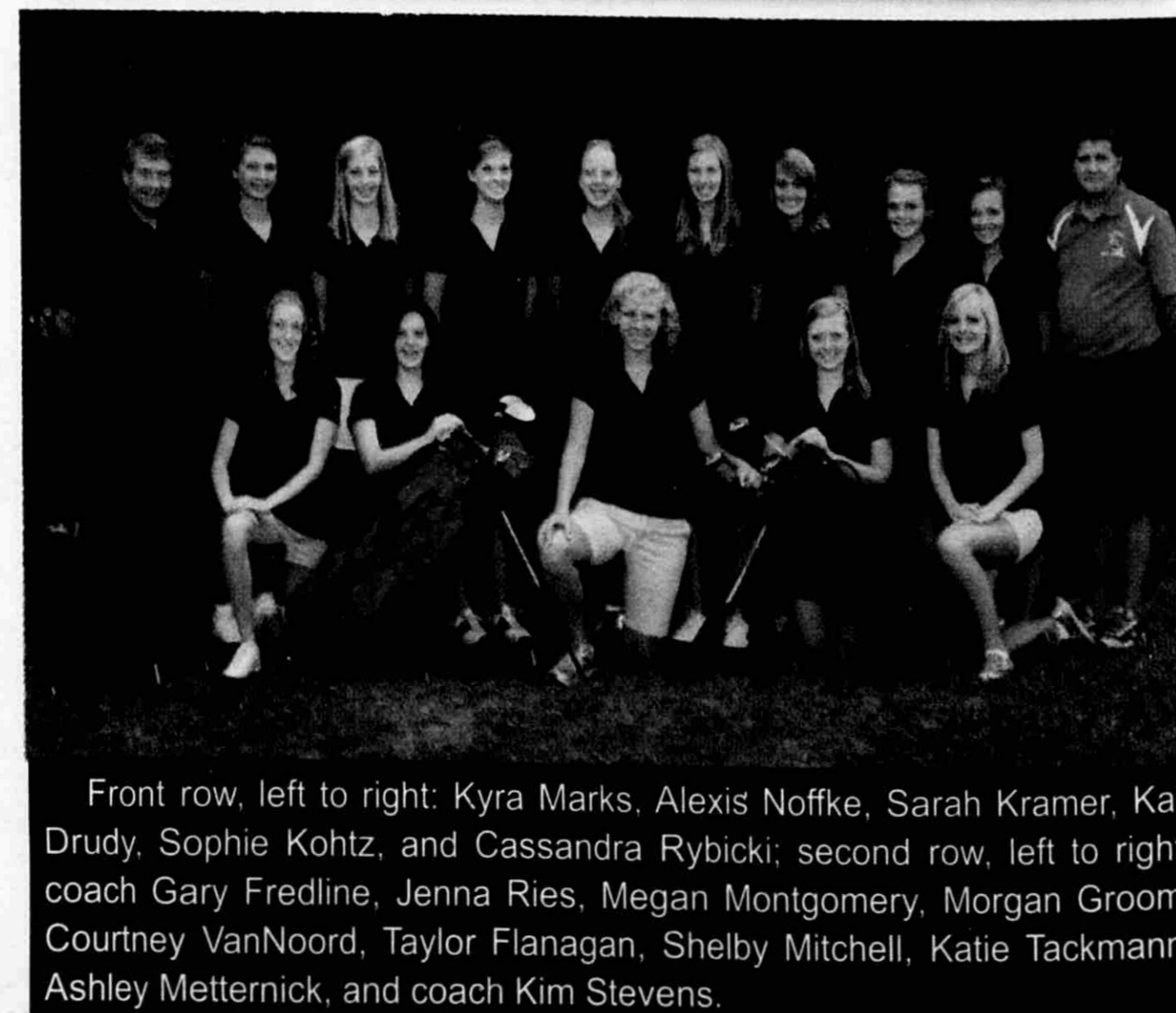
Partridge stopped the clock in 19:30.56 while Mark came home in 20:30.98.
A stronger Ryan Timmers was the third Red Arrow home, finishing in 21:52.82.
Jon Wyckoff was the fourth Lowell runner to finish. He stopped the clock in 22:37.12.
Scott Van Oosten was fifth at 23:08.69.
Running, but not figuring in the team score, (330) was Cody VanOosten, 28:43.23 and Nick Price, 30:20.12.
The next race coming up for Lowell is on Saturday at Sparta.

golf Red Arrow golfers eye return to title days

by Thad Kraus
There is a nucleus of veterans returning to the fairways in 2010 for the Lowell girls' golf team.
"They are kids who can play good golf and be competitive," said Lowell coach Kim Stevens.
How competitive will depend on the level of their short game.
Will the Red Arrows need two shots to get within 20 yards and then six to find the cup?
If so, competitive may not be a level Lowell will reach.

The Red Arrows will be led by seniors Katie Drudy, Ashley Metternick and Jenna Ries. They will get some strong support from junior Morgan Groom and sophomore Sophie Kohtz.
The rest of the roster is filled by juniors and seniors. They are juniors Lexis Noffke, Cassie Rybicki and Kyra Marks; and seniors Sarah Kramer, Shelby Mitchell, Taylor Flanagan, Courtney VanNoord, Katie Tackmann and Megan Montgomery.
Stevens, in his first year as the Lowell girls' golf

coach, has set the lofty goal of returning the program to the conference title days of 1993.
"The key will be to get girls involved in golf earlier," Stevens explained.
Youth summer programs at Deer Run and Arrowhead will help that initiative.
The first year coach is also reaching out to middle school golfers. Stevens is opening up practice to seventh- and eighth-graders to practice and play.
"We want to put Lowell girls' golf back on the map," Stevens said.



Front row, left to right: Kyra Marks, Alexis Noffke, Sarah Kramer, Kait Drudy, Sophie Kohtz, and Cassandra Rybicki; second row, left to right: coach Gary Fredline, Jenna Ries, Megan Montgomery, Morgan Groom, Courtney VanNoord, Taylor Flanagan, Shelby Mitchell, Katie Tackmann, Ashley Metternick, and coach Kim Stevens.

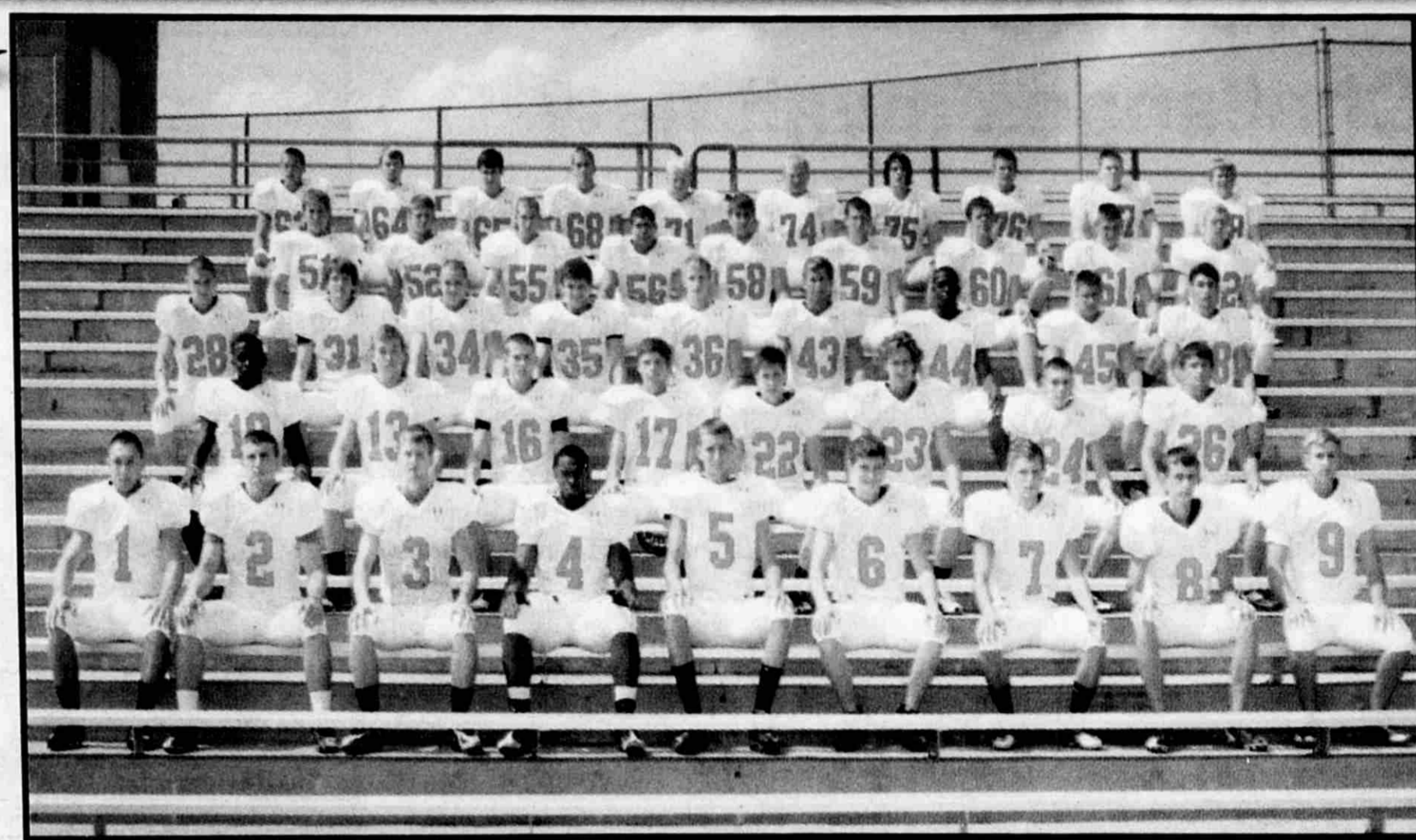
GO RED ARROWS!

LHS FALL TEAMS

football

Stronger league could tip balance

by Thad Kraus
With the start of O-K White conference this week, the question is there anyone who can break through the stranglehold Lowell and East Grand Rapids has held on the league over the past 10 years?
The quick answer is no!
The "not so fast" answer is take a second look in your rear view mirror. While it is doubtful the Pioneers or the Red Arrows will free fall from their lofty perch, it is also likely that there may be a couple new faces looking to ascend to such heights in 2010, most notably, Grand Rapids Christian. The Eagles have talent at a number of skilled positions, most notably quarterback. Scheduling might play a role in clipping the Eagles. Christian has to play Kenowa Hills, Lowell and East Grand Rapids in consecutive weeks. That's a steep mountain for anyone to climb.
There is also the club to the north, Greenville, which is home to a talented group of seniors who have won consistently coming up through the lower levels.
"Greenville is going to be good and Grand Rapids Christian is legit," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean.
The Lowell coach has a club anchored in strength at the skilled positions. Gabe Dean is coming off a somewhat surprising yet outstanding championship sophomore season. With him, is arguably one of the best receivers in West Michigan in Matt Houston. Replacing Austin Graham at the running back spot is a core of serviceable backs. Leading the list is senior Leighton Watson who rushed for nearly 900 yards a year ago. Question marks will be the offensive and defensive lines.
Over its first two games, Lowell's offensive line has



Front row, left to right: Jacob Meyer, Gabe Dean, Matt Houston, Leighton Watson, Jordan Drake, Jim Collins, Blake Lyman, JP North, and Sam Steed; second row, left to right: Jon Destine, Dan McQueen, Derek DeWaard, Luke Bigham, Jeff Baker, Renn Osborne, Calvin Meyer, and Jake Stehley; third row, left to right: Josh Addington, Jeff Houston, Sam Young, Dan Fleet, Brandon Blough, Erik Ingebretson, Pierce Watson, Tyler Gallert, and Austin Hause; fourth row, left to right: Tyler Mitchell, Nick Crook, Evan Swift, Mark Fron, Luke Stephens, Peter Copeyon, Josh Bartholomew, Reece Fox, and Jeffrey Rininger; fifth row, left to right: Austin Buckius, Ryan Woodhead, Jordan Nurmikko, Wade Schlosser, Tyler Hall, Jacob Merklinger, Nick McKay, Jared Williams, Jacob Murray, and Nick Shaffer.

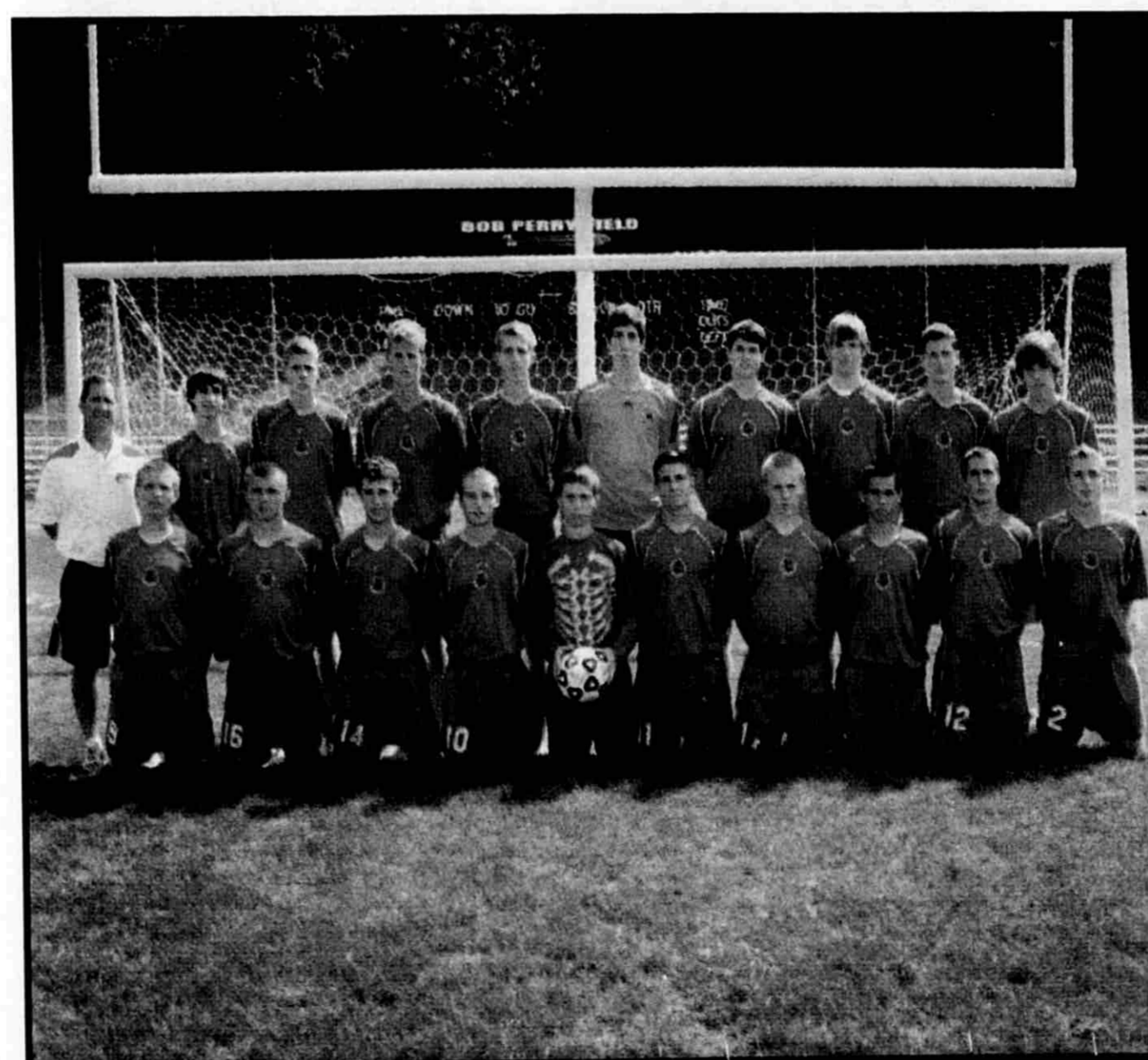
led the charge up and down the field against the likes of Walled Lake Western and Forest Hills Central. "We're doing our thing," Dean explained.

The "D" line has capable players according to its coach and has come ready to play in games one and two.
The strength of

Lowell's defense may be its secondary. "They have been getting after things," Dean explained.
For as well as things have gone through two

games, Dean remains cautious.
"Let's wait till the season is over before we start patting ourselves on the back," he concludes.

soccer



Front row, left to right: Alex Ligman, Joe Sweet, Will Athmann, Josh Depew, Torie Milks, Matt Hoogenboom, Martin Hewitt, Tommy Rodriguez, Sean DenBraven, and Matt Kyllonen; second row, left to right: coach Rich O'Keefe, Martin Brubaker, Tyler Pawloski, Grant Breuker, Evan Kohtz, Alex Nurmikko, Caleb Schultz, Jeremy Wodarek, Spencer Lyon, and Aaron Morris.

Lowell prepares for league soccer fight

by Thad Kraus
A good week of soccer went beyond wins over Creston and Kenowa Hills for Lowell boys' soccer coach Rich O'Keefe.
"We took the opportunity to work on our passing and possession, holding tempo and on our crossing passes and volleys," O'Keefe said. "I like the way the boys continue to develop week after week."
Their development will be measured now that the challenge of conference play gets under way in full earnest.
"We have East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Christian, two quality

programs, coming up and those will be good measuring stick games for us," O'Keefe said.
Defensively, the coach says his team has figured out what to do.
"From the Forest Hills Central game until now we have built a core group of backs," O'Keefe said. "They are doing well with just occasional break downs."
Leading the backs are Sean DenBraven and Grant Breuker. The stoppers in the middle of the Red Arrows are Martin Hewitt and Matt Hoogenboom. Coming off the bench and receiving some quality minutes is left backer Caleb Schultz.

On offense Lowell is getting good balance. O'Keefe said a third of the goals are being created, set up by their defense.
Red Arrow goal leaders in their 9-1 win over Kenowa Hills were Joe Sweet and Tyler Pawloski with two apiece.
In its 8-0 win over Creston, Sweet, Aaron Morris and Spencer Lyon each netted a team-leading two goals.
In those two wins, Sweet also recorded six assists.
With wins over the Knights and the Polar Bears, the Red Arrows improved their record to 4-2-1.

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LHS FALL TEAMS

tennis

Challenges await new faces on tennis court

by Thad Kraus

With only three of its eight flights returning from a year ago, Lowell boys' tennis team may have to navigate some rough waters in 2010.

Rebuilding in a conference that is home to two perennial state tennis powers is never a good thing.

East Grand Rapids is the conference favorite with Grand Rapids Christian providing the Pioneers with its only strong challenge.

With new faces in new positions, many Lowell players will need time to adjust.

While she doesn't like to use the word, Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall said the program is in a rebuilding year.

That doesn't mean there aren't some strong players in position to not only compete but win.

Connor Smith and Cort Thompson are Wall's 1 and 1-A in singles.

"Cort is a solid player who serves well and takes advantage of an opponent's mistakes," Wall said.

Micah Babcock moves from second doubles to third singles and Dan Wernet bumps up to fourth singles from third doubles.

It's doubles play where wall has had to do a lot of mixing and matching.

Joel Bieri and Dan Cowden will see time at number first doubles. Bieri played third doubles last year.

Tyler Bitterman and

Austin Rix are penciled in at second doubles.

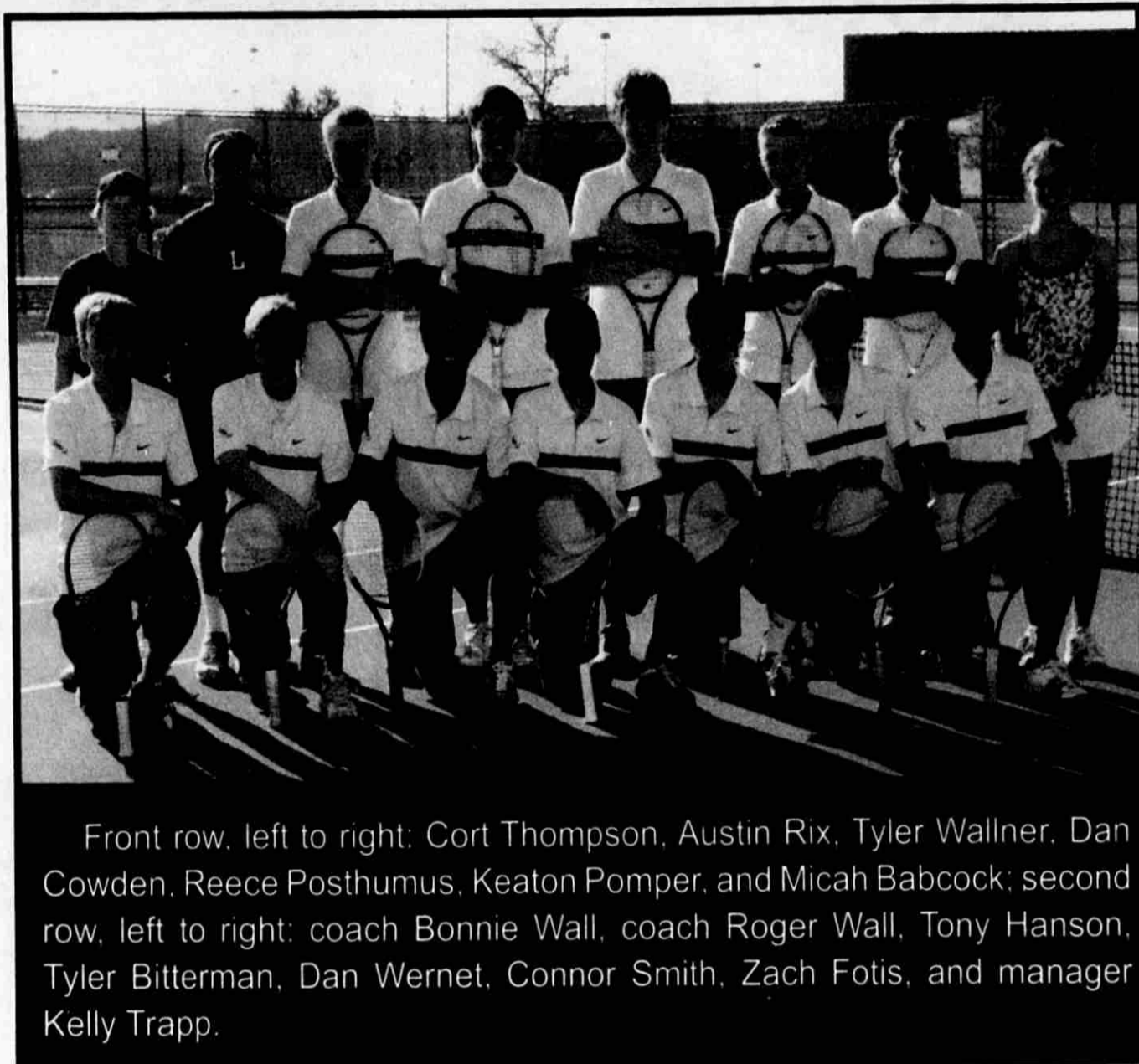
"Tyler is aggressive at the net and very athletic," Wall explained. "Austin possesses good ground strokes and can play offense and defense well from the baseline."

Ty Wallner and Reece Posthumus will fill the third spot in doubles.

"Reece is quick on court and has quick hands. He is able to pick up and make some impossible shots," Wall said.

Keaton Pomper and Zach Fotis will play at fourth doubles.

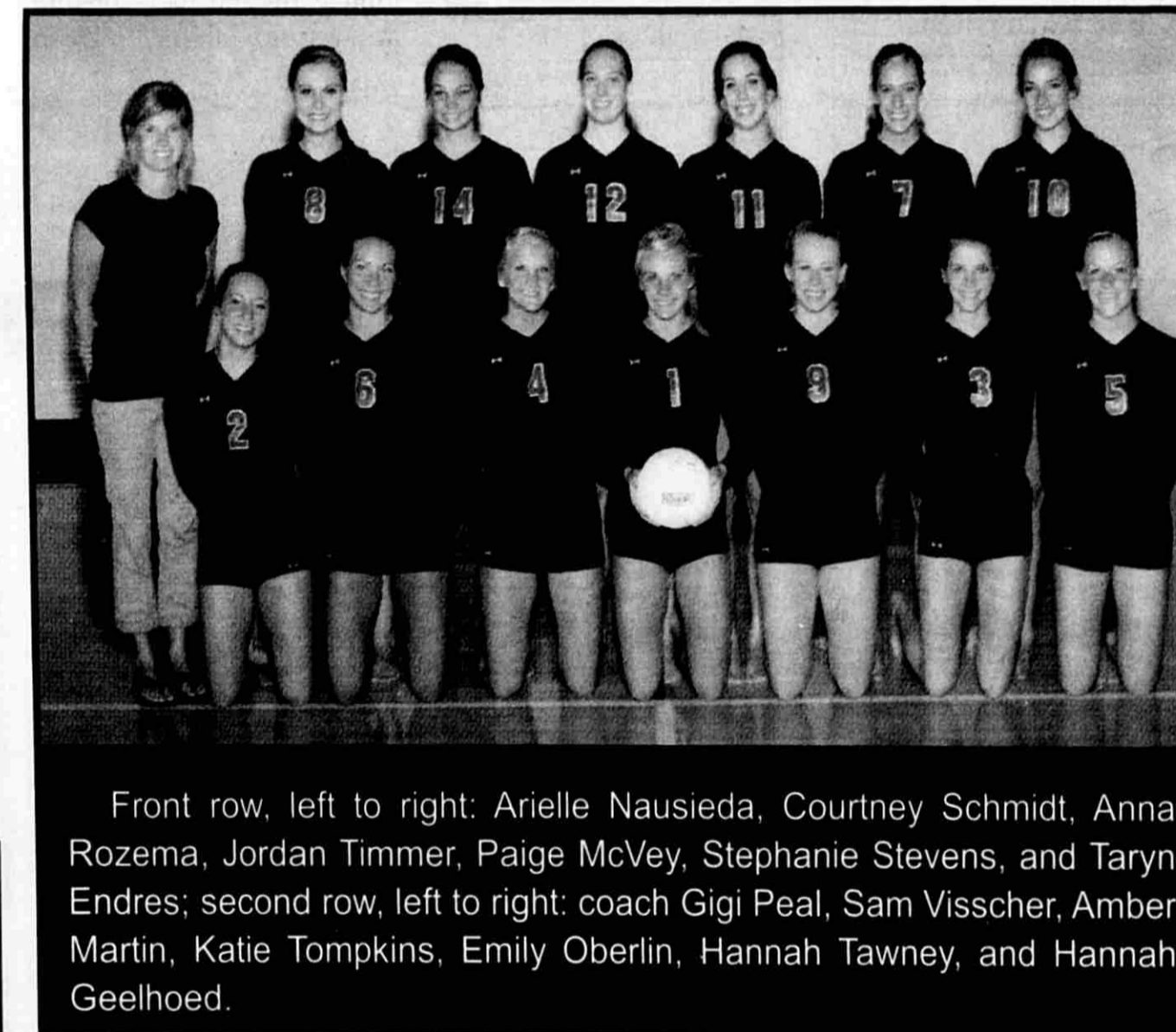
"They play with determination and aggressiveness for freshmen," Wall explained.



Front row, left to right: Cort Thompson, Austin Rix, Tyler Wallner, Dan Cowden, Reece Posthumus, Keaton Pomper, and Micah Babcock; second row, left to right: coach Bonnie Wall, coach Roger Wall, Tony Hanson, Tyler Bitterman, Dan Wernet, Connor Smith, Zach Fotis, and manager Kelly Trapp.

volleyball

Red Arrow spikers seek elusive first title



Front row, left to right: Arielle Nausieda, Courtney Schmidt, Anna Rozema, Jordan Timmer, Paige McVey, Stephanie Stevens, and Taryn Endres; second row, left to right: coach Gigi Peal, Sam Visscher, Amber Martin, Katie Tompkins, Emily Oberlin, Hannah Tawney, and Hannah Geelhoed.

by Thad Kraus

Entering into her 13th season as coach of Lowell volleyball, GiGi Peal understands the importance of keeping things fresh.

She also understands her clubs hunger for change.

It won't come from faces on a roster. After all, the 2010 roster is filled with players returning from a 27-16 2009 season and a third-place finish in the O-K White.

The change Peal and her Red Arrows desire is that of placement in the league. Lowell is in search of its first conference championship.

For that to happen, Peal

and company will have to leap frog East Grand Rapids and defending champion Grand Rapids Christian.

Setting everything up for that dream season on the court will be returning setter Jordan Timmer.

"Getting the ball to our setter in system, which then gives us two or three options, will be a key," Peal explained.

Driving home that hunger and desire will be senior middle hitters Hannah Geelhoed, Katie Tompkins and right wing hitter Sam Visscher. "The middle and right side is our hitting strength," Peal said.

Seasoned new faces from a year ago are Anna Rozema, Emily Oberlin, Paige McVey and Stephanie Stevens.

Up front on defense, Lowell will be led by Arielle Nausieda and Courtney Schmidt.

The Lowell coach will once again emphasize defense. "Defense wins conference championships," Peal says.

As for the O-K White, the Lowell coach says the top half of the league will be solid. "We will definitely be one of the favorites based on the number of players we return," Peal concluded.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell's huge win paled only by event

by Thad Kraus

Friday night Matt Houston continued to fill the role as Lowell's top receiver. And the Red Arrow safety also filled some running gaps from his safety position in Lowell's 47-0 Pink Arrow Pride football win over Kenowa Hills.

Houston caught five passes for 50 yards and authored two outstanding tackles against the Knights' running back tandem of Tito Wingfield and Kitwana Clark.

"The last two years I've played at cornerback. I was a safety for tonight," Houston said. "It's a lot easier to come from the middle to fill on the edge. It's a better angle. Filling gaps and putting your body in harms way is the fun."

Houston's and the Red Arrows' performance came in front of an estimated crowd of 10,000-plus spectators for the third annual Pink Arrow Pride football game that benefits cancer education and awareness.

Kenowa Hills was unable to overcome the physicality and assertiveness

of Lowell's play, however, the event had no problem overshadowing the game.

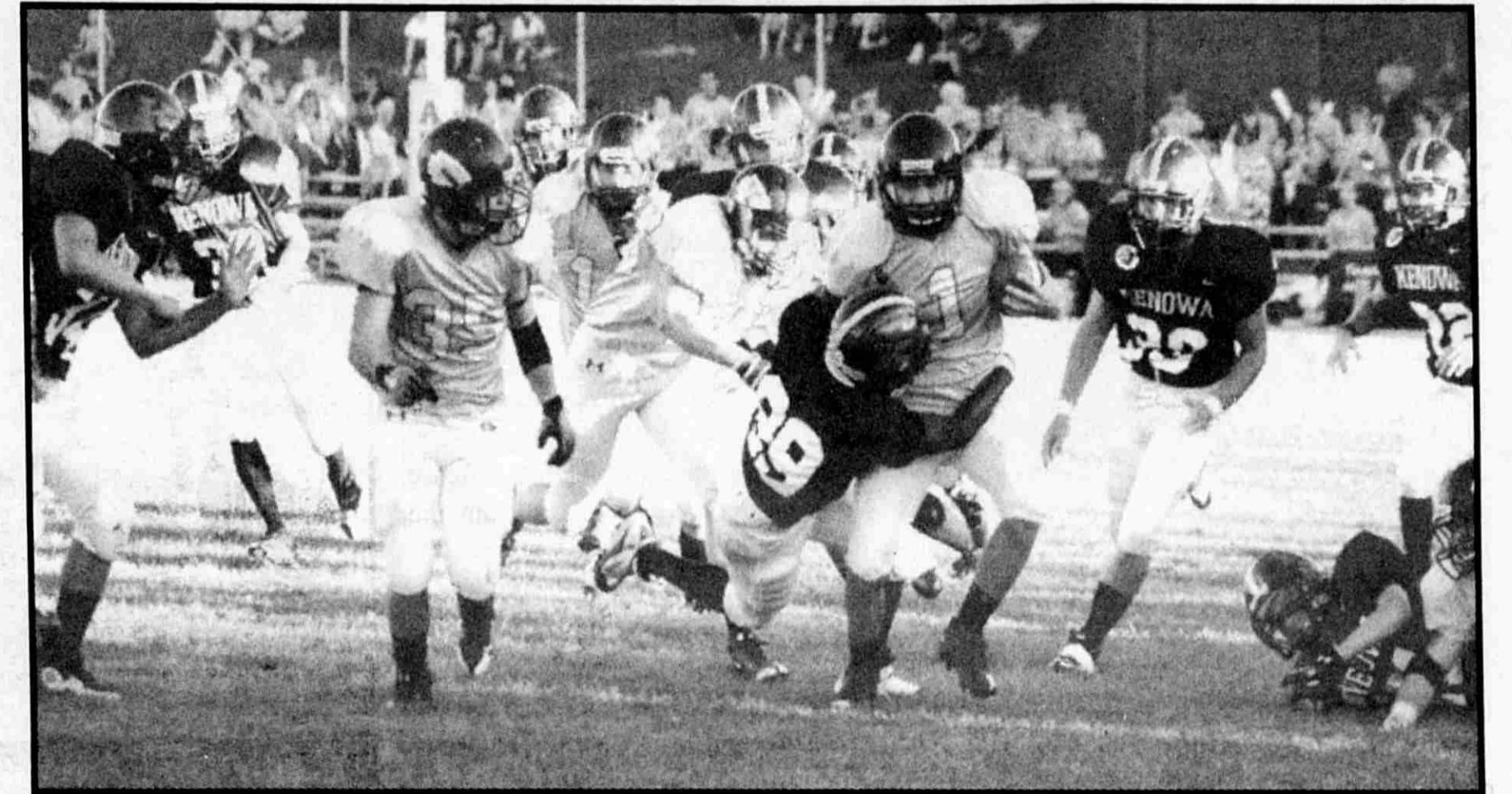
"Until you experience it, you don't have a clue as to what goes on out here," said Kenowa Hills football coach Scott Van Essen. "This is something else. What he (Noel) has done out here is incredible."

Incredible could also be used to describe Lowell's first-half efficiency on offense. The Red Arrows scored touchdowns on five of their six possessions, taking a 35-0 half-time lead.

Lowell took the opening kickoff and drove 55 yards in six plays with Gabe Dean racing home from 35 yards out.

After Pierce Watson recovered a Knight fumble, the Red Arrows marched 59 yards in 10 plays with Sam Young blasting in the six-yard line.

Lowell posted three touchdowns in the second quarter. The first one came on a 37-yard run by Dean and the junior QB followed it up with two one-yard touchdown bursts.



Lowell's Jacob Meyer and the Red Arrow defense held Kenowa Hills without a yard through the air Friday night.

The Red Arrows' second-half scores were recorded by Tyler Gallert with touchdown runs of six and seven yards.

Lowell's offensive line paved the way for 310 total yards on the ground. The Red Arrow defensive line held Kenowa Hills to 57 total yards, all were on the ground.

"We came on fire up front, on both sides of the ball," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "We tried to set the tone with physical play up front. We did a real nice job with that."

Gabe Dean led all runners with 180 yards on the ground on 16 carries.

The closest Kenowa got to the end zone was Lowell's 31.

"Unfortunately we did not play our best football. A lot of that is to their credit. Now it's time to regroup and get back after it," Van Essen explained.

Lowell, now 3-0, travels

to Muskegon Reeths-Puffer on Friday.

Dean, while proud of his players' performance, knows there's work to do. "We're going to have a lunch pale effect going forward. We will keep working everyday to get good for game 10. I'm excited about the potential," Dean concluded.

Spectacle of outdoor volleyball remains a fan favorite in Lowell

On a day where the event eclipsed the games, the presence of a volleyball fan surpassed the event for Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal and her daughter Jordan Timmer.

It wasn't just any fan, it was Peal's father, Timmer's grandfather, Bill Gardner.

"We had to search around and find him a wheelchair so we could get

him into the stadium," Peal explained.

Gardner, who is battling bone cancer, did not miss a match of Peal's while she was growing up. "He drove straight through from Florida one year to get to my state final volleyball game," Peal said. "You don't realize just how significant that is until that person isn't there."

Gardner was there, much to the delight of his

daughter and granddaughter, and he witnessed a 25-22, 24-26, 16-14 Lowell win over Forest Hills Northern in the second ever Michigan High School Athletic Association sanctioned outdoor volleyball game.

"It was really cool to see the community out here and the soccer game going

Volleyball, continued, page 15



CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE III, "SNOW PLOWING," TO CHAPTER 19, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 10-04 adding Article III, "Snow Plowing," to Chapter 19, "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on September 7, 2010. Ordinance No. 10-04 adding Article III provides for the licensing and regulation of snow plow operators and their motor vehicles. A copy of Ordinance No. 10-04 is available from the City Clerk at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street in the City during regular business hours.

Ordinance No. 10-04 is effective 10 days after this publication.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of
Sept. 20, 2010

MON: Breakfast sandwich: egg & cheese on English muffin (Rib BQ on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), baked beans, fresh melon, milk.

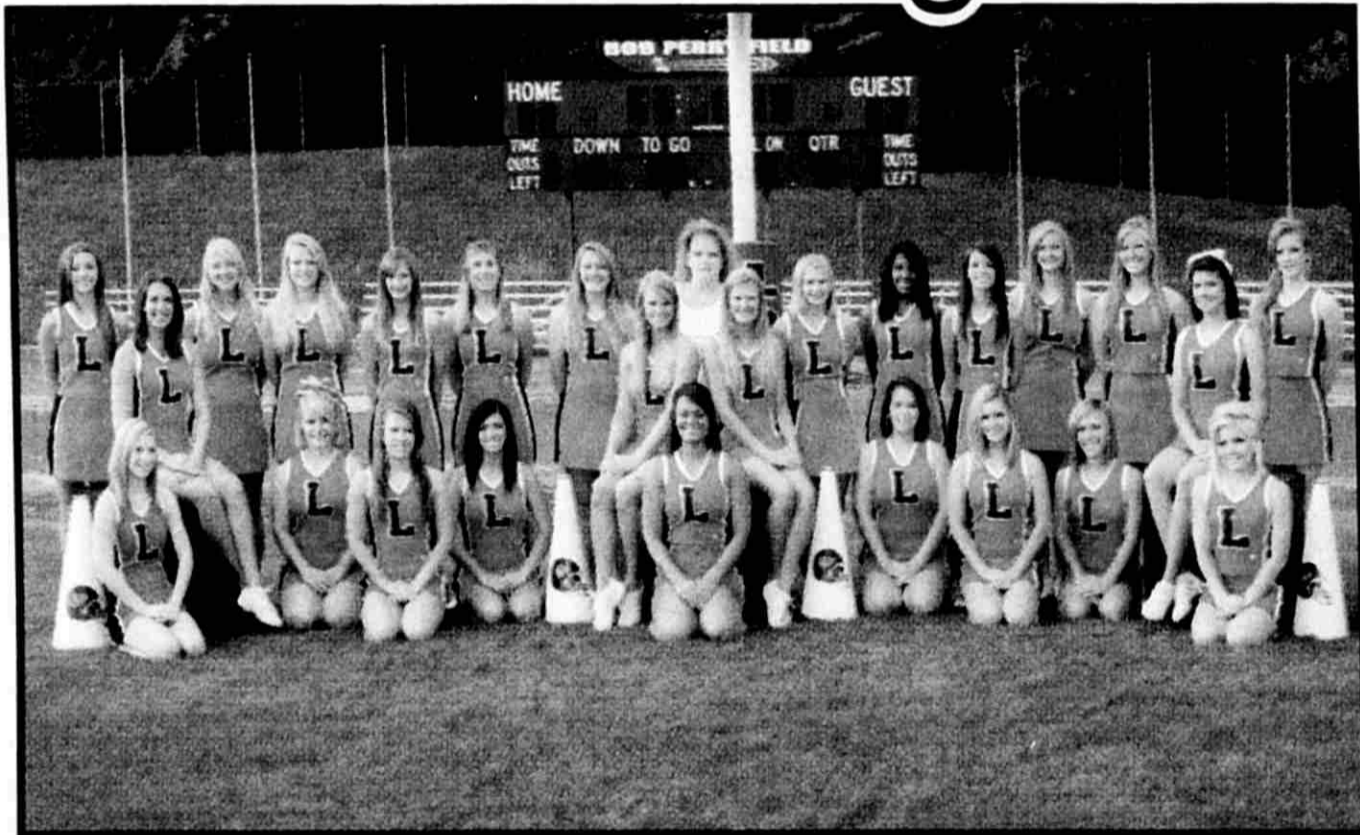
TUES: Hamburger on bun (yogurt w/American cheese & saltine crackers also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/romaine, orange smiles, milk.

WED: Baked chicken nuggets w/dinner roll (Jr. turkey & cheese sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/butter, peaches, milk.

THURS: Pizza dippers w/ marinara dipping sauce (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/romaine, pineapple, milk.

FRI: Grilled cheese sandwich (tuna salad sandwich also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tomato soup w/crackers, mini carrots, cinnamon apple slices, milk.

cheerleading



Front row, left to right: Amber Brown, Paige Rash, Becky Chamberlain, Taylor Moore, Jordan Wakefield, Dayna Crumback, Ericka Claypool, Harley Kaminski, and Chelsae Prill; second row, left to right: Alyssa Kenyon, Whitney Bunn, Katelyn Videto, Erin Groom, Katie Haan, Brianna Thomet, Cassi Mullins, Kate Scudder, coach Kari Dawson, Anna Scudder, Abby Rogalke, Shanic Thomas, Allyson Nora, Taylor Whaley, Zoe Beloncis, Jenn Hartley, and Haley Ladd.

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PIE TIN TO PLASTIC TOY



How many flying discs can you find on this page?

Can you find each of these pictures in the big picture?



PIE TIN TOSS

The students at Yale University loved William Frisbie's pies. They even loved his pie tins!

Tossing empty pie tins became a favorite way to pass time between classes. A firm flick of the wrist and the tin floated through the air.

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In 1948, Walter Frederick Morrison and Warren Fransconi created a plastic disc that could fly with better accuracy than a tin pie plate.

When Morrison sold the rights to Wham-O in 1957, the company named the disc the Frisbee® (pronounced FRIZ'-bee).

Today, the fifty-year-old Frisbee® is owned by Mattel Toy Manufacturers, only one of at least sixty manufacturers of flying discs.

Find the two identical Frisbees!

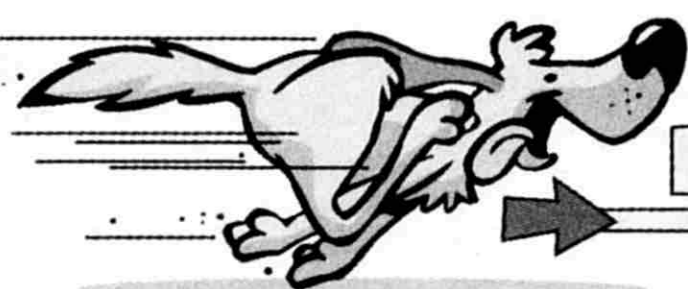


FLYING DISK GAMES

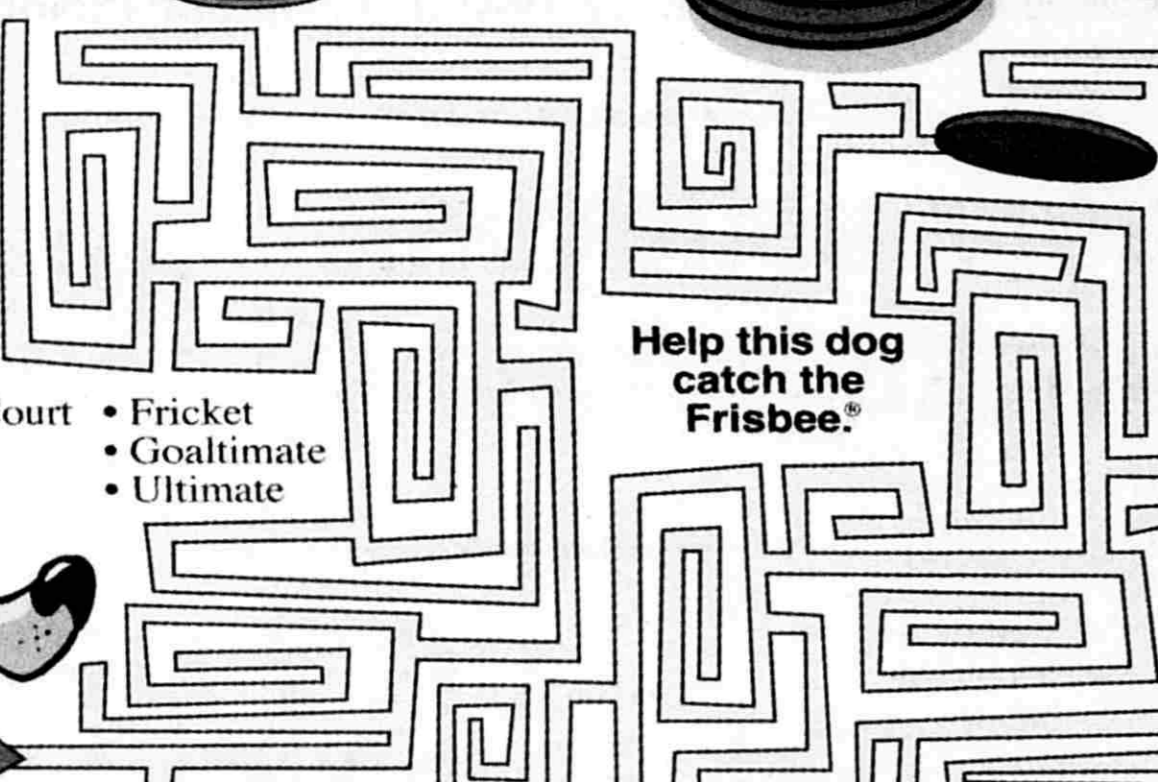
Many games are now played with a flying disc.

Here is a list of some of them. How do you think each game is played? Look them up and find out if you guessed correctly.

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- Double Disc Court
- Fricket
- Disc Golf
- Flutterguts
- Goaltimate
- Dodge Disc
- Freestyle
- Ultimate



Help this dog catch the Frisbee!



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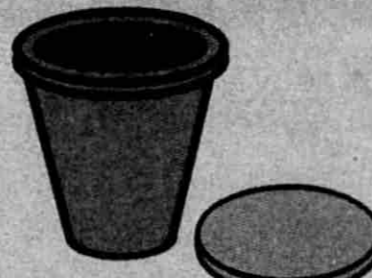
Look through the newspaper for two items that don't seem to go together. Think of as many ways as you can to invent something new by combining those two things. For example, what could you make with a combination of a camera and sunglasses?

Standards Link: Research. Use the newspaper to locate information.

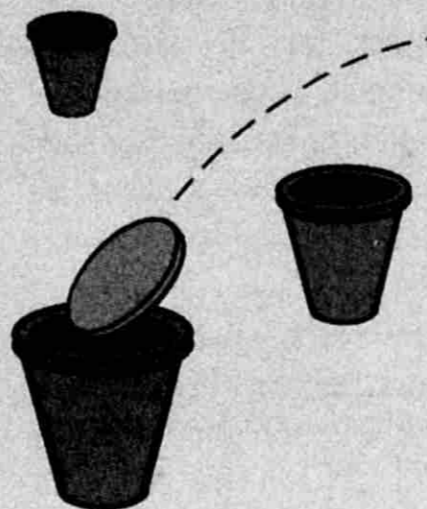
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Flying Disc Golf

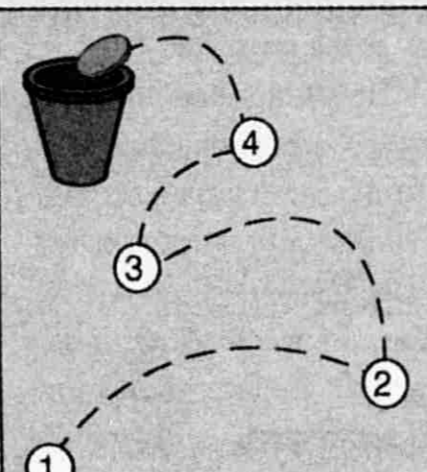
Make a course of six or eight "holes" by setting up a series of objects or sites to try and hit with a Frisbee!



Tie a brightly colored ribbon on a tree or pole as a good place to start. An empty bucket or laundry basket also makes a good "hole."



One or more players take turns attempting to hit each target with a flying disc toy.



Players count how many throws they take to hit the target. Wherever your Frisbee lands, you take your next shot from that spot.

Hole	Evan	Stacy
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2	5	2
3	2	2
4	3	4
5	6	5
6	4	2
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Add up your score. The player who completes the course in the fewest number of throws wins.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand and follow the rules of the game.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word PLATE 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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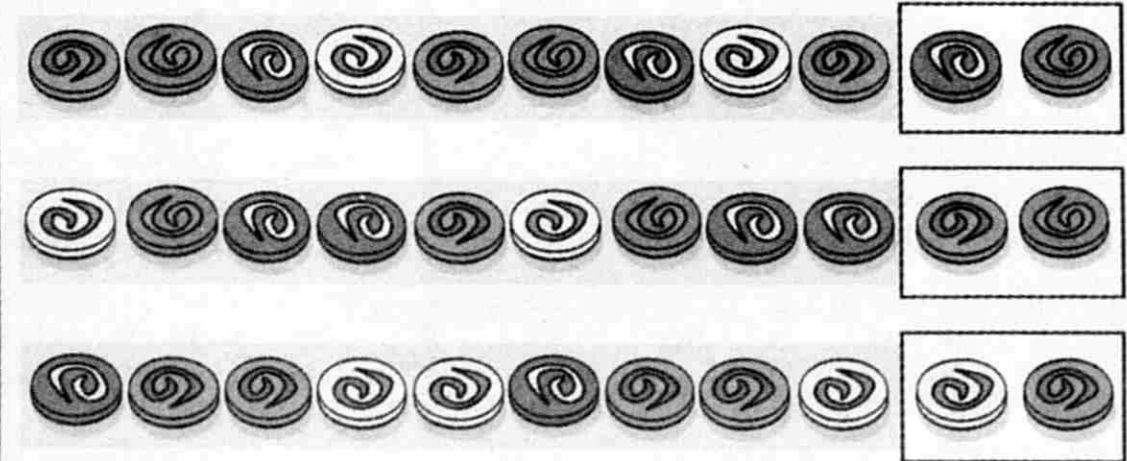
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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Flying Disc Pattern Activity

Circle the disc that will continue the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Patterning: Understand and extend patterns.



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Double Double Word Search

FRISBEE PLASTIC MEASURE FRICKET FLOATED FLYING CAMERA PLATE DODGE COURT CATCH ALERT YALE SOLD DISC

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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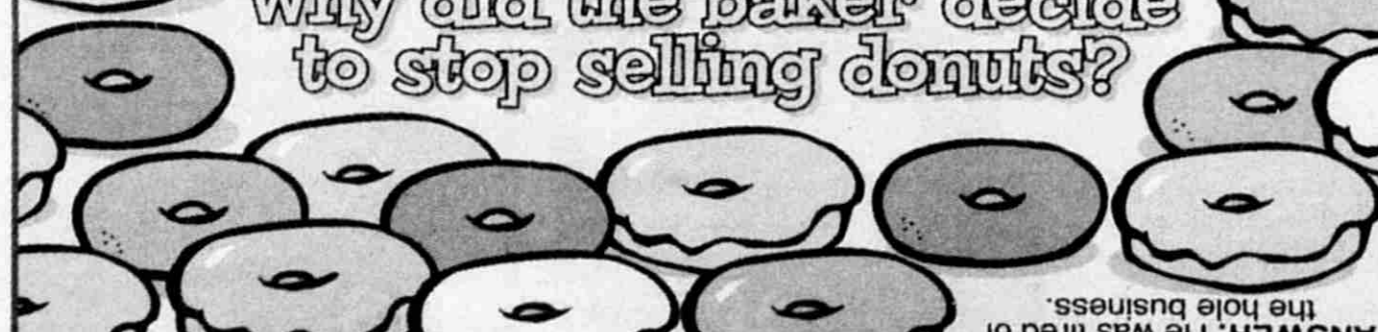
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Silly News Story

Mix and match news stories to create silly stories. Select a who, what, when, where, why and how from different stories. Write a silly news story with these facts. For extra silliness, use quotes from other news stories.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.

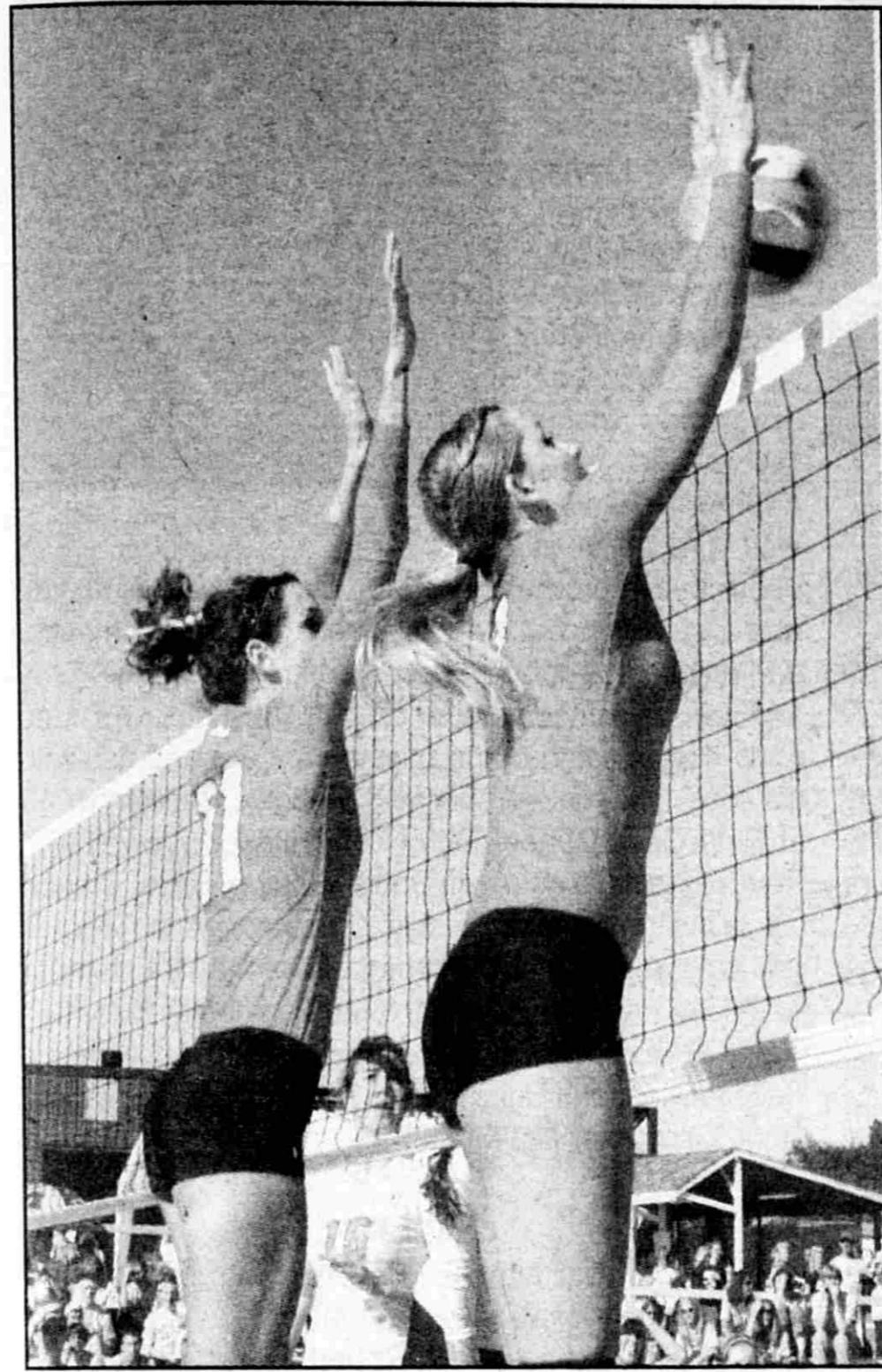
Why did the baker decide to stop selling donuts?



ANSWER: He was tired of the hole business.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Volleyball, continued



on," Timmer said. "The wind and sun obviously can play a factor."

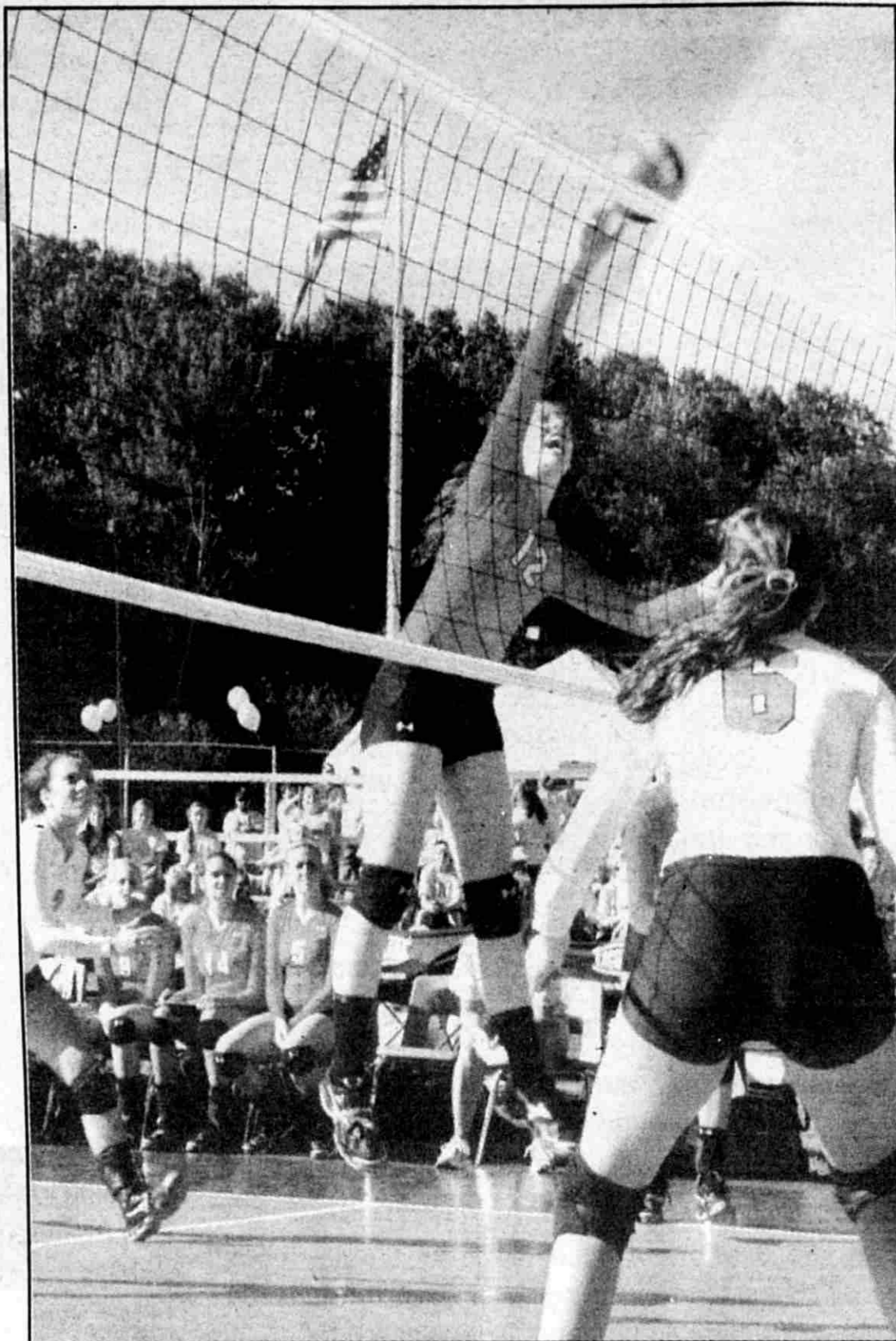
For coach Tracy Kirk and her Huskies, the second visit was different.

"Some of the girls experienced playing outdoors last year," Kirk said. "There are some fundamental changes (wind and sun) when playing outside. However, winning would have been nice. Today, we played the game for a great cause."

Dan O'Connor, father to Huskie freshman Paige, said the Northern girls love playing in the game and look forward to it.

"Nowhere else can you do this," said O'Connor, who runs the Michigan Volleyball Academy. "The girls are happy to be a part of such a great event."

Red Arrow Katie Tompkins elevates for her return.



Lowell spikers block the return of a Huskie hit.

Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

What a weekend for football!

I will start with the Lions, just in case there is somebody who didn't see the game or the highlights.

Let me start by saying the incomplete (really was a completed pass) touchdown pass to Calvin Johnson at the end of the game will be a rule changer.

Yes! I truly believe the "completing the process" interpretation will be tweaked, if not changed completely. Actually, it may just be eliminated.

The one thing the current ruling does not take into account is common sense.

If it looks like a touchdown pass, feels like a touchdown pass and involves control when both feet land in the end zone, call it what it is and what everybody watching the game and playing in it believes... it was a TOUCHDOWN!!!!

It's the season opener and the Saints' Drew Brees throws that same pass... do you think on national television in New Orleans they rule it not a touchdown?

On a running play all a player has to do is block the plane. How many times have we seen an outstretched player dive for the pylon, holding the ball in one hand and then have the ball hit the turf? Why is that not included in completing the process?

Because the rule is bad and dumb!

Quickly, what a good college football game in South Bend on Saturday.

The wrong team won, but a good game nonetheless.

Despite what the Free Press' Drew Sharp writes, Notre Dame and Michigan will return to prominent status as members of the college football elite. Drew you've never been more wrong!

How about them Red Arrows!

Lowell was dominating in its 47-0 shutout of Kenowa Hills Friday night.

Who Do I Love? (new title for my picks)

7-3 again (21-9)! That's not good enough. I have to be better.

Caledonia at Hastings - I like the Scots.

East Kentwood at Grandville - Falcons recover against the Bulldogs.

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The Tale of the Troll, Part XXIII

by Amy Hayes

Things are starting to wind down in Lowell. The beautiful, sweltering summer heat is being eased out by fresh, crisp autumn evenings and life is good.

Troll Daddy and Mrs. Troll have been seen wandering around the rooms of their newly improved, almost completed new home under the bridge. The secret rooms in the "stolen or lost" blueprints have turned out to be nothing more than extra rooms for all the new trolls that have been collected by Mrs. Troll. Mrs. Troll thought her Troll Daddy would go through the roof when he learned that she had the additional rooms built for all these new troll-friends. (We think Ms. Liz's, from the Chamber of Commerce, welcoming and friendly attitude may have rubbed off on Mrs. Troll over the past several weeks!)

And everyone knew that Troll Daddy loved a crowd and his motto was, "the more the merrier." (Duh, that is why they outgrew their home below the bridge in the first place.)

The store owners have loved having these miscreants wrecking havoc, creating chaos and tons of fun in their places of business all summer long.

The good townfolk of Lowell have been out in record numbers to meet the trolls and to support their local businesses as their downtown bridge has been disposed of for close to twenty-three weeks.

But let's not get ahead

of ourselves. There are still trolls to meet, marry, argue with, date, admire, fall in love with and figure out what is happening with their lives.

Last week we were describing Bob from Rookies, one of the more colorful trolls in Lowell. Remember him? Son of Uncle Harold from Huntington Bank? Thinks he is Batman, wears the cape? Well, he was heading into Modern Photographics where his workaholic shutterbug twin, Ansel, worked. Ansel had an eye for capturing pictures like none other. He was terrifically talented and managed to capture the personality of every subject he photographed. He was always in demand, which was why all he ever did was work. Currently, his studio was brimming over with trolls. Walt and Cookie were booking their wedding shoot for three weeks from now. (Walt works over at Dovetail Antiques and Cookie was keeping shop at King Milling.) We met them in the early chapters and they were indeed tying the knot.

Ansel's brothers, Butch and Bob along with Meme, were also taking up space at Modern Photographics - booking the photos for Butch and Meme's wedding - also three weeks away.

Yep, Ansel was definitely going to be a busy, busy troll and Modern Photographics was the place to be.

Things were humming along, however, and everyone seemed to be working out the conflicting

timetable, when all of a sudden, the door opened and in walked Meme's favorite Aunt Goldie from Cousins' Hallmark. She had the most darling, little, dirt covered troll in tow with her. When Griffin, the grimy ten-year-old, spied his mom, Meme, he about tackled her in a huge bear hug and shouted, "Mom!"

All color drained from Butch's face. "Huh, wha..." he stammered. Meme caught Butch's eye over the top of Griffin's head.

Everyone else just stood around speechless, except Bob.

As only a troll dressed as Batman could do, Bob reached down and ruffled Griffin's hair and said, "Gee kid, you look just like my brother Butch did when he was your age."

I bet at that moment everyone in Modern Photographics wished they could borrow the Batman cape and fly far away from the scene that was sure to unfold.



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

It's been very windy all day today and it continues into tonight (Sept. 7). Wouldn't it be wonderful if each and every one of us was harvesting electricity for our homes from our own windmill on our rooftop or in our yard? Nonpolluting, not bought from a foreign source - it's something we all need to do.

Del, thanks again for making this teacher's wish happen!

Thank you Lowell Area School's grounds crew (Tim, Todd & Ed) who made the Red Arrow Stadium look fantastic for the Pink Arrow Game. Your work never goes unnoticed. You are all awesome and Lowell Schools should be very proud of all the hard work you do.

Another amazing Pink Arrow Day - very proud of all the boys. Very disappointed though with the men sitting at the top of the home side who didn't bother to get up and help the woman who was obviously struggling to get up the hill.

I wonder if you noticed that a new antique shop opened here in Lowell?

Kaleidoscope of Flavors - another great Lowell event. Learned lots and had a lot of fun.

last week's Sound Off poll result:

Do you think the Florida minister who is threatening to burn the Koran is ...

Inciting hatred.....	75%
Supporting Christianity.....	8%
Seeking publicity.....	17%
Having no effect.....	0%

Have an idea for a Ledger Sound Off Poll question?

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Put "Poll Question" in the subject line and watch and see if we use your question.

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Bridge buck winners

This week's Bridge Buck winners: the \$50 winner is: Bonnie Vezino; \$20 winners are: Gail Thomet, Elaine Denton, Bailey Van Amburgh, Jill Pietrzak and Lori Smith; and the \$10 winners are: Linda Gidley, Kathy Kooy, Brandi Bledsoe, Christy Valentine and Deb DeHaan



SEPTEMBER 8 - SEPTEMBER 14

In a recent ABC news report supermarket scanner errors can cost consumers up to \$2.5 billion each year.

In an interview on CBS's "Face the Nation" the house minority John Boehner (R-Ohio) says that he would support an extension of the Bush tax cuts just for those making under \$250,000 a year.

Basel, Switzerland - Banks given until 2019 to fully comply with new global regulations. New rules could mean less money available to lend to businesses and consumers.

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A notice will be posted in the Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide and City web page www.ci.lowell.mi.us if there is a change.

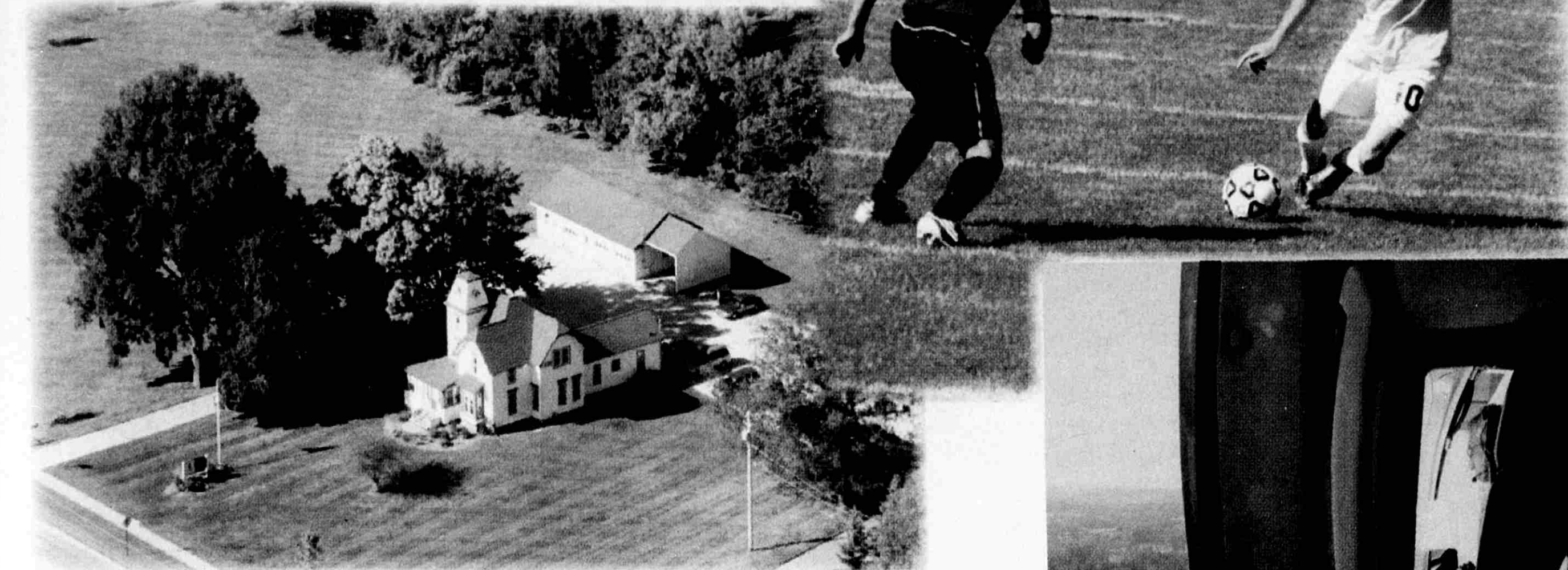


Thank you,
Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

Pink Pride, continued

The third annual Pink Arrow Pride event continued to amaze and respond to the needs of local cancer survivors and to the memories of those who lost their battle.

The event brought together staff, students, community and local organizations to make life better for individuals and families whose lives are affected by cancer.

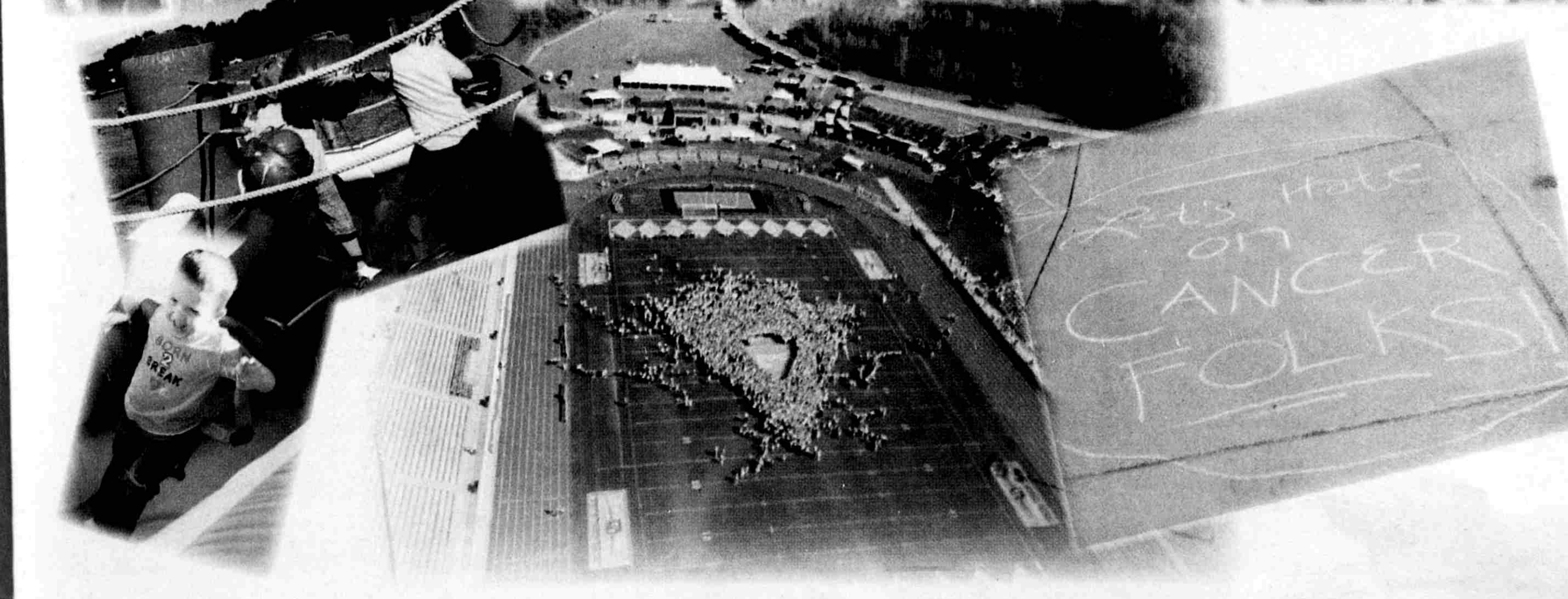


Glida's Club of Lowell

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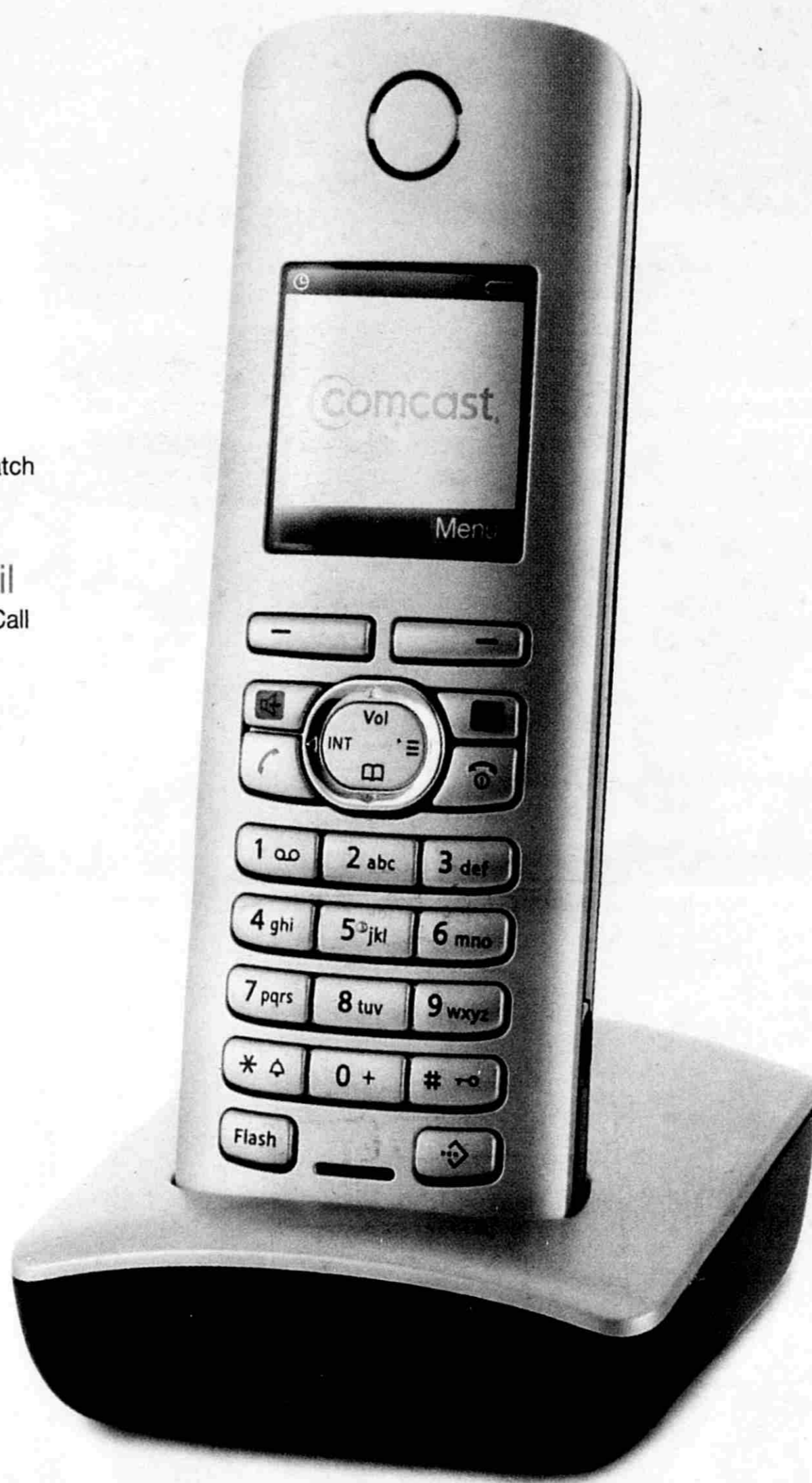
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