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## MEMORIAL DAY... RECALLS VETERANS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

A Memorial Day Observance Ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery commemorated the lives lost in war so that a nation could enjoy its freedom. Prior to the observance, community residents lined the streets (Main Street and Monroe) to salute the veterans. The parade began at 9:30 Monday morning at Richards Park and then stopped at Veterans Memorial Park for a memorial service and wreath deployment. The invocation was given by Ed Rash, chaplain of American Legion Post #152. The parade proceeded to the cemetery for the observance. This year's parade marshal was Gordon Marshall, commander of V.F.W. Post 8303. Dave Clark, Jr., of V.F.W. Post 8303, served as master of ceremonies. Rev. W. Lee Taylor of Lowell First Baptist Church was the guest speaker. More pictures on page 36.

## CRACKING DOWN

### City's message to planning commission: waiver no more on sidewalk issue

By J.N. Boorsma  
 Contributing Writer

Any resident looking to build a new home or business be forewarned: the city plans to enforce the requirement for sidewalks.

Lowell City Council sent a message back to the city's planning commission last week with concerns over the waiving of sidewalk requirements for several recent projects, the last being the Rollaway Family Fun Center, which is installing a new miniature golf course.

"That was the direction the city council gave us some time back," said planning commissioner, James Hall. "However, I would be more than happy to insist on sidewalks on everything."

In the city's ordinance it does require that any owner

of property who plans to construct a new residential, commercial, and/or industrial building shall also put in sidewalks and the necessary retaining walls.

City manager, David Pasquale, at last week's planning commission meeting, said one of the councilmembers was asking why there were so many sidewalk waivers. Among the re-

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**Jim Hall**  
 Planning Commission

cent projects that have been given sidewalk waivers include the Main Street Banquet facility on W. Main and the Habitat for Humanity house on James Street.

"It is something (sidewalk waivers) that is asked a lot," he said.

Planning commission chair Dan Brubaker looked over the city ordinance and said it could be something that the city might strengthen as a requirement.

In the end, planning commission members were in agreement that if the council wanted the sidewalk requirement to be enforced, they would oblige. This means for those planning new construction, they can ask for a sidewalk waiver but the chance of getting one may be pretty slim.

## CHAMBER SALUTES

### Tireless commitment to community brings LaWarre Person of the Year honors

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Fame is fleeting ... Obscurity is forever.

"Obscurity never looked so good," panned First Congregational Church of Lowell pastor, Dr. Roger LaWarre upon receiving the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year award.

Ray Quada, presenter of the Person of the Year award, noted that he revisited some old city records dated 1900 to see what pressing issues came before the village council a century ago.

"In reading these minutes, I got a sense of perspective about our community. I learned that you don't have

to live your entire life in a community to make a difference," Quada explained.

Names like Rivers, McDowell, Crampton, Jacobson, Connell and Rogers moved here from their place of birth and became city councilmembers, worked in the schools, ran businesses and/or got involved.

LaWarre follows in their footsteps. He arrived in Lowell nine years ago. He has earned the respect and admiration of the community at large for his tireless work, dedication to community, family and church.

"That comes by faith and through the home I was raised



Ray Quada presents Roger LaWarre with the 2000 Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" award.

"I would go with him."

He has been the spearhead and driving force behind Flat River Outreach Ministries and its efforts to bring food to those in need.

"I have been a partner with you (Lowell residents) in seeking a higher standard of community and in promoting common good," LaWarre explained.

"People don't follow titles;

they rally to courage. The people of Lowell have courage."

In referencing Lowell's great history of family names like King, Look, Lee, Borgerson, Doyle, Wingeier, Wittenbach, Kropf and Timpson, LaWarre added, "This community's dreams have been built on the courage of those who preceded us."

Community involvement and volunteerism is a way for a person to be a witness of love in

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## OBITUARIES

**HALL** - Mrs. Arlene Hall, aged 55, of Lowell, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, May 27, 2000. She was born in Grand Rapids on December 17, 1944, the daughter of Gerritt and Henrietta (Zandstra) Hall. A prayer warrior, Arlene at-

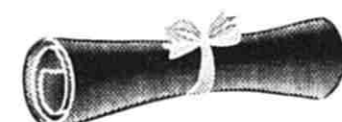
tended Mars Hill Bible Church and lived her life all the time as a witness to God. She had a tender heart with people, especially the elderly. For over 30 years she was a hair stylist and last worked at Cumberland Manor. In 1962, she was a member of the first

graduating class of Kentwood High School. A loving wife, mother and grandmother, Arlene is survived by her husband Michael; children Tiffany and Dwayne Huff of Dorr; Matthew Miller of San Diego, CA; Jeremy and Kim Hall and Shane Hall all of Rockford; grandchildren Megan Huff, Benjamin Huff and Ian Hall; grandmother Freda Imhoff of Lakeview; nieces and nephews; aunts, uncles and cousins. The Service was held Tuesday in the Chapel of Calvary Church, 777 E. Beltline N.E. with Pastor Rob Bell officiating. Interment in Blythefield Memory Gardens. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider World Vision International Children's Fund.

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## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 7, 2000 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of James and Patricia Wollen for a special land use for a private road to serve two parcels of land in the A Agricultural District, such land being commonly designated as 8300 and 8306 Cowan Lake Drive and legally described as follows:

That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing 842.7 feet South 0°35'50" East along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 from the North section line; thence South 0°34'50" East along said East line 902.71 feet; thence North 73°05'50" West 465.15 feet to the Easterly line of Cowan Lake Drive (60 feet wide); thence Northerly along the Easterly line of said drive 795.71 feet to a line bearing 90°00'00" West from the point of beginning; thence 90°00'00" East 277.65 feet to the point of beginning; AND ALSO, that part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 6 described as commencing 600 feet East along the North section line from the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence South perpendicular to the North section line 157.15 feet; thence South 39°36' East 597.95 feet; thence South 10°22' East 351.95 feet; thence South 13° 00'30" West 806.95 feet; thence South 35°11' West 357.2 feet more or less to the South line of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of the Northeast fractional 1/4; thence East to the East 1/8 line; thence North to the North section line; thence West to the point of beginning; EXCEPT Cowan Lake Plat, and EXCEPT commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence South 0°35'50" East along the East line of said Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 1745.41 feet; thence North 73°05'50" West 465.15 feet to the Easterly line of Cowan Lake Drive (60 feet wide); thence Northerly along the Easterly line of said drive to the North section line; thence East to point of beginning; and also a proposed 66-foot-wide private road to serve the above-described lands, and including the termination of said private road in a circular cul-de-sac, all as shown in Survey No. 97766-002, dated 02/28/00, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The requested approval also includes the division of the above-described lands into two parcels, for residential and such other purposes as are permitted under the terms of the A Agricultural District.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, within the Township, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: May 26, 2000

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN



## COMMUNITY GOODWILL

American Legion Post 152 Commander Mike Willard presents Lowell D.A.R.E. officer Christopher Hurst with a D.A.R.E. flag and a check for \$500. Officer Hurst is the D.A.R.E. instructor at the Lowell Middle School. Officer Steve Bukala is the D.A.R.E. instructor for the elementary schools. Standing to Willard's left is Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2000-01 BUDGET AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS.

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, June 12, 2000  
 PLACE OF MEETING: Runciman Administration Building Board Room - 300 High St., Lowell, MI  
 HOUR OF MEETING: 7:00 P.M.  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE: 616-897-8415

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES ARE LOCATED AT: Runciman Administration Building 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED 2000-01 BUDGET INCLUDING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS AT: Runciman Administration Building 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Public discussion on the proposed 2000-01 budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The Board may not adopt its proposed 2000-01 budget until after the public hearing.

Patrick Nugent  
Secretary, Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools

## Curtis may expand car wash with news of Pizza Hut departure

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

With the news Pizza Hut is moving, business owner John "Bucky" Curtis is looking to revamp his adjoining car wash business.

Curtis, who owns Curtis Cleaners and a car wash business at 1400 W. Main St., approached the Lowell Planning Com-



## Merriman Elected to Board

The Michigan Angus Association elected these men and women to serve as officers and directors for 2000. Seated from left: Charles Preston, president, Prescott; Bruce Foster, vice president, Niles; Amanda Powell, secretary, Ionia; and Susan Merriman, treasurer, Lowell. Directors standing from left: Earl Boehmer, Olivet; Phil Tuggle, Ithaca; David Lutchka, Grass Lake; Steven Thelen, Ann Arbor; Joe Merriman, Lowell; Fred Good, Charlotte; Doug Meiburg, North Branch and Chuck Reid, Eaton Rapids. Photo by American Angus Association.

mission about reconstructing his car wash building to add two laser car wash bays where the existing Pizza Hut is located. The restaurant gave notice two weeks ago that it plans to move to the same building where H&R Block and Subway are now located when its lease is up in August.

"You hear the rumors and I probably was the last one to know, so this has only been in the works for the last couple of weeks," Curtis said. Curtis came before the planning commission to get some direction: take down the entire structure that houses both Pizza Hut and the car wash and replace it with a new building or just tear down the portion currently containing Pizza Hut.

Of the two options presented, the planning commission indicated it would perhaps be easier for Curtis to go with the second option of tearing down the Pizza Hut portion of the structure. The reason being that Curtis would not need to seek any variances for the remodeling job even though the car wash is located about five to 10 feet from Valley Vista Drive.

"I think we are all old enough to remember when there wasn't a road there," Curtis said, adding that the structure was

there long before the road ever came into existence. For that reason, the structure was grandfathered in.

If Curtis were to tear down the entire structure, however, he would be subject to current zoning laws, which would require him to move the building over to meet the 35-foot setback requirement...or he would need to get a variance, said planning commission chairperson, Dan Brubaker.

"From indications from this group, you would need to do a lot of convincing to get a variance," Brubaker said.

The planning commission looked over the criteria for a variance and found that Curtis would only meet a couple of the requirements. He must meet all six requirements to get approval for a variance.

Curtis said his plans were still in the proposal stage since he was working with the manufacturer of the laser car wash to determine the best location and other details. Another concern is traffic flow on the property, Curtis said.

When Curtis does get ready to do any work on the property, he will have to present a site plan to the planning commission for review.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP REZONING HEARINGS

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

Monday, June 26, 2000 at 7:00 P.M.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E. to consider two rezoning applications:

- 1) Whispering Hills Associates has issued a request to rezone property located at 1600 Cumberland Ave. and 16667 Fulton St. (PP#41-20-04-100-015 and 41-20-04-401-027) from R-1 (Rural low density residential) to R-3 (High density - multiple family).
- 2) Tammy Brown has issued a request to rezone property located at 11826 Fulton Street (PP#41-20-04-476-001) from AG-2 (Rural agriculture) to Commercial.

The original applications and the township zoning map may be examined at the Township Office during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
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## THANK YOU CARD To WINGS Parent Support Group

It was such an honor to have so many students and parents come to my retirement party! Your love and support are simply overwhelming.

Thank you, students, for all of your handmade letters, cards and art work - I laughed and cried as I read them.

Thank you for the many cards, flowers and gifts. It has been a privilege to work with such gifted and talented families!

- Dottie Roth



### LMS presents Alice In Wonderland adaptation

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present the fantasy, *Follow That Rabbit-The Wonderland Story* on Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. This zany adaptation of the classic *Alice in Wonderland* will take place in the middle school cafeteria. The public is encouraged to come and enjoy this free evening of entertainment. The cast members are: Morgan Abel, Darcie Banfill, Luke Beachman, Andrew Benedict, Kati Capps, Amanda Craig, Stacy Fleet, Kasey Kysner, Chris Lechner, Elizabeth Maitner, Caitlin Meaney, Cody Merklinger, Jessica Miller, Andrew Min, Dustin Osborne, Erin Rolfe, Tara Russo, David Skidmore, Jessica Smith, Crystal Spino, David Stephens, Brett Taylor, Kim Wingeier and Keely Wolf.

### COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 4,023 students are included on the dean's list for the winter semester of the 1999-2000 academic year at Western Michigan University.

To be eligible, students must have completed at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 12 hours of graded

class work.

Students from this area include: **Ronald Howard Acheson, Brianne Gallert, Brooke Gallert, Emily D. Hovinga, Eric S. Howes, Terresa A. Kenney, Tamara Sue Stauffer, Sara R. Triplett and Elizabeth M. Zeeuw of Lowell and Rachel D. O'Connor and Shane S.**

Risner of Alto.

Beth A. Hoag, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hoag of Lowell, has received recognition on the dean's list for the spring semester at Bradley University in Peoria, IL.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Bradley University is an independent, privately endowed, coeducational institution. With an enrollment of

approximately 6,000 students, Bradley is the ideal size for living and learning.

### Cub Scouts recruit new members

Lowell Area Cub Scouts, including Packs 3102 and 3188 in Lowell, and Pack 3180 in Alto, are taking applications for boys currently in kindergarten and up.

If you are not currently enrolled in Scouts and are interested contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 or email pack 3188@yahoo.com.

### KDL to hold millage informational meetings

All 18 branches of the Kent District Library will hold information sessions in June and July to discuss the millage proposals on the ballot for the August 8 election. KDL officials will explain the proposals and the effect that their outcome will have on library services. If you would like to invite Kent District Library to speak to your local organization, call the KDL Public Relations Department at 336-8869.

The Kent District Library Board has decided to ask voters two separate ballot questions, for .77 mill and .11 mill, each for four years. The .77 mill, a renewal of KDL's current millage of .6398 plus a small increase, is the amount needed to continue existing library services.

The additional .11 mill in the second question would allow the library to add open hours at 13 branches over the next four years, increase the materials budget by 50 percent over the next four years to purchase more books and other materials for adults and children, add a total of 100 programs to the 18 branches in the year 2001, increase funding for the Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped by five percent to continue local service to these special populations, add Sunday service to the Cascade branch and extend Sunday hours year-round at the Plainfield and Wyoming branches, improve and maintain equipment and software for electronic access to information and support pending library expansions with staff and materials.

Kent District Library's current millage expires at the end of the year 2000. In the case that neither millage request passes, the KDL Board has determined it will have to sell the library's assets, lay off all 230 employees and close the 18 branch libraries and headquarters by the end of 2000.

Englehardt Library will hold their meeting Thurs., June 15 at 4 p.m. The meeting at Alto Library will be Tuesday, July 11 at 7 p.m.

For other library meeting dates, please call the Kent District Library at 336-3250.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- JUNE 1: Norma Raymor.
- JUNE 2: Dave Thaler, Shad Propst, Tom Greenfield, Todd Dalga, Elaine Denton, Noah Burt.
- JUNE 3: Ron Nead.
- JUNE 4: Becki Brown, Karen Roudabush, Dwight Nash.
- JUNE 5: Amanda Vezino, Norma Hemingsen, Judy Rosenberger.
- JUNE 6: Daniel Thaler, Jessie Stephens, Mark Newhouse.
- JUNE 7: Amber Metternick, April Metternick, Zachary Beachum, Ray Kennedy.

# Viewpoint . . .



### cozy corner by Roger Brown

After fifty years of trying, at least once, almost every opportunity that has come my way, I find myself forced to face some facts. The way I see it, life is made up of things I can't do, can do or could do. I'd like to add a fourth category of things I have mastered or really excel at. Unfortunately, that list is not just short, it's a blank page.

In the column of things I can't do, the long list, I'd start with the splits. I am never going to do the splits and live to tell about it. With my sausage-like fingers I'm never going to type, play piano or sew up a heart by-pass patient. Given my Clydesdale physique, I'm never going to complete a marathon in less than a week or so. I'll never master Mandarin Chinese, quantum physics or kids' video games. I could go on forever, but you get the idea.

In the list of things I could do, I'd start with stuff like golf, gardening, bowling, learning to use the internet, collecting Beanie Babies, sorting my socks, etc. I'm reasonably sure I'm capable of learning these skills. In some cases I'm saving the activity for when my life slows down a little. In most cases this list would be made up of things I simply don't want to do.

Then there is the list of things I can do, albeit with greatly varying degrees of skill, adeptness and success. I am licensed to drive a car, a motorcycle; fly a plane, a seaplane; and to scuba dive. I have managed to stay afloat in business for twenty-five years. I've helped raise a family, and I continue to suck air.

Further down the list is a host of handyman-type skills. There is almost nothing around the home that I would be afraid to tackle ... be it electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, roofing, whatever. I've done it all, with a heavy emphasis on the previous disclaimer about skill levels.

There is one thing that I'm afraid is going to have to be moved from the "can do" list to the "can't do" column. It falls into the handyman category which I'm so proud of, making it that much more difficult for me to accept the fact I just can't seem to perform this job. I'm talkin' sweating copper pipe joints. You've heard Bob Dole talk about E.D. on television ads.

Well, I have C.P.J.D. That's Copper Pipe Joint Dysfunction. It's not easy to talk about.

I know there are those of you reading this who have mastered the technique and are scoffing at me. I know it's pretty elementary and a plumber makes it look easy. You sand and/or wire brush all the surfaces of the joints to be soldered. You make sure everything is wiped clean. You make sure no moisture is present. You flux those surfaces. You heat the joint with a torch, and when everything is hot you put the solder to it and presto! You have a soldered joint. Unless you have C.P.J.D., in which case, you have leaks.

If I do a series of joints, about half of them leak when I turn the water on. Now I've compounded the problem with moisture present, there is solder and flux to sand away from the leaky joints, and these projects always go straight downhill on me. I either end up calling a plumber or somehow manage to sweat a threaded joint on both ends of the existing copper and use plastic pipe to finish my job.

My last experience has spanned the past three weeks. It has humbled me and prompted me to come out of the closet with this C.P.J.D. problem of mine. In my defense, this particular job had numerous characteristics which made it troublesome. They say that being aware of the problem is the biggest step in dealing with a dysfunction like this.

The job basically entailed replacing a valve that had begun to leak. The joints were all vertical, so gravity was against me. Two of the four joints were copper to bronze. The joints were near a small water heater with no adequate drain, making moisture a problem. The work had to be performed in a confined space. Citing all these reasons for my failure would probably be termed denial of my dysfunction by a professional ... like a psychoanalyst or a plumber.

So far I have overheated and ruined the neoprene seat in three new eight dollar valves. I have gone through enough flux, solder, sandpaper and propane for a plumber to do a whole house. I have had to wipe down the entire room because I tried blowing the water out of the water heater with compressed air. Rusty water from the bottom of the heater completely covered the white walls and ceiling ... not to mention me. The spraying water caused the hot light bulbs over the sink to blow. It was quite a show. That was yesterday - my third go at this thing.

Of course, the problem is still there, not to mention a pretty big mess. It's time to face up to my dysfunction, call a plumber and move the sweating of copper pipe joints over to the "can't do" list. I'll sandwich it in between dancing the Tango and acquiring an appreciation for opera.

At the top of the stomach where the esophagus connects is a small conduit between the abdominal and chest cavities. The esophagus passes through this opening and normally just on the other side is the stomach. Some people develop a condition where the top part of the stomach is actually pushed through the opening into the chest - this is a hiatal hernia.

The problems created by this movement of the stomach are that the acid is free to move into the esophagus instead of being held in the stomach by the opening through which the esophagus passes. Once acid is allowed to rise into the esophagus, patients begin to suffer from pain as the acid erodes the unprotected walls of the esophagus. Irreversible damage can be done over time that leads to further complications and an increased risk of esophageal cancer.

Many people live healthy pain-free lives with hiatal hernias by using a variety of medicines which reduce the amount of stomach acid available to injure the esophagus. It is important to remember that not all heartburn or reflux is caused by a hiatal hernia but if recurrent symptoms are experienced, then the possibility must be considered.

### Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



#### HIATAL HERNIA

Heartburn is a common ailment which has many causes. In medicine "reflux" is the term used to describe a condition where a patient suffers from a pain or pressure in the chest or a sour taste in the mouth because of stomach acid irritation. One of the conditions which can cause reflux is a physical deformity known as a hiatal hernia.



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### LEGAL EASE



By Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN: My uncle has been in a second marriage (for both parties) for about three years. The marriage is not going well, and divorce is being discussed. His wife's father has been diagnosed with a terminal illness and she stands to inherit a substantial sum upon his death. If the divorce post-dates the death of the father-in-law, would a Michigan court view this inheritance as an asset of the marriage to be divided between the parties, or would the entire amount be awarded to my uncle's wife in the property settlement upon their divorce? Would the length of the marriage bear any weight on the decision? Would the fact that there is one child of this union bear any weight on the decision?

JONATHAN SAYS: Under Michigan law, a court may, in its

discretion, treat an inheritance as either separate property or part of the marital estate. When making a determination in this regard, the court will look at both the length of the marriage, as well as how the spouse, who received the inheritance, treated the asset.

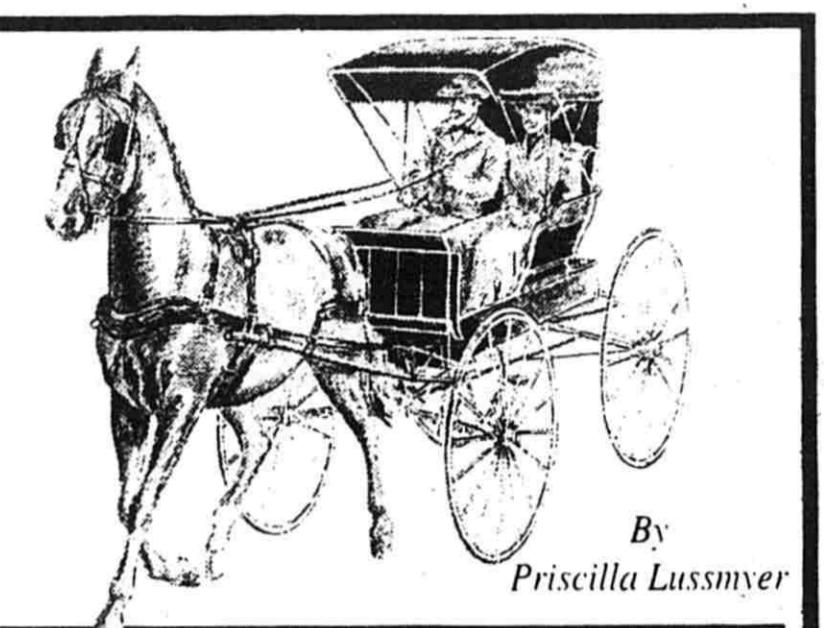
As for the length of the marriage, the longer the marriage, the better chance the Court will deem the inherited property as part of the marital estate. In your uncle's case, being married for three years is not all that long.

As to how the spouse, who inherited the asset, treated the asset, the court will look at whether that spouse segregated the asset in his or her separate name or whether he or she commingled it with the other marital assets, by placing it in joint names and/or using it for joint purposes. If the latter, the Court will most likely conclude that it was meant to be treated as marital property and divide the inheritance accordingly.

The fact that there was a child of the marriage should not have any bearing on how the court divides this property.

I encourage your uncle to meet with an attorney who specializes in divorce law to get a better overview of what his rights would be regarding this potential inheritance, as well as the other assets of the marital estate, in the event of a divorce.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.



### Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 2, 1875 IS MISSING; MAY 24, 1871 IS SUBSTITUTED

The last of 60 million feet of logs passed here on the Flat last Monday.

The editor complains that there are many "boisterous little boys" on the streets who are not attending school. One was injured hanging around machinery at the planing mill last week.

The editor receives a letter advertising \$500 in cash in return for his \$25 investment, and that there will be no difficulty in circulating it as genuine.

Deacon D.W. Edie is seriously ill with typhoid fever in Grattan.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 31, 1900

The Lowell Woolen Mill may be traded and an overall factory established there. The article encourages landlords to fix up their properties for the influx of new labor.

A crowd of several thousand gathers at the cemetery for dedication of the new soldiers' monument made by the Lowell Granite and Marble Co.

Pere Marquette Railroad representatives authorize building of footbridges to Island Park.

The Lowell Base Ball team loses its first game because nobody remembered about the new infield fly rule.

Another scamb: a "census taker" calls on the farm family, asks the questions, has the farmer sign the "report" which turns out some days later to be a promissory note.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 4, 1925

Civil War veteran Edwin Fallas makes the presentation speech of the new cemetery flagpole on Decoration Day. State representative Dexter Look responds.

The largest class ever, 51, will graduate from Lowell High School on Friday.

The third "mysterious" Parnell-area fire in a month destroys two barns.

Douglas Fairbanks stars in "The Thief of Bagdad" at the Strand Theatre this week.

The Supreme Court upholds the right of newspapers to publish names of income-tax payers and amounts paid.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 1, 1950

The newspaper publisher at Greenville proposes to start a new club, the Society to Encourage Shorter Meetings.

There are 70 Lowell High School seniors, the smallest class in years, who will graduate on June 8.

There are 4,469 undergraduate and graduate degrees to be awarded at the Michigan State College commencement, the largest class in history.

The Prairie Farmer magazine features an article by K.K. Vining about Ben Kerekes' harness shop east of Lowell on M-21, the only one outside of one in Grand Rapids for miles around, both for farmers and riders.

### 25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE MAY 29, 1975

The front page is filled with the 10 school board candidates' campaign messages.

Grand Valley State College has 523 graduating seniors. The second annual Lowell Showboat Bike-a-Thon, and a Trike-a-Thon later in the day, will be held in June for the benefit of Showboat.

Young men no longer have to register for the draft within a few days of their 18th birthday.

Michigan Bell has a new "Touch-a-matic" phone that can "remember" up to 31 phone numbers and automatically dial them at the touch of a button.

# Barton, 95 and still putting around at Arrowhead

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Maynard "Red" Barton joined his buddies on the Men's

Senior Golf League for a few holes of golf and to celebrate his 95th birthday.

"I just putted on a few holes," Barton said.

Putting just happens to be what Barton did best when he played on a regular basis back in the 80s.

"I was pretty good at putting and driving," Barton said by phone from his home at 475 S. Hudson.

Maynard and his golfing friends were able to get in a few holes of golf before rain moved in on Monday (May 22) bringing play to a halt.

"Red was able to putt a few greens before the rain came said Leo Haybarker.

Barton was born in Belding and lived for many years in Grand Rapids while working at a spring and wire company from which he retired in 1965.

Red and his wife Mable have six children, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Following the golf outing, Red and his golfing buddies enjoyed chocolate birthday cake, baked by Betty Clark.



Members of the Senior Golf League helped Maynard "Red" Barton, standing in center, celebrate his 95th birthday at Arrowhead Golf Course.

# Bodies of water integral parts of both Lowell and Whitehall communities

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The communities of Whitehall and Lowell were brought together through Michigan's annual Mayor Exchange Day. On a day in which municipalities share information, ideas and concerns, they also find common ground.

"One thing I learned is that water is an integral part of both Lowell and Whitehall," said Whitehall mayor, Norm Ullman. "With Lowell it's the Grand and Flat rivers. For us, it's White Lake and the White River."

A new district library is currently under construction in Whitehall. "Many of the ideas that have been incorporated into our library came from the Lowell district library (a beautiful facility)," he said.

Ullman and city manager, Jerry Homminga, were both greatly impressed with Lowell's downtown streetscape and with the work that has begun on the historic buildings.

Homminga said Mayor Exchange Day was only the third time he's ever been to Lowell. "I came here as a junior in high school to wrestle against Lowell. I like many other wrestlers, lost."

Whitehall officials began their day with coffee and rolls at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce office.

From there, they toured the Lowell Showboat, Englehardt Library, Litehouse Inc., Lowell Light and Power/Lowell Cable Television, Superior Furniture, wastewater treatment plant, water treatment plant and some quiet time at the home of Mayor Mike Blough.



Lowell Mayor Michael Blough makes a plaque presentation to Whitehall mayor Norm Ullman as part of the Mayor Exchange/ Person of the Year Banquet.

"I was very impressed with the investment the Lowell community has put into its water and wastewater plants, parks, library and high school," Homminga said.

The day concluded with dinner and Mayor Exchange and Person of the Year activities at Deer Run Golf Club.

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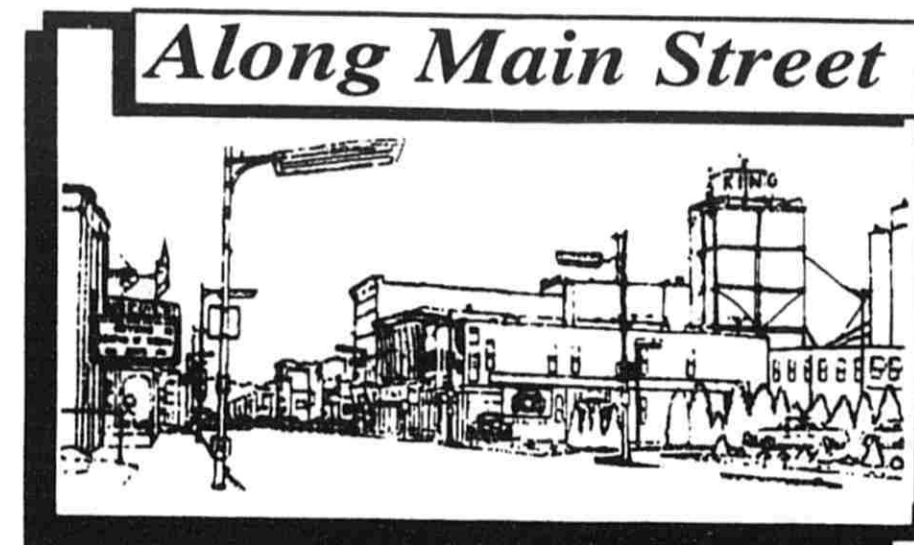
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**DRAMA CLASS PRESENTS**  
**FOLLOW THAT RABBIT: THE WONDERLAND STORY**  
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 The public is invited and admission is free.

**ATHLETIC PHYSICALS FOR RETURNING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES**  
 The Lowell Athletic Dept. will host free athletic physicals for returning high school athletes, courtesy of Drs. Evenhouse, Mogor and Miedema, on Wed., May 31 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the locker rooms for female athletes and on Wed., June 7 for male athletes. A completed physical card must accompany the athlete with a parental signature and medical history. Physical cards may be picked up in the athletic office.

**LASSO ANNUAL MEETING**  
 Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization (LASSO) is hosting its annual meeting and board elections on Friday, June 9 at Fallsburg Park (Section C). All players and their families are invited to bring a picnic dinner at 6 p.m. and participate in the 2000 board elections.  
 An ice cream social will follow the meeting.

**PARENT SPEAKER RETURNING**  
 Randy Flood will return on Thursday, June 8 from 7 to

8:30 p.m. at the Lowell Area Schools' administration building to present his popular program *Emotional Intelligence in Children, K-8th*.

Sign up for the free workshop by calling 897-1214 or 897-1216. Child care may also be arranged when calling in your registration.

**YMCA HOOPS CLASSIC 3 ON 3**  
 The Lowell branch of the YMCA is hosting the 13th annual Showboat City Hoops Classic 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament June 23, 24 and 25.  
 Call the Lowell YMCA for registration information at 897-8445.

**PARADE ENTRIES WANTED**  
 The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for the July 1 parade.  
 Call Liz at 897-9161 for an application or to register. The deadline is June 26.

## Student Council president WOOD-TV honoree

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

When Lowell High School senior Keith Valentine began his tenure as student council president, he talked about increasing the organization's community involvement.

Valentine did just that. The 1999-2000 student council president coordinated community activities such as road clean-up, blood drive, food drive and Adopt a Family.

His efforts did not go unnoticed. Valentine was one of eight West Michigan seniors to be recognized by WOOD TV-8 with a "We Value Youth" award which rewards the positive contributions made by our youth, whether it is volunteer work or simply displays of generosity and caring for others.

"With so much negative publicity about teens and violence, we often do not hear about all the great and positive things our young people are doing," said Eva Cooper, WOOD TV-8's community

affairs director. "This is a great opportunity to honor those students who are not only making a difference but also giving back to our community."

Along with a plaque, Valentine will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, courtesy Grand Rapids Community College at the Thursday, June 8 banquet.

We Value Youth is sponsored by Grand Rapids Community College and underwritten by the Gainey Corporation.

## LaWarre, cont'd... From Page 1

a tangible way, according to LaWarre.  
 "There are a lot of people

in this room tonight who are good leaders in this community and I'm glad to be num-

bered among them." LaWarre said.

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 June 3, 9 a.m. - ? Kids' clothes, toys, books, knick-knacks, something for everyone. 10735 Foreman.

**GARAGE SALE**  
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At any rate, it's usually not a good idea to "chase the performance" of a mutual fund—or any other investment. So, how do you choose the "right" fund, or combination of funds? It's not as easy as just picking a "growth" fund, or an "income" fund. Consider this: In 1992, the Investment Company Insti-

tute (the trade group for the mutual fund industry) identified 21 major categories of investment objectives. Today, those categories can number in the hundreds, depending on where you look. You can choose from sector funds, index funds, socially responsible funds, micro cap funds and dozens of other categories, many with exotic-sounding names.

It can be confusing—but it doesn't have to be. Before you get down to the business of actually picking out mutual funds, ask yourself some questions: What is your investment objective? Do you need current income, capital appreciation or a combination of both? How much risk are you willing to accept in exchange for potentially high returns? And finally, how many years do you plan to invest?

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## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

**TUESDAY, 27 JUNE, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.**

At this hearing, the Planning Commission will consider public comment on three proposed amendments to the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**1) To add a "Home-Based Business" use -**  
 a) Article IV, Section 4.1.1 Use Table Adding and allowing the following use in the Ag-2 zoning district as a Special Use requiring Planning Commission approval:

### Home-Based Business

b) Article II, Section 2.0 Words and Terms Defined

**Home-Based Business -** A business operation which: (a) is incidental to a person's ownership of property; (b) is clearly subordinate and secondary to the use of such property for residential or agricultural purposes; (c) generally involves the providing of labor, materials and services at locations away from such person's property; and (d) does not have a material adverse impact upon the public health, safety or welfare of the Township and neighboring properties, including, but not limited to, overuse of streets and roads, change to the character of the area, reduction in property values, blight, excessive noise, odors or electrical interference and other criteria applicable to the granting of a Special Use Permit. The home-based business may be conducted on the lot area containing the dwelling unit and on any adjacent and contiguous property to such lot owned by the owner of the dwelling unit. An accessory building meeting the requirements of the zoning district in which it is located may be used in conjunction with the home-based business and only minimal storage of vehicles, equipment or materials used in connection with the home-based business shall be allowed outside the structural confines of the residence and any accessory building.

2) To amend the Private Streets section one of two ways.

### First proposal -

a) Article II, Section 2.0 Words and Terms Defined  
 Delete "Private Road" and add "Private Street"

b) Article IV, Section 4.5.5 Maintenance and Repair currently reads - Maintenance and repair and liability for private streets shall be the responsibility of property owners adjacent to the private street and not the responsibility or liability of the Township. The road must be maintained to the original construction standards. The proposed amendment would read: A. Maintenance and repair and all liability associated with the use of a private street shall be the responsibility of the property owners adjacent to the private street and not the responsibility or liability of the Township. The private street must be maintained in accordance with the original construction and design requirements for such private street. B. The private street agreement required by Section 4.5.2 of this Ordinance shall be submitted to the Township for review prior to any construction on the private street. After approval by the Township, each private street agreement shall be recorded with the Kent County Register of Deeds. Each private street agreement shall set forth the legal description of each parcel serviced by the private street and shall provide that the current owners, and all subsequent owners, of such parcels are legally bound by the provisions and limitations of the private street agreement. Each private street agreement shall contain the following statement: "This street is private and is not required to be maintained by the Kent County Road Commission or any governmental unit. All persons, including those who construct or own a building or structure that utilizes the private street, shall use the private street at their own risk and Lowell Charter Township shall not be responsible for any risks associated with the use of the private street."

c) Article IV, Section 4.5.6 currently addresses Design Standards; the proposed amendment would replace and amend Section 4.5.6 in its entirety to read - Design Standards; A. Private Street Layout; B. Minimum Right-of-Way Width; C. Private Street Requirements; D. Cul-de-sac Private Streets and Turnarounds; E. Private Street Grade; F. Emergency Access; and G. Exceptions or Design Modifications.

**Or - Second proposal** to amend Section 4.5 Private Streets

a) By consistently replacing the term "private road" in Section 4.5 with the term "private street" and

b) By adding the following under B. in Section 4.5.6 Design Standards:

"Notwithstanding the preceding, the Planning Commission upon recommendation of the Township Engineer may allow a maximum grade of up to eight (8.0) percent for a private street if it is reasonably determined that such increased grade meets the following standards: 1. The private street will be safe. 2. The increased grade will not hinder the ability of firefighting equipment, ambulances and other emergency vehicles and personnel to reach all portions of the development. 3. The developer demonstrates that automobile traffic will be able to easily go up and down the grade at all times of the year, including when ice and snow are present.

**3) To amend Article IV, Section 4.1.1 Use Table under Districts - Rural Agricultural (Ag-2) and Rural Low Density Residential (R-1) to determine the uses permitted by right and/or by special use.**

Copies of the proposed amendments in full and the current Township Zoning Ordinance are available for inspection at the Lowell Township Hall during regular office hours. For further information, please call 897-7600.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
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## JUNE 10, 2000

### STARTING TIME: 8:00 AM

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# COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

**EVERY MONTH:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

**SECONDSUNDAY EACH MONTH:** 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

**SUNDAYS** - Beginning Feb. 13 (13 weeks) DivorceCare, 6-7:15 p.m. at Lowell Wesleyan Church, 1188 Lincoln Lake. For information call 897-6890.

**FIRST MONDAY:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAYS OR TUESDAYS:** Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

**FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

**EVERY 1ST MONDAY:** V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 10210, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-

grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

**TUESDAYS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

**TUESDAYS:** Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

**TUESDAYS:** Summer play group for 3-year old/preschool age children. They meet weekly in the mornings and rotate houses. Also field trips. Interested in some summer fun with your little one? Call Kim 897-5257. Space limited - call soon.

**EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.:** Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets, 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

**EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

**EVERY TUES.:** Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King, 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

**EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY:** Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. Fortteen group info, call Sarah 281-6588.

**EVERY 1ST TUES:** Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. All Girls ages 8 to 13 are wel-

come. Call 897-8694 for information.

**WEDNESDAY:** Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

**WEDNESDAYS:** 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH:** Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

**EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY:** G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

**EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY:** Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY:** Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

**THURSDAYS** - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

**THURSDAYS:** Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at anytime. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

**EVERY THURS.** - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational-help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

**FIRST THURSDAY** : 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater re-

lated topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

**FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**EVERY SECOND THURSDAY:** Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

**SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH:** The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

**THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

**FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

**EVERY SAT.** Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

**THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.:** Averill Historical

Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting held third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Open Tues., Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

**STARTING NOW** - St. Patrick School registration for 2000/2001 school year. Call 691-8833. For more information check our website at www.stpatrickparnell.org.

**THURS., JUNE 1:** The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class

will present the fantasy *Follow That Rabbit - The Wonderland Story* at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. The public is invited and admission is free.

**THURS., JUNE 1:** Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses: Dorothy Byrne, Mary Meyers, Pauline Burtle; program: Sue VerWys "Heart Reach" American Heart Asso.; sponsor: Phyllis Lessens.

**THURS., JUNE 1:** Belding Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. in Belding at the Belrockton Community Center. Call Carole at 616-761-3179 for further information. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**WED., JUNE 14:** Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. S. E. will serve a family style Swiss steak dinner at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$7, children 5-12, \$2.

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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

**MON.:** 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall.  
**TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

**WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.  
**THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

**FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.  
**THURS., JUNE 1:** Dance Westside Complex.

**FRI., JUNE 2:** Noon, Center shower.  
**MON., JUNE 5:** 12:40 p.m., Shop Meijers.

**TUES., JUNE 6:** 7:30 a.m., Music Rockford McDonald's.  
**WED., JUNE 7:** 8 a.m., Men's breakfast.

**WED., JUNE 7:** 8 a.m., Men's breakfast.  
**WED., JUNE 7:** 9:30 a.m., Blood pressure.

**WED., JUNE 7:** 12:40, Tour Channel 13.  
**FRI., JUNE 9:** Sparta fashion show (here)

**TUES., JUNE 13:** 12:40 p.m., Shop Meijers.  
**THURS., JUNE 14:** Noon, Movie "Sabrina" with William Holden!

**THURS., JUNE 15:** Noon, Dance Westside Complex.  
**TUES., JUNE 20:** 12:40 p.m., Shop D & W, Mall.

**WED., JUNE 21:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.  
**FRI., JUNE 23:** 12:40 p.m., Gerontology Network.

**TUES., JUNE 27:** 11:30 a.m., Lunch Noels.  
**WED., JUNE 28:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.  
**FRI., JUNE 30:** 10:30 a.m., Picnic at Fallsburg.

(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

**A Salute TO THE Class of 2000!**

**122<sup>nd</sup> COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 3:00 P.M.**  
**At Red Arrow Stadium**

*Program will be moved to LHS gymnasium in case of inclement weather (ticket holders only)*

**Class Song:**  
*The Dance - Garth Brooks*

**Class Flower:**  
*Carnation*

**Class Colors:**  
*Navy Blue & Khaki*

**Prom Theme:**  
*A Touch of Heaven*

# SCHOLASTIC SUPREMACY

## Fredline first among Class of 2000's top academic achievers

••• Valedictorian Bethany Fredline will address the Lowell graduates Sunday. It marks the second straight year that the honor has gone to a Fredline... last year it was her sister Rachael.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

**Bethany Suzanne Fredline** never worried about keeping up with the Joneses. Keeping up with her sister Rachael would be challenging enough. You may remember, Rachael was the valedictorian one year ago. She shared the honor with Katie Akers and Shannon Finnegan. All three finished four years of high school with a 4.0 grade point average.

Fredline, in keeping the valedictorian honors in the

### VALEDICTORIAN



Bethany Fredline

family, finished with a 4.071 grade point average. A 4.0 would have dropped her to fourth in the Class of 2000.

"I am going to explore my options in the medical field," Fredline said in answer to what her future holds.

The 17-year-old senior plans on attending either Brigham Young or Michigan State University to study medicine.

Fredline is the daughter of Gary and Vicki Fredline.

Along her high school trail, Fredline has taken time to be active in SADD, National Honor Society, Peer

Resistance, Teens Against Tobacco Use, Band, Student Council, Women's Club, softball and basketball.

"I truly enjoyed being a part of the Lowell girls' basketball program and hanging out with the girls on my team," Fredline said.

The valedictorian has been the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships. They are: MEAP scholarship, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, MHSAA Scholar Athlete Finalist, NHS scholarship nominee, honor roll student of the month.

"If I were to start school again I would worry less about school, never worry about guys, try to make friends with everyone, and eat breakfast every single morning," Fredline concludes.

**Stephanie Jo Ellison** is the Lowell High School Class of 2000 salutatorian. The daughter of Richard and GERALYN Ellison graduates with a 4.056 grade point average.

The 18-year-old plans on attending Michigan State University in the fall where she will study mechanical engineering. "It's not definite, but it is what I am leaning towards above everything else," Ellison explained.

She divided her time between numerous organizations and activities while at LHS. Ellison was involved in SADD, International Club, tennis, Renaissance program advisory board, National Honor Society, Annual staff, Freshman Academy, Amnesty International, Women's Club, tennis, and Art Club.

Awards and scholarships bestowed upon her include MEAP Merit Scholarship, student of the month, honor roll, scholar athlete

### SALUTATORIAN



Stephanie Ellison

award, and her art work was recognized at Kendall College Scholastic Competition, Congressional High School Art Competition, and the Region IX Show.

"I take with me from high school, many new lasting friendships," Ellison said. "I would not change a thing. I had a lot of fun the past four years and learned from any mistakes I may have made along the way."

**Lindsey Ann Thaler**, having completed four years of high school with a 4.048 grade point average, can now take some time and smell the roses...not too long though. In the fall the 17-year-old will begin

Class 3 Ranking

"My goal is to some day be a meteorologist at the World Meteorological Center or the National Hurricane Center.

Thaler is the daughter of David and Carolyn Thaler.

The two-year member of National Honor Society also involved herself in the International Club, Amnesty International, SADD, Freshman Academy, softball and karate.

Thaler has received award and scholarship recognition through the Michigan MEAP Merit Scholarship program, honor roll, academic letter, softball and karate.

"I liked the fact that I could learn and have fun at the same time while in high school," Thaler said. "If I were to start over, I would not put so much stress on myself and take time to stop and smell the roses."



Lindsey Thaler

studying atmospheric science. "I'm going to attend Grand Rapids Community College and then eventually transfer to the University of Michigan," she explains.

**Aaron Kaeb** would have liked to slack off and take it easy more often, but then he probably wouldn't be graduating with a 3.989 grade point average.

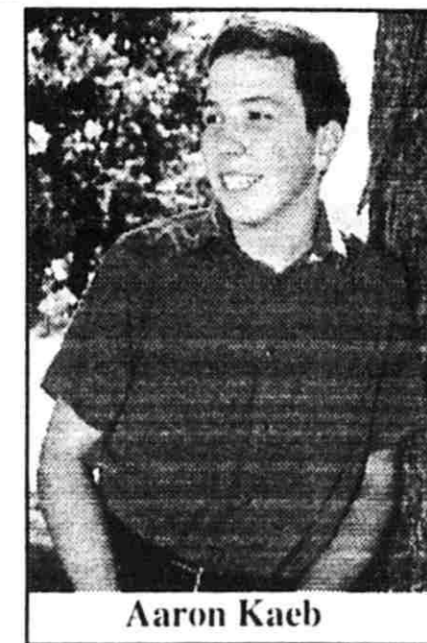
Class 6 Ranking

earned a 4-H scholarship and is an ANR Distinguished scholar finalist.

The son of Curt and Luanne Kaeb will attend Michigan State University in the fall to study biosystem engineering.

During four years at LHS he has been active in FFA, Science Olympiad, World Studies Council, 4-H and the Apostolic Christian Church teen night.

The 17-year-old Kaeb has



Aaron Kaeb

**Kelly Marie Chapman's** future and goals have been influenced by those who taught her. "I enjoyed the relationships I developed with some of my teachers. They helped to influence my future and support my goals," Chapman explained.

Class 4 Ranking

sity basketball (defensive award), Girls' State candidate, HOBY candidate and varsity soccer (hardest worker), and Model United Nations.

The daughter of Roger and Charlene Chapman finished four years at Lowell High School with a 4.006 grade point average.

Her future plans include attending the University of Michigan in the fall to study pre-med and chemistry. "My goal is to some day become a doctor of medicine," Chapman said.

Chapman's immediate academic future will keep her plenty busy, much like high school did.

The 18-year-old was involved in GFWC Lowell Women's Club, Adopt A Highway, church youth choir, church youth group, Amnesty International and Annual (business head).

Awards and scholarships earned by Chapman during her four years at high school are: MEAP Scholarship, University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship, Lowell Athletic Booster Scholar, var-



Kelly Chapman

Chapman said in discussing what she liked about high school.

"If I were to do it all again I would allow more free time for myself. I would not let others make such an impact on my decisions. Most of all I would not get overly involved to the point where stress becomes overwhelming," Chapman concluded.

Having earned a 3.984 grade point average in four years at Lowell High School, **Lindsay Marie Perkins** probably can successfully study what-

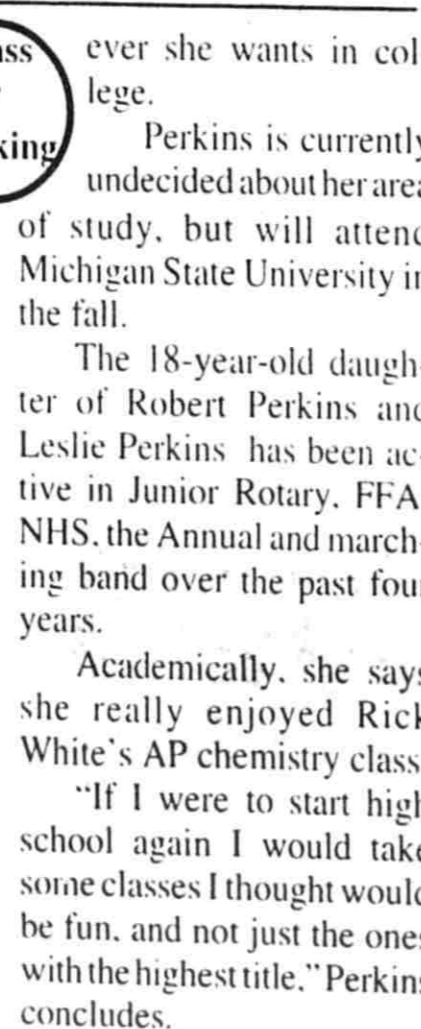
Class 8 Ranking

ever she wants in college. Perkins is currently undecided about her area of study, but will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

The 18-year-old daughter of Robert Perkins and Leslie Perkins has been active in Junior Rotary, FFA, NHS, the Annual and marching band over the past four years.

Academically, she says she really enjoyed Rick White's AP chemistry class.

"If I were to start high school again I would take some classes I thought would be fun, and not just the ones with the highest title," Perkins concludes.



Lindsay Marie Perkins

A more confident and outgoing **Elissa Marie Kinney** will attend Grand Valley State University in the fall to study physical therapy/sports medicine.

Class 5 Ranking

NHS, Student Council, Freshman Academy, basketball and soccer. Awards and scholarships bestowed upon her are

MEAP sportsmanship award (basketball) and the Award of Distinction Scholarship from Grand Valley State University.

"High school has helped me become more independent and responsible for my own actions and, of course, just hanging out with all of my friends," Kinney said. "If I were to start over, I would be more confident and outgoing from the beginning."

The 17-year-old daughter of Thomas and Susan Kinney graduates from Lowell High School with a 3.995 grade point average.

While at LHS, Kinney has been active in SADD, Model United Nations, the Annual

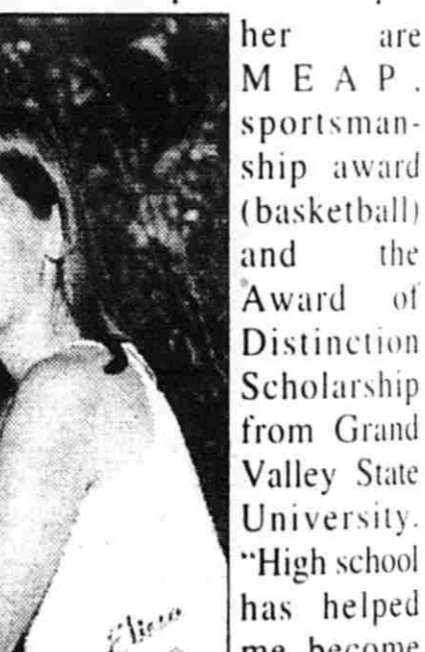
**Laurie Ann Biener**, in four years at LHS, has proven herself to be an accomplished learner. She hopes she can help others do the same.

"I will attend Grand Valley State University in the fall to study education. I one day want to become an elementary teacher," Biener explains.

The daughter of John Biener and Nancy Biener completes high school with a 3.985 grade point average.

Outside of the classroom Biener kept herself active in NHS, SADD, Lowell Women's Club, Rotary International, Freshman Academy, and Annual (photographer).

Academic and scholarships bestowed upon her are an academic pin, student of the month and a \$2,500



Elissa Kinney

MEAP Scholarship. "High school has given me a chance to meet new people and develop new friendships," Biener explained. "If I were to start over I would be a little more relaxed and not so uptight, so I could enjoy school more."

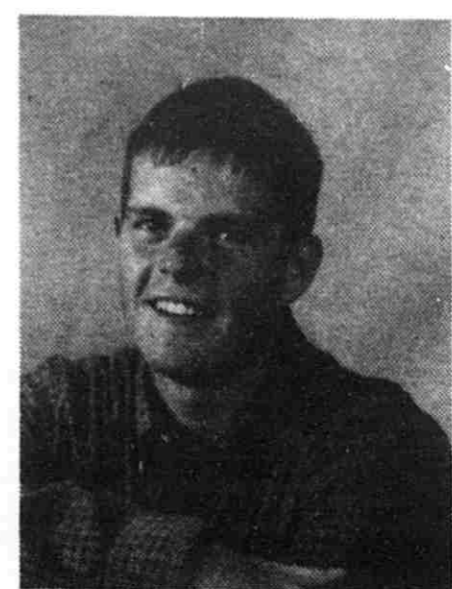


Laurie Biener

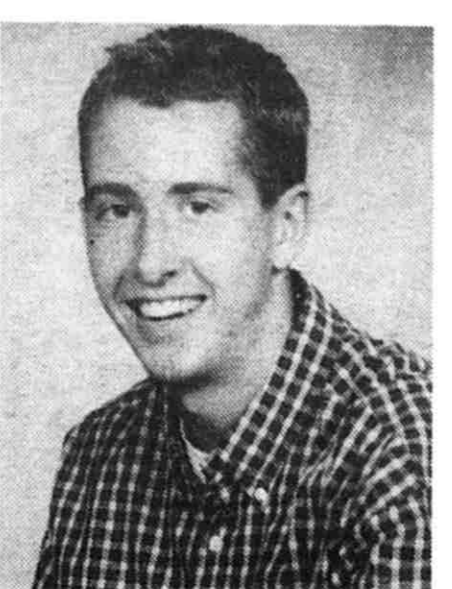
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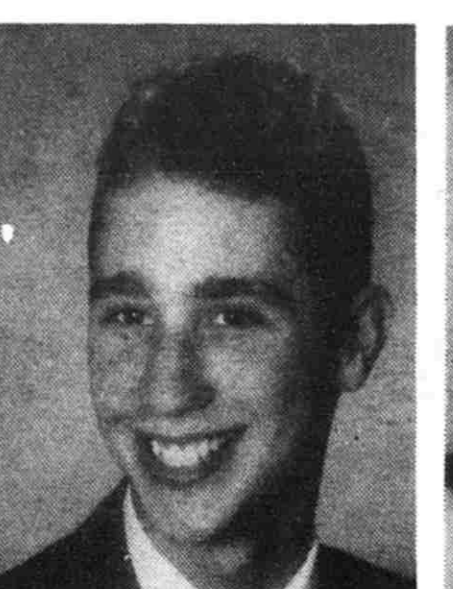
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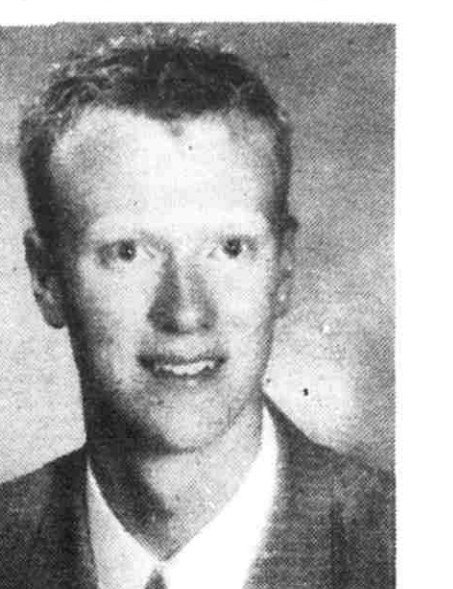
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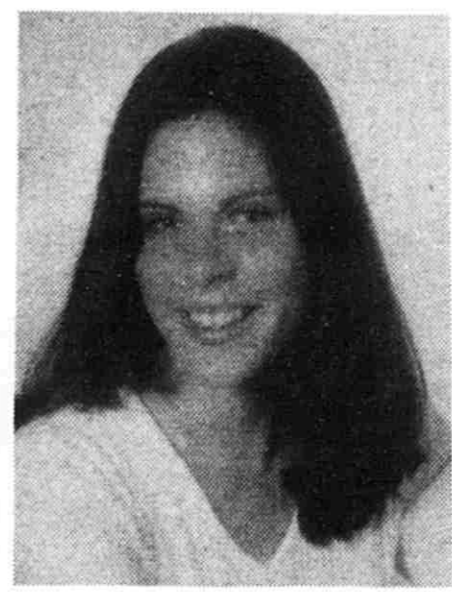
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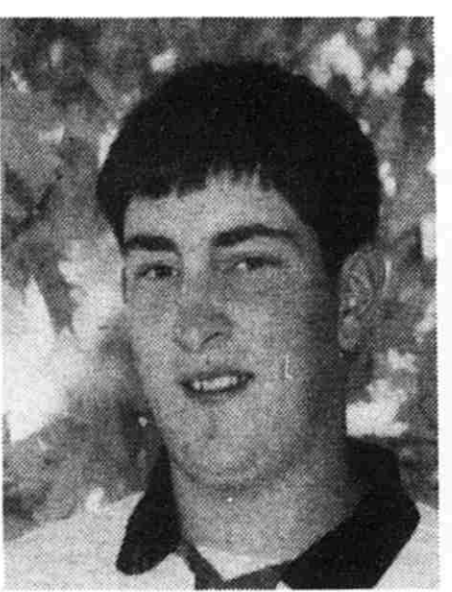
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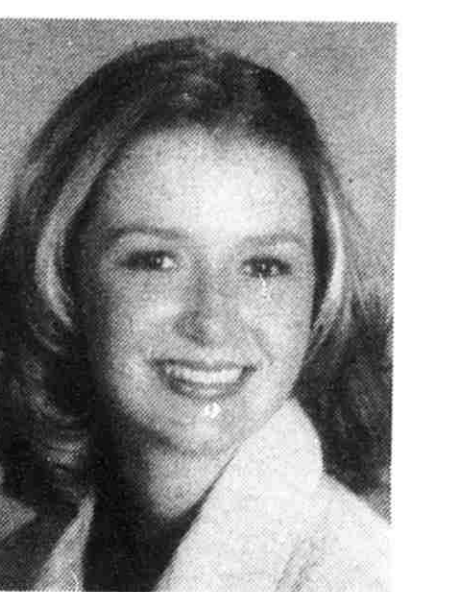
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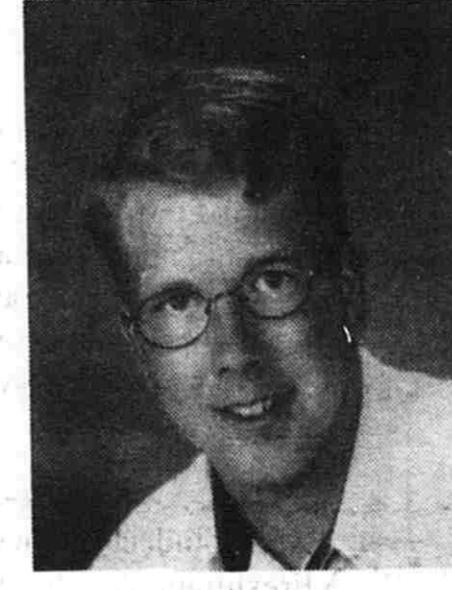
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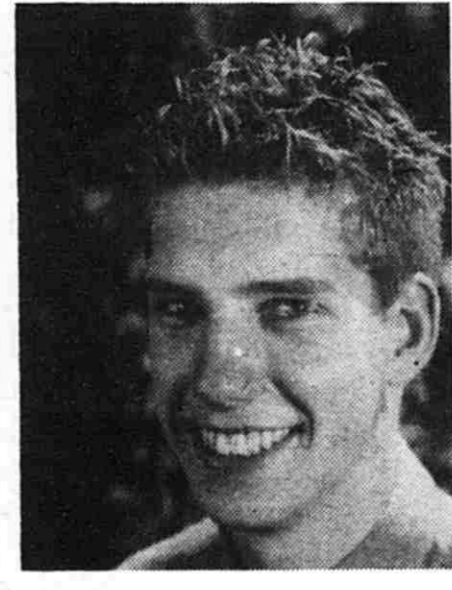
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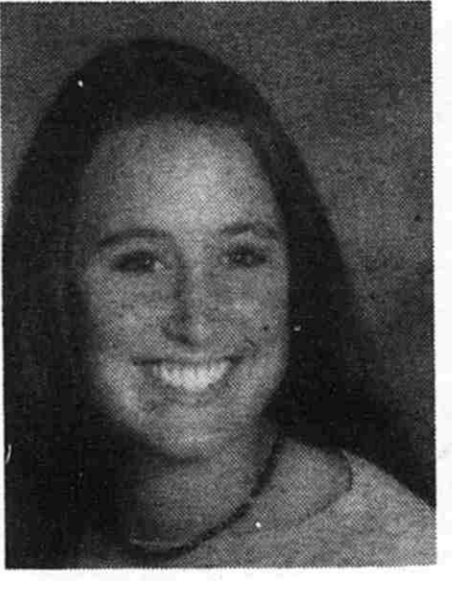
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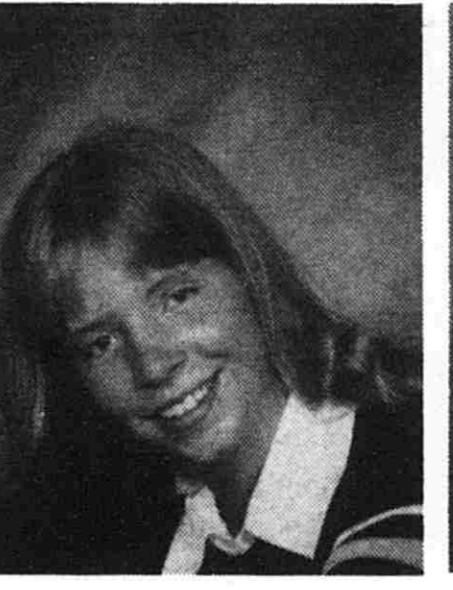
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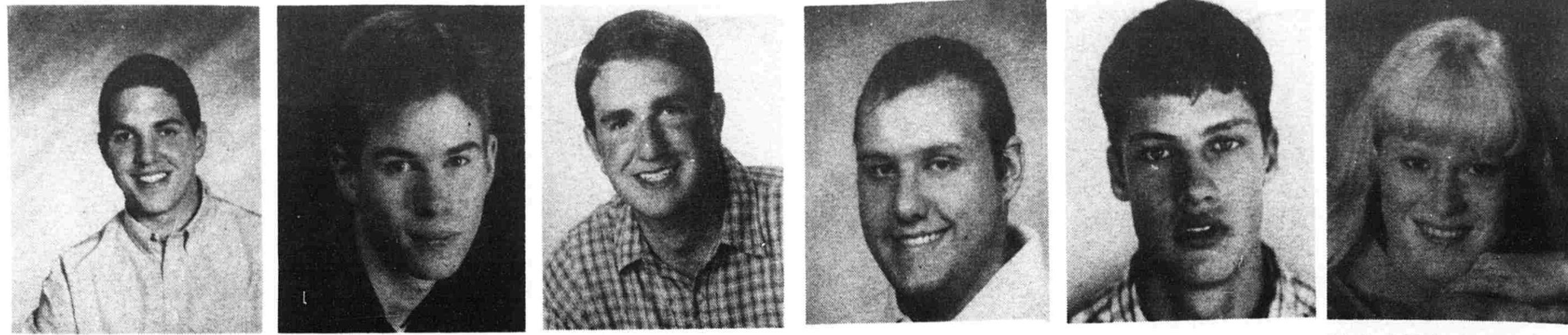
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## Class of 2000!

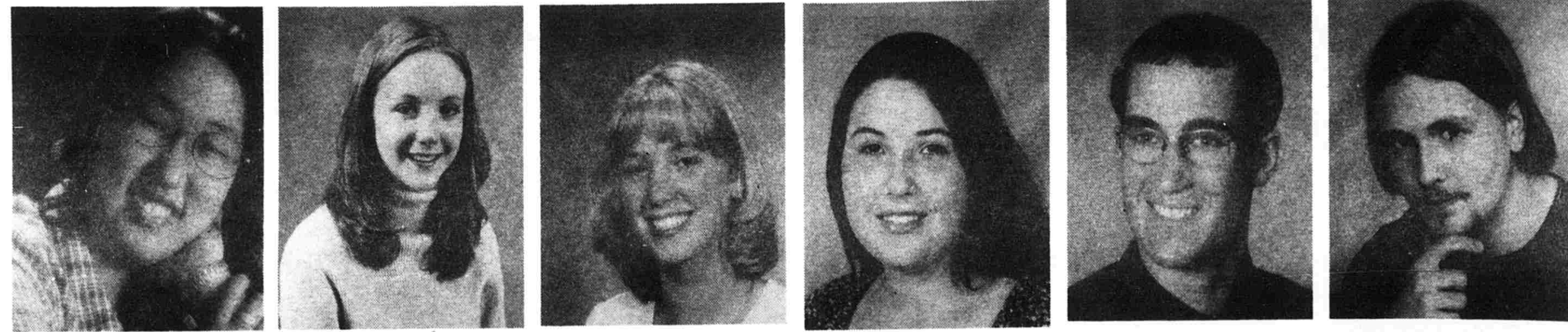
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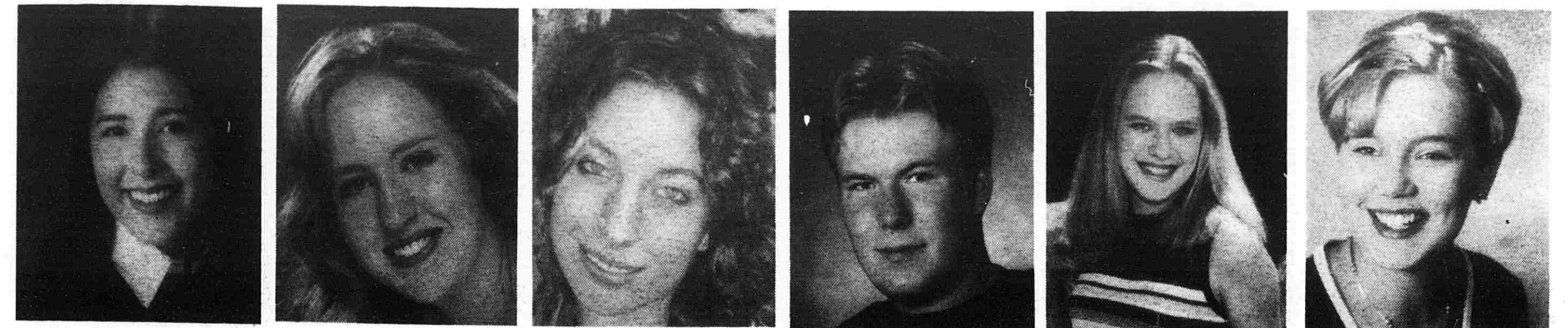
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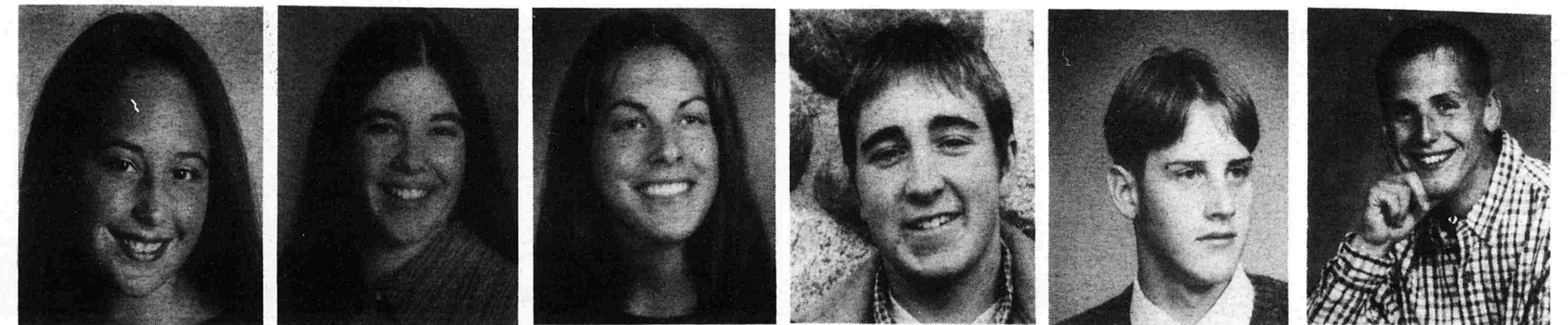
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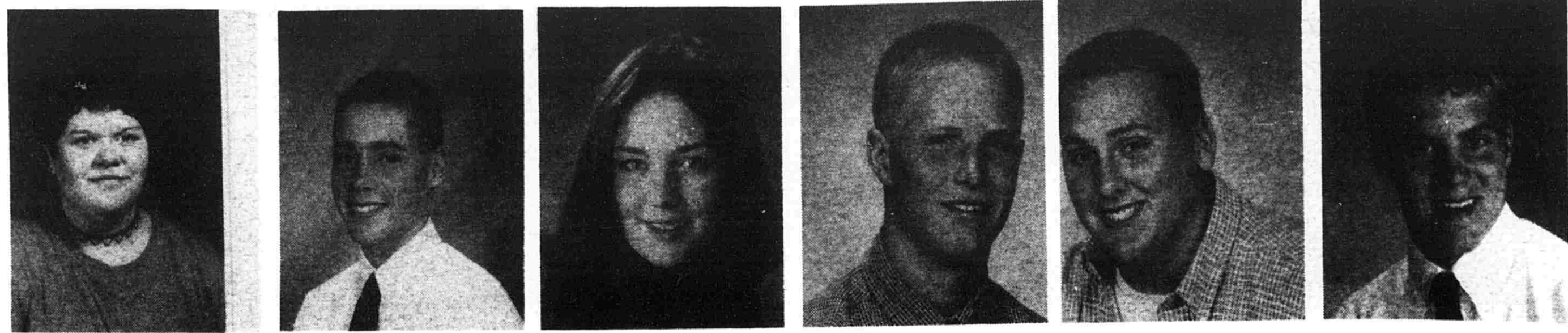
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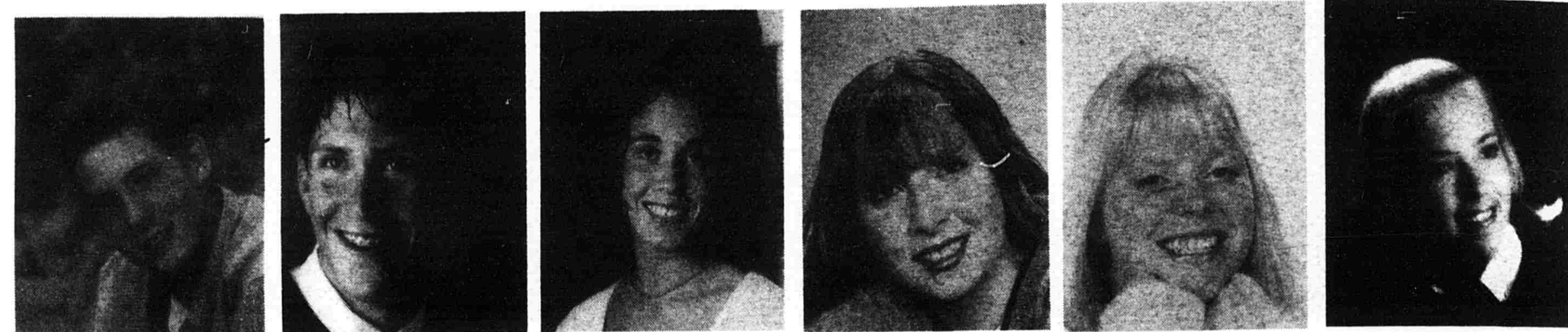
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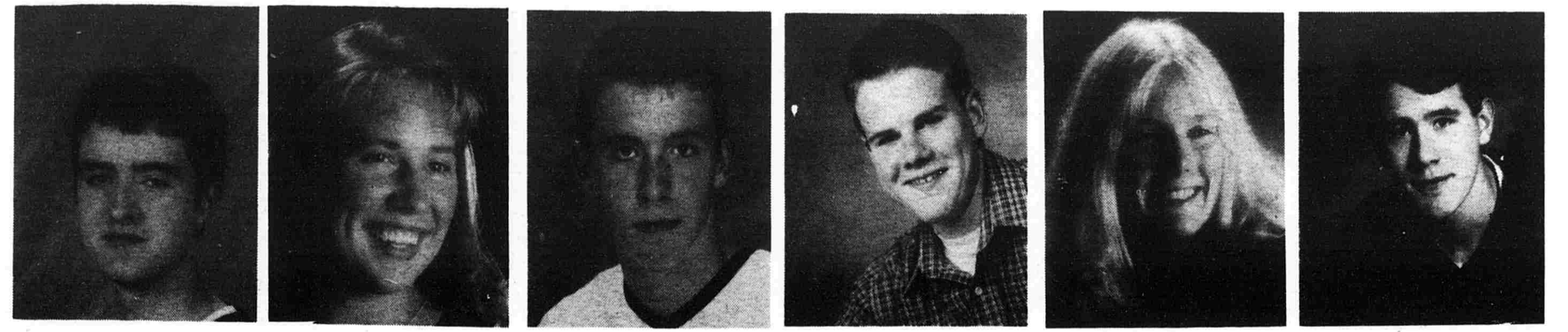
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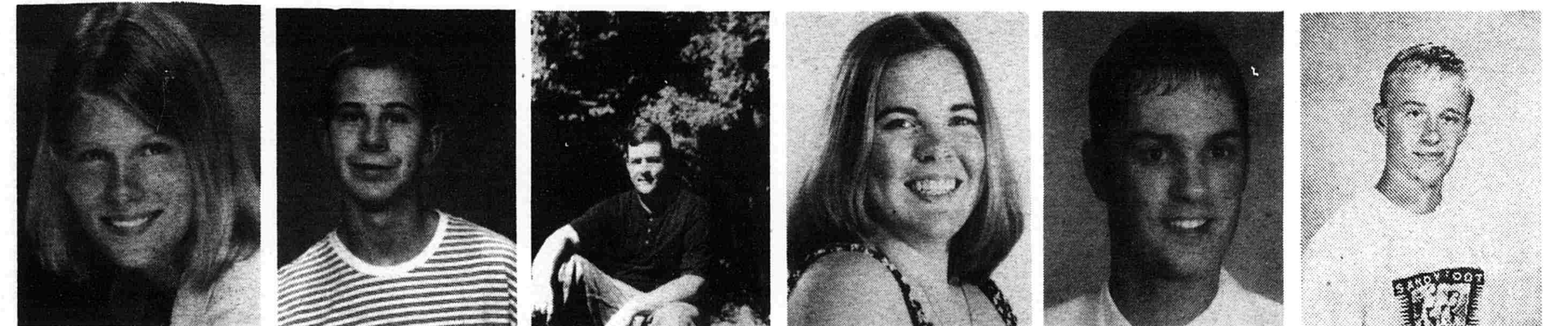
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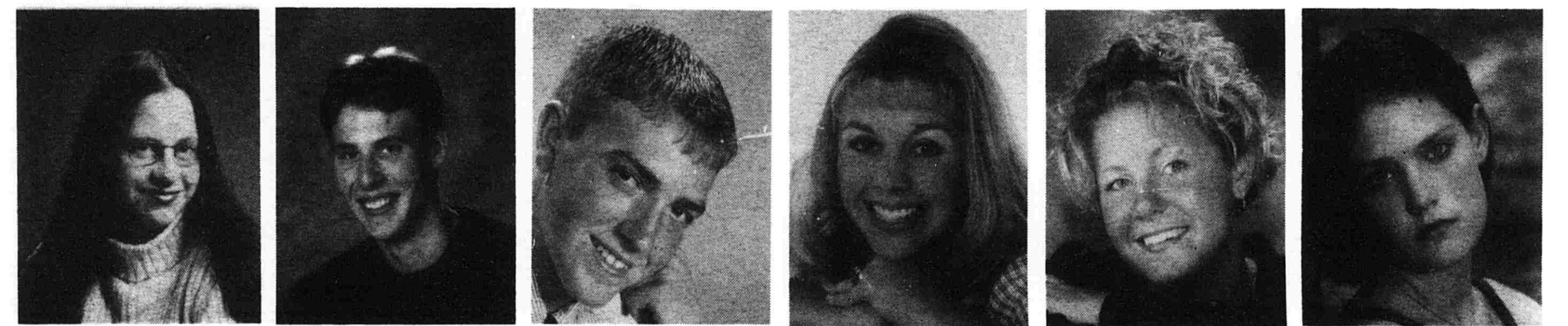
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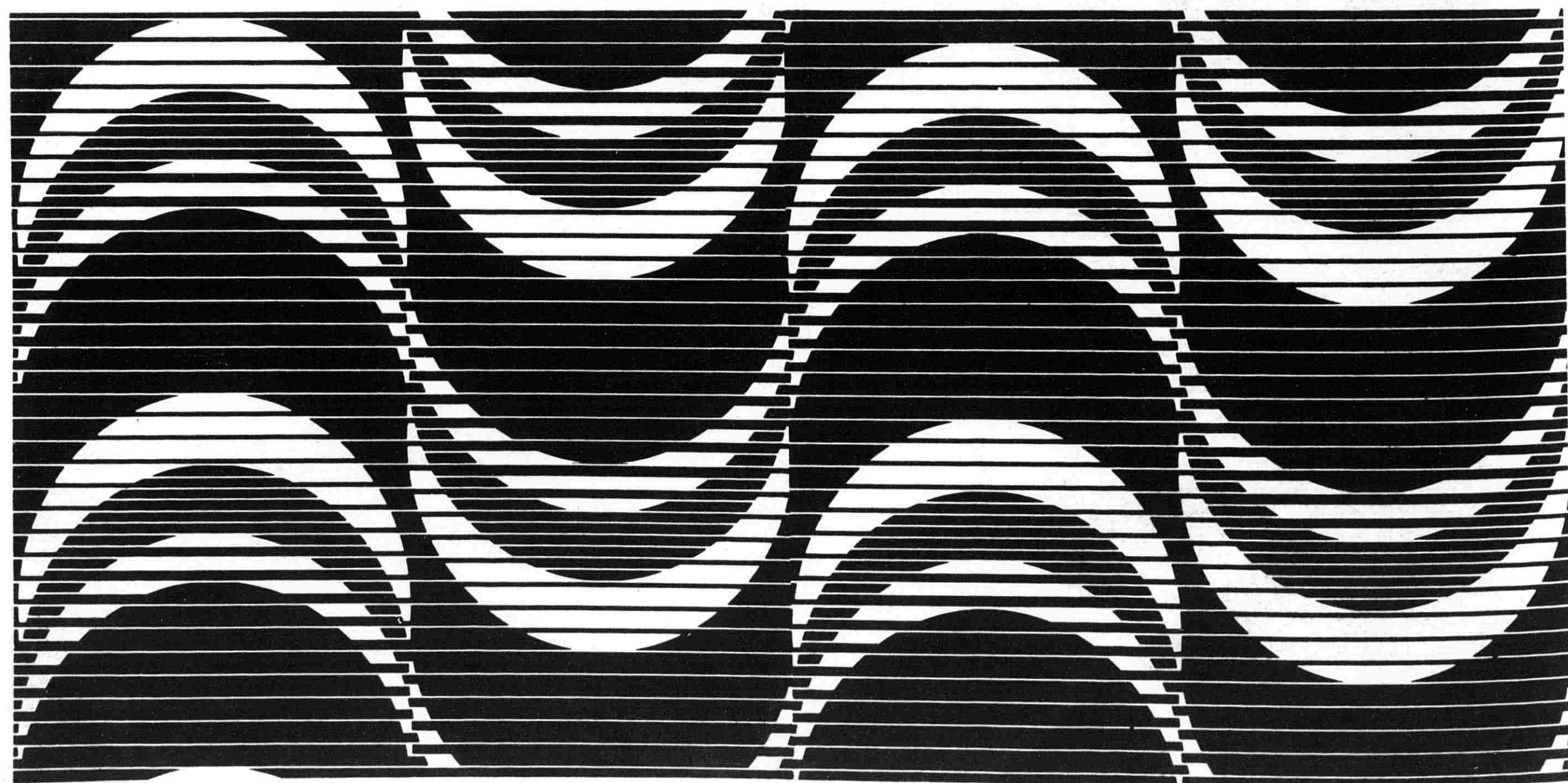
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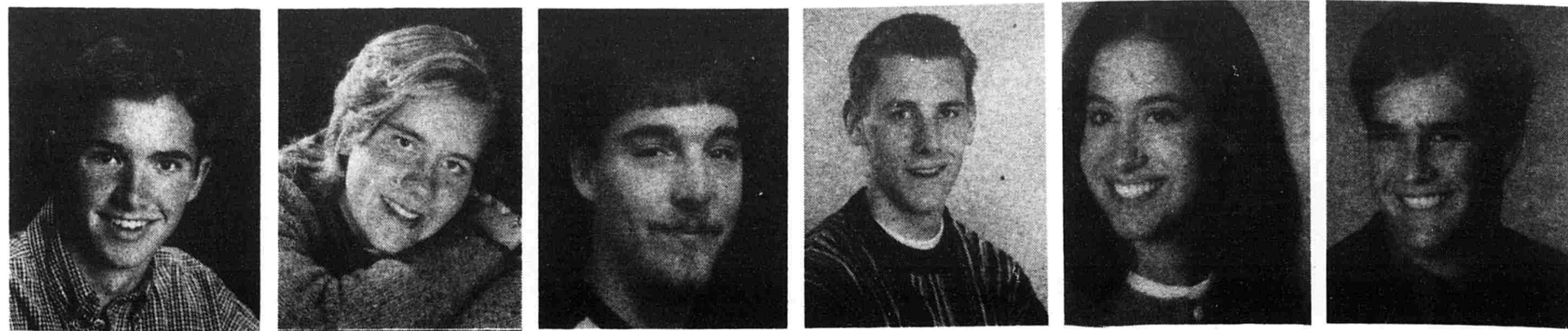
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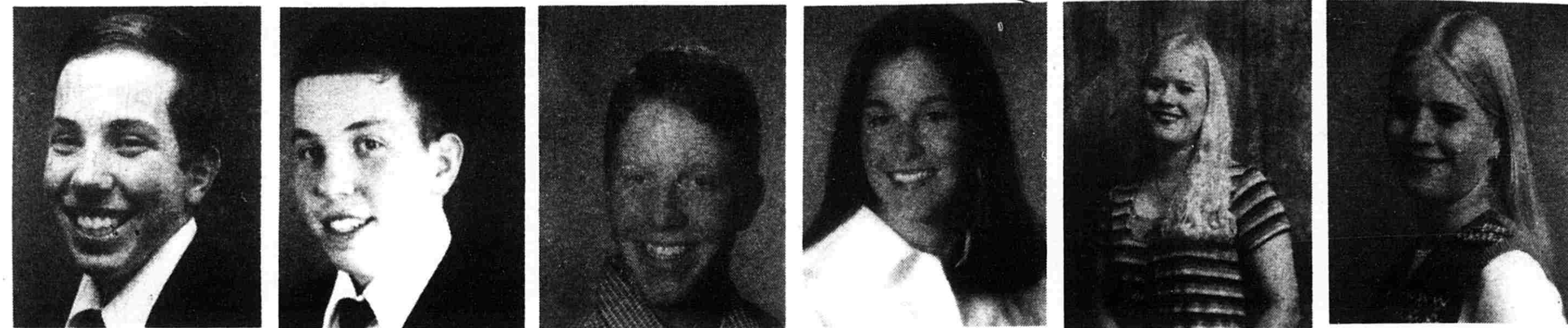
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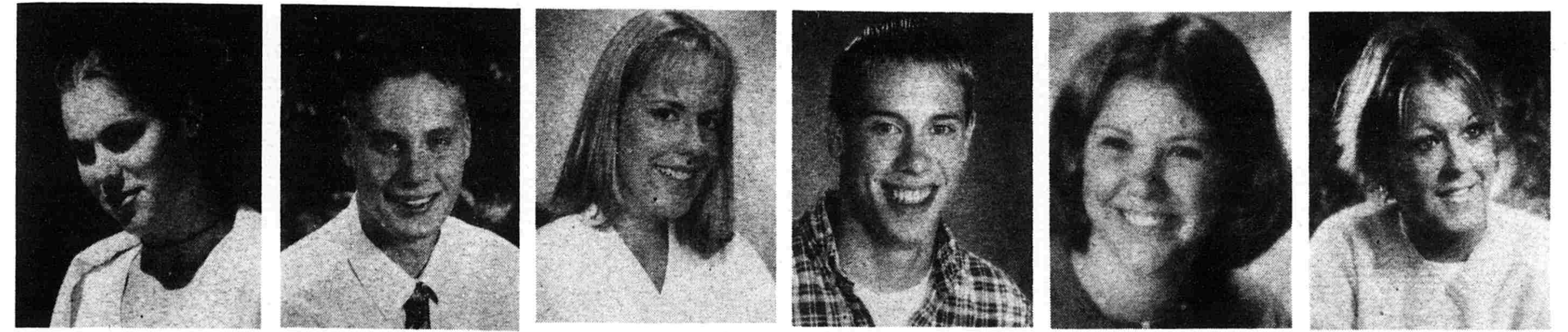
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Annie Zalokar deserves much respect for academic accomplishments in four years at Lowell High School. The 17-year-old daughter of Rick and Wendy Zalokar and Karen and Jim Eckelstafer maintained a 3.984 grade point average. "I am undecided about what I will study in the fall while at Grand Valley State University," she explains. Zalokar was decidedly active while at LHS. She was involved in Student Council, SADD, TATU, Women's Club, Annual, Peer Resistance, softball, National Honor Society, and

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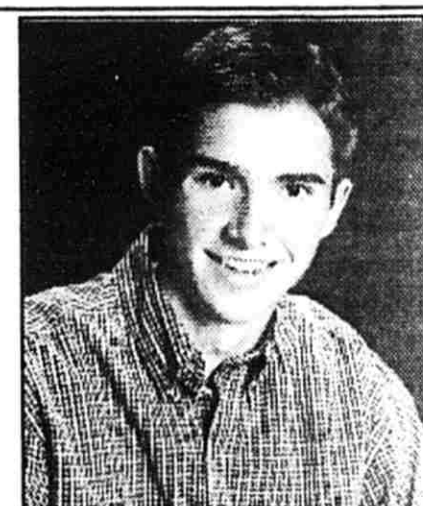
Annie Zalokar

basketball. She is a recipient of the MEAP Scholarship and a four-year member of the honor roll. "High school has given me an opportunity to make lifelong friends and in the process, learn about the variety of people that exist in the world," she explains. The senior, if given an opportunity to start high school again, would allow herself to be heard. "If you don't express yourself, it is easy to be taken advantage of. I would make sure that my position was respected in all cases."

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Jim Robert Jastifer, the son of Bob and Chris Jastifer, will attend Michigan Tech in the fall to study bio medical engineering. The 17-year-old senior maintained a 3.963 grade point average during his four years of high school. Jastifer was active in soccer and tennis.

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Jim Jastifer

He received scholarship and award recognition from the Board of Control at Michigan Tech University and named Michigan Scholar Athlete in both tennis and soccer. "I enjoyed playing soccer," Jastifer said.



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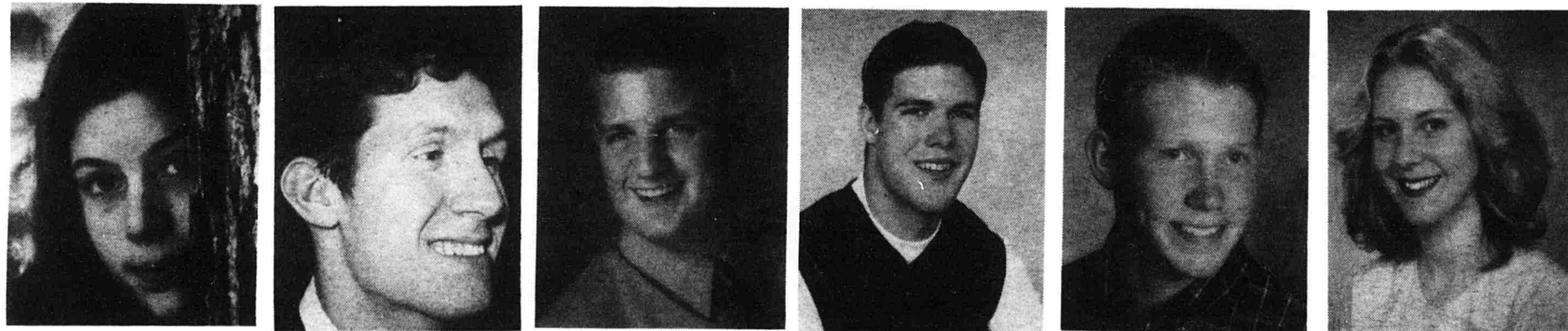
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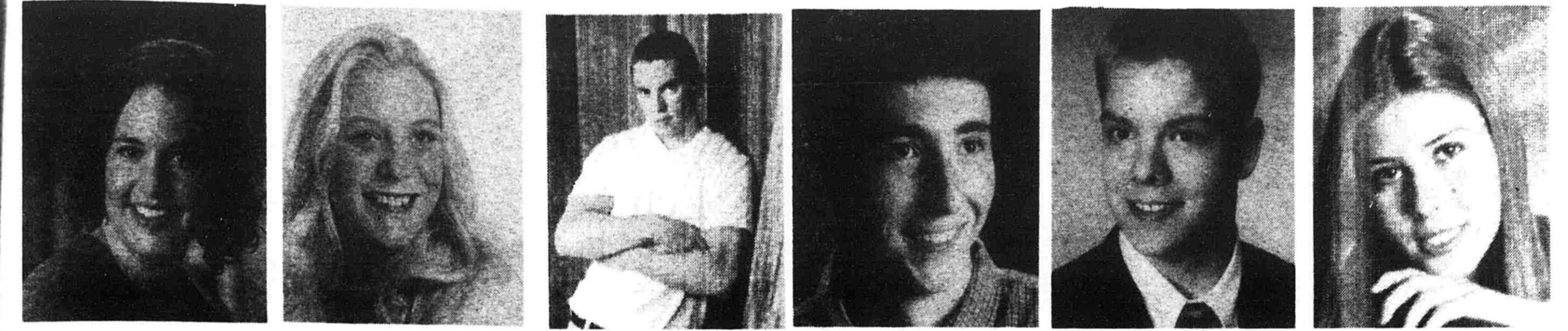
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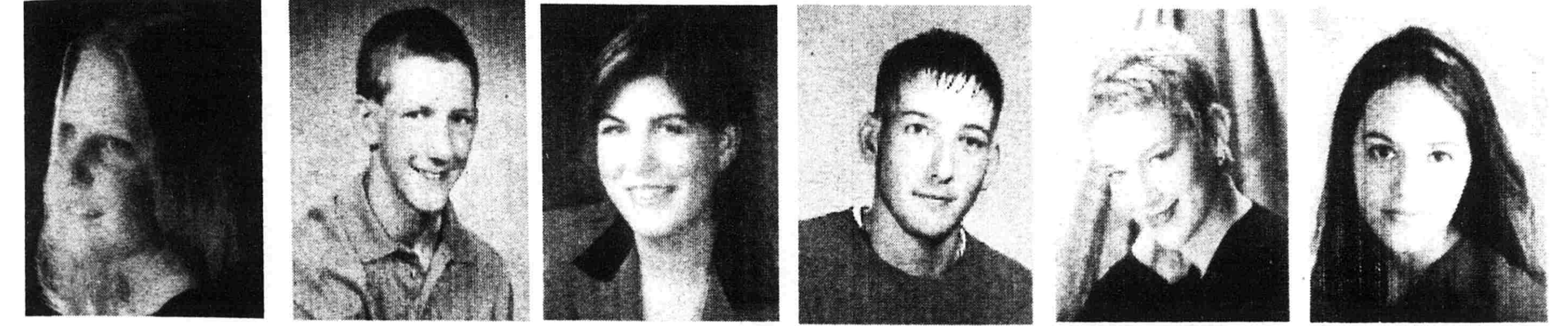
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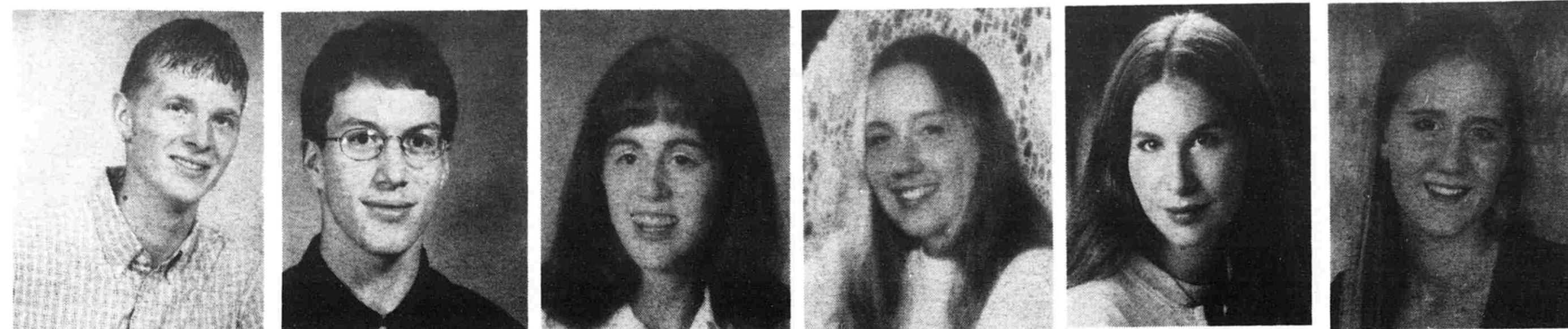
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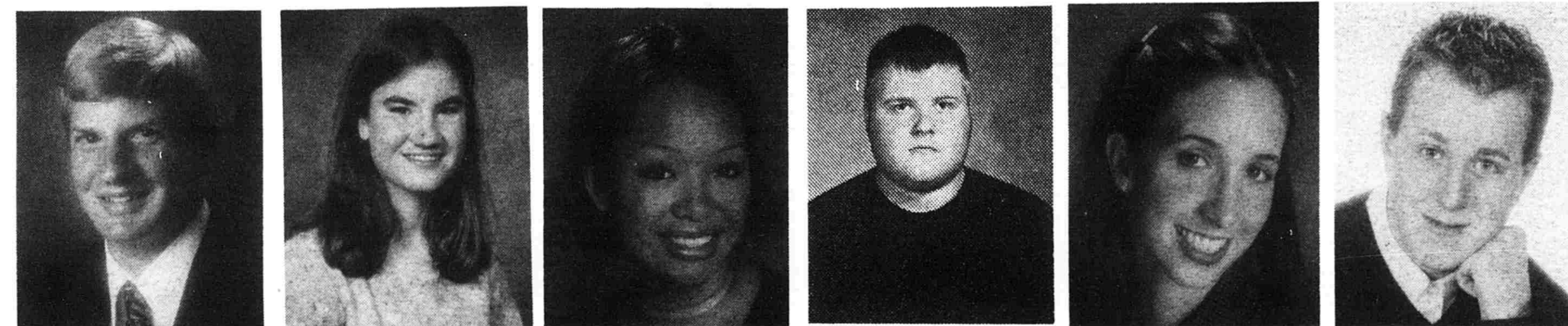


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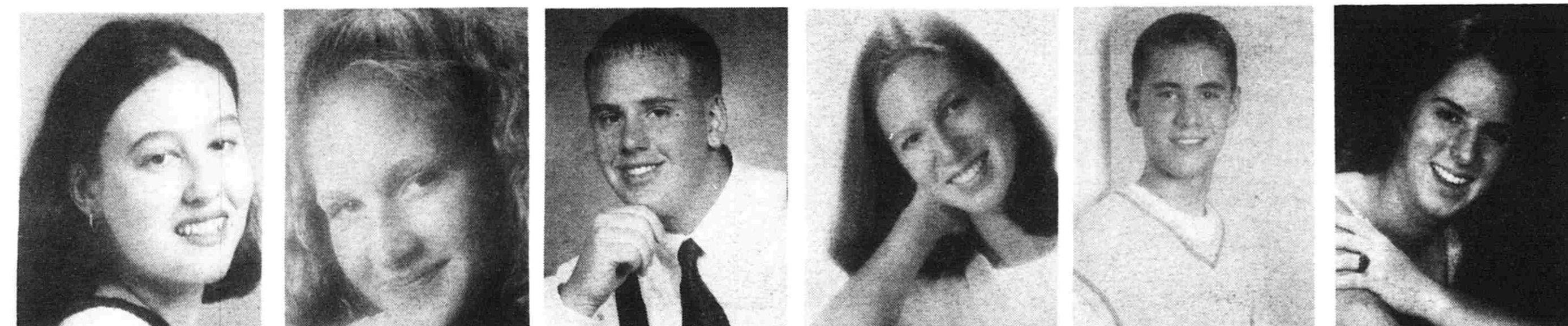
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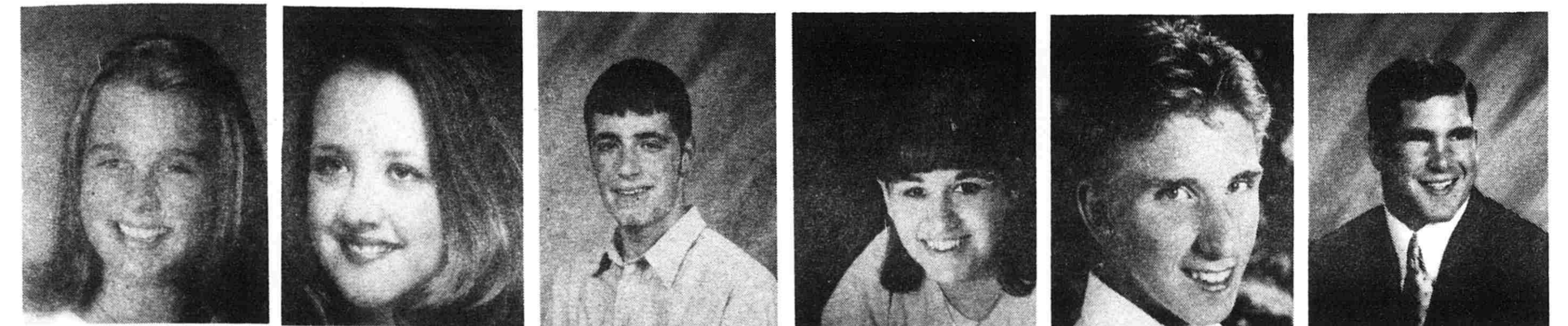
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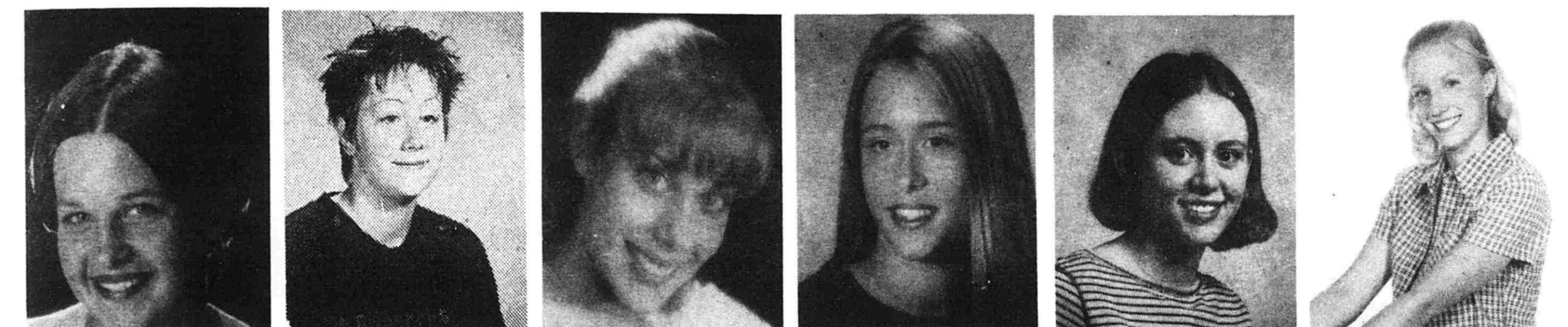
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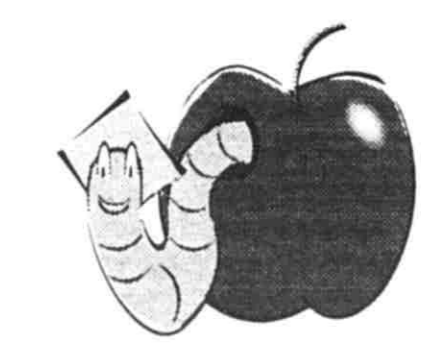
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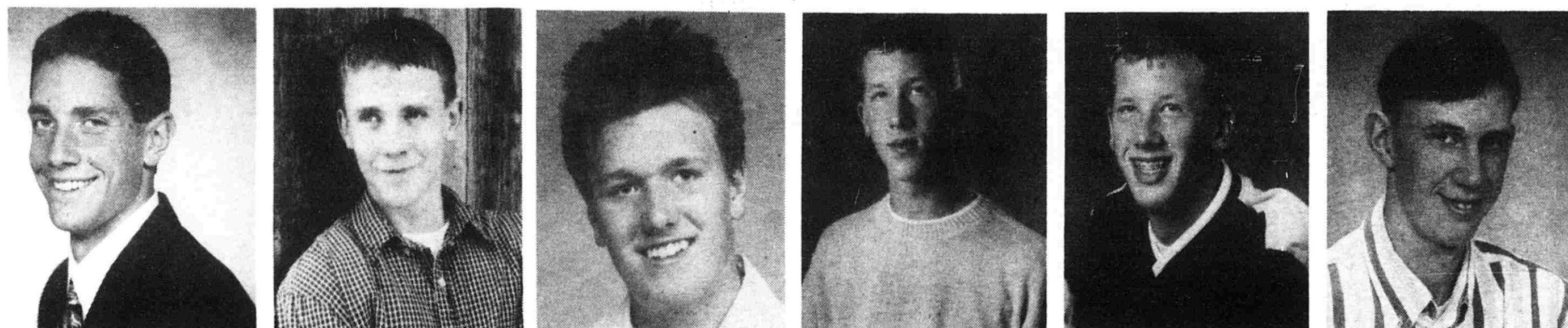
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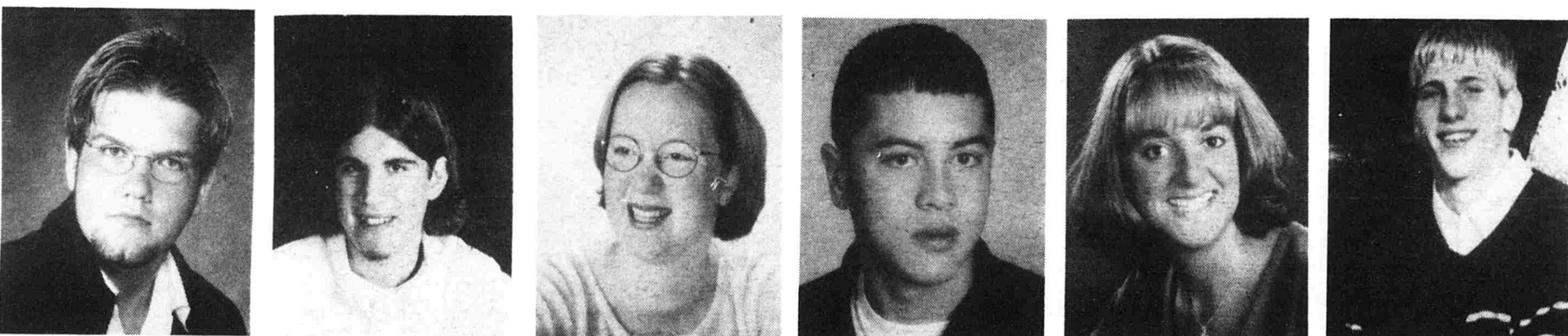




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Steven Paul Adams	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Aaron Matthew Alsgaard	St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Award, Michigan Merit Award
Michael Eugene Armstrong	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Katie Anne Balaam	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, The Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship
David Michael Barry	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, The C.H. Runciman Scholarship
Jacqueline Marie Bennett	The 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, Michigan Merit Award, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship
Laurie Ann Biener	The Englehardt Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Grand Rapids Elks Lodge #48 Student of the Month, Michigan Merit Award, LEA General Education Scholarship
Theresa Marie Bonner	Michigan Merit Award
Callie Jo Boyce	Grand Valley State University Trotter Tri-County Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, MHSAA Regional Nominee, Michigan Merit Award
Eric Gordon Bradley	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Rebecca Jane Brander	The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, MHSAA Regional Nominee, Michigan Merit Award
Daniel Joseph Burton	Michigan Merit Award
Lucian Timothy Casaz	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Kelly Marie Chapman	University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Wyntjes Medical Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Sarah Marie Claire	Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Brian Scott Conley	Michigan Merit Award
Jacqueline Louise Cress	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Robert John Dalziel	Grand Rapids Community College Kraft Container Scholarship
Jennifer Danielle Dean	Michigan Merit Award
Kristina Michele Delamar	Michigan Merit Award
Jennifer VanderKooi DenHouter	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Michael Thomas Dereske	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Merit Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Nicole Marian Deters	Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes, Inc. Economics Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Angela Sue DeWit	Ferris State University Residential Life Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Merit Award
Colleen Marie Donahue	Michigan Merit Award
Laura Anne Douglass	Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, The Lowell Rotary Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Wyntjes Medical Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, MHSAA Regional Nominee, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Brandon Michael Drier	Michigan Merit Award
Jacquelyn Lee Dykstra	Michigan Merit Award
Michael Jacob Dykstra	Michigan Merit Award
Betsy Marie Eldridge	Grand Rapids Community College Distinguished Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, LEA Roger Kropf Education Scholarship
Stephanie Jo Ellison	Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Congressional Medal of Merit, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Grand Rapids Elks Lodge #48 Student of the Month, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, MHSAA Regional Nominee, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Felicia Beth Esraugh	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, US Army Reserves Award, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
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Kathleen Ruth Floet	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Community Leader, Michigan Merit Award
Douglas Merle Ford	Leonard Loto McEivsen Scholarship, Anne Miller 75 <sup>th</sup> Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, MHSAA Regional Nominee, Michigan Merit Award, The Ernie Blasher Scholarship
Richard James Ford	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Merit Award
Timothy John Forward	The Ernie Blasher Scholarship
Brady Alan Foster	Michigan Merit Award, The Carrol (Chris) Burch Scholarship
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Elizabeth Kay Graham	International Optimist Scholarship, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, First Congregational Church Community Scholarship
Robin Jo Green	Michigan Merit Award
Stefanie Anne Hafey	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Aaron Matthew Hall	Michigan Merit Award
Sarah Elizabeth Happie	Grand Rapids Community College Foundation Scholarship, First Congregational Church Community Scholarship
Courtney Suzanne Hedlund	Burger King Founders Award, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Kyle Jay Holst	Michigan Merit Award
Angela Dawn Houtman	Grand Rapids Community College Steelcase Scholarship
Christopher Allen Huizinga	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Bradford Trayer Jackson	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
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Michael Lee Johns	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
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Katie Marie Johnson	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Michael Andrew Junewick	Michigan Merit Award, The Ernie Blasher Scholarship
Aaron Chris Kaeb	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan State University Student Merit Award, Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship, MSU Englehardt Scholarship, Michigan State University Agricultural Engineering Award, Michigan State University Walper JJ Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, Michigan Farm Bureau Monsanto Scholarship, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Benjamin Carl Kaeb	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, National FFA Scholarship, MSU Englehardt Scholarship, The Lowell Rotary Scholarship, Michigan State University Walper JJ Scholarship, Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship, MSU Alumni Distinguished Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award



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Ryan John Kremer	Michigan Merit Award
Amber Jo Koppers	Michigan Merit Award, First Congregational Church Member Scholarship
Amanda Ann LaBine	Michigan Merit Award
Trevor Michael Land	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Western Michigan University Academic Scholarship, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Jamie Lynn Linkfield	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Stephanie Robin Long	Michigan Merit Award
Brentten Scott Lyons	Burger King Founders Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, First Congregational Church Member Scholarship, The Ernie Blasher Scholarship
Mark Jonathan Maatman	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Lisa Marie Malone	First Congregational Church Member Scholarship
Tara Nicoal May	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Jennifer Ann McCaul	Michigan Merit Award, First Congregational Church Community Scholarship
Leonard Loto McEivsen	Michigan Merit Award
Melissa Marie McGuire	Michigan Merit Award
Bryce Michael McMahon	Grand Rapids Community College Steelcase Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Maureen Kate McPherson	US Marine Corps Distinguished Award, Michigan Merit Award
Laura Kay McQueen	Michigan Merit Award, Dean's Award for Ballet
Kimberly Ann Meiste	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Olivet Nazarene University Academic Achievement Award, Olivet Nazarene University Vocal Music Scholarship, Olivet Nazarene University Leadership Scholarship, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Merit Award, The Kathie Quada Memorial Scholarship
Patricia Ann Mellema	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Board of Trustees High School Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Meghan Margaret Mendez	Michigan Merit Award
Caroline Ann Mercer	The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship
Meissa Jean Miller	Michigan Merit Award
Ryan Christopher Lawrence Mix	Principal's Leadership Award, Wendy's High School Heisman Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, The Lowell Rotary Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, MHSAA Regional Nominee, Michigan Merit Award, First Congregational Church Community Scholarship, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Jeremy Charles Moerdyke	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Andrew William Nowak	Grand Rapids Community College Community Leader
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Leah Marie Offenbacher	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, The David Dombak Memorial Visual Art Scholarship
Amanda Sue Osterhaven	Michigan Merit Award
Debra Jean Overway	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Joseph Robert Patterson	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, The Margaret Court Memorial Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, First Congregational Church Community Scholarship, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
McKenzie Elizabeth Plummer	Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Kerri Anne Postema	Grand Rapids Community College Foundation Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Jennifer Lynn Prins	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Scott Patrick Pullen	US Marine Corps Distinguished Award, First Congregational Church Community Scholarship
Michelle Lynn Reed	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Michael Alan Rekeny	Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Anne Miller 75 <sup>th</sup> Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Kettering University Leadership Award, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Rachel Ann Rice	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, The Gunter Memorial Scholarship
Lara Rose Robertson	Aquinas College Monsignor Bukowski Honor Scholarship Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Daniel Robert Rotter	Grand Valley State University Trotter Tri-County Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, MHSAA Regional Nominee, Michigan Merit Award, The Gelf Reinke Scholarship, The Margaret McMahon Scholarship, The Garv Rivers Scholarship

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Brandi Lee Schaefer	Michigan Merit Award
Nathaniel Robert Schafer	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Teresa Ann Schiefer	Michigan Merit Award
Angela Marie Schmidt	Michigan Merit Award
Timothy James Schutte	Michigan Merit Award
Lindsay Marie Scigliano	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Freshman Achievement Award, Michigan Merit Award
Jesse Mark Sefton	Michigan Merit Award
Lucas Matthew Seitz	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Jaime Nicole Sheppard	Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Robert Michael Shindorf	Michigan Merit Award
Christina Lynn Shortle	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Stephanie Dawn Smith	Michigan Merit Award
Tobby Russell Smith	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Bradford John Spoelman	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
William Elias Stouffer	LHS Male Athlete of the Year Award, The James & Elnora Dumas Scholarship, The Ernie Blasher Scholarship
Amanda Lucy Stouten	Michigan Merit Award
Jamie Leigh Tegg	Michigan Merit Award
Lindsey Ann Thaler	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Distinguished Scholarship, The Englehardt Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Terra Lea Thurlow	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Adam Phillip Tichelaar	Greater Grand Rapids Home Builders Association Tools Scholarship
Jason Paul Tomczak	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Audrey Ribel Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS &amp; AWARDS</b>	
Kara Lynn Tousley	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, First Congregational Church Member Scholarship
Arianne Joy Tuinstra	Michigan Merit Award
Marisa Mary Ueberroth	Michigan Merit Award
Keith James Valentine	Aquinas College Academic Leader Scholarship Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Lake Superior State University Board of Trustees Distinguished Scholarship, Hope College Presidential Scholar Award, WOOD TV We Value Youth Award, The Englehardt Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, MHSAA Regional Nominee, US Army Reserves Award, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award
Nicholas John Vandersloot	Michigan Merit Award
Christopher VanSpronsen	Michigan High School Rodeo Association Scholarship
Matthew Dale VanTatenhove	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Board of Trustees High School Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Patrick Dale VanTatenhove	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Joshua James Vrooman	Grand Rapids Community College Foundation Scholarship
Matthew Jon Wade	Michigan Merit Award
Lori Beth Walsh	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Alan Michael Walters	Michigan Merit Award
Melanie Amber Wieland	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Harriet Dively Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Jonathan David Wiering	Ferris State University Residential Life Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Michael Walter Williams	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
James Andrew Willits	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Community Leader Scholarship, Kettering University Academic Achievement Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Jennifer Michelle Wisner	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Maggie Jo Wisner	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Distinguished Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Merit Award
Charles Michael Wood	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Merit Award
Kristen Marie Wysocki	The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Annie Marie Zalokar	Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Stephen F. Idema Memorial Scholarship, OK White Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Merit Award, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award



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## SILER SAYS...

Goodbye to teaching in the Lowell School District and his position as FFA advisor.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In 26 years as Lowell High School agri-science teacher and Future Farmers of America advisor, Pete Siler has established one of the state's finest and most respected programs. That can be said without doubt or dispute.

Siler will end his teaching tenure as he started it in 1974, on Aug. 1. During this span he has managed to touch and help kids from special needs to valedictorians; sons to fathers; students to teachers.

"The program has drawn them all in," Siler says. He estimates that "all" is somewhere over 10,000 students. "I chose this career because I wanted the opportunity to touch peoples' lives."

He has... much in the way his high school ag-science teacher (Dick Barnes) did for him. "He gave me a push in the right direction at a time when I didn't know what I was going to do tomorrow - let alone for the rest of my life," Siler explains. "Someone had to be there for me;

hope I've been able to be there for others."

There are plenty of stories to go around about Siler being there to celebrate student accomplishments and to console them during a down time. "I have never said to a student you should win this or that. All I've ever said is do your best. I've been there to encourage them, hold their hands and get them started and then I've stood back and watched them with pride and satisfaction. I think the kids

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Scott Vashaw  
Lowell High School Principal

in turn have always represented the community in the best possible light."

The success of the students under Siler's direction has been extraordinary.

"I believe that the FFA is

the best leadership development program available to students," said Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw. "I am proud of the fact that the Lowell FFA chapter is one of the best in the state, if not the country, in terms of participation and competition success."

The Lowell FFA has earned 21 superior chapter awards and 12 outstanding national chapter awards. It has had 13 American FFA degree recipients, 67 state FFA

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After 26 years of teaching ag-science and building arguably the best high school FFA program in the state, Lowell's Pete Siler has made the 1999-2000 school year his final one.

## REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

**NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 12, 2000**

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:**  
Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

**THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.**

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2004.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:**

Mark R. Blanding  
Kate Dernocoeur

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2000.

**THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**PRECINCT NO. 1**

Voting Place: Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the City of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

**PRECINCT NO. 2**

Voting Place: Old Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County and Boston Township in Ionia County.

**PRECINCT NO. 3**

Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes in Kent County and Keene Township in Ionia County.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Patrick Nugent,  
Secretary, Board of Education

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and two state runners-up, four state winners in job interview and six runners-up, two state winning demonstration teams, three state runners-up in agricultural forum, and one state winner and one state runner-up in the Michigan Farm Bureau Discussion meet.

In addition, Siler has coached two national landscape and nursery management teams and one national poultry judging team. Two students placed in the top 10 in the national dairy handlers contest, there was one state winner in computers in the agriculture program, and one state winning horse selection and management team.

"The success of the pro-

gram is directly tied to the dedication and effort of Pete Siler," Vashaw said.

Siler has also had 11 state FFA officers (10 regional presidents), more than 210 district and regional leadership contest winners, 77 state finalists leadership teams receiving gold and silver awards at the state level. Nine Lowell FFA members have been selected to the National FFA chorus, two to the national band, two groups to national talent, and 23 members to the state FFA band.

"The best thing about this program is that it develops leadership skills," Siler said. "The kids do the job and their success sells the program. It's

infectious." The leadership of the FFA program has built a Project Pals program (mentoring program that now includes 95 high school students and an Adopt a Family program which includes the participation of other high school organizations).

In the program's first year, Siler taught and provided direction for Tom Oesch. In this, his last year, Siler has provided instruction and guidance for Oesch's son, Tom.

"I think the first function we went to in 1974 was the state FFA convention," Siler recalls. "Now to be an FFA member, it means attending

functions year round." More functions have also brought more stress. "Things that didn't bother me or cause me stress when I was younger, do now," Siler said in explaining his reason for retiring. "I feel as if I'm slipping and I'm not able to go as I once did. The students never get any older than 18, but I continue to get older."

Siler is very proud of how far the program has come. "FFA requires a lot of time, but is rewarding. It's been a great run. I am extremely proud of the student accomplishments over the years. I am also proud of the support the FFA program has received from this community."



## YOUTH SERVES

Steven Koning found a community service project at the fair that he wanted to see completed.

Koning participated in National Youth Service Day, along with 3 million youth around the world, by providing a service for his community.

The Lowell resident chose an environmental beautification project at the Kent County Youth Fair.

Koning prepared the ground; he covered it with wood chips, planted perennial plants and shrubs, and added a sign to dedicate his project.

Fairground projects have been plentiful over the years, including expanding wash racks, paving the dairy barn, horse barn additions and box stalls, the remodeling of the King Memorial Youth Center, and the planting of trees in the park area. Pictured above, left to right, are: Nicki Patterson, Kent County Youth Fair director; Ron Wenger, president; Koning; and Kay Grinage, secretary.



Late afternoon is the best time to cut roses.

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

### KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on May 8, 2000, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, adopted Grattan Township Ordinance No. 00-01, being an ordinance to provide procedures and standards for review of applications for on-premises liquor licenses and for filing objections to renewal or requests for revocation of existing on-premises liquor licenses; and providing penalties for the violation thereof. The principal provisions of the Ordinance can be summarized as follows:

1. **Township Approval of License Applicants.** The ordinance provides that an applicant seeking an on-premises liquor license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission must obtain approval of its application by the Township Board before the Liquor Control Commission may issue the license. Applications for Township approval must be submitted to the Board in writing and contain certain information regarding the qualifications of the applicant.

2. **Location Requirements.** The ordinance prohibits the on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages in certain locations and provides minimum requirements for locations where on-premises sales are permitted, such as minimum seating capacities, minimum dining capacities and minimum parking capacities.

3. **Term of License Approval.** The ordinance provides that Township approval of a license application is deemed continuing until such time as the Liquor Control Commission denies the applicant a license or the applicant or licensee violates the ordinance.

4. **Prohibited Activities.** The ordinance prohibits certain conduct at a licensed establishment, including loud or obscene entertainment, and contests for prizes of monetary value.

5. **Township Authority Regarding Licenses.** The ordinance prohibits a license applicant from receiving a favorable recommendation while in default to local taxing authorities. The ordinance also provides the Township Board with the authority to determine who, if anyone, shall receive a license; to take no action with respect to an application; and to review applications only after several applications have been received. The Board is required to grant a public hearing upon an application when it considers whether to approve the application. The Board may file a request for revocation or an objection to the renewal of a license with the Liquor Control Commission if the Board determines, after a hearing, that the licensee has violated the ordinance or engaged in other prohibited conduct.

6. **Hearing Procedures.** The ordinance provides hearing procedures the Board must comply with before filing a request for revocation or an objection to the renewal of a license with the Liquor Control Commission.

7. **Penalties.** The ordinance provides that a violation of its provisions is a civil infraction, defines the penalties for such infractions, and allows the Township to seek injunctive or other types of relief as well.

8. **Effective Date.** The ordinance will become effective June 16, 2000. A copy of the ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: May 17, 2000

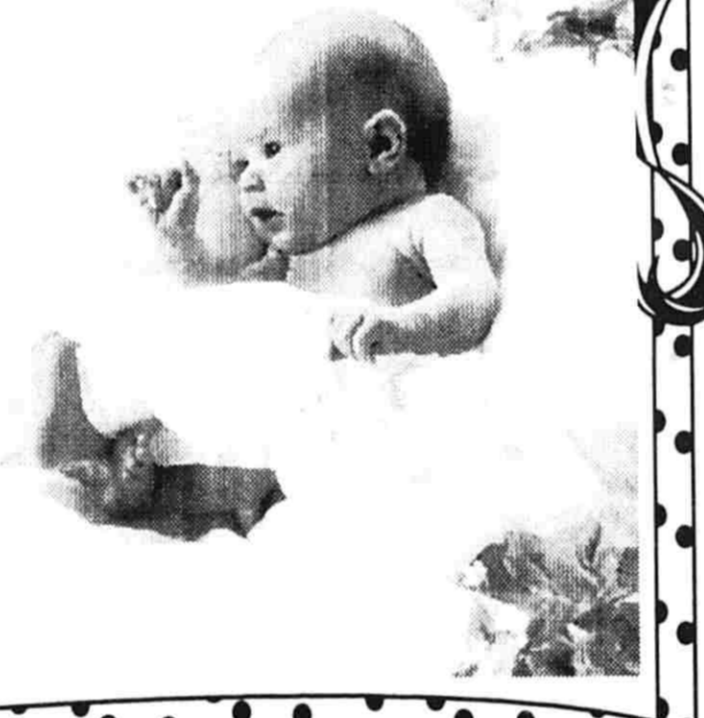
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

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# Gee Drive residents oppose location of proposed communications tower

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

To say residents on Gee Drive were less than enthusiastic about the proposal of a 180-foot monopole communications tower on their street probably would sum up the general feeling of last week's planning commission.

Several residents came out to ask questions about AT&T's proposed plans to construct the multi-carrier tower at 2311 Gee Drive, where currently a water tower is located.

Questions raised by the residents included health risks and sound. The real issue, however, was whether the tower really needed to be constructed at the Gee Drive location, which is zoned suburban residential.

"What will you do if the city decides you can't build a tower in a residential area?" said Gary Ayers, of 12329 Gee Drive.

Paul Weissberger, a representative from AT&T, said he didn't know what would happen, although he did point out that city could not deny AT&T or any other communications company the right to provide service to its area.

"So what you're saying is that you have a mandated right to do this and you are going to do it," Ayers said.

"We are not coming in here with briefcases and telling the city they have to do this," Weissberger said. "We want to work with the city and follow the ordinance and make everything work."

Planning commission members are in the process of putting together an ordinance designed to cover communications towers, such as the one AT&T is proposing. Under the draft of the ordinance, such towers would be allowed in the industrial, light industrial, public facilities, and suburban

residential zoned areas as a special land use. This means that anyone wanting to build a tower would have to get permission from the city first or, more specifically, from the planning commission.

Planning commission chairman Dan Brubaker, who abstained from the discussion on the AT&T tower because of a possible conflict, said during discussion of the proposed ordinance, the reason for allowing towers in suburban residential areas is because the houses are more spread out with larger lot sizes than those in the residential areas.

Residents, however, indicated just because the houses are spread out doesn't mean they don't get unwanted noises.

"We can hear the trucks back up at Michigan Wire," said planning commissioner Trudy Cahoon, who lives at 2599 Gee Drive.

Tracy Loughlin, who brought up health concerns, said she wanted to know how loud the air conditioner in the tower would be. Weissberger said its loudness is about that of someone talking normally, which Loughlin said doesn't really give her a good idea since she could hear other residents' air conditioners and noises.

As for the health issues, Weissberger indicated that there was little health risk with a monopole, something that has been established by the federal government. In fact, there is a federal law that prohibits communities from preventing the construction of a tower based on health concerns.

As for the residents, the concerned still centered on why Gee Drive. Weissberger said the construction of the Gee Drive tower would allow AT&T to cover a three-square-mile

radius that it currently does not in its grid coverage. In fact, AT&T is working to start offering cellular services in the Grand Rapids area, but first has to either get on existing towers or, in the case of the city of Lowell, construct a tower.

"We are in the process of offering effective coverage because we don't want you to lose coverage and then throw your cell phone on the ground," Weissberger said, adding that while the situation seems funny, it can be very frustrating to cell phone users.

Ayers again asked if there was anywhere else the tower could be placed. Weissberger emphasized that building a tower is the last thing AT&T tries to do since it is costly. The actual area where the tower could be constructed is small; if the company were to move it in any direction, AT&T would have double coverage in one area which would not be effective.

In the end, the residents won a small victory as AT&T will have to wait until the next planning commission meeting, set for June 26, before getting a positive or negative recommendation for its plan. The proposal would then move on to the city council. The commission opted to wait until it had its communications tower ordinance in place before proceeding on AT&T's plan. One of the main discussions for that ordinance will be whether to allow communications towers in suburban residential areas.

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

### NOTICE OF TESTING OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR THE JUNE 12, 2000 ANNUAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC Computer Program Testing for the June 12, 2000 Annual Election will be conducted on Tuesday, June 6, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 5, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

**601 W. Main - Dolphus and Patty Slone - height variance for fence.** Dolphus and Patty Slone wish to have a 6-foot high fence constructed along Amity Street remain for protection of a swimming pool. Since their property is on a corner lot (northwest corner of West Main and Amity, two front yards are considered. Under Section 4.07B., a fence or wall may not exceed 3 feet within any required front yard. Thus, the owners have applied for a variance.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting to the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, or appear in person.



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The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

City Operating budget for the 2000-2001. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,128,576. In proposed expenditures. After the hearings, the Council will consider adoption of the budget.

Copies of the proposed 2000-2001 Budget will be available for public inspection starting May 10, 2000 during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting to the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

## SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD

May 15, 2000 - 7:00 p.m.

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Minutes of April 17, 2000 Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report/Invoices
- Motion to table decision regarding oak tree slab for committee recommendation
- Motion to approve site plan for LaBoite Co. with conditions
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2-2000, establishing the LaBoite Company Industrial District
- Motion to approve work order from Kent County Road Commission for one mile of gravel construction on McPherson, and tree cutting, brushing, ditching and reconstruction of road bed on Grindle, at a total Township cost of \$52,250.
- Motion to seek a Vergennes Township representative to the Airport Board.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting June 19, 2000

Mari C. Stone,  
Vergennes Township Clerk

# Center brings students together for year-round learning

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Through a grant and the coordinating efforts of Franciscan Sister Maura

Behrenfeld F.S.E., an integrated learning program was set up for Sigsbee Elementary three years ago. "The program was set up to provide class experience in

drama, arts, music, science and others to help students in kindergarten through sixth-grade get in touch with their rural heritage," explained Sister Maura.

Last year, for the first time, a collaborative program involving Lowell and Sigsbee elementary children was coordinated.

Throughout the school year children share educational experiences and develop significant relationships through in the areas of music, animals, land, art and science.

"It's a good program that provides on-going development and incorporates children, teachers and parents," Sister Maura said.

A year-ending get together was celebrated Wednesday with

outdoor activities (e.g., hikes and water balloon toss).

This year's program was sponsored through fundraising by the

Franciscan Center, support from the Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund and the schools (transportation).



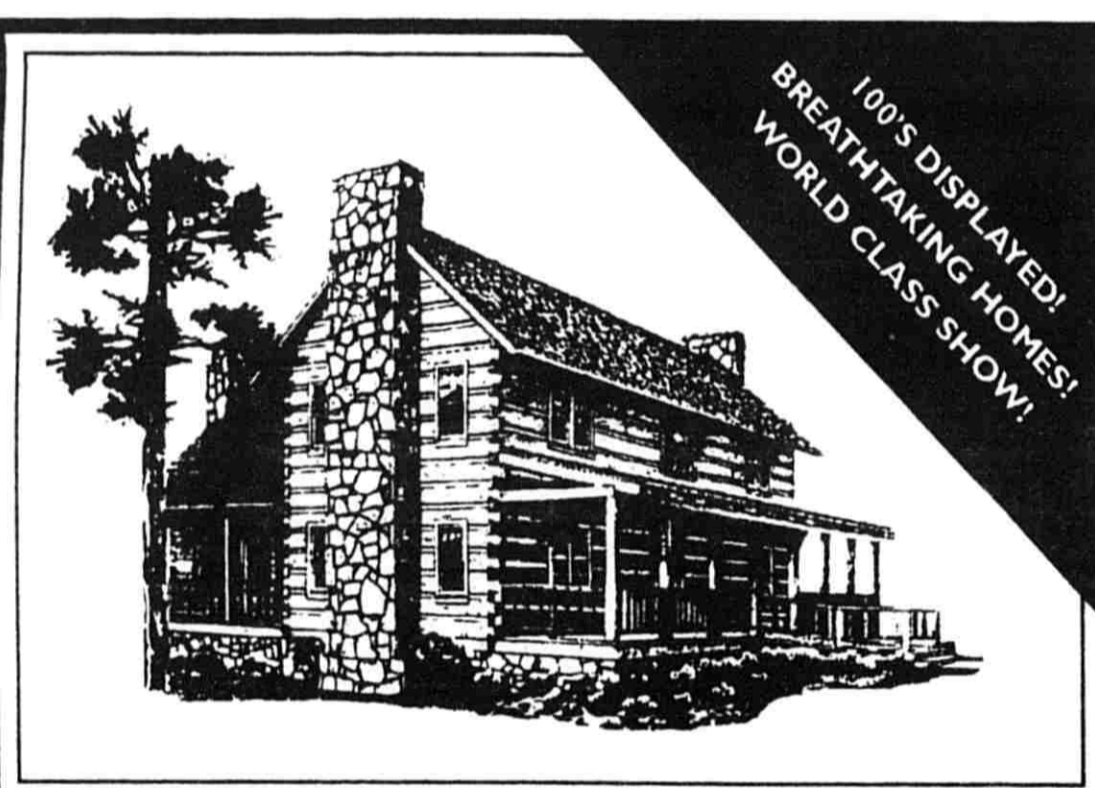
Franciscan Sister Maura Behrenfeld shares a moment with a Sigsbee student.



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# Soccer organization LASSOs in large number of players

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was hard for the founders of the Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization to envision where the program would be in four years.

"I never envisioned this," said LASSO founder Chris Barlow. "It was hard to envision anything four years ago." If it wasn't clear in 1996, the numbers show that there has been a growing interest in the game of soccer.

"Our first year we had 35 players try out - this year we anticipate 160-170 kids," Barlow said.

Helping Barlow form LASSO were Lou D'Agostino and Jeff Dickerman.

LASSO provides Lowell players with a competitive place to enhance their skills and play the game.

This year seven teams (five boys/two girls) will be organized. The selection process will be set up through tryouts on Saturday, June 17. The make-up day will be Tuesday, June 20.

"A by-product of LASSO is the high school gets a steady stream of players," Barlow explained. "This year will mark the first year that a team nucleus (15-17 players) will come up and play at the freshman level. Having played together for some time is a tremendous value to the high school."

LASSO is pushing to develop more girls teams and more younger boys teams.

Barlow said LASSO teams are competing at the top or close to it in most cases.

"Our program is unique in that it is a feeder program which involves just Lowell players. Most feeder programs have players from a number of different schools," Barlow explained. "We are very pleased that more and more Lowell kids are becoming involved in soccer."

# Red Arrow girls shutout Vikings; upended by Pioneers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A strong midfield attack led to rebound opportunities in Lowell's 3-0 shutout over Wyoming Park.

"It's the best job we've done all year in attacking from the midfield," Lowell soccer coach Ryan Conlan said. "The rebounds from those shots gave us second chance opportunities."

In fact, Lowell's first goal of the game came just the way the Red Arrow coach described.

Laura Horsley creased the net at 23:14 of the first half off a rebound shot on goal by Lyndsay Plescher.

The lead stayed at 1-0 until early in the second half. Lowell senior Kristen Wsocki booted one past the

Viking keeper from 30 yards away, giving Lowell a 2-0 advantage.

"As soon as Kristen hit the ball I knew it was going in," Conlan explained. "It went right in under the crossbar. That goal, I felt, took the wind out of Park."

Lowell wasn't through, as Heather Posthumus scored off a crossing pass from Abbey Goff.

"I told the girls at half we needed a couple of goals to put this team away. They picked it up and played a much better second half," Conlan said.

The Red Arrows outshot the Vikings 26-9. Lowell goalie Plescher recorded eight saves.

"Lyndsay isn't big but she has a lot of heart. She's

still learning, but I think she is going to be a very good goalie for us before she graduates," concluded Conlan.

**EGR 6 Lowell 0**

Using a defensive game plan, Lowell was able to slow down the Pioneers for roughly 20 minutes.

"It countered their strength for a while, but eventually their pressure catches up to you," said Ryan Conlan, Lowell girls soccer coach. "We chased the ball a lot, but that is going to happen when you play a good team like East."

EGR came into the game tied with FHC for first in the OK White. The Pioneers

needed a win to share the league title. "They were motivated with a conference championship on the line," Conlan explained.

It was Lowell's last home game of the year. The seniors were honored prior to the game.

"Our seniors gave everything they had. It's always tough when you realize you're playing your final home game," Conlan said. "It's seven tougher when you're playing East."

Lowell plays the winner of the Greenville/Hastings district game on Thursday at Forest Hills Central. Game time is 4:30 p.m.

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Some customers will experience low water pressure.

City of Lowell  
Water Department

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED NEW TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP**

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 7, 2000 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed new Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map for the Township. The proposed new Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map regulate the development and use of land within the Township and will replace in its entirety the current Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map adopted on May 17, 1993, as amended. The text of the proposed Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Map may be examined at the Township Hall, 6059 Linfield S.E., Alto, Michigan, on Wednesday and Friday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

May 17, 2000  
Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township



# Red Arrows edged by Rams; Bulldogs win Tichelaar tourney

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Grandville's 2-1 win over Rockford earned the Bulldogs the trophy at the Mandy Tichelaar Memorial Softball Tournament.

Tichelaar, a Lowell softball player, died in an automobile accident six years ago.

This is the second time the Bulldogs have won the tourney. Grandville defeated Catholic Central in the first round 13-2. Rockford needed 10 innings to upend Lowell 3-2.

The Rams trailed 2-1 from the second until the seventh inning.

Rockford got a leadoff single and sacrifice against Kelly Kernen. The Lowell ace then struckout Rockford's number nine hitter.

With two outs, a runner on second, and a full count on the Rams' leadoff hitter, a misplayed fly ball plated the tying run.

The two teams remained tied at 2-2 until the 10th when Rockford's Tara Jomagski homered over the left fence to give the Rams a 3-2 win.

Lowell had just three hits - two of those came in the second

inning. With one out Annie Zalokar singled to right field, Angie DeWit followed with a single to left. A sacrifice and a ground ball to short, and a Rockford error scored Lowell's two runners.

Kernen allowed three runs on seven hits while striking out five and walking two.

In the consolation game, Lowell battled back from an 8-3 deficit to defeat Catholic Central 10-9.

"We made a bunch of bad decisions and errors," said Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse. "The good thing is we hung in there and played for pride."

Lowell scored the winning run on a two-out walk, a wild pitch and an RBI single by freshman Noelle Dewey.

Catholic Central scored eight runs in the third inning on four hits and three walks.

Lowell tallied three runs in the second inning, four in the third and two in the fourth.

Zalokar led Lowell at the plate with two hits, two runs and three RBI.

Amanda Brown had one hit and two RBI.

Lowell 6-4  
Ionia 0-6

Lowell's Kelly Kernen shut out Ionia on four hits in the first of two games.

"Kernen pitched a great game," Rodenhouse said. "She struck out five Bulldog hitters and walked just two."

Lowell plated all the runs Kernen would need in the first inning. The Red Arrows tallied three runs on one hit (Bethany Fredline), a walk, sacrifice and fielder's choice.

The Red Arrows tallied three more runs in the third on two singles, a walk, sacrifice and fielder's choice.

Jacque Benedict led all Lowell hitters. She was 2-for-4 with two runs. Jody Seif was 1-for-3 with an RBI, scoring two runs.

In the second game, Ionia tallied two runs in the second, three in the third and one in the seventh to beat Lowell. The Bulldogs collected six runs on 10 hits against Lindsey Thaler.

Lowell had four runs on eight hits but committed four errors.

Benedict was 3-for-3 with three RBI.

# Lowell boys bounce Ionia twice; lose to Fruitport

By Thaddeus Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Brandon Drier allowed just three hits while striking out five in leading Lowell to a 3-1 nonconference win over Ionia.

"Brandon was excellent," Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel said. "The only run he gave up was an unearned run in the third inning."

The Red Arrows, meanwhile, tallied three runs on five hits against Bulldog pitching. Brian Conley singled with one out in the second and later scored on an RBI single by Drier.

Lowell scored two more runs in the third inning on a lead-

off walk to Jake Baum, who then stole second and third before scoring on Eric Gruber's double. Gruber stole third and scored on a ground ball to short off the bat of Josh Brown.

"We played near flawless baseball," Antel said. In game two, Lowell defeated Ionia 7-4.

The Red Arrows trailed 4-0 before rallying for four in the fourth and three more in the fifth against Ionia pitchers.

Lowell rapped out eight hits and was helped by two Ionia errors. Two singles, a hit batsman, an error and a walk led to the Red Arrows' four runs in the fourth inning. Dave Rozema had a big two-run single and later scored on a Tim Schutte single.

RBI singles by Rozema and Brown highlighted a three-run fifth inning.

Ionia's four runs came on two hits and four Lowell errors.

Fruitport 11  
Lowell 3

Five Red Arrow errors proved costly in their nonconference loss. "It's difficult to recover from that many errors," Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel said.

Lowell's pitchers (Brady Foster, Mike Smith and Andy Lux) allowed just three hits.

Lowell scored single runs in the third, fourth and sixth innings.

Fruitport plated two in the second inning, five in the third, three in the fourth and one more in the sixth.

# Red Arrow basketball team earns All-State academic honors

The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan recently recognized the Lowell girls varsity basketball team as Academic All-State. The team placed 3rd in Class A with an

overall grade point average of 3.702. The Basketball Coaches Association acknowledges teams that perform on the basketball floor and in the classroom.

The Lowell team consisted of three players who will be graduating in the top 10 of the 2000 Senior Class. Beth Fredline is valedictorian with a grade point average over 4.0, while Elissa Kinney and Kelly Chapman are in the top five of the Class of 2000. The grade point averages of all players are combined and averaged to reach the team grade point average.

Members of the 1999 varsity team include: Seniors Fredline, Kinney, Chapman, Katie McPherson, and Jody Seif; Juniors Heather Posthumus, Amanda Stoutjesdyk, Sunny Moyer, Abby Goff and Jenny Williams; Sophomore Shelby Tomczak, and Freshmen Blair Meyer and Lauren Vashaw. The varsity team was coached by Ken Akers and assisted by Krista Posthumus and Dee Crowley.



Senior members of the Lowell girls varsity basketball team present athletic director, Barry Hobrla, with the plaque received from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan for earning 3rd place in Class A for Academic All State. Left to right are: Kelly Chapman, Beth Fredline, Elissa Kinney, Jody Seif, Katie McPherson and Barry Hobrla.

# National Trails Day, June 3

National Trails Day is a day of exciting events celebrating trails and the volunteers who maintain them. On June 3, more than 3,000 trail organizations, agencies and businesses across the country will host a variety of events including workshops, educational exhibits, family bike rides on rail-to-trails, and hikes on back-country trails in America's wildlands, just to name a few. The goals of National Trails Day are:

- Raise awareness of trails and trails for all Americans
- Build partnerships among trail groups, businesses and public land managers; and broaden the constituency for trails.
- Encourage cooperative efforts among different trail users.

Since its debut in 1993, National Trails Day has grown to over one million participants at more than 3,000 events nationwide. All 50 states have participated in the past events as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin

Islands. National Trails Day has become a permanent fixture on the calendars of many trail clubs, outdoor businesses and government agencies across the country. It is organized by the American Hiking Society, a national non-profit organization whose mission is to cultivate a nation of hikers dedicated to establishing, protecting and maintaining foot trails in America. American Hiking Society is also committed to working with diverse trail groups to ensure that all Americans have trails to enjoy. [www.americanhiking.org](http://www.americanhiking.org).

Here in Western Michigan the North Country Trail Association will be celebrating Trails Day and the designation by the White House of being named a Millennium Trail. The program is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd, to begin at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., at Fallasburg Park, 6 miles north of Lowell. This program is intended for the public to become acquainted with

hiking, to encourage families to participate in out-door activities, to emphasize the importance of nature in our society and to acquaint persons with the North Country Trail.

Activities scheduled for the day include: Dedication (9 a.m.); guided hikes of different lengths in the morning, nature/history hike, gear demos, raffle, North Country Trail store; information booth w/local trail maps; snacks & beverages (bring your own lunch); shuttle bus to/from hiking sites; trail clearing demo and work day will be in progress; visit Fallasburg Historical Museum and Schoolhouse (\$1 at the door).

For this year's Trails Day information, contact Paula Wilbur at 897-5487 or Email [pkwilbur@aol.com](mailto:pkwilbur@aol.com).

The National Headquarters for the North Country Trail Association is located in Grand Rapids at 49 Monroe Center, Suite 200B, tel. #454-5506.

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**Blair Hendrick** - I haven't heard any, I'm starting a rumor that a mall is coming to town.  
**Nancy VanBeek** - I've heard rumors about WalMart and Applebee's.

**Stella Downing** - I've heard a WalMart is coming in by the 96 expressway. I'm starting a rumor about the Olive Garden coming to town.  
**Judy Rockwell** - I haven't heard any rumors. I'm starting a rumor about Applebee's coming to town.  
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**Amy Marsman** - I've heard rumors about a WalMart and Applebees coming into town. I'm starting a rumor about Chuckie Cheeses coming to town.

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