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Veterans Remembered

A Memorial Day Observance Ceremony, held at Oakwood Cemetery, remembered the lives lost in war and honored those who fought for freedom and lived. Prior to the ceremony, city residents lined the streets for a parade which began on Riverside Drive, stopped at the Veterans Memorial Park for a memorial service and wreath deployment and then proceeded to the cemetery. Memorial Day service guest speaker was Rev. Keith McIver.

Structural changes planned for elementary

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It is the largest elementary school in Kent County.

The sheer numbers at Cherry Creek Elementary limit its ability to be that small nurturing educational facility that many adults associate with their childhood school days.

The average elementary school houses between 300-400 students ... Cherry Creek's enrollment more than doubles that average. It currently enrolls 833 students.

Cherry Creek's layout is sectioned off by grade levels (all second-grade classrooms are grouped together, as are third through fifth grades). While this concept provides/encourages horizontal team teaching, it is not an environment that has brought about opportunities for shared planning and materials among the different grade levels.

Through the leadership of Cherry Creek principal, Maureen Dorough, the elementary school will undergo a structural change for enhanced learning and safety beginning with the 2002-03 school year.

The new concept will be made of four learning neighborhoods. This is where smaller teams, consisting of grades two through five, are established and contribute to the overall community of Cherry Creek.

"The idea is to create a smaller more nurturing 'studentcentered' culture allowing for relationship-building among students, teachers and parents," Dorough explained.

The new concept is supported by studies which indicate a higher percentage of students, across all socioeconomic levels, are successful when they are a part of smaller, more intimate environments.

Each of the four learning neighborhoods will have a little over 200 children.

The concept will allow for vertical as well as horizontal team teaching. "The transition from year to year will be easier and more

comfortable for students," Dorough explains. Children will see familiar faces (both teacher and stu-

dent), alleviating the panic children experience when walking into their new classroom and not seeing a familiar, friendly

The new learning concept does not come without ques-

Cherry Creek, cont'd. pg. 39

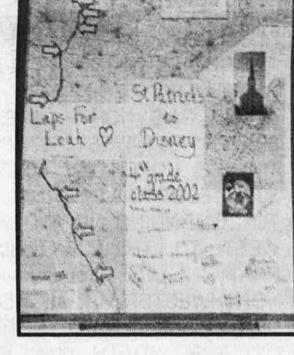


Leah & Her Pack

••• Her fourth-grade classmates "walked to Disney" in a show of solidarity and support while Leah Nawrocki was being treated for leukemia.

While Leah Nawrocki was tracking her white blood cells from her hospital bed, her classmates were walking/jogging to Disney World a quarter mile at a time for the 10 year old.

Nawrocki, diagnosed with acute lympho blastic leukemia on March 12, was separated from her classmates for nearly a month before



returning to class on April 8.

"She doesn't go all the time... only when she feels good," said her mother, Amy Nawrocki.

Leah has remained vey upbeat and positive throughout the ordeal, according to her mother.

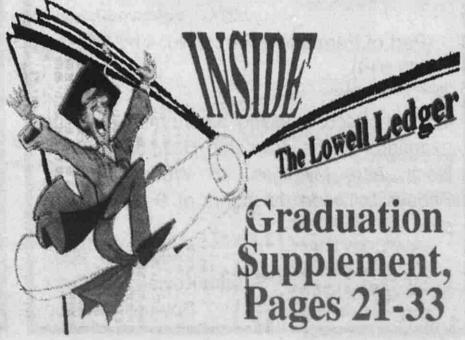
Acute lympho blastic leukemia is when the white blood cells increase to out-of -control levels.

"They say it's the best kind of leukemia to get. It's the most curable," Nawrocki explains."Doctors tell us there is a 90-95 percent chance Leah will come out of this just fine. There is also a small chance she will have a relapse."

Leah has been in remission since the eighth day after entering the hospital. She will have to have chemotherapy treatment for the next two-and-a- half years.

In an effort to give Leah a sense of connectedness, her St. Patrick's classmates, in a show of solidarity, began their walk to Disney World .

Nawrocki, cont'd. pg. 8



SATURDAY

OBITUARIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED REZONING OF **CERTAIN PROPERTY IN SECTION 4 FROM R-3 URBAN** RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 6, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the application of Westcliffe LLC for the rezoning of the following property from R-3 Urban Residential District to C-2 Commercial District

6350 Alden Nash

A parcel of land located in the Northeast quarter of Section 4. Town 5 North. Range 9 West. Township of Bowne, Kent County. Michigan, further described as follows:

COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWN 5 NORTH. RANGE 9 WEST; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, NORTH 00° 24' 41" WEST, 741.74 FEET. TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE PROPERTY ZONED C-2 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, NORTH 89 28' 03" WEST. 675.88 FEET; THENCE NORTH 22° 06'46" WEST 301.47 FEET TO A POINT "A", THENCE TO CONTINUING NORTH 22° 06' 46" WEST TO THE CENTERLINE OF LAKE DRAIN; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST OF 1/4 CENTERLINE TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE TO A POINT "B" (POINT "B" BEING NORTH 53° 43' 36" WEST, 514.31 FEET FROM SAID POINT "A"); THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, SOUTH 89° 23' 17" EAST, 1199.89 FEET TO SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 4; THENCE ALONG SAID EAST LINE, SOUTH 00° 24' 41" EAST, 577.06 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 11.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

(Part of Permanent Parcel No. 41-24-04-200-019)

The proposed rezoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

> May 15, 2002 Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

Barnhart, aged 86, of ingareherhusbandof64 years per. Surviving are his two Middleville, formerly of Alto, Maynard (Red) Barton; sis- sons Robert DeVries and passed away May 22, 2002. ter-in-law Mildred Cooper; Scudder (Trudy) DeVries of He was preceded in death by children Loren (Pauline) Lowell and a sister Betty his great-grandson Derek Barton, Gladys Powers, Erwin (Tom) Delahante of Tennes-Winterburn. Mr. Barnhart is Barton, Clara (Russell) Marr, see along with 13 grandchilsurvived by his wife Madeline; Harold Barton, Susan Posada dren, 21 great-grandchildren children Gaye Washburn of (Juan Posada); 13 grandchil-Saranac, Constance (Gerald) dren; 14 great-grandchildren; child. Funeral services were Winterburn of Wyoming, one great-great-grandchild; James (Barb) Barnhart of many nieces, nephews and Funeral Home with Chap-Lowell, Ann (Dan) Huver of friends. Cremation has taken lain Carol Flietstra officiat-Lowell; 12 grandchildren; 35 place. A memorial service will ing. Memorial contributions great-grandchildren: two be held Saturday, June 1 at 1 great-great-grandchildren. A p.m. at the First United Methmemorial service will be held odist Church of Lowell, Rev. Saturday, June 1 at Roth-Gerst B. Gordon Barry officiating. Chapel, Rev. Gary Dougherty officiating. Memorial contri- DEVRIES - Joe M. DeVries, passed away on May 26, butions may be made to Barry aged 92, formerly of Community Hospice, P. O. Comstock Park, joined his ment Village. He was pre-Box 308, Hastings, MI 49058. beloved wife Violet in eternal

aged 88 of Lowell, died Sat-

BARNHART - Frank L. urday, May 25, 2002. Surviv- Spillane and Phyllis Coo-

rest on May 21, 2002. He was Eula. He is survived by his BARTON - Mable A. Barton. preceded in death by his wife wife Helen; his children Cara Violet, daughters Beverly (Dobson), John, Christine,

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CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled grandson Jackson Lee; meetings on Monday, May 20, 2002 and June 3, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

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

City Operating Budget for 2002-2003. outlines proposed document revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,439,778.46 in proposed expenditures. After the hearings, the Council will consider adoption.

Copies of the proposed 2002-2003 Budget will be available for public inspection starting May 20, 2002 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 to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person at Englehardt Public Library.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk 616-897-8457

and one great-great-grandheld on Friday at Roth-Gerst may be made to Hospice of LAYER - Mr. Elmer D.

Layer, aged 90, of Lowell, 2002 at Cumberland Retireceded in death by his sister Jordan, Teresa and other relatives and friends. Elmer was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II and a retiree of the city of Grand Rapids. Visitation Wednesday 7-9 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Following his wishes, no funeral service will be held. Interment Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell.

LEVENDOSKY - Lila Joy Levendosky, aged 65, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, passed away May 20, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard. Mrs. Levendosky is survived by her daughter Darlene Scheer of Kentwood; sons Terry Elaine Denton of Lowell, Robert Levendosky of Grand Bradley Levendosky of Grand Rapids, Scott Levendosky of Rockford; grandchildren Emily Lozada, R. P. Lozada, Dennis Denton Jr., Bradley Levendosky Jr., Christian Buelow, Levi Denton; great-SCHWAB - Joe C. Schwab, brothers Arlyn and Ruth Witherell, Dossen and Marion Witherell, Loran and Val Witherell all of Lowell; sister Cletus and Bryan Shook of Stanton; also several nieces and nephews and close dear friends. Funeral services were held Friday at

MAXWELL - Adris M. Maxwell, aged 95, a lifelong organist and composer, a resident of Heather Hills Retirement Village, formerly of Bethesda, MD, the widow of Col. Roy D. Maxwell, died May 22, 2002. Surviving is her daughter Linn Maxwell (Mrs. Fred P. Keller) of Alto. Interment Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Roy and Adris Maxwell Memorial Fund, Fourth Presbyterian Church, 5500 River Road, Bethesda, MD 20816.

the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pas-

tor Ken Ford of Alton Bible

Church, officiating. Inter-

ment Graceland Memorial

Park.

MERRITT - Mrs. Bessie Leona Merritt, aged 77, of

Lowell, passed away May 24, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph. She is survived by her children and their spouses Gary and Mary Merritt of Caledonia. Steve and Marcy Merritt of Lowell and Randy and Ellen Merritt of Walker; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brother Adelbert and Marion; sister Norabelle; many nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 28 at Holy Family Church in Caledonia. Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

MURRAY - Ellen Marie

Murray, aged 80, of East Grand

Rapids, died Thursday, May

23, 2002. She was preceded in

death by her husband W. Frank

Murray; sons James G.

Murray and J. Patrick Murray.

She is survived by her son Richard (Nancy) Murray of Kaneville, IL; daughter Helen (Jim) Milanowski of Grand Rapids; daughters-in-law Wanita Murray of Oak Park IL, Ramona Murray of Lowell, Marcia Murray of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Pat Murray, Scott Murray, Kirsten Hohm, Mike Murray, Megan Russell, Ellen Crombie, Daniel Milanowski, Emily Milanowski, Libby Milanowski, Rachel Murray. Kyle Murray, Andrea Murray, Colin Murray; seven greatgrandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Murray was very active at St. Stephen Church and was a recipient of the Msgr. Edward Alt Award. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Tuesday at St. Stephen Church, Rev. Mark C. Przybysz, presiding. Entombment Resurrection Mausoleum. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland Home or Right to Life of Michigan.

aged 86, a resident of Schneider Manor, died May 23, 2002 at the Home of Hope. Joe was preceded in death by his parents Clayton Thomas Schwab and Bertha Priscilla Schwennesen; his beloved wife Ione Jane Unseld; sister Mildred Viola Kloosterman Bellows; brother Charley Lewis Schwab. He is survived by sisters Dorothy Cleora Alderink and Beatrice Faye (Ward) VanDyke and many nieces and nephews. Joe worked at the Sprayer Factory (Newell Manufacturing) in Lowell for 20 years; was a milk tester; helped build the 196 expressway by laying sod along the banks; had a drapery business and planted Christmas trees on farms all over Michigan. He was a member of the Saranac Community Church. A service was held May 28 at the Saranac Community Church with the Rev. John Madvig officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the Saranac Community Church Food Pantry.

JUNE-2002

MONDAY

TUESDAY

SUNDAY

Lowell Community Events Calendar

FRIDAY

THURSDAY

1-6:00pm, every weel	STORICAL SOCIETY Fall kend until October 27.	asburg School House &	Misner Museums are	open every Saturday and Su 3 and June 29, 9:00pm-12:00		Opening & the LAAC Plant & Garden Sale.9-1:00pm. LAHM: Historic Main Street Tours @ 10, 11, 1, 2 & 3:00. NCT: National Trails Day @
the sky is clear!	Call 897-7065 first or	check their website. w	ww.graaa.org.	3 and June 29, 9:00PM-12:00	AM, BUT ONLY II	NCT: National Trails Day @ the Riverwalk Plaza. 10-4:00pm.
				ilies. Join us in Lowell or Alto		KCYF: Antique Tractor Pull at the Fairgrounds.
The LAAC & LACC a the Riverwalk Plaza (re proud to present the unless noted otherwise)	LOWELL SHOWBOAT S every Thursday night, J	IZZLIN' SUMMER CON June 13 through August	CERTS! Come on down to 15 from 7-9:00pm. FREE!	1	drine rungroonus.
2	3	4	YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11AM. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, An easy-going group with an emphasis on abilities, not disability. 1-3:00PM. \$10 fee, weekly.	LACC: Medical Supplemental & Healthcare Educational Seminar & Lunch, 12-Noon, at the Chamber. FREE! Please pre-register.		CHERRY CREEK CLASSIC 5K RUN & WALK: Registration @ 7:00AM, RUN & Walk @ 8:00AM. Call 897-6254 or 897-5148 for info. VEEN: Visitor Night, ONLY if the sky is clear! 9PM-12AM, Adults-\$2, 5-17, \$1. JUPITER & DEEP SKY OBJECTS.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	KDL (Alto): Family Storytime, Ages 6 &<. 10:30AM KDL (Lowell & Alto): Summer Reading Club Begins Today! Sign up at either Library. Theme: You're In The Winner's Circle!		YMCA: Senior Moments, 9-11AM. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, 1-3:00pm. \$10 fee. KDL (Alto): Beaded Wire Jewelry Workshop. Beaded jewelry is fun to make for yourself & friends. 11 & up. Registration required, we supply materials. 1:30pm. FREE!	LAAC: LOWELL SHOWBOAT SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS, 7-9:00PM. Tonight's concert- Celtic music by "Fonnmhor". FREE! KDL (Lowell): Kite Day, 1:30PM. Learn about the history & styles of kites, then make your own. Ages 6 & up. FREE!	A STATE OF THE STA	KCYF: Rabbit Show at the Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg. 5:00PM KCYF: Horse Show at the Fairgrounds Horse Arena. KCYF: Antique Tractor Pull at the Fairgrounds.
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maka a sirenti e perel 1912 - Pila Faliro Thali San service di 1913 - San San San 1914 - San San	KDL (Alto): Family Storytime, Ages 6 &<. 10:30AM	KDL (Lowell): Mother/ Daughter Book Discussion. Discussing the book, KISSING DOORKNOBS by Terry Hesser. 6:30pm	YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11AM. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, 1-3:00PM. \$10 fee. KDL (Alto): Funny Waiter Show (Juggling). For all Ages. 1:30PM. FREE!	LAAC: LOWELL SHOWBOAT SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS, 7-9:00PM. Tonight's concert- "Horns of Power" FREE! KDL (Lowell): Teen Theater Workshop, 2:00PM. Calling all actors- a workshop with puppetry, beginning acting skills, more! Ages 11 & up. Pre-registration required. FREE!		KCYF: Showmanship Clinic-How to Show Animals at the Fairground in the Reeth Show Barn. KCYF: Horse Show at the Fairgrounds in the Horse Arena.
23	24	25	26	= 27	28	25
30	KDL (Alto): Family Storytime, Ages 6&<,10:30AM KDL (Lowell): Teen Theater Workshop, 11:30AM. A work- shop with puppetry, readers theater, & beginning acting skills. Ages 11 & up. FREE!	KDL (Lowell): Make-A-Mask Workshop, 6:30pm. Decorate a mask with feathers, sequins, glitter, ribbon, etc. Ages 11 & up. Pre-registration required. FREE!	YMCA: Senior Moments Program, 9-11AM. \$2 fee. FLPC: PEPPERS Senior Group, 1-3:00pm. \$10 fee. KDL (Alto): Flying Aces Frisbee Team. For all ages. 1:30pm. FREE!	LAAC: LOWELL SHOWBOAT SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS, 7-9:00PM. Tonight's concert- "Harry Lucas & the Lowdowns" (Blues). FREE! KDL (Lwl): Family Storytime, ages 6 & <. 1:30PM		VEEN: Visitor Night, ONLY the sky is clear! 9PM-12AM, Adults-\$2, 5-17, \$1. MOON & DEEP SKY OBJECTS.

WEDNESDAY

The rowell community Events calendar

Fallasburg Historical Society . . . FHS 13944 Covered Bridge Rd. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7161 email: fallasburg@aol.com

Flat River Outreach Ministries. FROM 519 E. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-4189

Franciscan Life Process Center. FLI 11650 Downes NE Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7842

Kent County Youth Fair KCYF 225 S Hudson St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-6050 e-mail: twinfawn@iserv.net

Kent District Library......KDL www.kdl.org LOWELL Branch 200 N. Monroe St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 647-3920 ALTO Branch 6071 Linfield Alto, MI 49302

(616) 868-6038

Lowell Area Arts Council LAAC 149 S. Hudson St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8545 email: lowellartscouncil@ameritech.ne

Lowell Area Chamber LACC of Commerce 113 Riverwalk Plaza Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-9161 www.lowellchamber.org

Lowell Area Historical Museum LAHM 325 Main St., P.O. Box 81 Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7688 www.lowellmuseum.org

Lowell Area Schools LAS 300 High St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8415 www.lowell.k12.mi.us

Lowell Area YMCA..... YMCA 323 W. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8445 www.grymca.org

North Country Trail Association . NCT 229 E. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331 Phone: (616) 454-5506 www.northcountrytrail.org email: nctassoc@aol.com

TOTS On Track For School . . . TOTS 300 High St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-1232 www.schoolnotes.com (enter 49331, click Go, click TOTS)

James C. Veen Observatory . . VEEN 3308 Kissing Rock SE Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-9161 www.graaa.org

Wittenbach Agriscience & WITT **Environmental Center** 11715 Vergennes Rd. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 987-1002 email: tdebaar@lowell.k12.mi.us

Many events, programs and classes have detailed descriptions in the LLEAP Brochure (published quarterly). Please call 897-8545 for a brochure if you do not receive one.

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Grace cuor has been made to make sure these dates are accurate, however, we encourage you to call to confirm dates, times and to register. MANY PROGRAMS **REQUIRE PRE-**REGISTRATION, so call early to enjoy your community programs



Dr. Roger LaWarre 1st Congregational Church

In Matthew the 28th chapter, verses 16-20, we find Matthew telling us of the commissioning that Jesus gave the disciples and all who have faith in God. In part that commissioning says, "... Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Then Jesus reminds the disciples (and us) that God goes with us in all times and in all circum-

stances. This passage draws my attention to the teaching ministry that we have or don't have in our local churches. One author makes this statement: "Nowadays, when we think about teaching the Christian faith to people, what often comes to mind is Sunday School. We figure: ship the kids off to one hour of Sunday School each week, and they'll be just fine. But think about it. Even if a child attends Sunday School every week all year round from the time they are in first grade, sounds like a lot of time.

in class just to get a little over halfway through first grade. Unless we're satisfied with producing adults with a first need something more." (Author unknown)

This is important to consider. Not only do very few alone will not be enough. Our children attend every week all year through, but many children attend so sporadically that, to accommodate them saying. and provide a semblance of order in the classroom, some teachers get frustrated because they have to work more for orderliness and control than they do for shaping the lives of the children in preparation

for Christian discipleship. The scriptures give us the definite indication that we are to prepare disciples for the real world. This becomes a challenge because too many times we think of the "real world" as that dog-eat-dog struggle with jobs, taxes, war, power, sickness and sadness. However, this is not the real world for which we want to prepare our children and ourselves. For Jesus gives us the world for which God wants disciples. That real world is right on through 12th grade, the world the way that God that would mean that the child wants it to be. A world where would have spent 624 hours there is no more war or famin Sunday School. That ine or crime or injustice. In our teaching and baptizing, doesn't it? But in public that is the world for which we schools, 624 hours is the are supposed to get people amount of time a child spends ready. And, it won't happen

You and I are challenged in Matthew's lesson to never believe the real world is as we know it now. What we know will pass. What we are challenged to know is that God is making all things new. This time and the secularism of our age will pass. The vision of the Gospels is real and we must teach those visions, not just with words and not just with an hour a week in a class grade religious education, we but with our actions spawned from faith in God and the power of God's love.

with just a classroom educa-

Remember that our words actions are going to speak so loudly; people aren't going to be able to hear what we are

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 30: Carolyn Jane Blough, Kara Rash, Allen McClure, Ryan Barnes, Kevin Homrich, Heather Witherell. MAY 31: Mark MacDonald, Arleen (Bryant) Irving, Tiffany Condon, Hannah Burtt. JUNE 1: Norma Raymor. JUNE 2: Dave Thaler, Shad Propst, Tom Greenfield, Todd Dalga, Elaine Denton, Noah

JUNE 3: Ron Nead. JUNE 4: Becki Brown, Karen Roudabush, Dwight Nash. JUNE 5: Amanda Vezino, Judy Rosenberger.

That so few now dare to be eccentric marks the chief danger of the time.

> John Stuart Mill, **English Philospher**



Mutschler/ Raab

Lloyd and Robbie Mutschler of Clarksville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter. Julie to Trent Raab of Low-

The bride to be is a 1996 graduate of Lakewood High School.

The future groom is a 1998 graduate of Lowell High School and a 2001 graduate of Grand Rapids Community College in the automotive field. He is the son of Elizabeth Raab o Lowell and Terry Raab of Comstock Park.

A July 20, 2002 wedding is being planned.

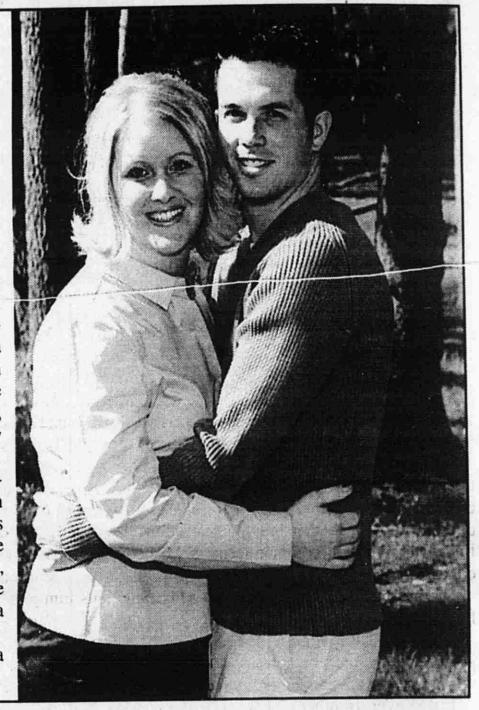
Kropf/ Whisler

Sara Kropf and Scott Whisler, both of Madison Heights, are happy to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be graduated from Lowell High School and Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in human resources. Her parents are Fred and Linda Ainsworth, the late Ken Kropf and Terry

The future groom graduated from Carlson High School in Gibralter and i currently attending Lawrence Technological University majoring in architecture. He is the son of Dan and Marcia

The couple is planning a June 8, 2002 wedding.



AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936

> **Summer Worship** 8:30 & 10:00 A.M.

REV. B. GORDON BARRY Barrier - Free Entrance

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21

www.iserv.net/~goodshep

Sunday Worship... ...10:00 A.M.

All facilities are wheelchair accessible

Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL

Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. Burland Margesson & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service .. 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M Sunday School Hour...... 11:00 A.M. ... Wed. 6:15 & 7 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free

EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH

Sunday School. Morning Worship .6:00 P.M Evening Service.

Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)

APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday Services 10:00 A.M. at the Cherry Creek Elementary Schoo 12675 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI 4933 **CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES**

Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website www.aplighthouse.com

ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road

10:00 A.M. Sunday School. .11:00 A.M. Morning Worship .. 6:00 P.M **Evening Praise** ..7:00 P.M Wednesday AWANA.. (Sept. - April)7:00 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study.

Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418

Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI 10:00 A. M Morning Worship. . 11:20 A.M Sunday School ..6:00 P.M. **Evening Worship** Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free

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OF LOWELL

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Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AI Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10-10:30 AM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 9 PM

LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School. Morning Worship. 10:50 A.M. Sunday Evening. ..6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

(Assembly of God)

3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery

Robert W. Holmes, Pastor

Jonathan Walker, Youth Pastor

Jason Grear, Children

Stacy Peters, College & Twenties

SUNDAYS:

Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS:

Family Night: (For All Ages) 7 p.m.

Generation Jacob Youth: 7 p.m.

PASTOR TIM DESHAW Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance

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by Roger Brown

writing about some animals ... our dogs. I used to write about Years ago I described Tito as the Carl Lewis of the dog world Thor a lot - the family's big yellow Labrador. Whenever he because of his fitness. He can run, swim or jump faster, further got into trouble, I generally used the incident as column and higher than most dogs. The amazing part is that he can go material. Since he was in trouble most of the time, I only had at it all day long. Even though he's getting a little gray around to come up with non-Thor topics on rare occasions. My the muzzle, he's still remarkably fit. Honestly, he wears me teenage kids filled in those blanks. Back in those days this out just throwing stuff for him to retrieve. Maybe I'd be a better column wrote itself ... I simply documented all the wacky owner if I worked on whipping my throwing arm into shape. stuff going on around me.

scolding me for a variety of things. One of the items she cited more than a few seconds, Tito tosses one of his many retrievme for was describing Thor as being a "naturally born bad ing toys, balls, sticks, etc. in my lap. He's a collector. Tito then dog." She said there is no such thing as a bad dog, just bad proceeds to bark incessantly until I throw the blankety-blank owners. I'd be the first to agree that I may be a bad owner, thing. All the while, Max is at his side, barking, banging him though you'd be hard pressed to find someone who loves dogs with a shoulder or hip, nipping his haunches or heels and more than I do. There is simply no denying the fact that Thor herding Tito around until he manages to return with the ball was a naturally born "bad dog." He had no intention of ever This madness goes on until I get out of my chair and make being anything but bad. A different owner might have con- myself scarce. Of course, I'm not the only victim. Any guest tained him, or controlled him, but he still would have been a who looks capable of throwing a tennis ball fifty feet is 21 deaths. bad dog. Fortunately for Thor, he had plenty of personality to subjected to this endless raucous behavior. make up for his faults.

My sister-in-law best describes Max. She calls him a freak of nature. From all appearances he is an Australian shepherd. He has long, fine, shaggy hair. His coloration is a patchwork of white, gray, black and just a little brown. He has white/blue eyes, a bobbed tail and ears that stick up a little, then flop over. In other words, he's a mess. Max is a freak stands next to the table he can look right onto your plate. He's born bad dog! I rest my case.

Heath With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

we've proven, behavior is controlled by genes, then Thor because of his size. He weighs ninety pounds and when he obviously had the "bad dog" gene. He truly was a naturally Since there are no symptoms early on in the disorder, screening is used to detect high blood pressure. An inflatable cuff is wrapped around the upper arm which listens to the pulse over the brachial artery near the elbow. The first sound heard as the cuff is gradually deflated is called the systolic pressure. This is the pressure within the circulatory system as the heat W.W.Gumser, to Viola Rather, who is a sister of Gumser's contracts. Further deflation of the cuff leads to a disappearance of sound and this is called the diastolic pressure - the minimum pressure within the arteries in between heart con-

tractions. Blood pressure readings are usually recorded then as

two numbers with systolic, the higher number, on top and

diastolic on the bottom. Ideally we would like to see blood

greater than 90. Hypertension can't always be prevented. You can help reduce your blood pressure by living a healthy lifestyle - don't smoke, lose excess body weight, exercise regularly, follow a low salt, low fat diet, limit alcohol intake and see your doctor regularly to have your blood pressure checked. Effective treatment will significantly reduce mortality associated with high blood pressure. Several different medications are available that are usually taken once daily with little or no side effects. Your doctor can choose the right medication for you.

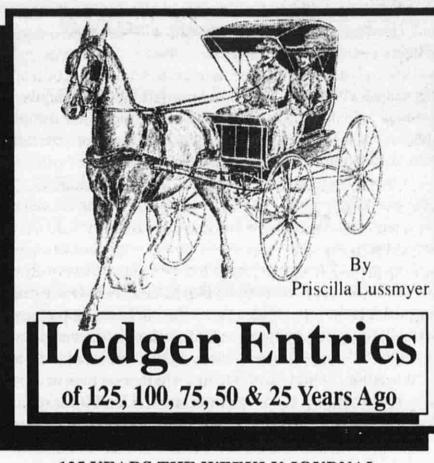
Viewpoint.. the Wilt Chamberlain of Australian shepherds. Also, his muzzle is a little on the long side for an Aussie, which makes me wonder if his daddy might have been a tall collie. Whatever he is, with the long muzzle, white eyes and semi-perky ears, he looks amazingly like Wyle E. Coyote.

Tito has been mentioned in this column many times, mostly back in the days when he was Thor's sidekick. Unlike any Lab I've ever been around, Tito is well-mannered, sensitive and eager to please. Even with all those years of exposure to Thor, he has remained a good dog. His only real fault is his At the risk of generating another letter ostracizing me for seemingly unbreakable habit of finding the softest couch, my attitude toward animals, I've decided to have a go at chair or bed to sleep on if you leave him alone in the house.

Now that I've described our dogs, I want to share an I have to disagree with the critic who recently wrote observation I've made about their behavior. If I sit down for

Did I say Max and Tito were good dogs? My observation In contrast to Thor, we have a pair of pretty good dogs. My is that there are very strong genes at work here. Tito has been wife's dog is nine-year-old Max. He's a neutered male "pound-bred to retrieve, and retrieve he must! There is nothing he can puppy" that she rescued from the Grand Rapids Humane possibly do to keep himself from retrieving stuff. That's why Society. Two days later he was on his way to live in the Florida they call them Labrador "retrievers." Oh, and somewhere form an alumni association, with Dexter Look the first presi-Keys as my wife's pampered companion. I've always said he along his lineage he inherited a "soft couch" gene as well. Max dent hit the "dog lottery." Our other dog is seven-year-old Tito. could give two hoots about retrieving anything. But, if some-Tito is a neutered male chocolate Labrador. He is a college thing is moving, he's herding it. He even herds Terese and me dog. By that I mean my daughter got him while she was in around. He'll literally bump against me as I walk through the college and we inherited him when she was caught with the kitchen in an attempt to herd me toward the cupboard with the dog living in an apartment building that didn't allow dogs. I'm dog treats in it. If the subject is moving fast, like Tito chasing which is quite a marvelous new labor-saver. Burroughs finding this is a fairly common scenario. My neighbor has two a ball, all the more reason to herd it. He can't help herding any more than Tito can help his retrieving. It's in his genes.

nickname this time) taught us about Mendel's experiments 77,000 postmasters. with genetics using peas. I would like to submit that dog behavior, and likely humans as well, is driven by genetics. Where do you think the term "pea brain" comes from? If, as



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 30, 1877

The Bowne red ribbon club has 150 members. James H. Weeks of Lowell receives a patent for his invention of a "Blacking Box." No description.

Soda fountains are again running full time. Supervisor Hunter of Lowell Township says there were 81 births (40) male, 41 female) in the township in 1876, and

The post office will be open Saturday evenings until 9 p.m. during the summer, to accommodate rural customers.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 29, 1902 About 30 Lowell High School alumni meet and decide to

Jerry Boynton has plans for an electric (rail) road in a Greenville-Grand Rapids-Ionia loop, to be powered by a new

City Bank has purchased a Burroughs adding machine attended Lowell High School in the sixties

Ex-president Cleveland suggests that someone besides Remember biology class? Mr. Sinn (I'll resist using his the president should have the task of appointing the nation's

Lightning struck the steeple of St. Mary's Church Friday night, tearing up its north side, but not resulting in fire.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 2, 1927

A drunk driver is caught after a ride through Lowell. Saranac and Ionia at 65 mph. blowing his horn and bringing people out of stores to see the cause of the commotion.

The Melville McPherson's daughter Katherine, a student at MSC, elopes with fellow student Russell David. Several MSC couples have done the same, going to Ohio to escape the Michigan five-day waiting period.

Also married, no elopement: School superintendent brother-in-law, Ionia School superintendent, A. A. Rather.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 29, 1952

The new Scenic Saranac Speedway is rated the fastest in

pressures at or below 120/80. Hypertension is present if the The Kent County Allocation Board cuts school millages systolic reading is greater than 140 or the diastolic reading is all over, but Lowell Township supervisor, Frank Houghton squeezes out a slight increase to eight mills for the high school, Riverview and McBride schools.

There are 175 who attend the Second annual All-Sports Bust banquet at Fallasburg Park, sponsored by the Business Men and Sports Boosters.

The annual Memorial Day observance and cemetery decoration will be held Friday morning. Babe Wingeier heads the committee in charge.

The '52 Senior Class will sponsor the annual Alumni Dance at the high school gym Saturday evening.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **JUNE 2, 1977**

There will be no lawn sprinkling in this very dry spring. The Kent County Mobile Health Unit will be parked on Main Street the second Wednesday of each month for free immunizations and various tests, and the X-ray Mobile Unit of the Tuberculosis/Emphysema Society will be at Lippert's lot on Monday.

More than 425 students of the Grand Valley State University-Emergency Medical Training program are awarded certificates, including several local students.

Due to good weather, the M-21 - East Beltline widening to four lanes is three weeks ahead of schedule.

The Michigan State ASCS office has aerial photos to exact scale of any Michigan area, at modest prices.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

medical conditions seen in the family doctors office. Over 50

million Americans suffer from high blood pressure. Many

cases of high blood pressure go undetected for years due to a

lack of symptoms. In the past it has been called the silent killer

because lack of detection or treatment leads to serious medical

problems including stroke, heart attacks, and renal failure.

Hypertension is probably one of the most common chronic

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"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgerbg1@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

IN THE SERVICE

Shannon Adcock has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry program. She will have up to one year to delay entering active duty.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option of learning a new skill, traveling and becoming eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, she will receive advanced individual training in her career job specialty

basic training.

Lowell

Emily K. and Elizabeth R. Doyle have joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training program. Belding. Through this program they may delay basic military training for up to 270 days. Besides learning a new skill and service to their country, they may become eligible to receive more than \$7,000 toward a college education, \$20,000 for repay- of the quarter. ment of college loans, and a maximum \$5,000 cash bonus.

The sisters attended Saranac High School where Emily

will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for basic training. They are the daughters of John and Kathy Doyle of

Marine Corps Pvt. Michael J. Smith Jr. recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San

Smith successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and

In addition to the physical conditioning program, he spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments learning first aid, marksmanship, and combat water survival.

Smith also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment. And he ended Adoock will report to Fort Jackson. Columbia. S. C., for the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emo-She is the daughter of Norman and Beverly Adcock of tional ceremony in which he was presented the Marine Corps

of Melissa Bursley of Lowell and Michael J. Smith Sr. of

Army Spec. Lucas A. Gravelyn has been named soldier

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, signifi-

graduated in 1998 and Elizabeth graduated in 2000. They cant self-improvement and other specific achievements and notable accomplishments.

Gravelyn is a nurse assigned to the 115th Field Hospital at Fort Polk, Leesville, La.

He is the son of Gary and Miava Gravelyn of Alto and a 1996 graduate of Caledonia High School.

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Joshua J. Maxim, son of Debrah K. Maxim of Saranac, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Maxim successfully completed 12 weeks of training de-

signed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and

In addition to a physical conditioning program, Maxim spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. He performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

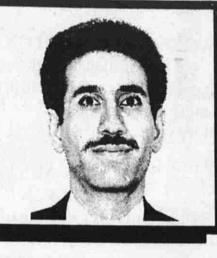
Maxim and other recruits also received instruction on the Smith, a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School, is the son Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional

The training phase ended with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution, and the recruits were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp

Maxim is a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School.

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dren were under age 18, then the life insurance proceeds would be placed with a conservator on behalf of your minor children until they reach the age of 18. The conservator would be appointed by the probate court and subject to the jurisdiction of that court. Once each child reaches age 18, however, they will have their respective share of the insurance proceeds

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distributed out to them which, depending upon the size of your policy, would be a substantial sum of money.

If you do not want your children to receive their respective shares of the insurance proceeds at age 18 and if you want to take the conservator out of the loop, you might want to consider setting up a living trust and then naming the trust as living trust works and how it can benefit you, I encourage you the beneficiary of those life insurance proceeds, rather than your children. In the trust you would indicate how those life insurance proceeds, as well as any other assets which are owned by the trust, are to be administered and/or distributed to your children upon your death. For example, you could state in the trust that the trust assets, including the life insurance proceeds, are to be held in trust on behalf of all of your children until the youngest reaches the age of 21. During that time, you could direct the trustee to make distributions on behalf of your children for their health, support and education. At the time the youngest child reaches the age of 21, the trust would then be split into separate equal trust shares on behalf of each child. You could further indicate that each child's separate trust share is to be distributed to him in stages, i.e., 1/3 at age 25, 1/ 2 of the balance at age 30 and the balance at age 35, in addition to allowing discretionary distributions for the child's health, support and education. You could further provide that a child can get an advance from his or her trust share for extraordinary events, i.e., buying a house or getting married.

The above sets forth just a few examples of the types of dispositive provisions you can put in a trust agreement. There

are many other ways these provisions can be crafted.

Another advantage to having this type of trust is that you are able to transfer assets to the trust while you are alive, thus avoiding probate upon your death.

If you have any interest in learning more about how a to meet with an estate planning lawyer who can review with you in more detail how this trust works. Also you can explore what other types of estate planning are available to you.

DEAR JONATHAN: I have a small life insurance policy which names my husband as the beneficiary. Since my husband died several years ago, what happens to those proceeds upon my death? Do they automatically go to my children?

JONATHAN SAYS: If there is no contingent beneficiary named on your life insurance policy, then upon your death, those life insurance proceeds will be paid to your estate and will have to be probated prior to passing to the beneficiaries named in your will, or if you do not have a will, to your heirs under Michigan law. My recommendation is that you update your beneficiary designation and name someone in place of your late husband as the beneficiary of those proceeds. You should also name a contingent beneficiary in the event the primary beneficiary you name does not survive you.

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Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC Computer Program Testing for the June 10, 2002 Annual Election will be conducted on June 3, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan

SYNOPSIS GRATTAN **TOWNSHIP BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HALL MAY 13, 2002

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Motion to approve the agenda
- Motion to approve Consent Agenda
- Motion to approve March 11, 2002 minutes Motion to approve April 8, 2002 minutes
- Motion to approve April 22, 2002 minutes
- Motion to approve Clerk's report -
- Motion to put Bad Check Ordinance on
- next month's agenda
- Motion to approve the key policy
- Motion to approve the expansion of the sewer district of the two parcels to the east of Bedaki as identified on the map
- Motion to approve the purchase of a new computer
- Motion to allow the Boy Scouts to park their paper trailer on the Township property for a year contingent upon it being maintained properly
- Motion to approve the Junk control Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission changes the wording in item C on page 1 and the elimination of E on page 3.
- Motion to approve the draft letter to the Kent County Sheriff letter.
- Motion to table the Junk Car Ordinance until next meeting
- Motion to refer the "Dogs & Noise" and the "Truck Parking" back to the Planning Commission
- Motion to temporarily stop all action at this time on the Zoning Enforcement policy until the township can come up with an enforcement policy. (motion denied)
- Motion that the board revise the Zoning Enforcement Policy and the policy be the number one concern on the next agenda.
- Motion to draft a resolution to close the road for the bridge walk
- Motion to adjourn 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Burns, recording secretary

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Athletic physicals for boys, grades 10-12, will be held on Wednesday, May 29 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the high school locker rooms. Bring a physical card with you, filled out and signed by a parent for the doctor to complete.

MICHIGAN ARTIST AT RIVERWALK GALLERY

Kathleen Mooney, a Michigan artist, will have an exhibit at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce from May 22 through July 12. A reception will be held Saturday, June 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The show is called "Fire and Water -Worked Surfaces." Call 897-9161 for viewing.

POP CAN DRIVE

The Lowell varsity boys soccer team will be having a pop can drive on Saturday, June 1 from 9 - noon. Proceeds for a team-building trip later in July.

BOATERS SAFETY COURSE

Lowell Community Education will be offering a Michigan Boaters Safety Course on June 3 and 10. Call 897-8235 to register for this free course.

MUSIC THERAPY CHILDREN'S CAMPS

The Franciscan Life Process Center will be offering summer camps both for children with special needs and for their siblings. Music, art/crafts and outdoor experiences will be included. Call Sister Mary Margaret at 897-7842 ext. 317 to find out dates and to register your children.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Athletic physicals for girls, grades 10-12, will be held on Wednesday, June 5 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the high school locker rooms. Bring a physical card with you, filled out and signed by a parent for the doctor to complete.

TOTS ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual Tots on Track for School Pienic and Bus Ride will be held Thursday. June 6 from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at the play ground behind Runciman Bldg. Rain location: in the gym.

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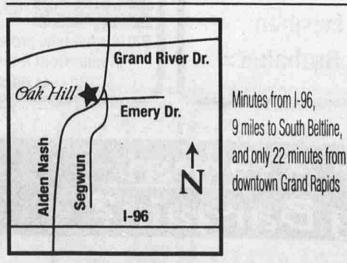
Thanks to our children and to their families for all the work they have done during the moving process and also in the past. We would also like to thank everyone who has sent flowers to welcome us into our new building.

Last, but not least, a special thanks to Joe Nawrocki of Innovative Construction, for his determination and persistence throughout the building process.

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WORKSHOP/LUNCH ON HEALTH INSURANCE

An informational workshop on Health Insurance and Long-Term Care will be held at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, June 6 at noon. Seating is limited; call Speerstra Insurance at 897-9259 to RSVP by June 3.

CALLING ALL PAST/PRESENT GIRLS TRACK PARTICIPANTS

There will be a gathering of girls track participants, past and present, on Sunday, June 9 from 2-4 p.m. at the LHS track (weather permitting) to recognize coach Kathy Talus. Held in LPAC if inclement weather. RSVP to 897-0532.

PICK UP YOUR APPLICATION FOR JULY 4 PARADE

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for entries in the July 4 parade. Floats, bands, animals, cars; kids, decorate your bikes and join in. Call Liz at 897-9161 for an application.

Nawrocki, cont'd ... From Page 1

Using a quarter-mile track at the school, the fourthgraders began charting their weekly progress. Eight weeks later, Tom Cichon's 22 fourth-grade students

legged out 1,274 miles. "It was something tangible the students could do to let Leah know that they care," said event coordinator, Ken

Schoenborn. On Friday morning, with Leah accompanying them, the fourth-graders celebrated over pizza.

Each student received a certificate and a heart-felt applause from Leah and her parents, Joe and Amy Nawrocki.

Seated on a Harley Davidson, Leah was serenaded with song by Amy Forslund-Pulaski. In a take-off from "Leader of the Pack," Forslund-Pulaski sang a rendition of "Leah and Her

Fourth-grader, Amanda Geldersma received a gift certificate to Toys R Us for legging out the most miles (114).

Congratulations Glen Sironen



He's returning home after a rehabilitation stay at Laurels of Kent!

Here's what Glen had to say:

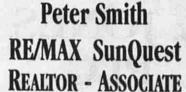
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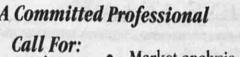
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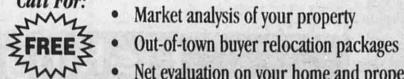
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Balloon Talk Heats up Studies at Alto

Tom Bergeon, of ReMax, has been flying hot air balloons for 22 years. Bergeon was at Alto Elementary School discussing the science of piloting a balloon hundreds of miles above the earth's surface. Inclement weather prevented Bergeon from taking Alto principal, Mary Ann Schram up for a ride. Bergeon did, however, talk to students and display the hot air balloon inside the school's new gymnasium. Pictured, left to right, in the balloon basket are Alto fifth-graders, Sheryl Huber and Sierra Moore.





left, enjoys a few games of Bingo and conversation with Laurels of Kent residents during a recent visit. Above, Heather Kozlick, seated second from the left, and Tim Shoen, third from the right, engage in a game of Sequence with residents. Standing is LHS transition math coteacher, Keith Boeve. Visiting the nursing home is a character-inaction project for students.

Lowell High School

student, Angie White,

Transition math lessons extend beyond the classroom

By Thaddeus J. KrausLowell Ledger Editor

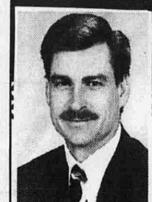
In celebration of National Nursing Home Week, students from the transition math class of Keith Boeve and Mike Michaud visited Laurels of Kent. residents.

"It a good social and character building project," Boeve explained. "Not all learning takes Those who doubt Boeve need only watch students interact and converse with the residents

and to see their smiles come to life. "It's fun and the residents really enjoy it," said transition math student, Angie White. "They

are very talkative. I had a lady talk to me about her husband, and butterflies. She also asked that I come back and visit her." Tim Shoen noted he too enjoys meeting and talking to the residents. "They ask me how I'm

doing in school - I tell them better than I used to. The ladies ask me if I have a girl friend." Boeve said he rotates the activities (games and crafts) the students do with the residents from



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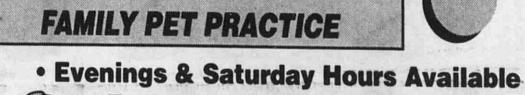
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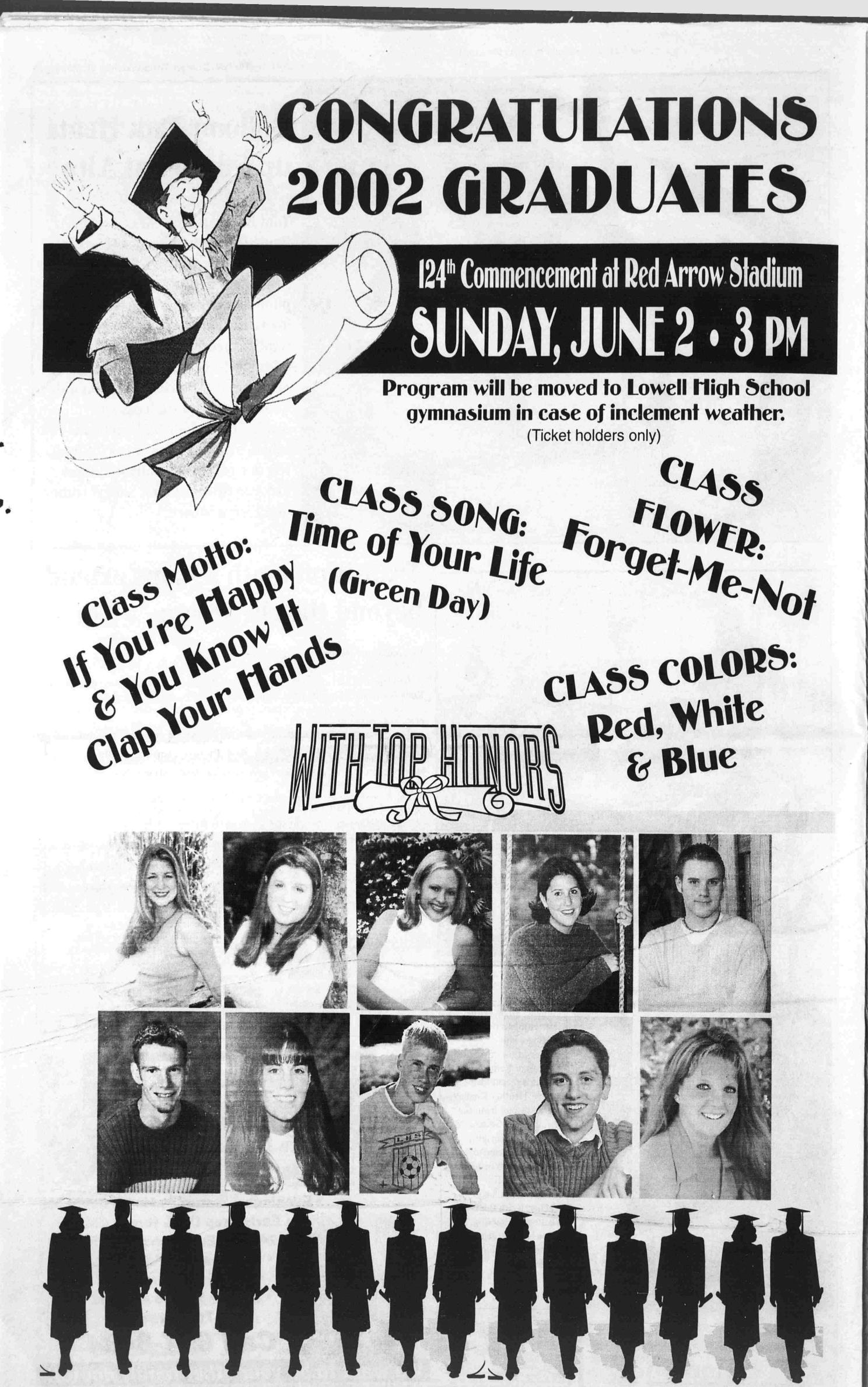
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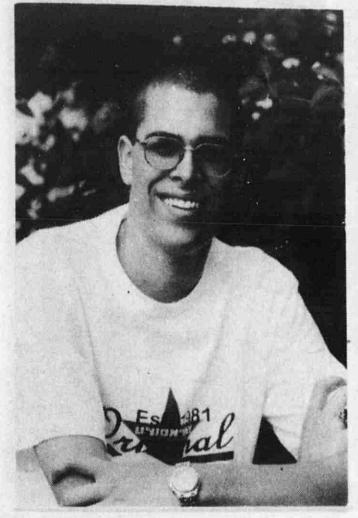
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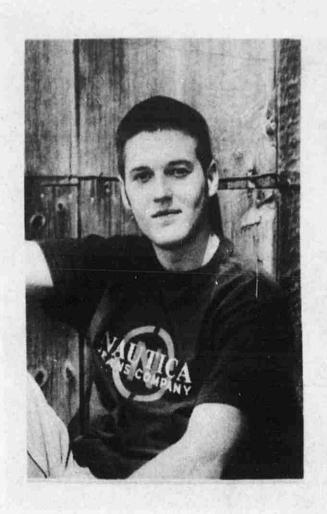
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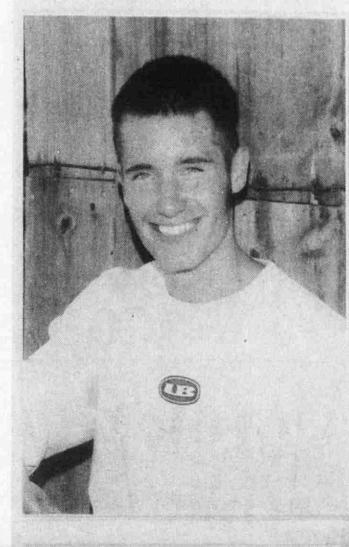










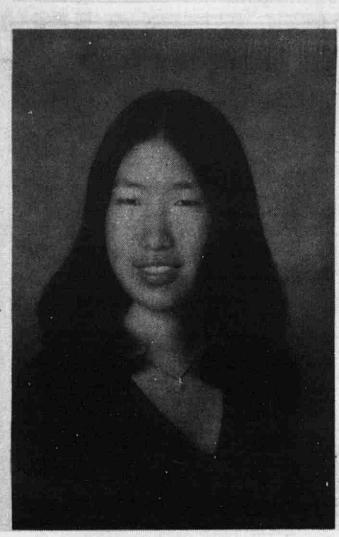






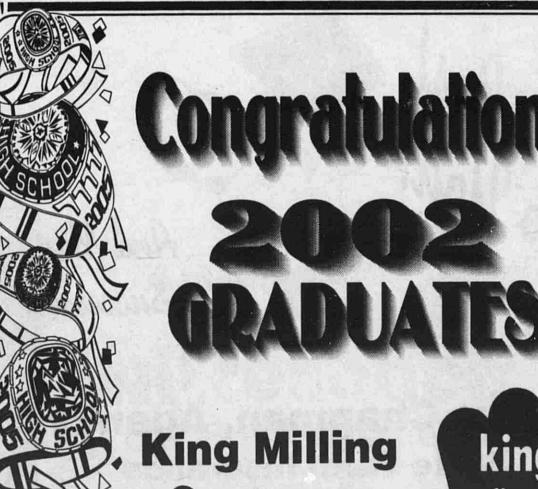




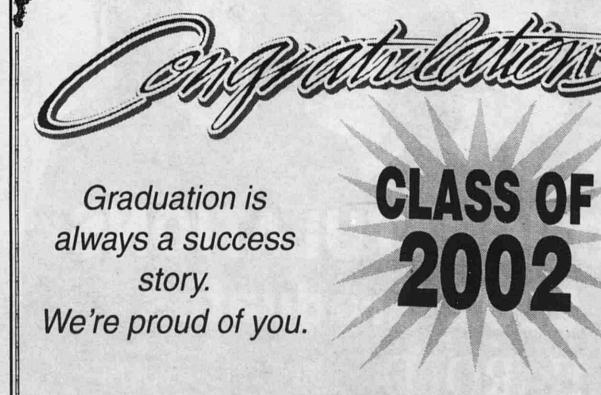




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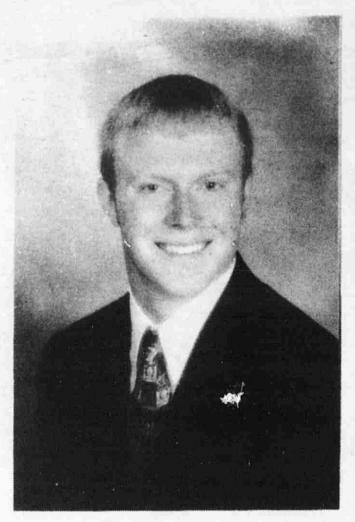


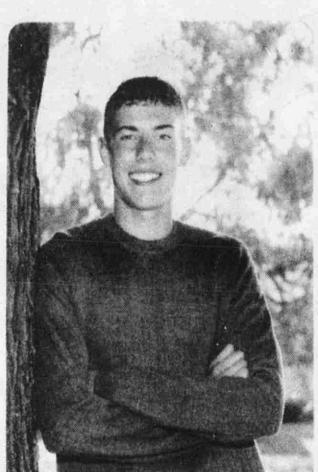


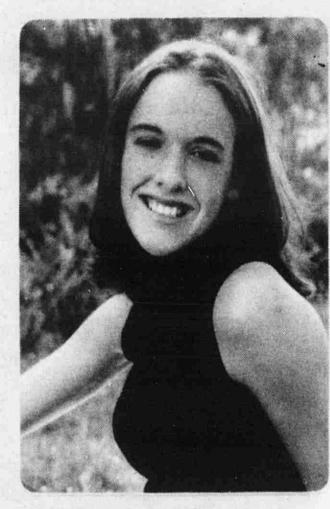


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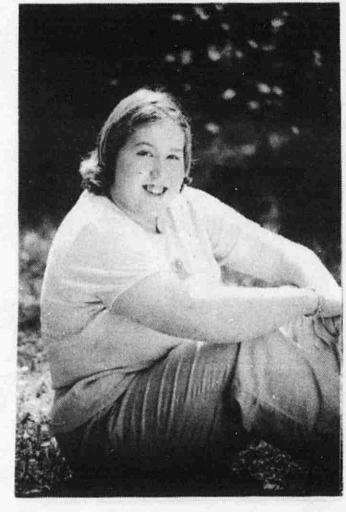




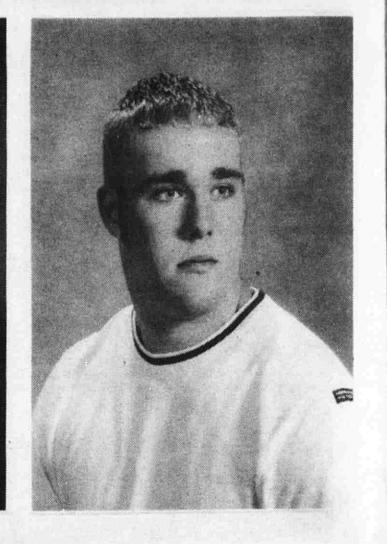






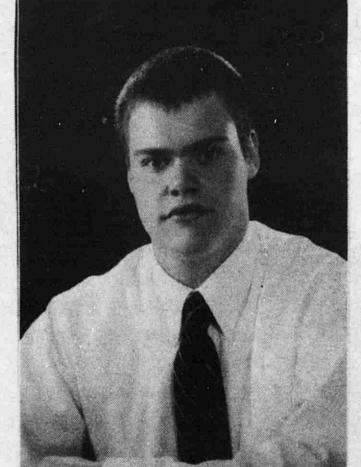












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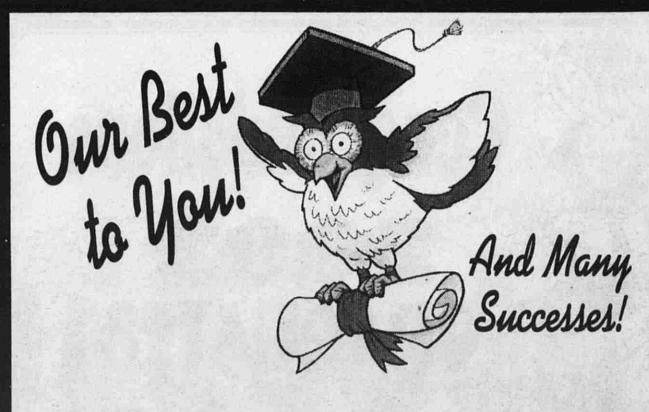


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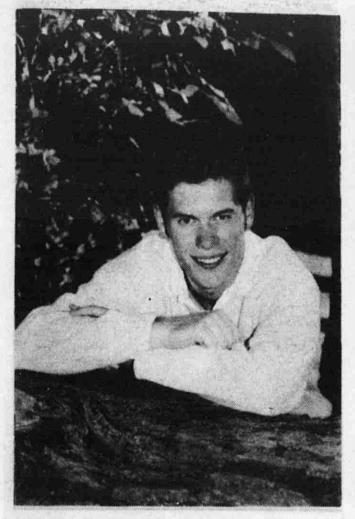
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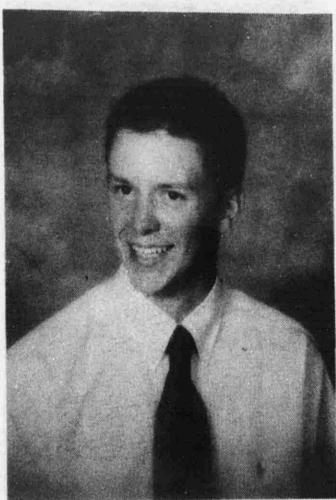
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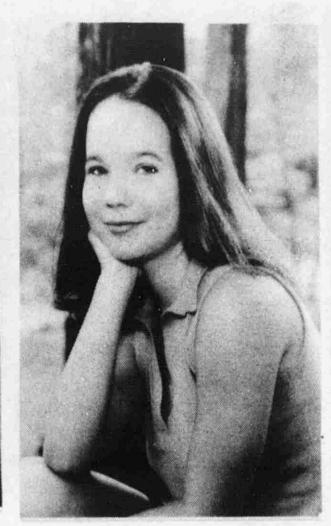


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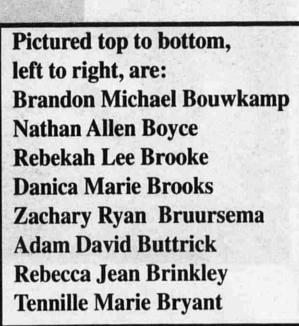










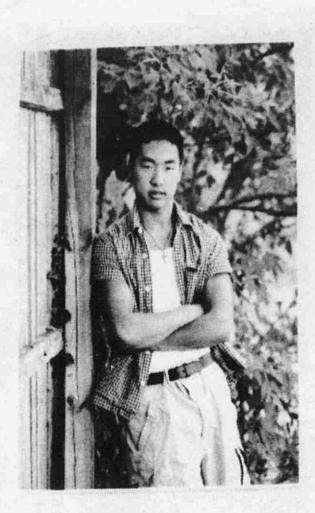










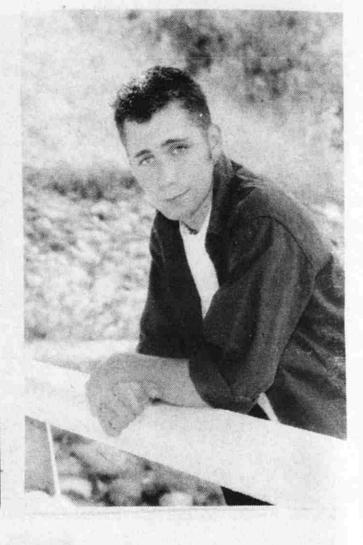




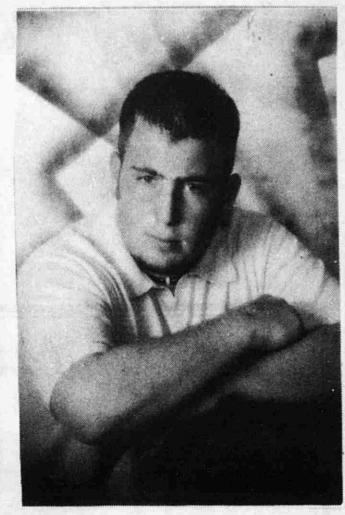


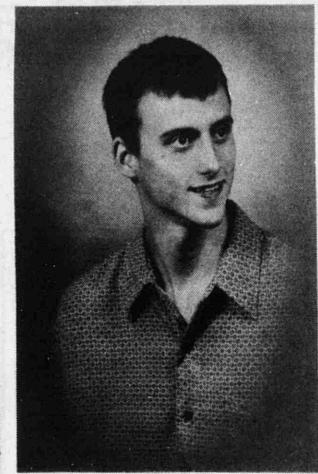




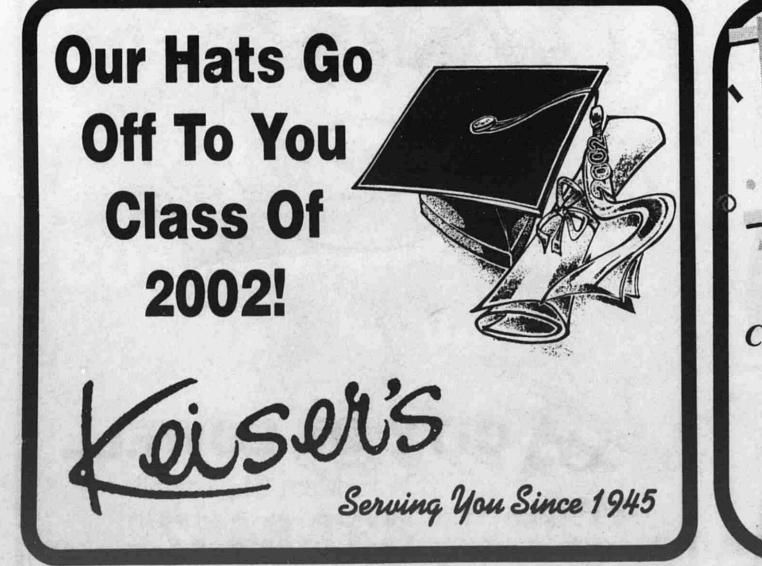


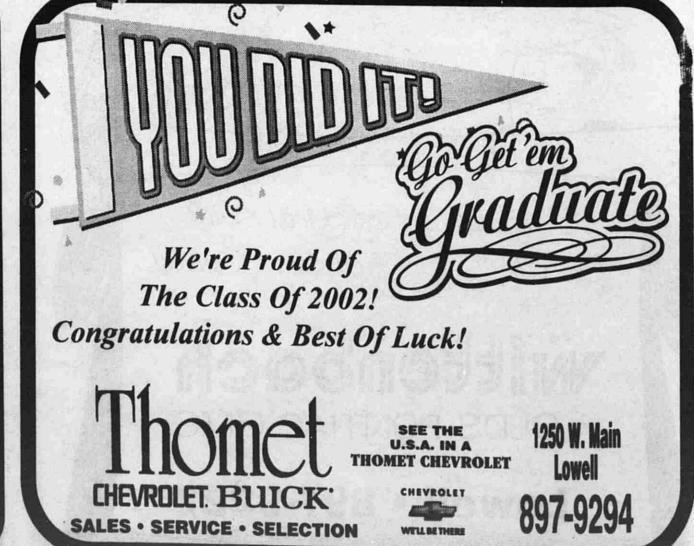


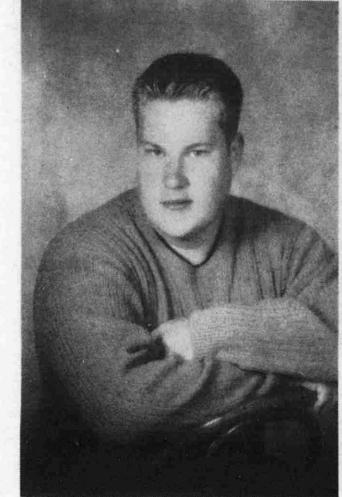




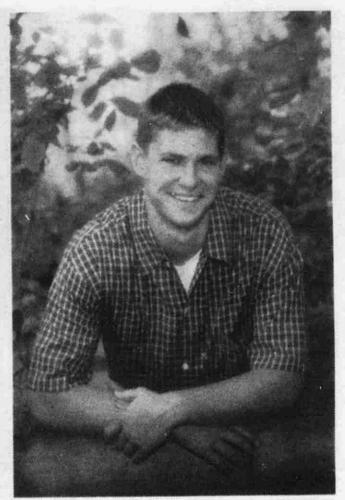
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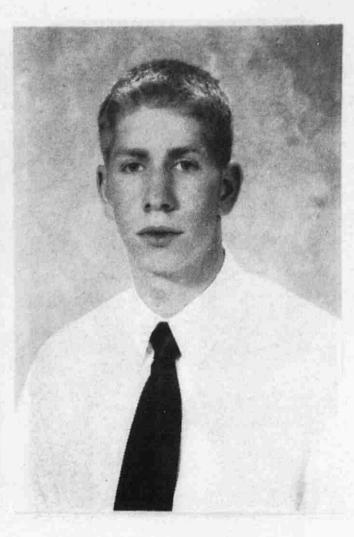


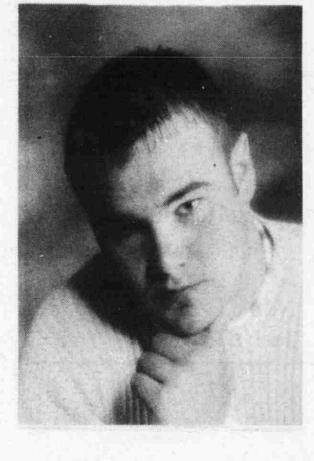




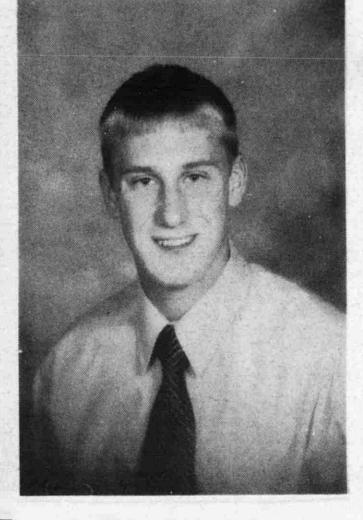










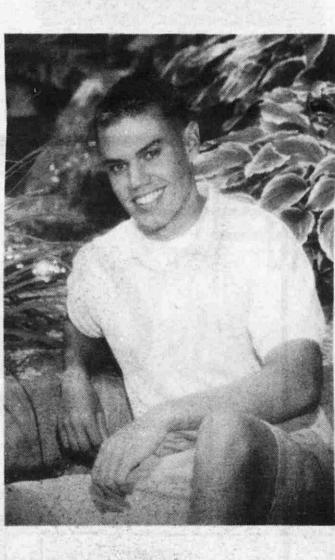




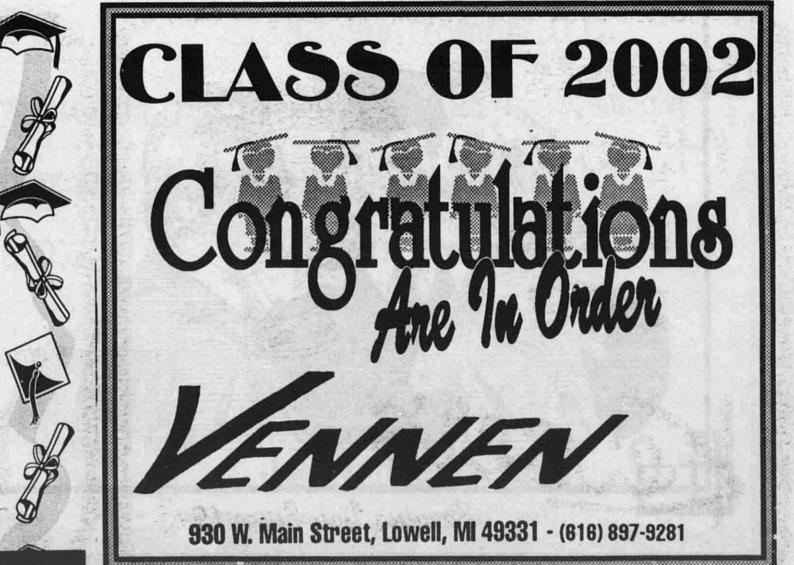






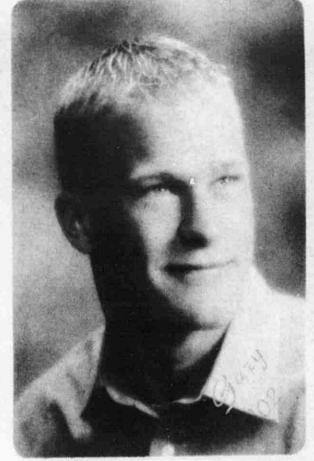






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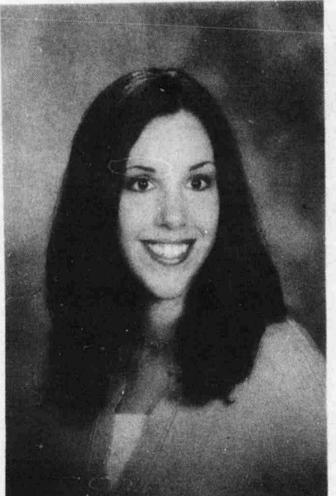




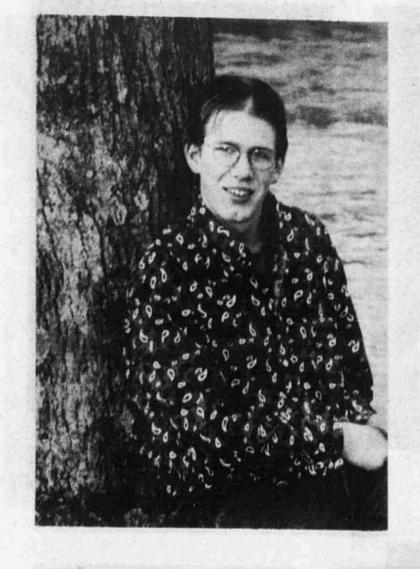


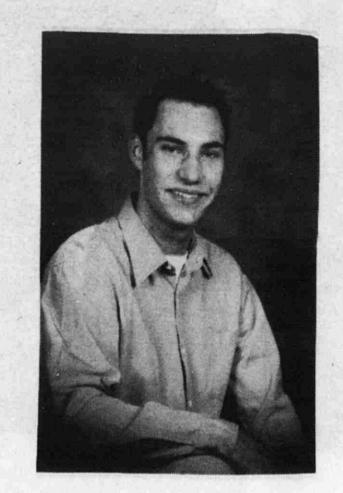


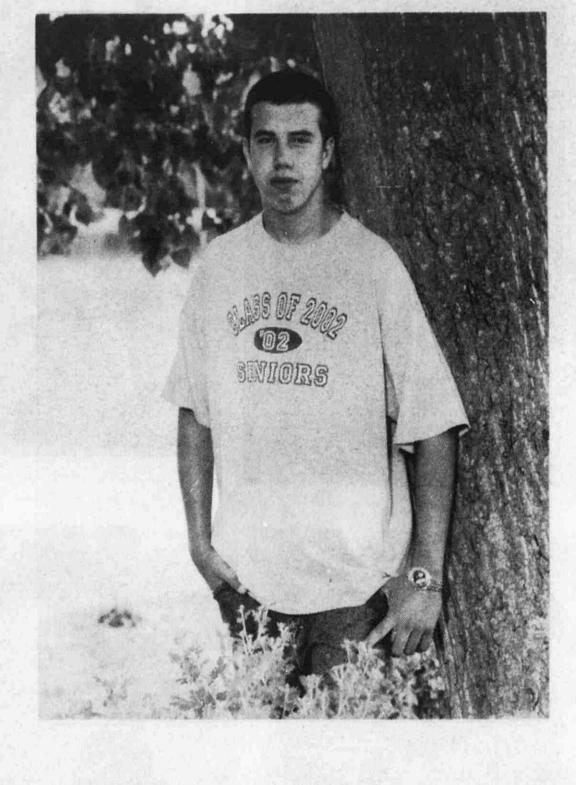


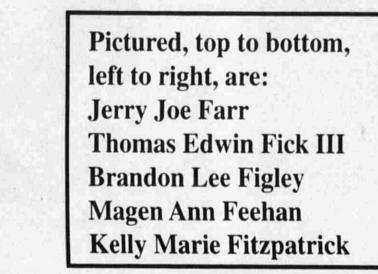


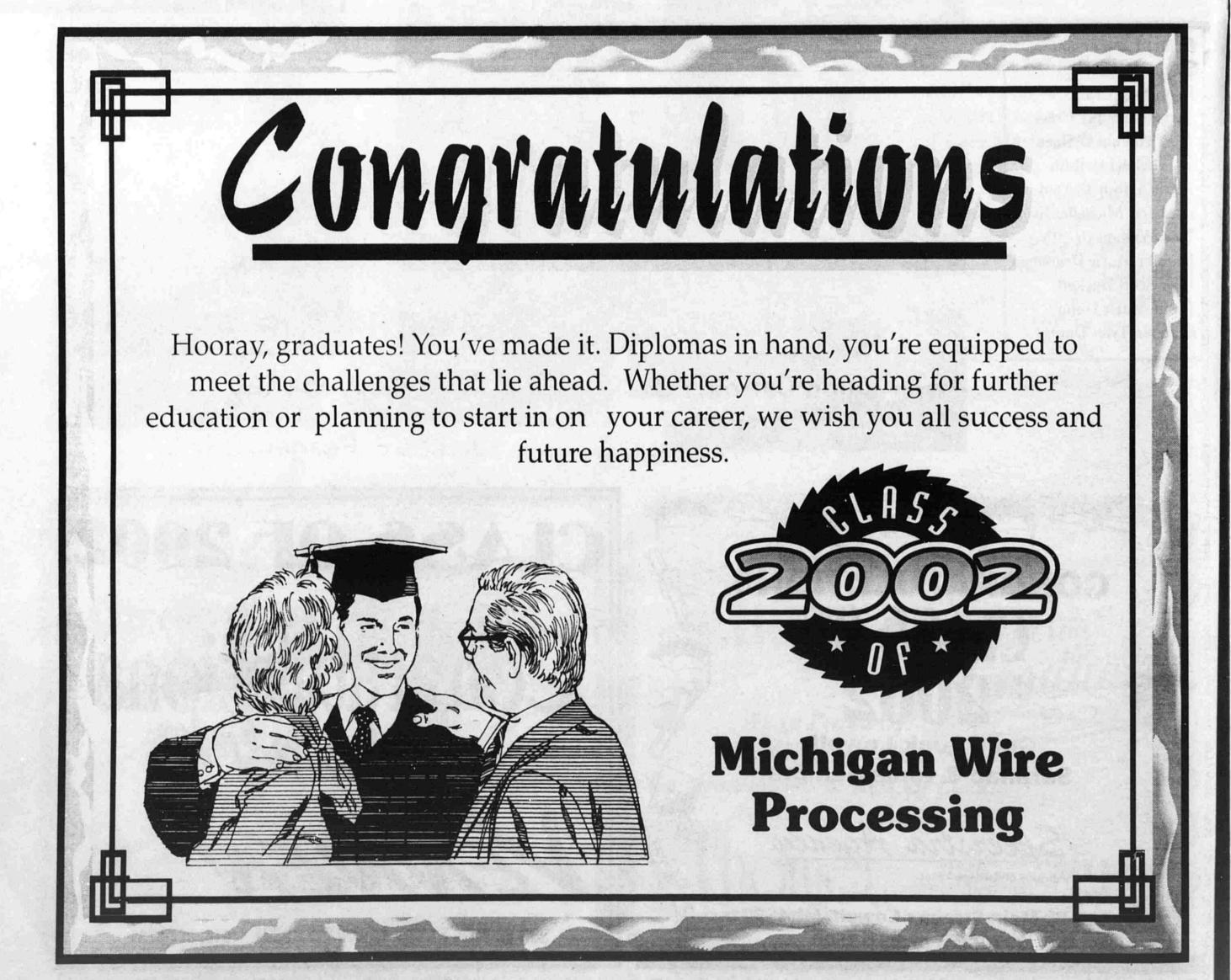
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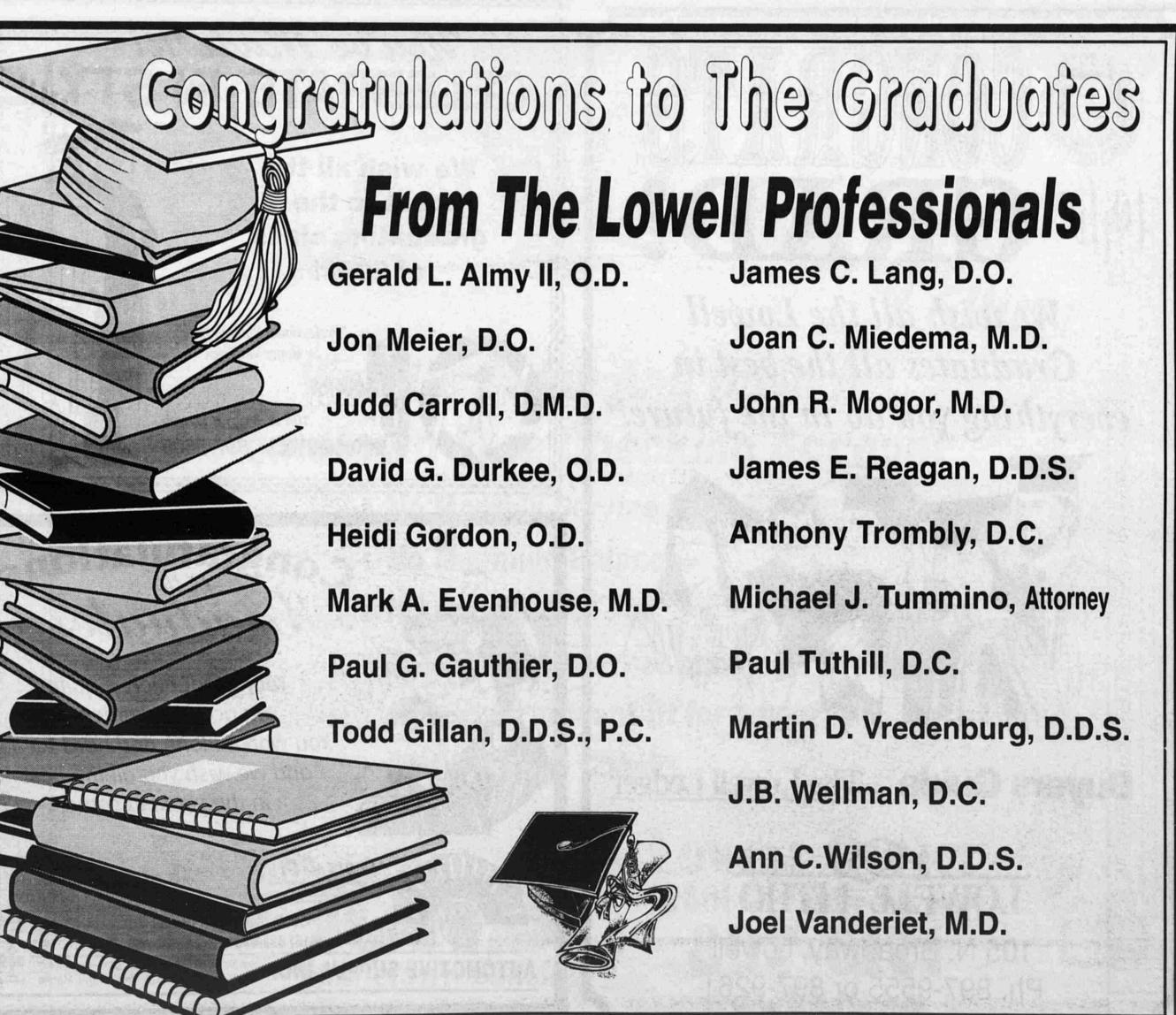






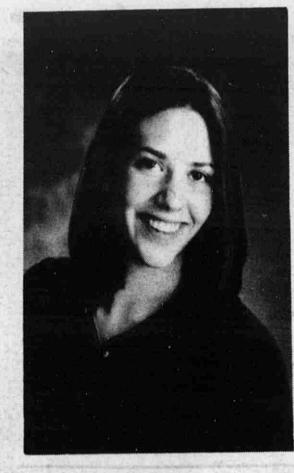


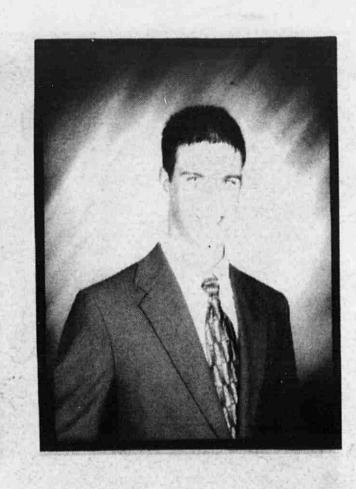


















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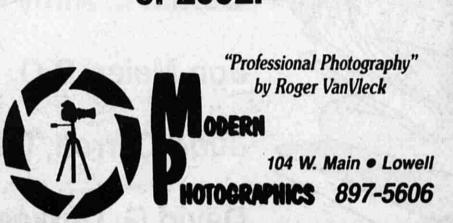
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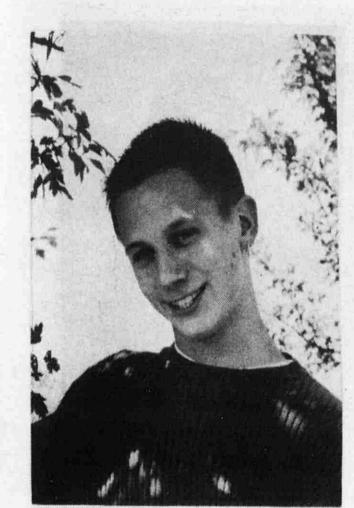
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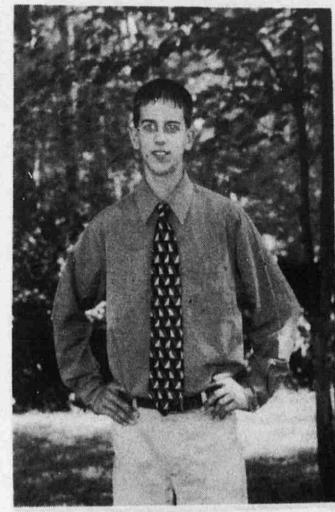
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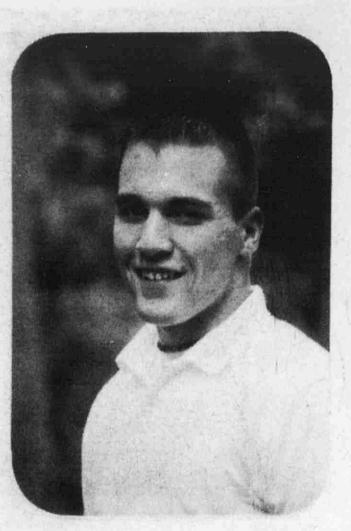
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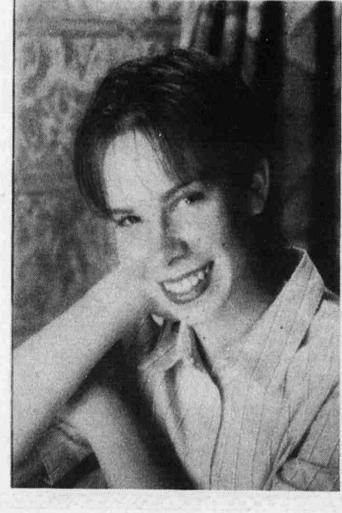






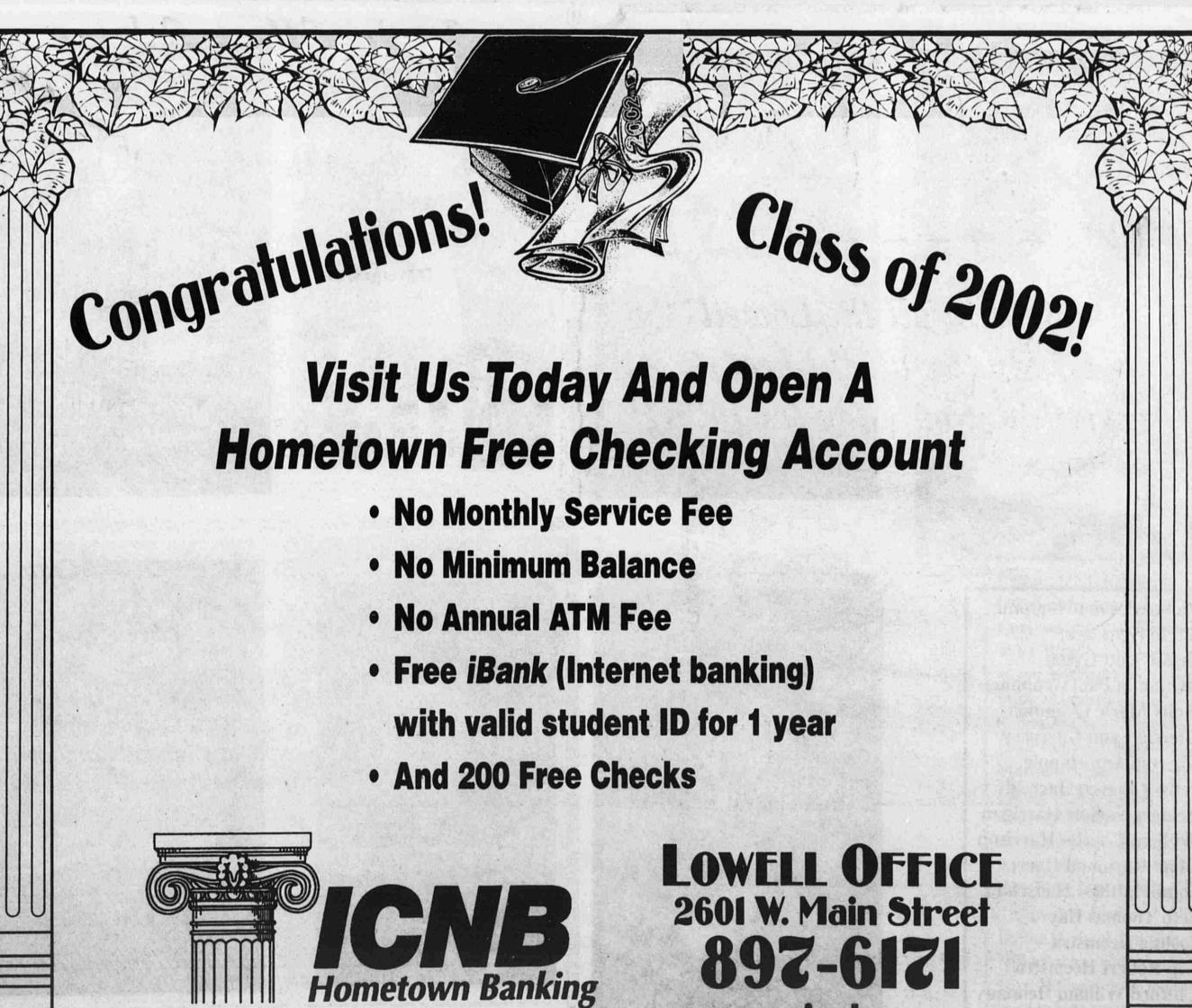


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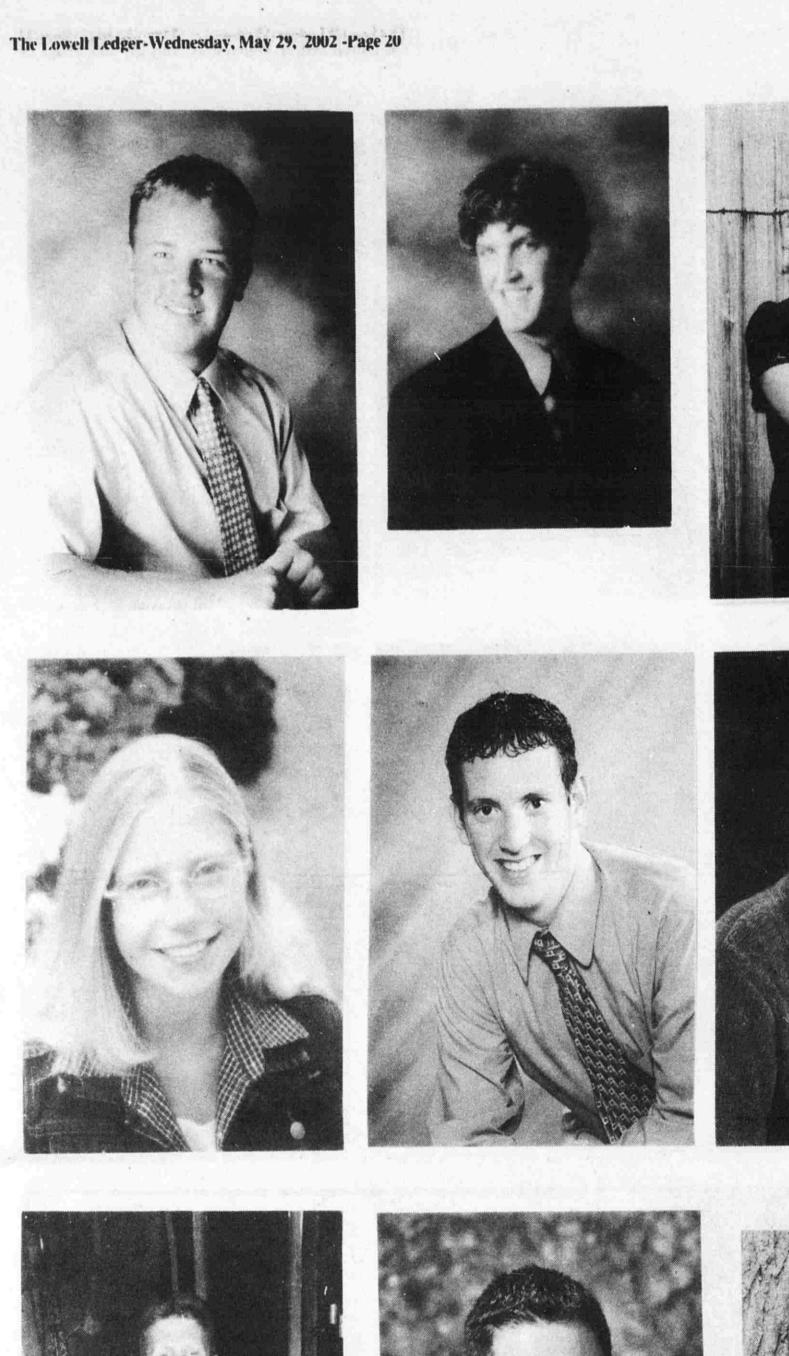


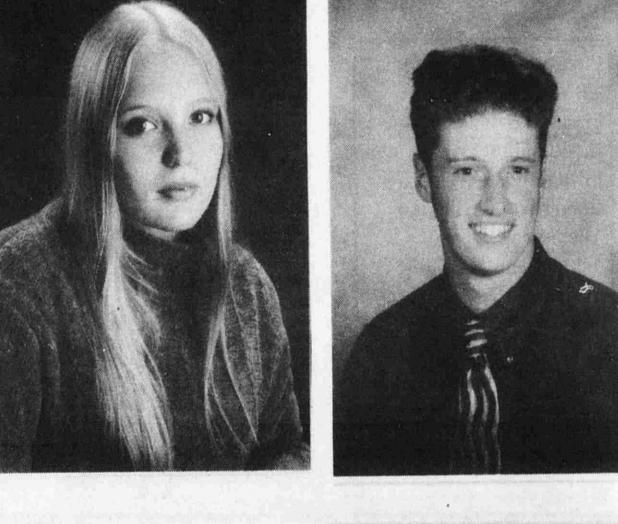




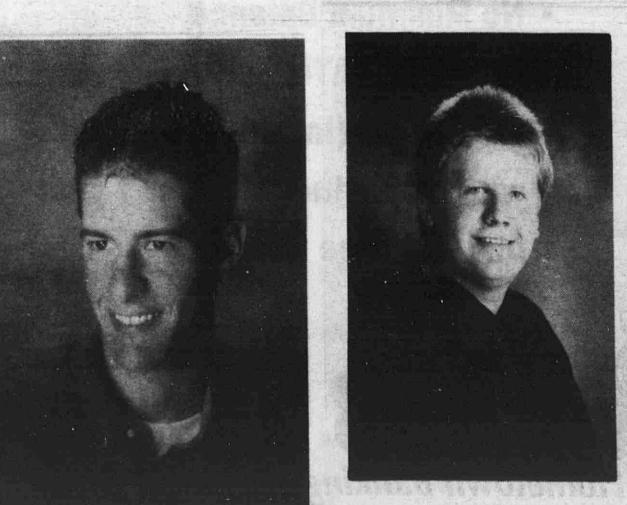


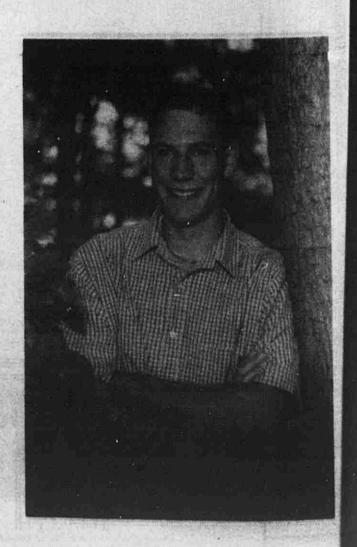
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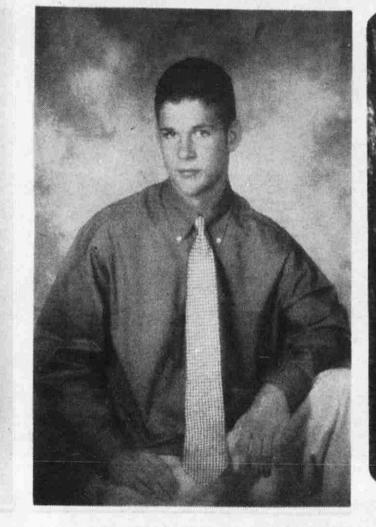














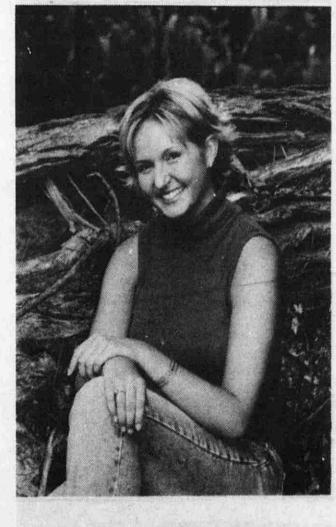


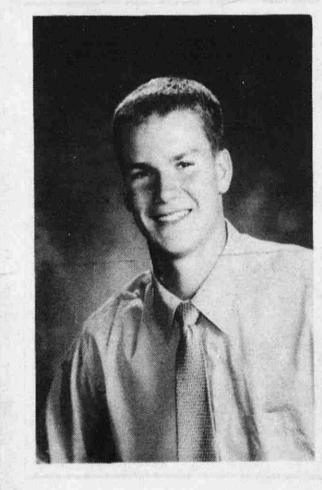






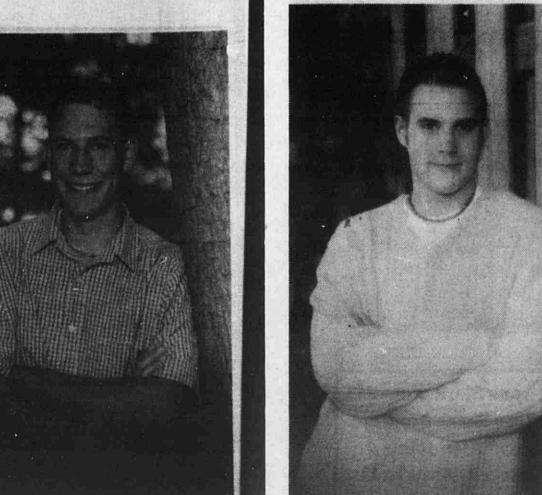










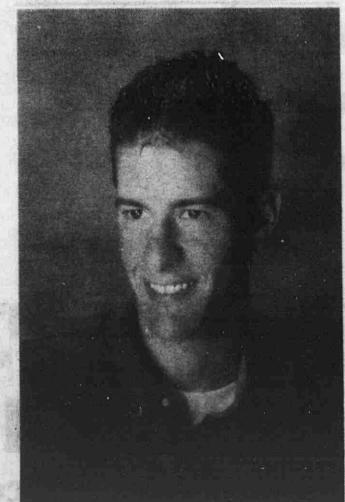




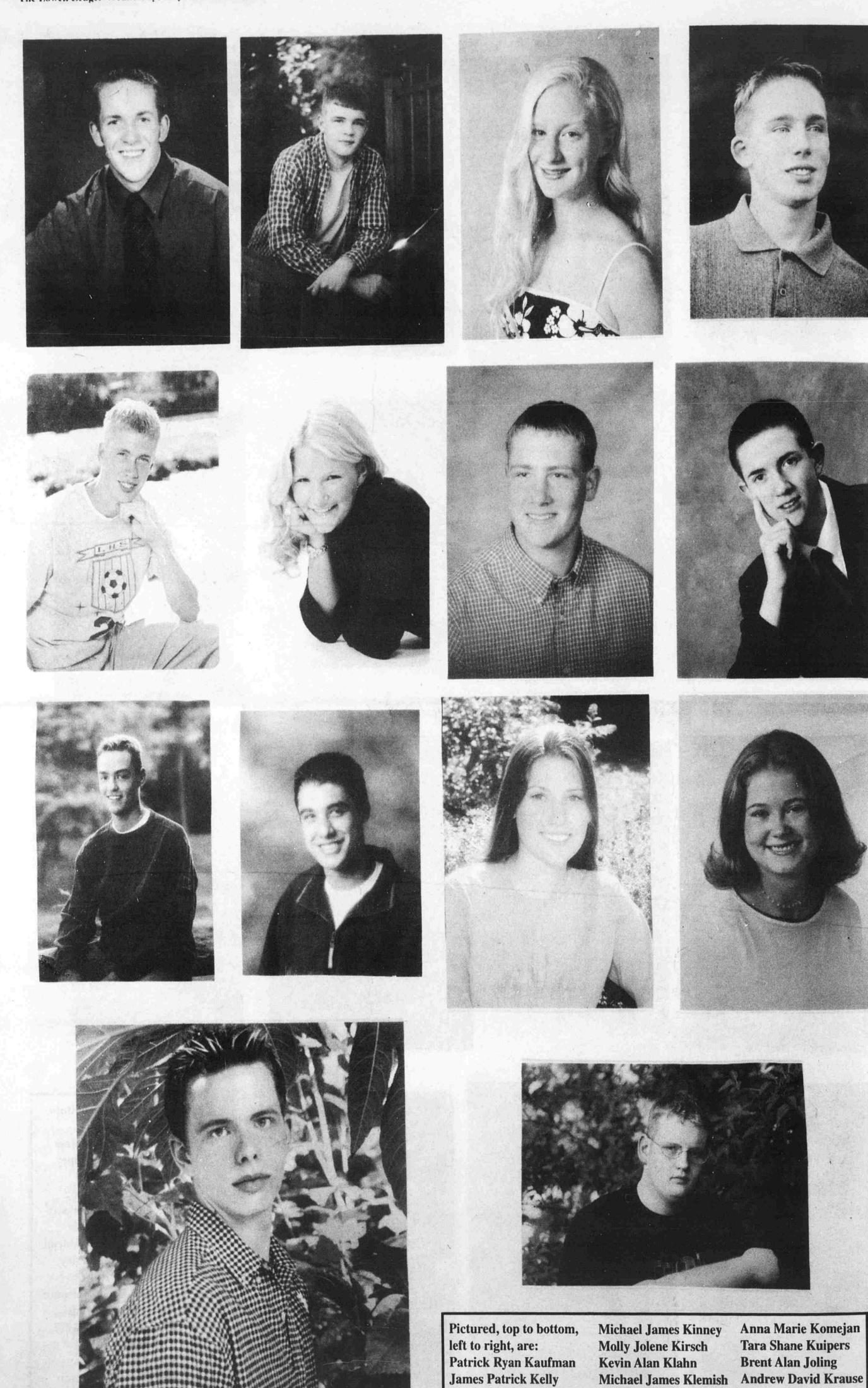


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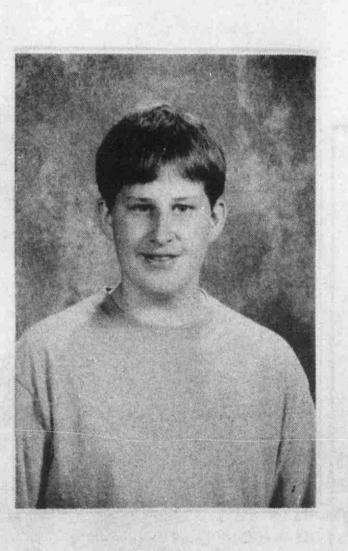
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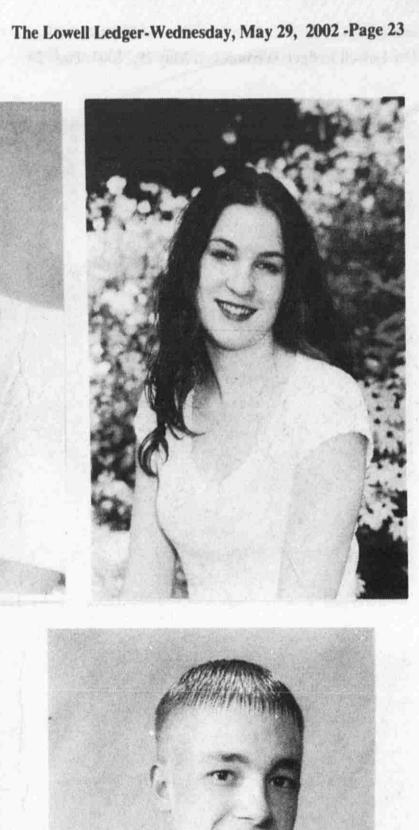
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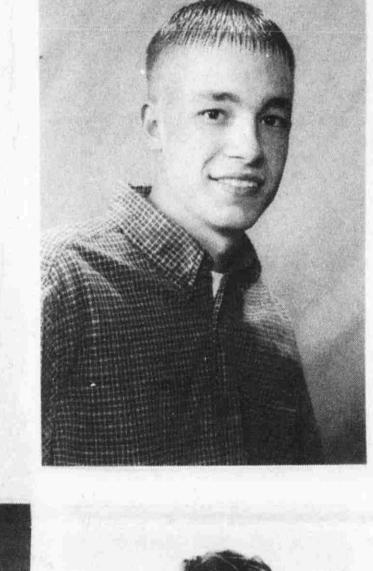








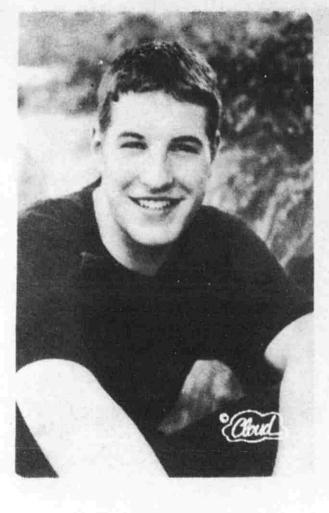






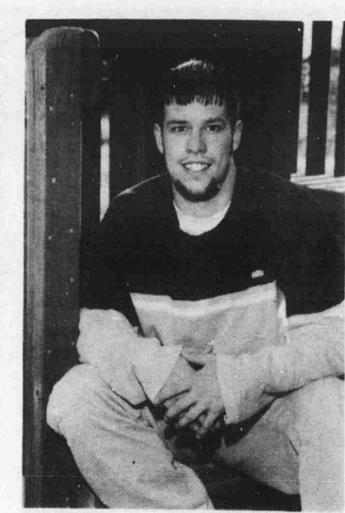


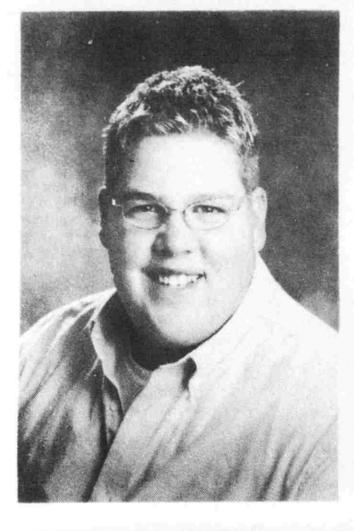
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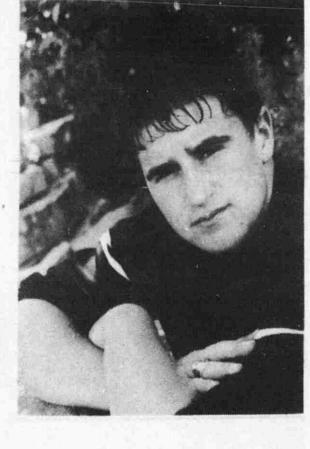






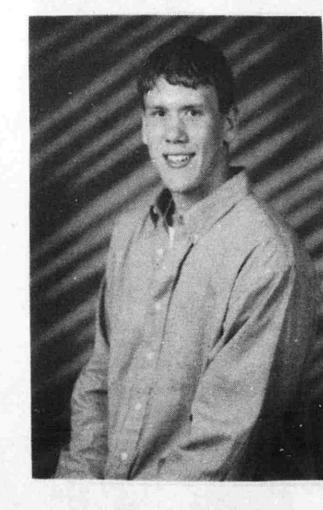




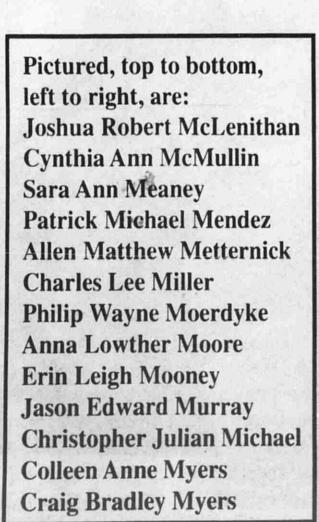








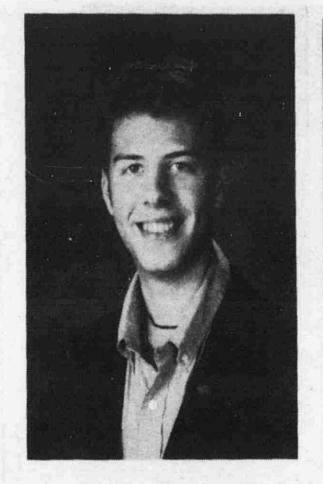


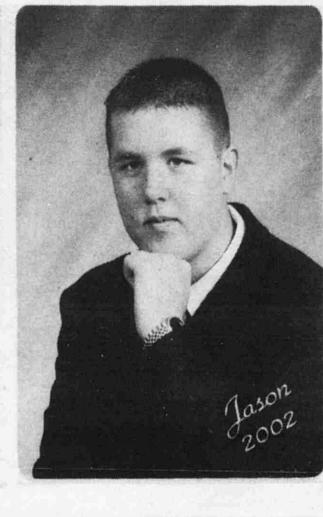


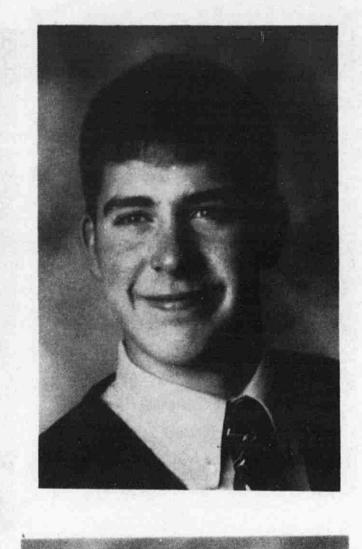


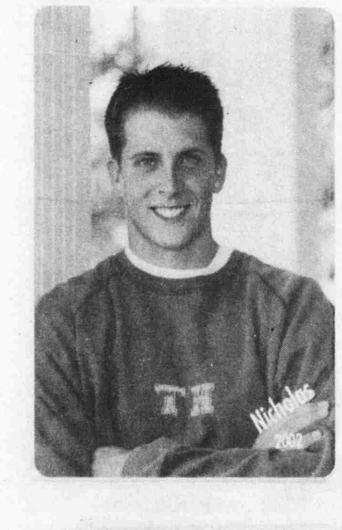










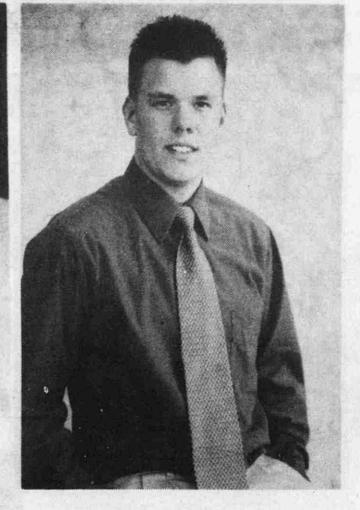


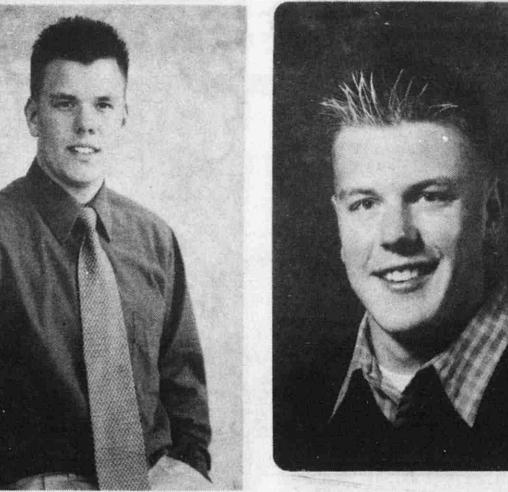






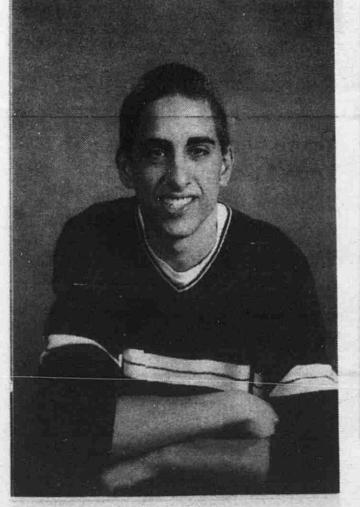




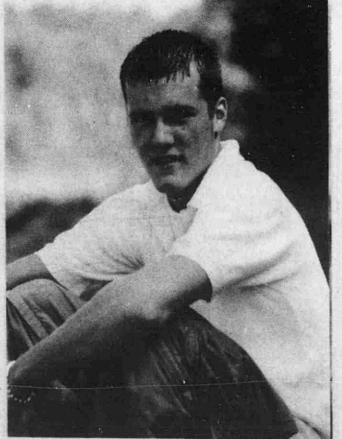














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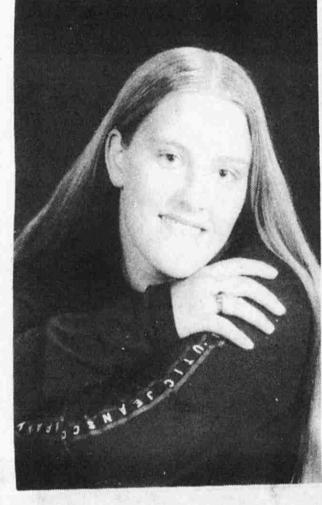


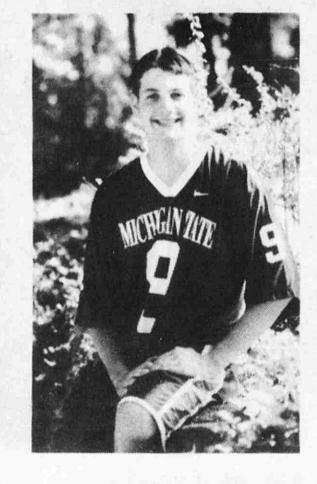




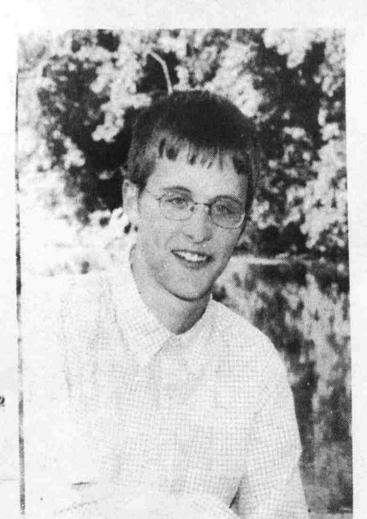








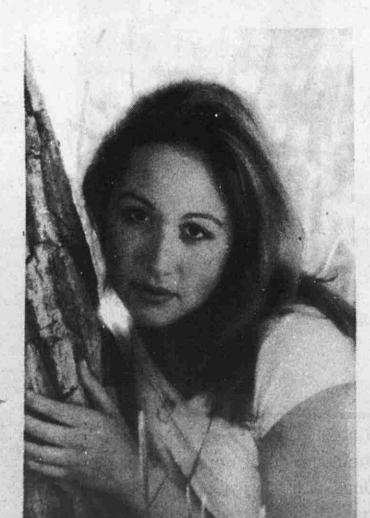


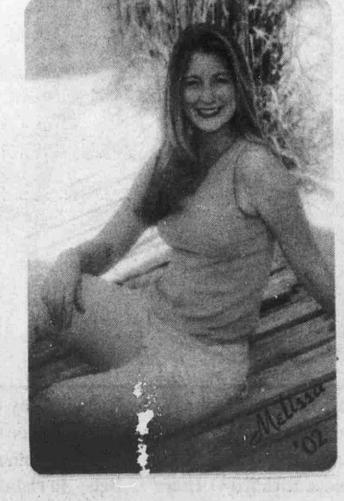










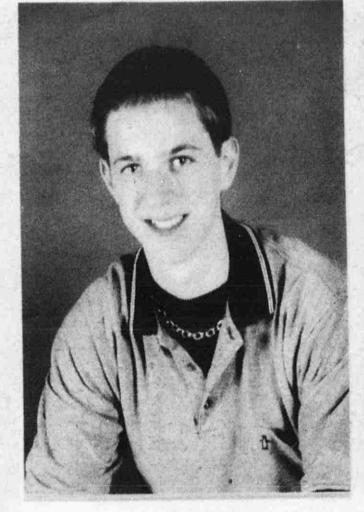


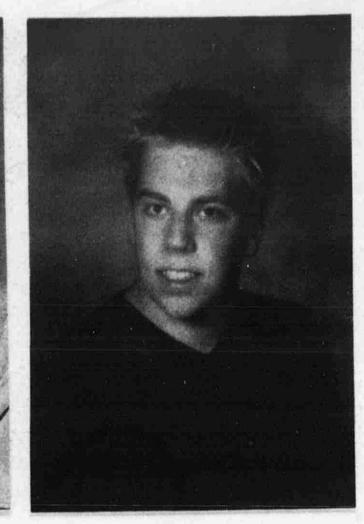
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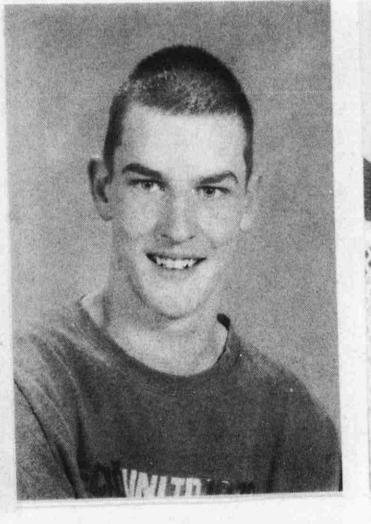




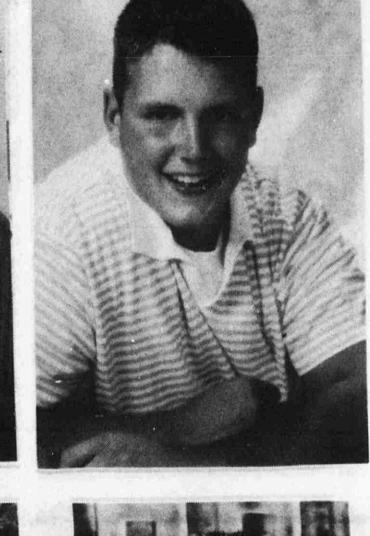












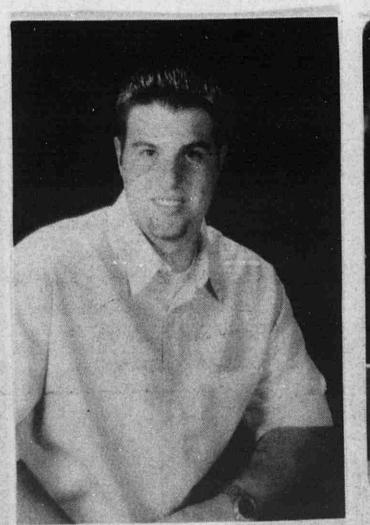








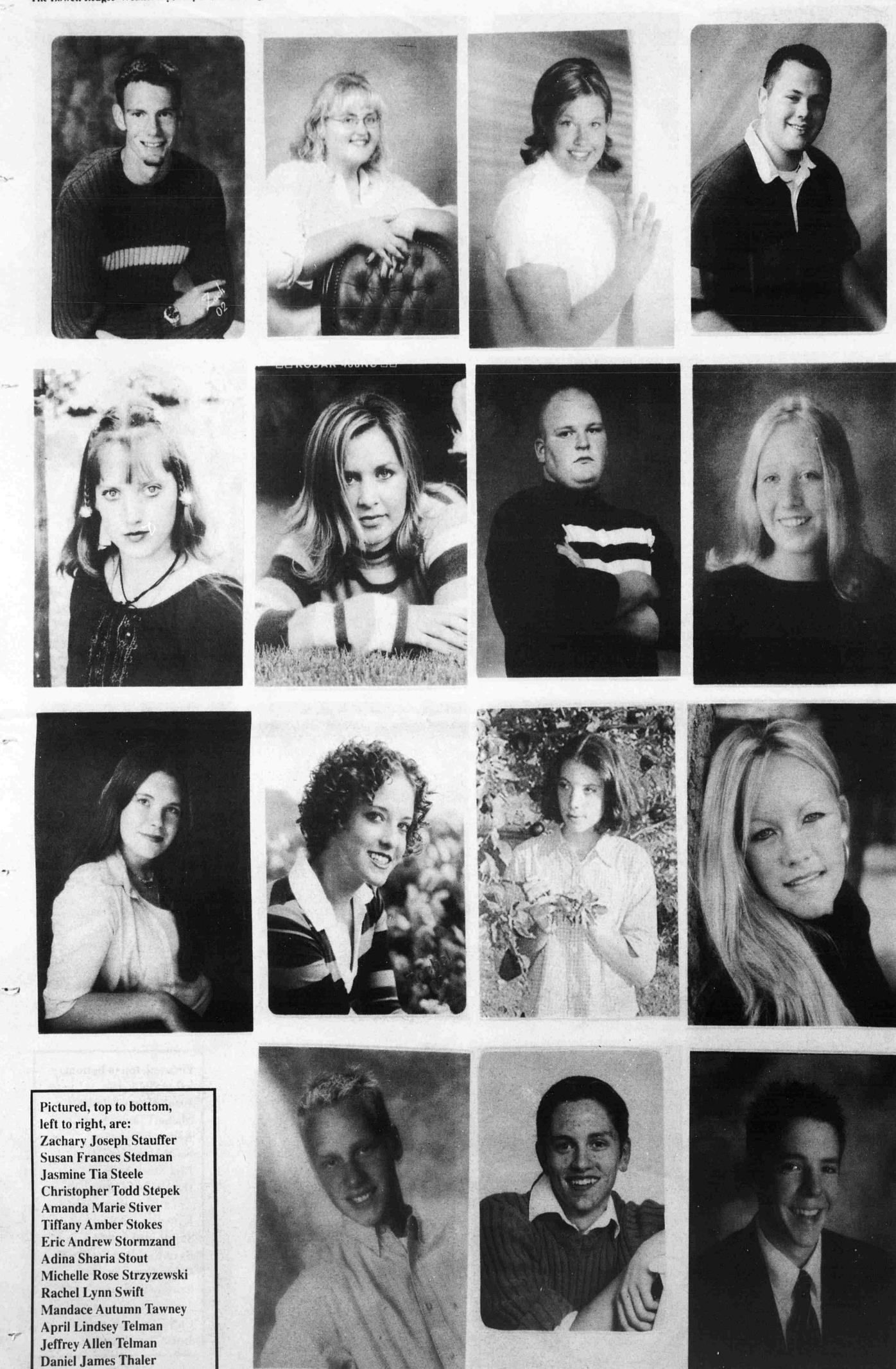


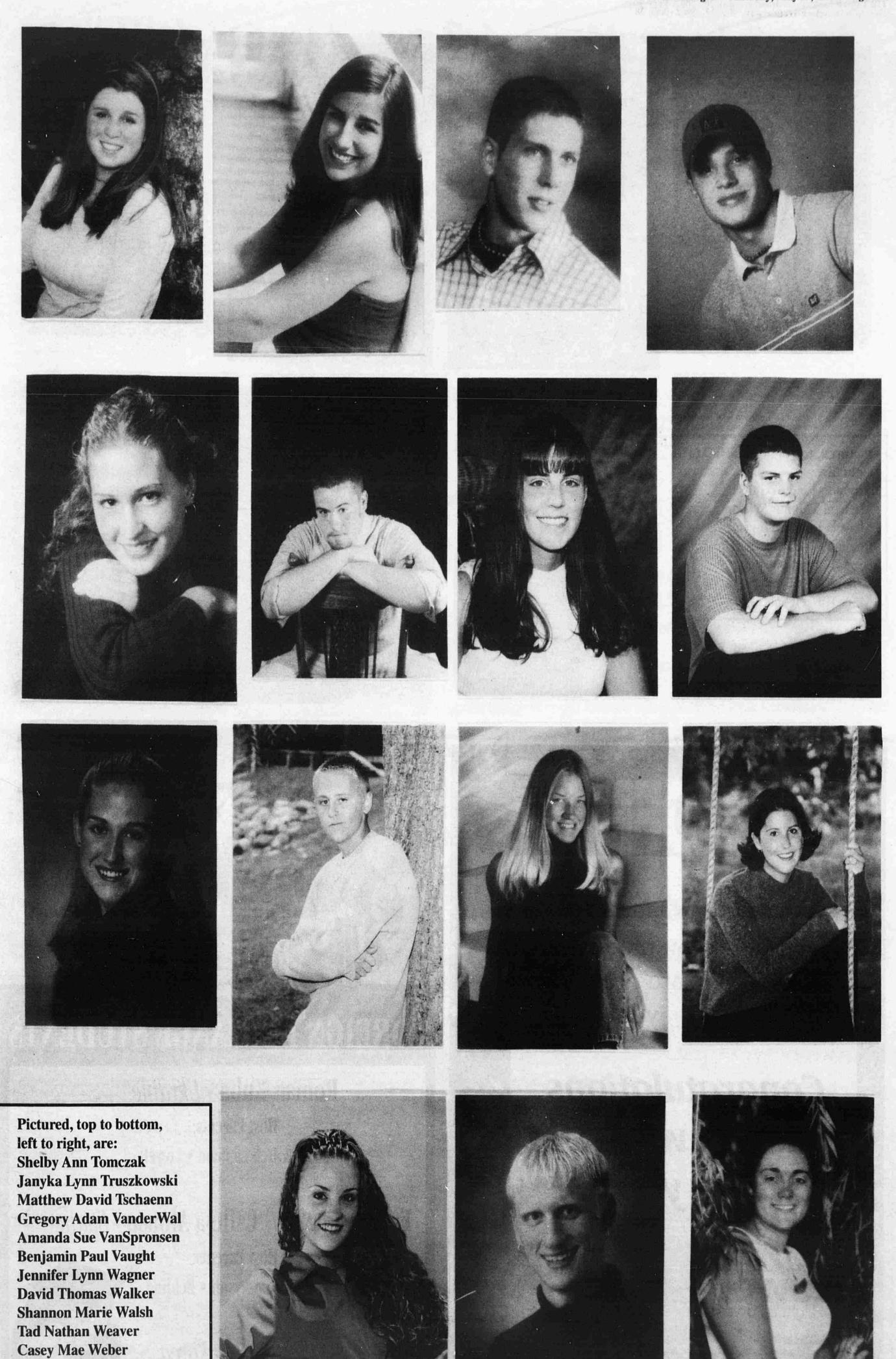




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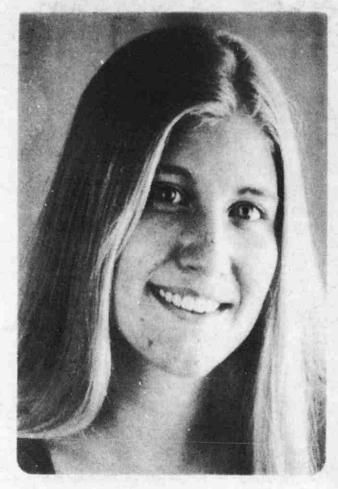


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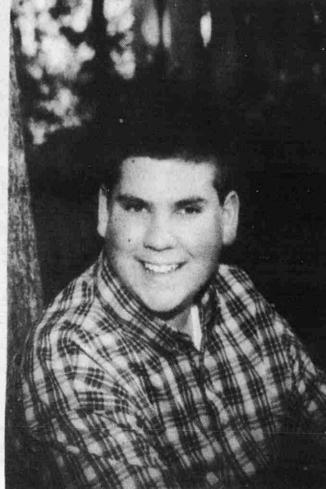
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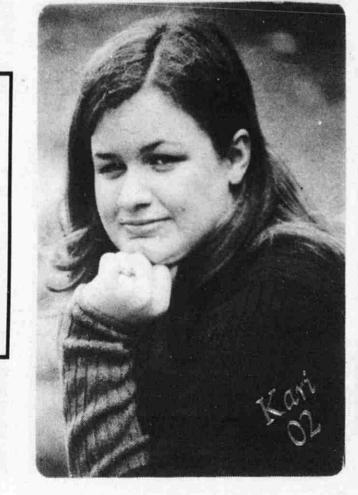
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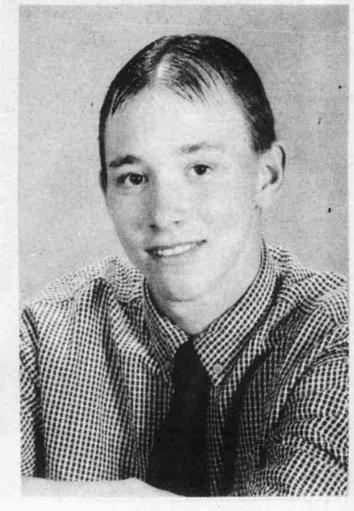
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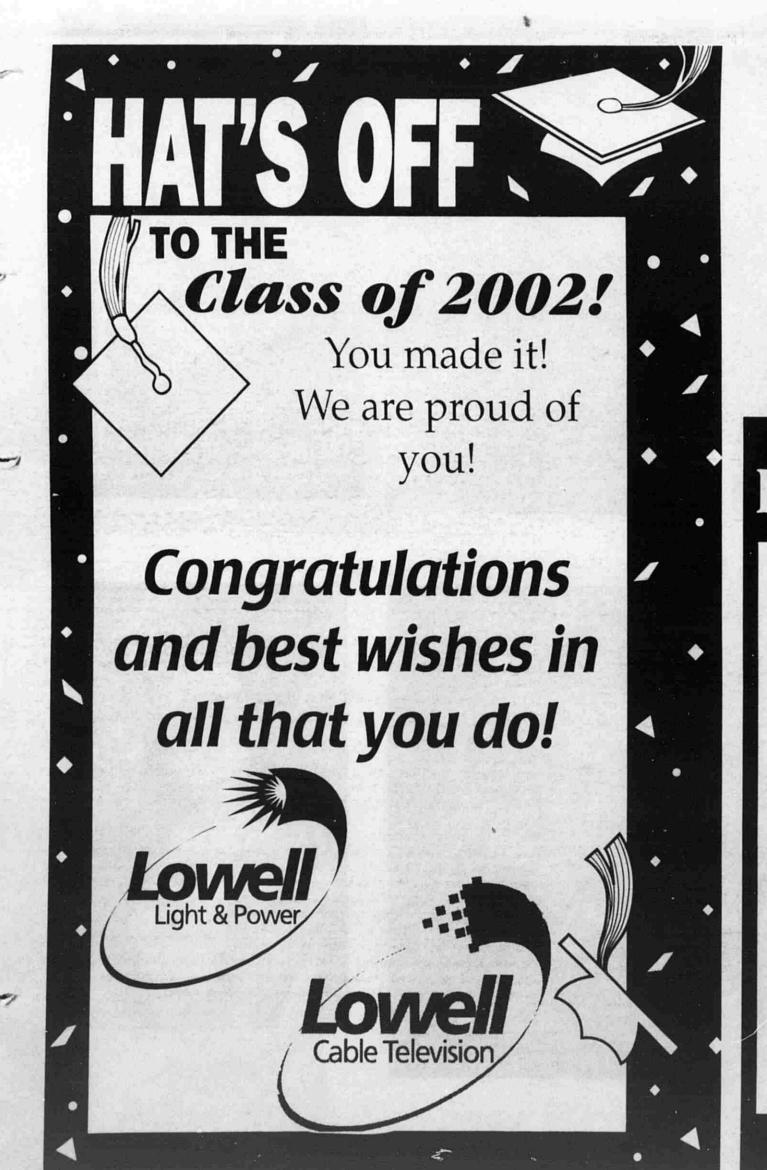


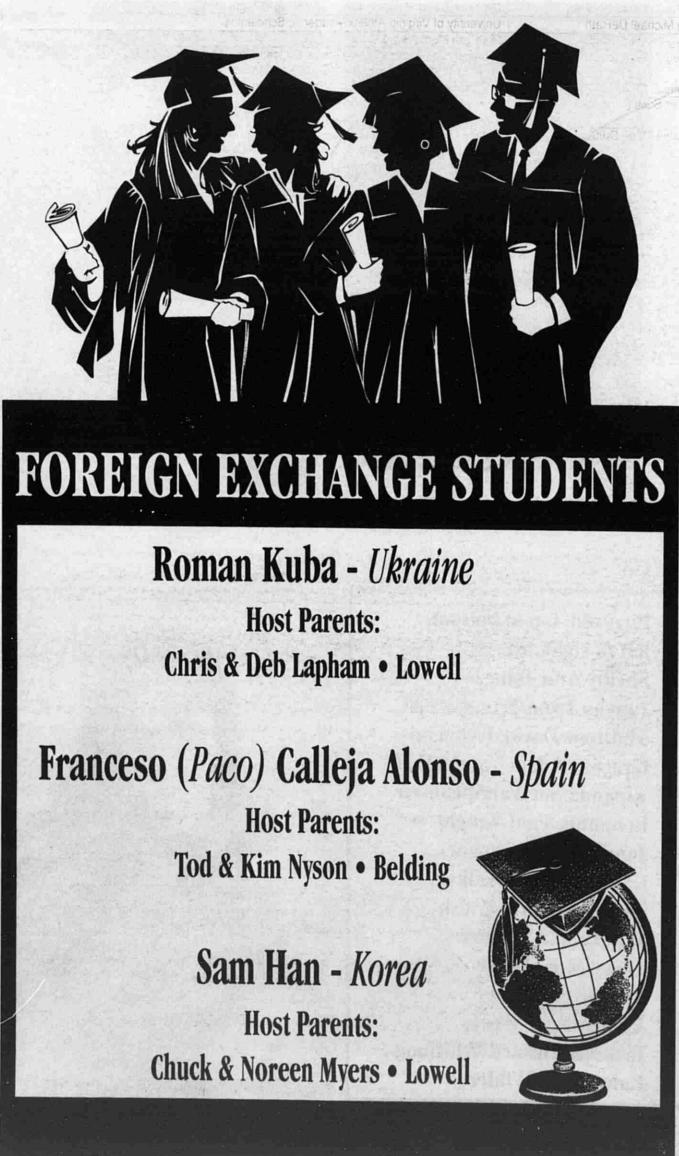












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	Michigan University Academic Medallion Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, Oakland University Award of Excellence	Jason Edward Murray	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
Amy Michelle Bellechasses	Michigan Merit Award	Colleen Anne Myers	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, OK White Scholar Athlete Award, 2002 Academic Leadership Scholarship Award
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Bradley Jay Eldridge	Michigan Merit Award	Amanda Marie Stiver	Michigan Merit Award, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship
Nicole Lee Elliott	Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship, Michigan Merit	Tiffany Amber Stokes	The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan
	Award, OK White Scholar Athlete Award		Merit Award, 2002 Aquinas College Presidential Leadership Scholarship Award
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James Patrick Kelly

Laura Elizabeth Kenworthy

Patrick Ryan Kaufman

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The James Edward Hale Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan

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Michael Thomas Wilson	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award			
Melissa Renee Wingeier	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award			
Shanda Mae Yonker	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Distinguished Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Michigan Merit Award, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, OK White Scholar Athlete Award			

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Michigan Competitive Scholarship, OK White Scholar Athlete Award, Albion College

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Schloop and Tomczak 2002's top graduates; 124th commencement Sunday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

If Lowell High School valedictorian, Melissa Schloop had to start high school again, she'd do a better job of exploring life's endless possibilities for fun.

"It wasn't until my junior year that I began to explore," Schloop explained.

From the start, however, the senior's hard work has garnered her great academic success.

Schloop will graduate with a 4.115 grade point average. She will attend Michigan Technological University in the fall to study biomedical engineering.

She is the 18-year-old daughter of John and Julie Schloop.
Awards and Scholarships earned by Schloop include
MTU's Board of Controls Scholarship (full tuition) and the
Ted Rozsa's Endowed Scholarship.
Outside of the classroom Schloop participated in the art/

drama club, Science Olympiad; LHS pit band and marching band and the National Honor Society.

"The best part of high school is the lifelong friends that I've made," Schloop said.

Shelby Tomczak is the Lowell High School Class of 2002 salutatorian.

The daughter of Roger and Kathy Tomczak graduates from Lowell High School with a grade point average of 4.060.

She will study engineering at Western Michigan University in the fall.

sity in the fall.

"I would change nothing. I am thankful for the experiences, memories and friendships I've made," Tomczak said.

The many organizations and activities in which Tomczak participated helped create many of those friendships and experiences.

Tomczak was active in Leader's Club, Lady Arrow Varsity Club, Environmental Club, International Club, AAU Basketball coach, Academic Track coach, First-grade mentor, YMCA employee and volunteer, Relay for Life, Adopt-A-Road, National Honor Society, basketball, softball and Model U.N.

Awards and scholarships she earned included DAR Good Citizen Award, Medallion Scholarship and Congressional Medal of Merit.

Kelsey Scheider, the daughter of Mike and Marcia Scheider, will graduate with a 4.058 grade point average, putting her in the top three of her class.

The Lowell equestrian also rides out with the memories of the team's 2000 state championship.

"I wouldn't change a thing. Mistakes are made to learn from," Scheider explains.

She will attend Albion College in the fall to study theatre and speech communications. Her career goal is to some day be a news broadcaster or to act.

Making her top three list of extracurricular activities are

the equestrian team, dance competition team and Model U.N.
Scholarships and awards she has received include the
Albion Presidential Scholarship and the DASP Scholarship.

Organizations and activities she was involved in include Leader's Club, 4-H, Civic Theatre Guild, Community Theatre, National Honor Society and Women's Club.

Erin Weber, in looking back on her four years in high school, much has appreciated her experiences so that she wouldn't change a one.

The daughter of Mark and Ginny Weber graduates from Lowell High School with a grade point average of 4.042.

Weber will attend Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University in the fall. She will study math and science.

The National Honor Society member was active in Word

Studies, marching band, Junior Rotary and the Yearbook.

Awards and scholarships she earned include Sportsmanship (Cheerleading), LEA World Studies Scholarship and boner roll.

Her top three activities outside the classroom were Cheerleading, Model U.N. and World Studies Council.

David Johnson would be more fervent in his studies while involving himself in more extracurricular activities and athletics if he were to start high school again.

"What I most liked about high school was the higher-level classes which challenged me all the while in a fun learning environment," Johnson explained.

He completed his four years in Lowell High School with a grade point average of 4.037. Johnson will attend Grand Valley State University in the fall where he plans to study chemistry and business.

He identified Science Olympiad as his top extracurricular activity.

Johnson is the 18-year -old son of Michael Johnson and

Leslie Johnson.

Zach Stauffer will attend Indiana Institute of Technology in the fall. The senior leaves LHS with a 4.037 grade point average and will study electrical engineering.

The son of Dave Stauffer and Deborah Stauffer-Wright calls soccer, track and Model U.N. his top 3 extracurricular activities.

The National Honor Society member says he would live his high school days the exact same way he has. "I would just try to do everything better," Stauffer said. "Plus I'd be really old."

Awards and scholarships Stauffer has earned include the Indiana Institute of Technology Achievement Scholarship; Sprint Factory Scholar Athlete; two time all-conference, all-district, all-region, third team all-state and second team all-

Activities and organizations in which he was involved in included choir, Men's Club, and Boys State.

Jenny Wagner liked everything just the way it was and has no desire to go back and change anything about her four years at Lowell High School.

Wagner will carry a 4.012 grade point average to Albion College in the fall. She has not yet decided on her area of study.

"I've really enjoyed hanging out with my friends and always having a good time," Wagner said.

Her top three extracurricular activities were identified as soccer, volleyball and the Lady Arrows Varsity Club.

The National Honor Society member is the daughter of Sid and Sue Wagner.

Michael Kinney will pick between Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University as to the college he will attend in the fall.

The 18-year-old son of Tom and Sue Kinney will study international relations with an eye on a career in the state department.

Awards and scholarships Kinney has received include National Merit Finalist, Steelcase Foundation Scholarship and GVSU's Awards of Distinction Scholarship.

His top three extracurricular activities in high school were Men's Club, student council and soccer. He also enjoyed Yearbook, Model U.N. and Leaders Club.

He graduates from LHS with a 3.979 grade point average.

Daniel Thaler will attend Grand Rapids Community College before transferring to a four-years university to study political science and journalism.

The son of David Thaler and Carolyn Thaler completes four years of high school with a grade point average of 3.975. "What I enjoyed most about high school was making an incredible social security advertisement," Thaler explains.

Shanda Yonker will study dental hygiene at Grand Rapids Community College.

The National Honor Society member earned the MEAP Scholarship Award and the fall cheerleading Coach's Award.

Yonker has been active in her church youth group and choir

The 18-year-old is the daughter of Tom and Kim Yonker.

Making her top three list of extracurricular activities were
fall and winter cheerleading and powder puff football.

Cheering through eight athletic seasons throughout high

school, and the close and new friendships she built were what Yonker most liked about high school. "I love the memories that I have made and the experiences that I have gone through. I wouldn't change a thing," Yonker

d.

She finishes high school with a 3.975 grade point average.

Congratulations &

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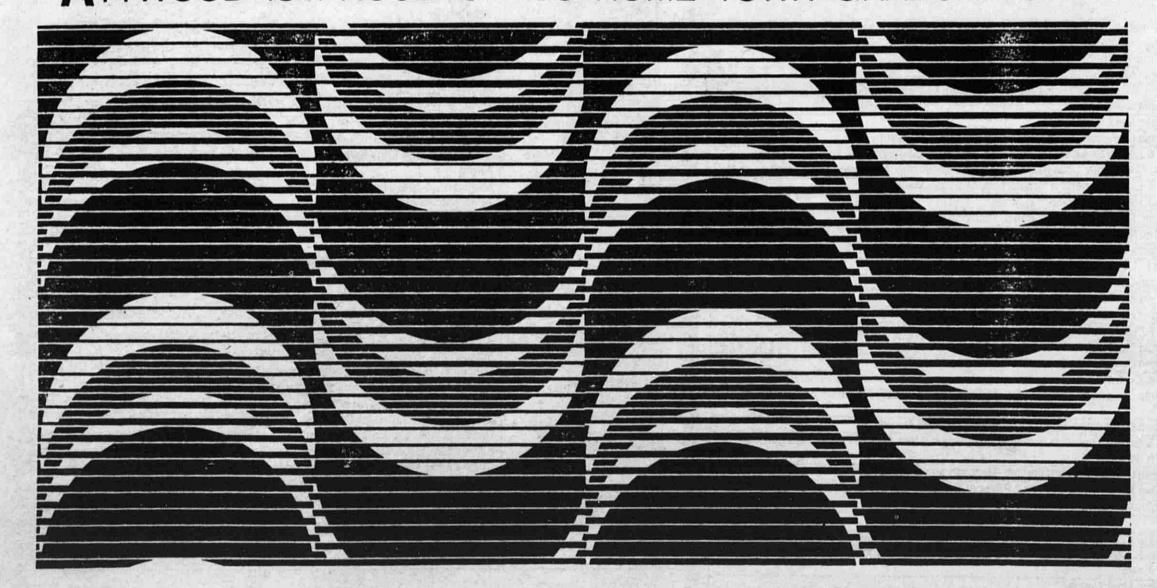
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EVERY MONTH: The Flat Lowell, 7:00 p.m. River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse EVERY MON.: Boy Scout (11841 Potters Rd.) east dates and times call 897-5015.Guests are welcome.

1ST SUN. OF EACH St. Enjoy hiking/camping. Call 897-5894 for details. MON.: Family Council of Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-Laurels of Kent volunteer 6481 group meets at 3 p.m. to discuss enhancing the TUES .: Take Off Pounds gational Church basement. lives of residents & staff, promoting more pleasant living and working environment. Public invited.

EVERY OTHER SUN: Single adults, ages 25-50 at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ It. Bible study. Call Call Lana 691-8450 for info. Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or cal 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Needlecraft Day at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., 1 p.m following senior meal. Come knit & crochet or learn the craft. Call Land at 691-8450 for info.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at Chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowel Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Admin istration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

SECOND MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. Info. call Dave: 897-2533

MON. OR TUES .: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call Terry Amidon at 897-8751

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults EACH MONTH: American with AD/HD Issues Group to any nonprofit organization Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 meeting at Calvin College in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. but will accept notices by Post #8303 (men only) EVERY OTHER WED .: Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Girls Club - Calvary Chris-

> Troop 102, for boys 11 & EVERY WED.: Pioneer up or completing the 5th- Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergrade, meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. green Missionary Church, during school year in Scout 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil-Cabin on N. Washington dren ages 4 thru 7th grade.

Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mo- EVERY WED .: Rotary Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 Masonic Temple.

TUES: Walking-exercise program at 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at EVERY SECOND WED.: LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New Kent County Youth Fair members welcome.

Ionia County Literacy Call 897-6050. Council, free help with learning English: 6:30 - EVERY SECOND WED.: Paul Catholic School, High St., Ionia. Call 527-2345 or Kentwood Library, 4799

AD/HD at Calvin College,7-9p.m. No cost. All welcome. EVERY SECOND WED .: For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES.: WINGS Par- Manor, 725 Bowes Rd. ent Group meetings 7:30 to 9 p.m., in Board Room at EVERY FOURTH WED.: 300 High St. Business Elderly volunteers needed meetings/odd months; pro- for Intergenerational pro- EVERY THIRD THURS .: gram meetings/even months. Open to all.

EVERY SECOND & 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 FOURTH TUES .: Knights p.m. Call Sister Colleen of Columbus #7719 meets Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. Franciscan Child Develop-

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: 897-9794. Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo-

ents of children w/AD/HD Issues Group meeting at THURS .: Weight Watch-St. Luke's Lutheran ers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 32156 4 Mile NE Church, 201 N. Washing-(& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. ton, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen Registration begins 1/2

Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

V.F.W. 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. tian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congre-

bile Home Park Community meets at noon at Lowell

EVERY WED .: The "Peppers" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. Old Belding Rd. No charge. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

at King Memorial Youth TUES., WED, THURS.: Center at the Fairgrounds.

Knitters Club meets at Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. Sara Coates 365-1247 or 1ST TUES.: Adults with Bette Frieswyk 949-8655.

> G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in community room at Schneider

> gram with school-age children from Lowell in activities. Times: 9:45 to ment Center, 897-7842.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: THIRD FRI.: All players & eral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. Grand Rapids.

EVERYTHURS.: Take Off rial Fire Station, S. Hudson. Pounds Sensibly Tops MI No. 333, meets at Saranac EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- Library. Weigh-in 6:45 p.m.

members invited 1-800

EVERY THURS. - St Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., nondenominational help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS .: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corne of 84th & M-50 (Alder 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 THURS.: Saranac Community and Area Music Makers at Saranac High School. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Band: 7:30-8:15 p.m Call Kathy at 642-6316/ 897-5981 for info.

EVERY 2ND THURS. Board meets at 7:30 p.m. VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at VFW Clubroom, 307 E. Main. No Bingo.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: 8:30 p.m. at SS Peter & Grand Rapids Machine Parents Supporting Parents-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics and discussion for parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

> **EVERY THIRD THURS.:** 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.

LaLeche League of Ada Cascade & Lowell 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300

listeners: Join Nick & Patti at The New Riverview, M-21 E. of Lowell, for a "Folk Music" session, 7:30 p.m. - ? Call 897-0099 Nick or 897-9948 Lyle.

FRI: Walking-exercise program 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info

SECOND SAT. OF EV-MONTH: Ada Historical Society meets p.m.at Averill Historical Mugroup call Sarah 281-6588. hour before meetings. New seum of Ada 7144 Headley.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8

SECOND SAT.: Lowel Amateur Radio Club @ Lowell High School 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1 to 4 p.m. Other times by

repeater system.

LOWELL AREA HISTORI-**CAL MUSEUM HOURS:** Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; mem-

FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed., Thurs. & Fri.:12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 897-2037. Gift certificates

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MOOSE: Business meeting held third Monday at

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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.

WED., MAY 29: Athletic physicals for boys from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in high school locker rooms, grades 10-12. Bring completed physical card signed by a

THURS., MAY 30: Man-Graduation Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. at Red Arrow Stadium.

SAT., JUNE 1: Varsity boys soccer pop can drive from 9 a.m. - noon. Proceeds for a team-building trip end of July.

SUN., JUNE 2: LHS graduation ceremony at 3 p.m. at Red Arrow Stadium. Seniors gather between 2 & 2:15 p.m. in cafeteria.

WED., JUNE 5: Athletic physicals for girls grades 10-12 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in high school locker rooms. Bring completed physical card signed by a parent.

THURS., JUNE 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Program: Jody Haybarker from Flat River Outreach Ministries; bring items for Food Pantry.

THURS., JUNE 6: TOTS annual picnic and bus ride from 11:30 - 1 p.m. in playground behind Runciman Bldg. Call 897-1232 to register for this free event. Bring sandwich for you and your child. In case of rain, held in the gym.

THURS., JUNE 6: Workshop/lunch at noon at Chamber office on Health Insurance/long-term care issues. Call Speerstra Insurance at 897-9259: RSVP by June 3.

FRI., JULY 12: 4-H night at the Whitecaps, 6 p.m. Tickets: \$6.50. Carnival ride, Crash & clowns. Call Diane at 897-7611 for tickets or information.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walkat Woodland Mall

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:40 Armchair Exercise.

Shop at the Malls: 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Eu-FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at

Woodland Mall.

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/

WED .: 12:30 Shop at Family fare.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., MAY 29: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; p.m. Bingo. 12:40 Shop Family Fare.

FRI., MAY 31: 12:40

THURS., MAY 30: 10 a.m. WhiteCaps Game.



The annual Lowell High School Spring Concert was performed before a full house in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Performing with the high school symphonic band were special guest soloist Rich Illman, trumpet professor at Michigan State University; Alison Shaw, professor of percussion studies at MSU; and Marty Erickson, professor of tuba studies at Penn State University. Erickson has performed around the world and played in the United States Navy band. Also in attendance was composer, Jeff Kressler, former director of bands at Dewitt. The guests performed "American Trilogy." Pictured above, from left to right, are Rich Illman, Marty Erickson, Alison Shaw, Bob Rice and Jeff Kressler.

A Hike for Hunger

To date, a little over \$25,000 has been collected through the Lowell Area CROP Walk. The eighth annual Lowell Area CROP Walk, which raises funds to fight world hunger, drew approximately 215 walkers.

This year's grand marshals were Craig and Jody Haybarker.

A percentage of the funds collected will go to Lowell's Flat River Outreach Ministries and the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center.

A SADD Display

of Kissing Up

The Lowell High School chapter of SADD, under the

direction of Betsy Maki, put on a fundraiser called

"Kiss the Pig" in which 15 teachers participated. A jar

was placed on each teacher's desk and everyone was to

put money in the jar of the teacher they wanted to see

"kiss the pig." The money was tallied each day and on

the following day, it was announced who was in the lead.

The race was close until a large check was put in Karen

Thompson's jar. In total, the kids raised \$480 in four

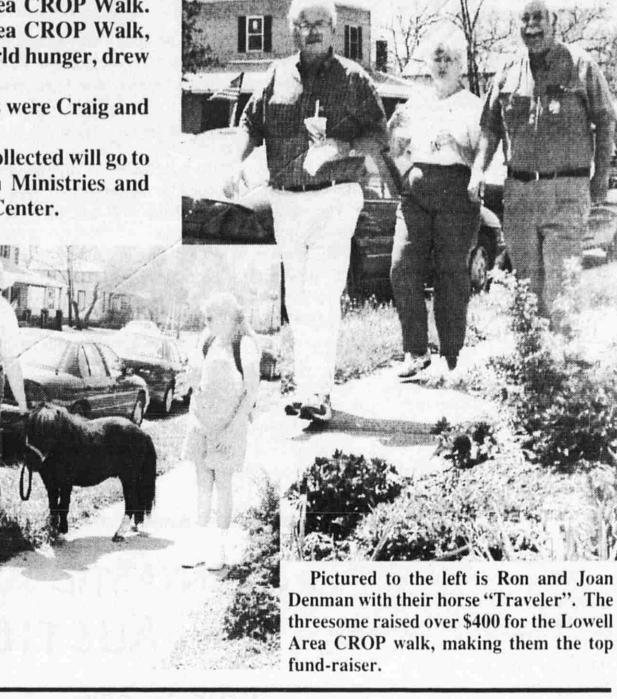
Jenny Meyers, was borrowed for the event which they

hope to do annually. He weighed about 100 lbs. and had

tusks. The money raised will be used for leadership

training by LHS SADD chapter.

Buddy, a pet pot-bellied pig owned by Josh and



Armstrong participates



D.J. Armstrong

D.J. Armstrong, son of Mike and Lynn Armstrong. participated in the May 8-12 National Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America (BPA) in Chicago, Illinois. D.J. received 7th place in Banking and Finance, being the first Lowell business student to place in the top 10 at the national competition. Other BPA members attending the conference were Andy Hansen, David Walker, Courtnay Perkins, Joe Nugent. Amy Howes and Zach Bruursema. The group was accompanied by Dee Crowley, BPA advisor and high school teacher.

Approximately 4,000 secondary students from throughout the United States participated in Business Professional of America's 36th National Leadership Conference. Activities included general sessions with keynote speakers. business meetings, leadership workshops, contests, software certification testing. election of national officers. and to urs of Chicago area sites. The highlight of the conference was the presentation of the awards to the winners in the national contests at the Arie Crown Theatre.

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Airport moves forward on project to improve its state status

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

After completing its new taxi way and lighting, the Lowell Airport Board has now turned its focus on improving its status with the

At a Monday night meeting, airport director, Jim Sowle, on behalf of the airport board, sought and received approval to use \$25,000 of a \$70,000 loan secured through the Aeronautics Bureau for the purpose of a survey and to define the needs of the airport. The needs Lowell Airport would need money can be used. to accomplish to receive a general utilities status through the Michigan Aeronautics Commission.

"What it comes down to is money," said Sowle. "With this status we will be able to receive about 90 percent of the funds from the state for future projects."

To gain the general utilities status, the Lowell Airport must complete three steps: the first being the study

IN THE SERVICE

Serv-Joshua J. Vanalstine,

of Lowell,



selected Honorman for Platoon 2055 In achieving this distinction, he was in direct competition against all of the other recruits in his platoon throughout each phase of recruit training. At the conclusion of all testing and after close evaluation by his drill instructors

and series officers. In recognition of his accomplishments, he was presented with a plaque from the Marine Corps Association and a Certificate of Commendation for his achievements. Vanalstine is the son of

Mark and Peggy Johnson of

and Type A survey of the property that will identify every tree, determine boundaries, and map out elevations. The next part of the process will be to negotiate settlements for air easements, which could take one to two years, Sowle said. The last phase would be to implement what is necessary.

The airport board has selected URS Corporation to complete the work needed for the project.

The entire project probably will take up to four years to complete, Sowle said.

"We may never get any further funding from the state," he said. However, the airport has been doing quite well over the past several years, said city manager, David Pasquale. With various user fees, the airport now runs on a budget of \$30,000 with no city funds being used to help operate the facility.

Sowle said the airport is currently in the process of paying back the original \$70,000 loan from the state study would help the airport for the taxi work and the status project. Since it is a state board determine what the loan, the state does have the final say for what the

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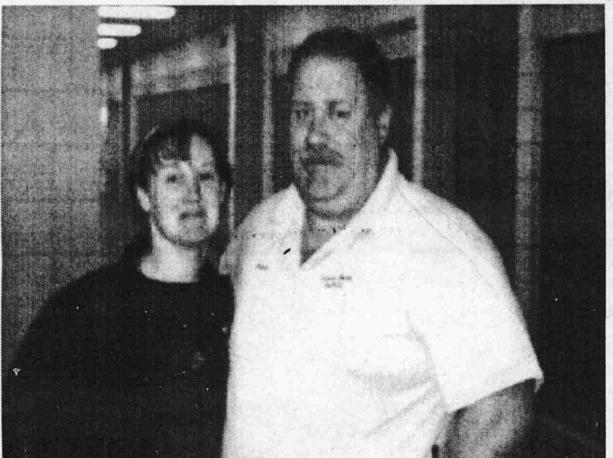
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You may already know them. Dave is a custodian at the Lowell High School. He has worked for the schools for eight years. Dave and Mary live in the school district. They have five teenage kids who all attend Lowell Area Schools. Dave and Mary pay taxes to the schools and shop in the community. They are very active in their church. Prior to working for Lowell Schools, Dave worked for years with troubled children.

Dave loves his job. He likes getting to know everyone - parents, kids and teachers. Being part of the community matters to Dave. He donates extra time to the schools. Dave gets calls at home from community groups to come in and help with setting-up for their events and the clean-up after. He does it because he cares and he doesn't charge the school for his time. Dave also will come in early, stay late and skip breaks to be sure the job is done right - all without charging the district. Dave goes out of his way to let people into the school after it is closed who have forgotten books, assignments, coats and everything else kids can forget and "must have."

Dave and Mary Vaught and their five kids are part of our community.

Lowell Area Schools is taking bids from outside companies with outside workers to replace Dave and at least 12 of our other school employees sometime in the future. We think we should keep Dave and his family in the schools and our community.

For more information on District privatization that will cost more Lowell jobs, call Vicki Fredline at 897-6287.

Red Arrow girls shut down Zeeland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Ahead 2-0 at halftime of its O-K White Conference players didn't go through

"They didn't play bad in the first half, but not as good said Lowell soccer coach, the second half was their time mark to be on the giving end."

The Red Arrows went out and controlled the game, posting a 3-0 win over the

The win improved Lowell's league record (regular season and tournament) to 4-4 and overall record to

"It's the first time we've finished at .500 in the league

and the first time we've had a winning record," Conlan ex-

plained. "This win was great for our seniors. The young tourney game with Zeeland, those tough years. I'm really the Red Arrow girls soccer happy for Jenny (Wagner) team was reminded of the and Laura (Horsley). Their lumps it had over the hardwork and dedication over program's opening five years. the last four years has paid

The Red Arrows' first as they could have played," half goals were scored by Amanda Rau off an assist by Ryan Conlan. "I just told them Abby Debiak at the 10:08

> Horsley netted the second goal at the 5:45 mark off an assist from Amy Oberlin.

The game's only secondhalf goal was netted by Becky Bosserd. The junior was assisted by Oberlin. "The girls controlled the

game throughout," Conlan

Hudsonville 2 Lowell 1 (O.T.)

Lowell did everything but win its opening game of the O-K White Tournament.

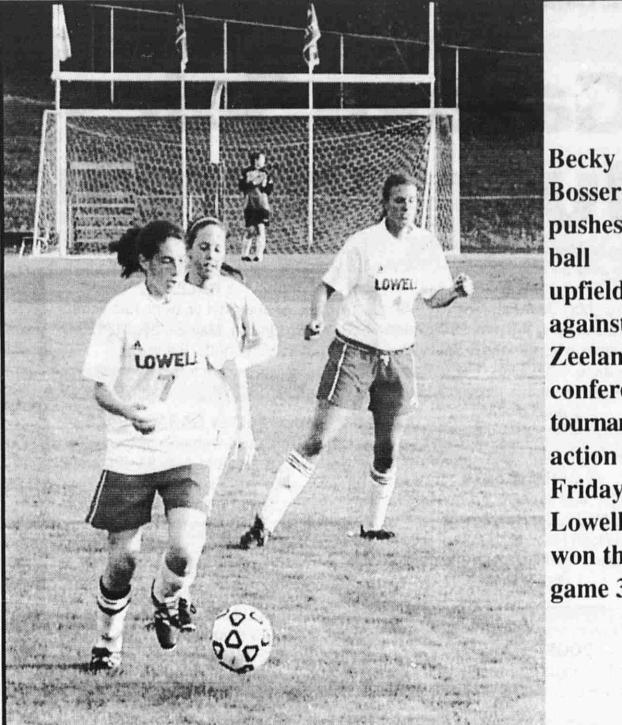
"We should have won," said Lowell soccer coach, Ryan Conlan. "The girls played well and had opportunities, but couldn't finish."

The Red Arrows' only score came on a missed penalty kick from Abby Debiak The Hudsonville keeper

knocked the ball down but could not gain possession. Debiak raced toward the ball and blasted the missed shot

"We were inches from ending the game in overtime during the first six-seven minutes, but couldn't put the ball n the net," Conland said. "It was an aggressive, physical

Hudsonville scored the winning goal in overtime off a counter attack.



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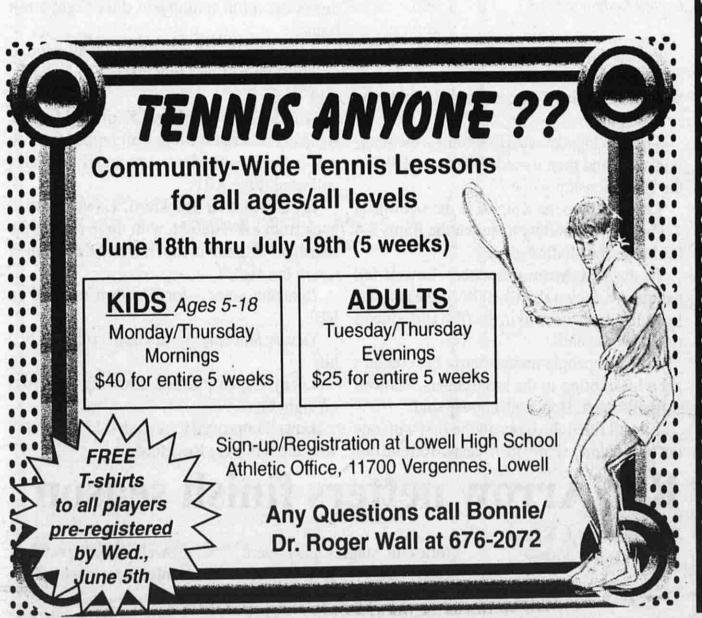
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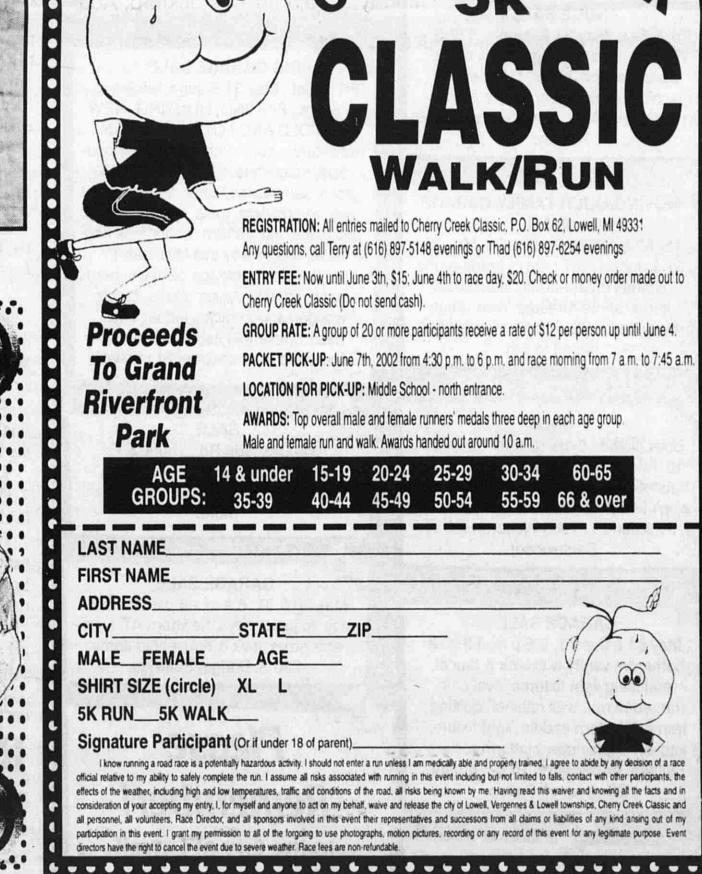
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Bosserd pushes the upfield against Zeeland in conference tournament action on Friday. Lowell won the game 3-0



Lowell's Amy Oberlin works to maintain possession.





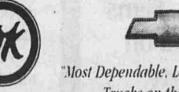


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GARAGE SALE

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GARAGE SALE Friday, May 31, 8 - 3, 8990 Bailey Dr., Ada. Furniture, clothing, kids.

GARAGE SALE Fri., May 31, 9-5, Sat., June 1, 9-?

13089 68th St. between Wingeier Ave. and Pratt Lake Rd. Colonial game table, square bale hay feeder, girls clothes 8-12, bird cage, children's videos, some horse tack & children's riding clothes, sm. girls bike, older computer, HP 697 printer.

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SALE

11000 Cascade Rd., Thurs. & Fri. May 30 & 31, 9-5 p.m. Furniture, microwave, books, software & much

GARAGE SALE

May 30 & 31, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Girls 24 mos. to junior boys, newborn-4T, women's sizes, toys & household items. 230 S. Bridge, Saranac.

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Krystal White finished third in the 300 hurdles at the Champions of Champions meet. (File Photo)

Krystal White was third in

the 300 hurdles, coming home

in 46.8. Unity Christian's

Abby Soodsma won it in a

In the 100-meter dash, Kim

Huyser finished fourth. She

came home in 13.1. FHC's

Kathleen LaValley was first

Lowell earned its only sec-

ond place finish in the 800-

meter relay with a time of

1:49.7, finishing behind East

Kentwood (1:47).

Lowell girls strong at champions meet

the clock in 57.9.

time of 45.4.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Leger Editor

The best track athletes of

each conference gathered at Rogers High School for the annual Champions of Champions meet.

Lowell, champions of the O-K White, placed in seven "We're fortunate to have a

good group of athletes," said Lowell girls track coach, Kathy Talus. "We have a lot of good athletes and they performed well."

Natalie Kent continued her superb season in the 100 hurdles and 400-meter run.

The Red Arrow stopped the clock in 15.3, finishing third overall in the 100 hurdles. Coopersville's Stephanie Allers won the event in 14.5.

Kent was fourth overall in

Nicole Gillikin cleared the 400 with a time of 1:00.1 9'6" to place sixth in the pole Jenison's Ashley Thomas earned top honors, stopping

John Bos Invitational

The Red Arrows found success in four events.

Krystal White was fourth in the 300 hurdles (47.5).

Natalie Kent placed fifth in the 100 hurdles, in a time of 15.3.

Lowell's 800-meter relay team (Jenna Dickerman, Kent, White and Lisa Wojciakowski) came home in second place with a time of 1:48.8.

Lowell was fourth in the The 1600-meter relay 400-meter relay, coming (Dickerman, home in 52.10. East Wojciakowski, Kent and Kentwood was first in 50.5. Holly Plattner) placed sec-Lisa Wojciakowski placed ond in 4:10.2. fifth in the 800-meter run,

Lowell third in Tichelaar tourney

coming off the track in 2:26.8.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For the third time in seven years, Grandville "Amanda (Eickhoff) pitched well enough Memorial Softball Tournament and went home said. as champion.

the championship game 12-2.

(8) in the consolation game. In the Red Arrows' opener, Lowell fell run in the eighth.

behind to Kenowa Hills 4-0 after three innings. Lowell tallied two runs in the fifth and added a RBI run in the seventh.

"We had people on base early but couldn't hits. get a hit to bring in the baserunners," Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse said.

Lowell filled the bases in the first with one Lowell improved its record to 13-16 overall out but couldn't score; then had two on and one with the win over Rockford.

out in the third inning and didn't get a run

traveled to Lowell for the Mandy Tichelaar to win (allowed just five hits)," Rodenhouse

Noelle Dewey, Tara Kimble, Jacque The Bulldogs defeated Rockford in the semi- Benedict and Katie Blough all rapped out two finals 9-2 and then upended Kenowa Hills in hits. Benedict scored two runs and Blough also collected three RBIs.

Lowell lost to the Knights in the semifinals In its win over Rockford, Lowell battled 4-3 before rebounding to defeat the Rams 5-4 back from a 4-0 deficit, with three runs in the fourth, a tying run in the fifth and the winning

Benedict went 3-for-3 with a run and an

Dewey and Erin Barnes both collected two

Lacey Capen pitched, allowing four runs on eight hits.

Red Arrow netters finish season

tories in singles play were

Chris Cress (first singles) 6-

1, 7-6(6) and Shaun Koning

(second singles) 6-2, 7-6(3).

Maylone and Paco Calleja,

first doubles, won 7-6(3), 7-

Corlett and Brendan Hardin

won in three sets 6-0, 3-6, 7-

Huffman, playing third

In doubles play, David

At second doubles, Chris

Adam Meis and Jared

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys tennis team won its first match of the year with a 6-2 victory over Big

"It was nice to get a win," said Lowell tennis coach. Bonnie Wall. "It's a match the boys should have won and

The Red Arrows won two matches (third singles and fourth doubles by default).

Lowell placed seventh in the conference meet with 5 1/2 points.

Koning was the only Red Arrow to secure a play in the regional with a 6-0, 6-0 win against his Kenowa Hills op-

Lowell placed ninth out

"This year's team was a little green," said Wall. "Hopefully they work hard over the summer and make a doubles, pulled out a 6-0, 6-4 commitment to improving."

Cherry Creek, cont'd ... From Page 1

tions from both parents and staff.

Parents are concerned with the idea that their second grader will share hallway space, recess and lunch with fourthand fifth-grade students. The concern is about bullying and

Dorough noted that both the lunchroom and recess are watched closely. "At least to start, we intend on having playground activities for the different grade levels," she explained.

The hope is that through familiarity, positive role model ing, peer mentoring, kids helping kids, and older and younger children interacting will become the norm.

"My first reaction was wow ... what will it be like?" said second-grade teacher, Jenny Dodd. "I'm excited to get to know and work with other teachers. Change is good. I think this will provide great excitement.'

Cherry Creek teachers welcome vertical team teaching but are less eager to embrace the idea of breaking up long-time teaching relationships.

TOWNSHIP

OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

on June 5, 2002, at 7:00 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

The purpose of the meeting is to consider

an application by Thomas Byrne for an

amendment in the Township Master Plan. The

requested amendment would revise the

Master Plan map so as to designate the

following described lands for Moderate

The South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of

the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 8

North, Range 9 West. Also, that part of

the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of

Section 27, Town 8 North, Range 9

West, lying Westerly of the Westerly line

of Lincoln Lake Avenue as relocated

except for the South 50 feet thereof.

Also, the North 17 feet of the South 50

feet of the East 225 feet of the West

907.88 feet of said South 1/2 of the

Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 8

North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township,

A copy of the proposed amendment is on

file and may be examined at the offices of the

Grattan Township Clerk, 12050 Old Belding

Road, during Township office hours. All

interested persons may attend the public

hearing and comment on the proposed

amendment. Written comments concerning

the amendment may be submitted to the

Township office, at the above-stated address,

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: May 10, 2002

Kent County, Michigan.

Density Residential development:

Carmen Reynolds, Cherry Creek Elementary fourth-grade

teacher, said she supports Dorough's new concept and the explained. "However, I trust and support Maureen." need to improve and do things differently

"I think the opportunity for vertical teaming is great. I'm 17 years. disappointed that the team teaching I've been doing with Matt Quada will not get a chance to reach its potential," she

The neighborhood learning mission is to create:

Learning communities

- Continuity of skills and knowledge among grade-
- Benchmark assessments in reading and math Character expectations to enhance sensitivity to
- diverse populations
- · Character expectations to assure safety and security
- A forum for shared expertise among colleagues. · Alignment of curriculum
- · Expectations for higher achievement.

Pitsch to knock down former Dykstra home at 310 Avery

levels," she says

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

hoped that someone would

their home. And up until a few weeks ago, it appeared that would be the case. However, Roger Cahoon, who was interested in moving the 1800s home, notified the city he is no

longer interested in the house,

Township.

alternative - to demolish it. "We advertised it and Audrey Dykstra had didn't receive any interest

leaving the city with only one

other than from Roger make the house at 310 Avery Cahoon, who backed out," said city manager, David Pasquale. Cahoon did not give any reason as to why he would not move the house.

"We really were left with no other choice," Pasquale

The other factor is the

city's regulations to move a causing several homes and which were adopted last summer, require permits from the They were established after move the house is closing," a house was moved last year Pasquale said.

"With the city's new regucity and 24-hour notification lations on moving a home, the the house. to those affected by the move. window of opportunity to

With that, the Lowell City for the expansion of the City house. These regulations, businesses to lose power for Council accepted a bid of Hall/police station project. \$6,350 from Pitsch Companies to demolish and remove

we're going to divide those up.'

an opportunity to work and plan together.

for planning and teaming opportunities.

concept was implemented," Lum explained.

The city purchased the property last fall. The property was the last piece needed ing well.

Pasquale said the architects are currently reviewing the bids which the city accepted on Wednesday and the process seems to be go-

Jackie Tousley and Kim Lum have been team teaching for

"I think I want to live it first before I judge," said second-

While the two teachers will be apart, they will still have

Under the new plan, the vertical and horizontal teaming

"I'm comfortable with it. I think it will be fine. I just wish

Tousley concluded by saying the opportunity to work with

someone new is exciting. "It will also be fun to be able to watch

the kids as they develop and go through the different grade

will take place between two neighborhoods. It will provide

scheduled times for teachers from each grade level to meet

the staff could have been more involved before the new

grade teacher, Jackie Tousley. "Kim and I, however, have

been sharing the same files for many years - I'm not sure how

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday June 3, The proposed amendment is to change the 2002 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance and a special use permit. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments and special use permit application.

Article IV General and Special Regulations: Section 201.403 Signs

The proposed amendments are to clarify language; add definitions; adjust maximum square footages and types of signs; add a height maximum for low impact signs and to eliminate pole signs; to add a modification section as a special use permit; changes to exempted signs include real estate, historic and political; adjusting sign setbacks and clarifying the permit approval procedure.

Section 201.416 (F) (21) Manufactured **Home Development**

The proposed amendments are to change the sign section to match the new ordinance with the proposed sign section changes with regard to setback, height, and entrance signs.

Article VI Administration and Enforcement: Section 201.602 (A) (2) Zoning Compliance **Permit Required**

The proposed amendments are to add language that a zoning compliance permit is required for signs and that the zoning administrator reviews and issues sign permits, unless the signs are part of a site plan review or special use review process and permits may be approved by the Planning Commission as part of that review process.

Article II Definitions:

Section 201.202 Specific Terms

The proposed amendments are to add all of the current and new sign definitions in Section 201.403 to the general definition section.

Article III Zoning Districts:

Section 201.308 (E) (1) (b) (3) and 201.311:

rear yard setback in the Commercial District residential section to adjust the rear setback from 50 feet to 30 feet to match the R-2 rear setback previous amendment. The bulk table will be updated from 50 to 30 feet.

Zoning Map Amendment:

A rezoning application of property located on Lincoln Lake Ave adjacent to and just north of the Lincoln Lake Business Park and across the street from the cemeteries, is proposed by Pete Faber to change the zoning from R-2 to Industrial. The request is for a land division totaling 12.43 acres, part of parcel number 41 16-34-226-004, in the NE quarter of section

Special Use Permit:

A special use permit application by the Kent County Road Commission is submitted for the purpose of producing and storing sand and gravel for road work in Vergennes Township and surrounding Townships, including the paving project of Burroughs. The property is an existing sand and gravel pit, owned by Kent County, located on Burroughs, approximately 400 feet east of the bridge on the south side, parcel number 41-16-26-301 002, in the SW guarter of section 26.

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

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

Council approves Capital Improvement Plan thru 2007

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

of things they would like to in that respect, then again most outdoor skating rink. people don't have projects

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell City Council approved its Capital Improve-Everyone has a wish list ments Plan for 2002-2007 which ranged from road reaccomplish over the next year pairs and the City Hall/police or the next ten. The city of station project to airport im-Lowell isn't much different provements and a proposed general fund.

The Land Ledger Weignston, May 19, 2001 Page 41.

REGULAR

SCHOOL

ELECTION

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION

OF THE ELECTORS OF

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

future projects in its various areas, such as the airport and their own funding sources

"Finances tell us what we An annual process, the can and can not do," said city around the million dollar mark Capital Improvements Plan, manager, David Pasquale, It

allows the city to prioritize is no secret that the 2002-03 one million dollar construccity budget is very tight, limthis year. Still uncertain are water treatment plant, have two roofing projects: the Foreman Building and the along with requested monies for operations of the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

> hopes for the future? Well, there is quite a lot on the Hunt Street from Beech Street

In the area of roads, which and the budgeted water sysreceives state funding. Gee tem reliability study. Drive tops the list for repair work. The cost is around \$891,000. Other major streets on the list include Bowes and made the list. Most of the roads would be dependent on sue for the work.

Plant has proposed a Rev- \$8,000. enue bond to help cover the

tion and installation of well departments. Some of those iting what the city can cover no. 5. At this time, demand on the city's water has dropped, not making it an urgent need to expand the caand do not rely on the city's Look Memorial Fire Station pacity yet. Under water distribution needs, the city has several projects proposed for the upcoming years which in-But what is the city's clude the contracted installment of an 8-inch main on

to east Lincoln Lake Ave.,

The Public Works Department is hoping for a new storage building for vehicles, around \$300,000. It would Foreman roads; work on provide space for vehicles, Grindle and Sibley streets also equipment, sand and salt as well as flammable materials, posts, street signs, fencing and federal funding or a bond is- lumber. A "space needs" study also has been proposed. The Water Treatment The study would cost around

The cemetery is still look-

ing for its office/maintenance building, \$50,000 along with top course on all the roads,

The City Hall/police station project, at around \$4 million, was on the list. With the acceptance of the bonds, which the council will decide on at its next June 3 meeting, the project could start this summer. Also on the Capital Improvements list was an outside skating rink with equipment costing around \$670,000.

Concerning park improvements which utilize the Lee Fund, Stoney Lakeside Park, the proposed site for the ice skating rink, will get a pavilion and the east side of its parking lot paved. Improvements also call for the initial clean up, road grading, and naming of a new park located near the Division Capital Improvements,

TO BE HELD **JUNE 10, 2002** Please Join Us For TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: A Special Community Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be

Ribbon-Cutting

On Foreman. just east of Alden Nash

WOODLAND

PRESERVE

The Lowell Area Schools' Education Foundation has recently received a gift of .7 acres of woodland for environmental education and community trails. This acreage is located within a mile of the Wittenbach Agriscience Center and the Wege Natural Area. The area will be named the Cooper Woodland Preserve.

The woodland was a gift to the Education Foundation from Dick Cooper, a retired attorney and his wife, Shirley. The school district is very fortunate to acquire this piece of land! The Cooper Woodland Preserve will provide yet another nearby natural area, preserved as open space, to be used by the Lowell Area Schools and the community in and around Lowell.

You are cordially invited to join us! **DEDICATION AND RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

At the Preserve on Foreman, just east of Alden Nash Thursday, June 6th, 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Ceremony For... 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 elction there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2006.

> THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES: Peter Haefner

Patrick Nugent James Van Buren

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2002.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS: PRECINCT NO. 1

held on Monday, June 10, 2002.

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

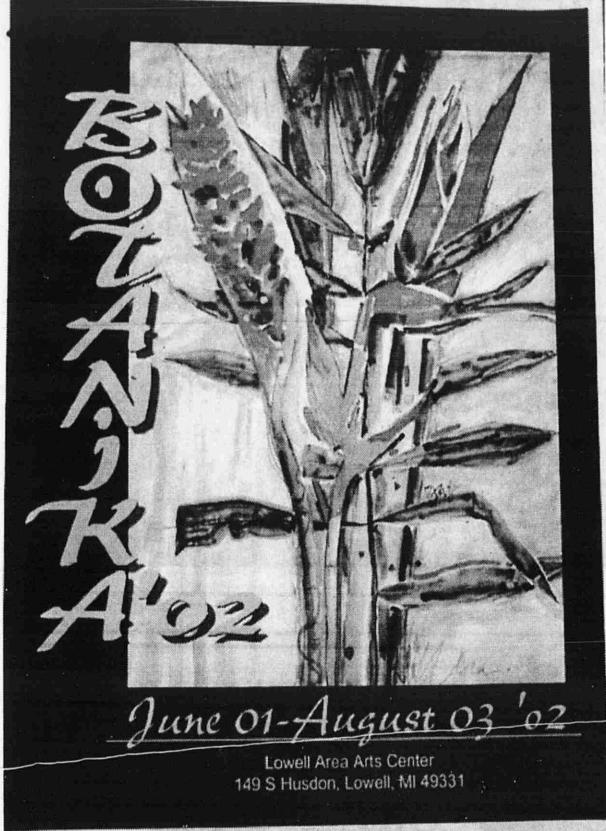
Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes in Kent County, and Keene Township in Ionia County.

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

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

Patrick Nugent Secretary, Board of Education





Floral botany highlights 2-month show at LAAC

Botanika '02 will provide artists with an opportunity to submit subjects not ordinarily corralled into an exhibit.

The show, held at the Lowell Area Arts Council gallery, is unusual in that the reception will be held the same day in which it opens - June 1 from 1 until 3 p.m. Prior to the reception there will be a plant and art sale from 9 a.m. until noon.

The June exhibit will remain throughout the month and then will be replaced in its entirety with a second phase, but same theme on July 1.

"The idea is to give more artists an opportunity for exposure," said exhibit director, D. Fletcher Davis. The artwork displayed will come in many different mediums, will all be impressions of the natural botanical world around us.

Images on display will include floral botany and entomology expressed in multi-media artworks. "This is the LAAC's main summer exhibit," Davis explained. "It's an invitational to all area artists." Events scheduled for the two-phase exhibition are:

· Mosaic patio stones workshop, June 8, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

• Gardening in July with Steve LaWarre from Meijer Gardens, July 10, 7 p.m.

• Garden Tours, July 13, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and 2:30 until 4 p.m.

• Two-day mosaic flowerpot workshop, July 13 and 20, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

• Meet the artists, July 19, 7 until 8:30 p.m.

• Photographing flowers with Richard Williams, July 20, 9 until 11 a.m. For more information call the LAAC at 897-8445.

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Street bridge, along with a sprinkling system at Richards Park. Future projects include tennis courts, a skateboard park, dugouts and a future park at the Unity High School site located on N. Monroe.

The Lowell Airport continues to improve its status with the state via a \$70,000 state loan, and thumbs up from the city to bring phase one of its four-year project on getting general utility status.

> The world is always ready to receive talent with open arms. Very often it does not know what to do with genius. -Oliver Wendell Holmes

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LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of May 13, 2002

REPORT - Destination ImagiNation - Lori Ingraham, Coach of "Destination ImagiNation," showed a video of the many activities that the students participated in during the school year.

REPORT - Middle School Academic Track - Cynd Geiger and Chris Stacey explained the Middle School Academic Track program.

REPORT - Middle School Generation Y- Susan Day along with several students showed how students help teachers with technology.

REPORT - High School Forensics - Jane Gillespie along with two high school students explained the recent results of the Forensics competition.

REPORT - Unity School Forestry Management -Monique Colon and Amber Bayles, Unity High School Students, presented a report on the recent forestry management project conducted at the Wittenbach Center.

REPORT - Food Service - Connie Gillette gave an update on the status of its food service program.

ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts:

to be used by the Lowell Middle School Art

Ionia County National Bank donation of \$1,543.33. to be used by the elementary reading programs

 The Hinton Family donation of books valued at \$217.05 to be used by the Bushnell Media Center.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:

· The minutes for the April 15, 2002 regular meeting and the April 22, 2002 special meeting. The following payment of bills for April 2002:

GENERAL FUND. .\$781,011.31 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND .\$60,375.18 A. Food Service Fund. .\$13,734.96 B. Athletic Fund SCHOLARSHIP FUND. ...\$400.00 2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.. .\$24,035.58 .\$2,535,750.00 1990 DEBT FUND 2000 DEBT FUND. \$649,669.39

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND. ..\$29,476.32 Election workers for the June 10 election

· Lowell Amateur Radio Youth C' ... Club trip to Dayton, OH on May 17 through . Jugn May 18, 2002

pegin the process for an installment purchase contract for two (2) 2003 71-passenger buses

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - Jim White gave a short • John Baughman donation of art materials valued at \$350 update on the construction process to date. High School the addition has started with 8 classrooms and a small cateteria planned. Several repair jobs at the other buildings will take place this summer.

> **BUDGET** - Bert Bleke reported that \$500,000 still needs to be cut from the budget next year.

> SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- Middle School and High School received North Central Accreditation. The OK League is slated to be realigned with the item coming for Board approval in June. The Board Candidate Forum will take place on Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in th Board Room. Jim White gave a short update on reading.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Board Candidate Forum Thursday, May 23, 2002 Runciman Administration D. ulding • 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting Monday, June 10, 2002 • 7:00 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

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Road Warriers

Residents (24) and staff from Laurels of Kent spent one of those scarce, warm, sunny May days cleaning up debris along a stretch of M-21 within the city limits. Laurels of Kent adopted the stretch of highway two years ago. The outdoors freshens and brightens the daily lives of residents, and their work heightens the look of the city.







Girl Scouts Give **Seedlings a Chance**

Girls Scouts from troops 1826, 392, 1842, 002, 1101 and 1124 and their families planted 200 white pine and hardwood tree seedlings at Stoney-Lakeside Park on Friday, May 17.

The activity was part of the troops' community service project. Pam Schlosser coordinated the event.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Phill and Sarab Lenard of Lowell are pleased to announce the birth of their son HAYDEN NATHANIEL born

APRIL 1, 2002 He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz.



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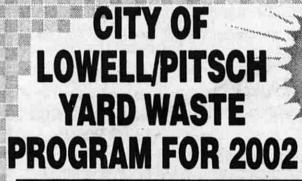
SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS

The Lowell Board of Education requests your input regarding our next superintendent's qualities and skills. Your attendance at one of these forums would be greatly appreciated.

Monday, June 3, 2002 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*** dnesday, June 5, 2002 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Office - Board Room Runciman Board of Education 300 High St., Lowell



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