

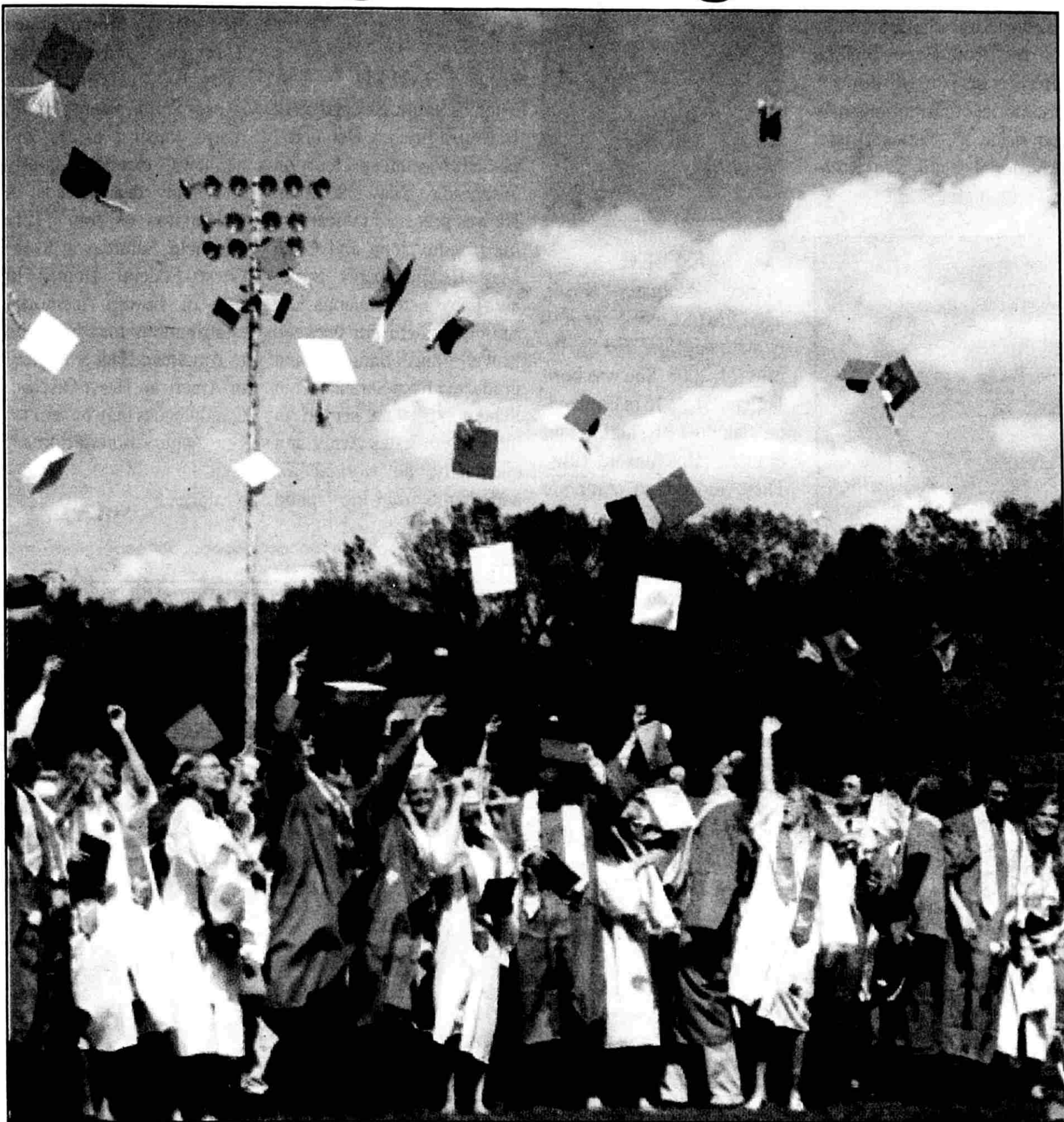
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Lowell High School graduates Class of 2008



by Molly Benningfield
Editor

With 320 graduates for Lowell High School's 130th annual commencement ceremony, Red Arrow Stadium was packed to the brim. Even with the wind blowing the graduates' cowls all over, the weather proved sunny and clear on Sunday afternoon.

Amidst a sea of red and white robes, LHS principal Patricia Murphy-Alderman started the ceremony. She began with a memory of her high school graduation, and the fact that she couldn't remember what her principal spoke to her, but instead remembered the time with friends and family before everyone went their separate ways. Murphy-Alderman quoted Gandhi and told the class, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

After a brief musical interlude from the LHS band, who performed "Just a Closer Walk With Thee", the student speakers took the stage.

First to speak was Andrea Converse, president of the class and a Summa cum laude graduate. Converse said, "We need to

realize what we are leaving behind." She spoke of the high school building as a place that "has provided us our foundation - Lower C [the class of 2008's hallway] has never abandoned us."

"We will not be able to take the walls of this school with us," Converse said. We have to "become comfortable with being uncomfortable, because change is inevitable."

Next to speak was Unity High School student Jennifer Hamilton. She shared a memory of being in a clothing store as a five-year-old, where her mother let her pick out her own outfit. "Even then I expressed my individuality," Hamilton said.

She spoke of "freedom of choice versus freedom from choice", as well as her accomplishments at Unity, ranging from president of student council to Senior of the Year.

Zach Baum, the Salutatorian of the class, spoke next. With a big grin on his face he said, "Isn't

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'Ranger Steve' to retire without hanging up his hat

by Emma Palova

As a kid, Steve Mueller collected insects. As the director of the Wege Wittenbach Center (WWC) he never stopped.

And now on the threshold of retirement, Mueller is still not ready to hang up his ranger hat. He's worn it well for the last 29

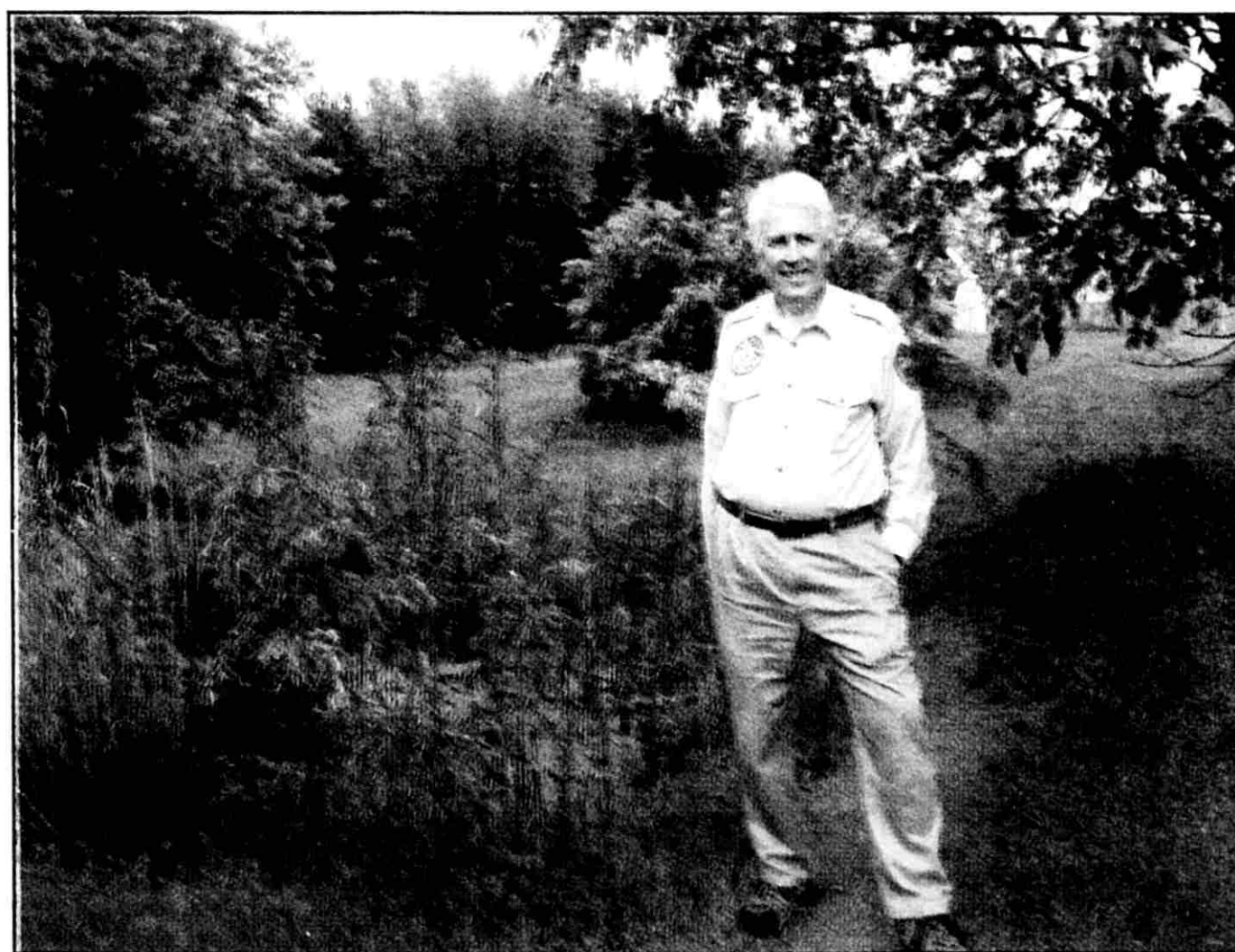
years launching his career as a state park ranger for the Traverse City State Park.

Later, he coined the character Ranger Steve for his own video production 'Butterfly Time' for an arboretum in Minnesota. Mueller prefers that title to this day.

When he accepted the director position with WWC three years ago, it was with mixed feelings. His previous workplace Howard Christensen Nature Center in Kent City closed its doors due to lack of funding.

"I was disappointed they closed it, but I saw the wonderful opportunity here in Lowell," he said.

That same lack of funding for nature related education remained a challenge throughout his tenure with the Lowell Area Schools, the funding arm for the center.



Director Steve Mueller by the pond at the Wege Wittenbach Agri-Science Center.

But that was offset by the work Mueller loved doing at the center. He saw the advantages of community programming, easy accessibility to the high school and the agri-science component tied to the curriculum.

"The agri-science piece

provided more of a holistic connection," said Mueller. "It was a wonderful piece to be involved in."

He enjoyed working with cross curriculum groups from the high school including ecological, English, lifestyles and agri-science classes.

Mueller is a major

proponent of experiential learning or hands on learning on site.

"For me experience that ties right into the curriculum is essential," he said.

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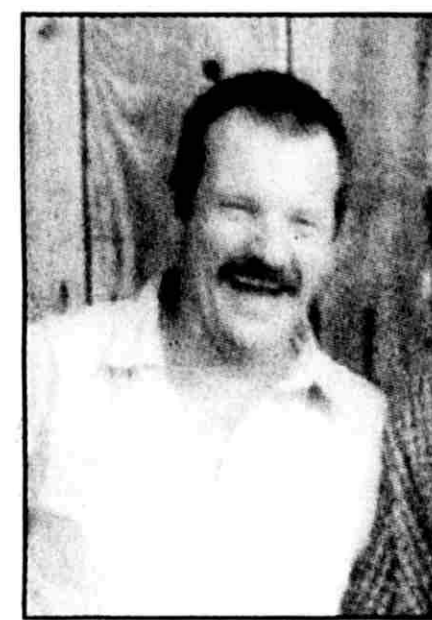


Obituaries



BAUER

Alice Ruth Bauer, aged 80 passed away on May 29, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Steven M. Bauer and her parents, Edna and Carl Haddan of Lowell. She is survived by daughters, Susan (Leonard) Hanline, Sharon (Tony) Ellison of Lowell and Ann (Jeff) Sinclair of Hastings; sisters, Carol Avery of Roswell, New Mexico and Judy (John) Clippard of Swartz Creek; grandsons, Steven and Tony Ellison; and many nieces and nephews. Alice deeply loved her family. She loved to paint and teach art, and was a member of the World Federation of China Painters. International Porcelain Artist Teachers.



BRISTOL

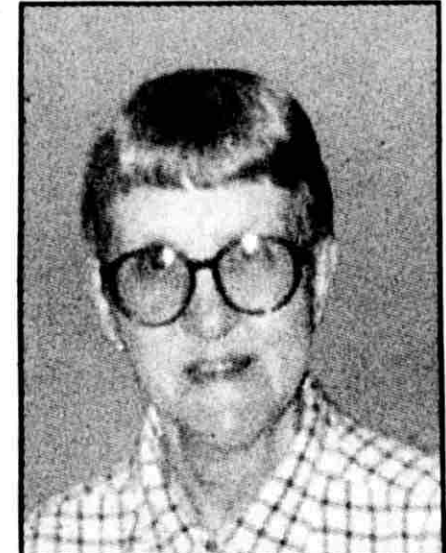
James Irwin Bristol, aged 50 of Saranac, passed away Monday, May 26, 2008. He was preceded in death by his parents Irwin "Red" and Nedra Bristol

and sister, Linda Sharpe. He is survived by his children, James (Antonina) Bristol of Fenwick, and Dominik Bristol-Seese; grandchildren, James Bristol III, Jacob Bristol and David Anton; brothers, Robert Bristol, Ted Bristol; sisters, Nancy (Robby) Tower, Terri Geldersma; brother-in-law, Gordy Sharpe; Uncle Ron and Aunt Kay Walker; cousin, Nicole Bristol; Grandma Lillian Robbins; many nieces and nephews. Jim was a loving person with a heart of gold who will be missed by all. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to, James Bristol Memorial Fund, c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral Home.



KYSER

Frances Margaret Kyser, aged 93, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord and Savior May 24, 2008. She was born January 31, 1915 in England, the daughter of Thomas and Frances (Hutchinson) Ellis. They moved to America when Margaret was twelve years old and resided in Mason. She graduated valedictorian with a 4.0 from Mason High School. She married Gerald Kyser March 25, 1939 in Lansing and they made their home in Boston township where they farmed and raised their family. She was a member of South Boston Bible Church, Farm Bureau, and WCTU. Margaret was preceded in death by their son, Gerry; her five brothers, Richard, Walter, Percy, George, and Brewster Ellis; and her sister, Winifred Wilson. Her husband, Gerald, preceded her in death on April 7, 2001. She will be dearly missed by her children, Kathleen (Robert) Roush of Lowell, Charlie (Marsha) Kyser of Lansing, Diana



EGAN

Faye L. Egan, age 63 of Lowell, passed away suddenly on Sunday, June 1, 2008. She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Ruth Rose. Surviving are her husband, Gerald "Jerry"; children, Christina (Matthew) Downer of South Bend, Ind., Priscilla "Sally" Egan-Loper of Lowell; five grandchildren, Brandon, Joshua, Laurelle, Nicholas and Marissa; sisters, Barbara (Jules) Sanford, Kathryn (Michael) Andrews; also several brother and sisters-in-law; many nieces and nephews; and her dog, "Precious". Faye loved animals, bowling and watching

wrestling. Services will be held Thursday, June 5, at 11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N Hudson with Rev. George Fekete officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kent County Humane Society.

(David) Roush of Lowell, Carolyn (Richard) Manion of Lowell, and Elizabeth (Timothy) Callihan of Ionia; 21 grandchildren; 36 great grandchildren; and 2 great great-grandsons. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the South Boston Bible Church with Rev. Ronald Tuinstra officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to Gideons International of South Boston Bible Church. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com.

SMITH

Thomas Smith, Sr. aged 69 of Lowell, a lifelong Democrat, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 28, 2008. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Oleta May (Brandenberg) Smith and baby sister, Dianna Lee Smith. Tom grew up between Lowell and Saranac and graduated from Saranac High School. He then served in the United States Army and eventually, he worked for and retired from the United



States Postal Service. He is survived by his children, Thomas (Eriko) Smith, William (Cindy) Smith; grandchildren, Jason, Shaun, Colin, Jenna, Julie; siblings, Elizabeth Story, Jack (Betty) Smith, Nancy Thornton, Judy (Doug) Eddy, Jay (Zeta) Smith, Jim (Rose) Smith, Sharon Nead; many cousins, nieces and nephews, extended family and many dear friends. A Celebration of Tom's Life was held, Saturday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or American Heart Disease. Condolences may be sent to: gerst@gerstfuneralhomes.com.

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MASTER PLAN HEARING
In accordance with Public Act 168 of 1959, as amended, the Lowell Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider comments on the 2008 Master Plan for Lowell Township. This proposed Plan is an update of the 2002 Master Plan and is intended to serve as a guide to the future development of Lowell Township and contains recommendations about future land use, goals and policies, analysis of land use trends, demographic information, maps of natural features, and recommendations to implement the Plan. The hearing will be held as noted below:
WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: Lowell Township Hall
2910 Alden Nash Ave. SE
Lowell, Michigan 49331
Anyone wishing to comment on this Plan is invited to attend this meeting. A copy of the Plan may be reviewed at the Lowell Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Ave. SE, Lowell, Michigan during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday or by calling 897-7600. The Plan may also be reviewed on the Township website: www.twp.lowell.mi.us
Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Township Planning Commission

Thebes Players will present Jake's Women

The Thebes Players will soon present Neil Simon's comedy "Jake's Women" for their last production of the 2007-08 season. The main character, Jake, has quite a dilemma on his hands. As a middle-aged successful writer, he has mastered the word processor, but hasn't many clues about how to handle all the women in his present and past. As any male will testify, women travel in a different world, and Jake's women may be from another planet. The women in Jake's life have influenced his behavior during his entire lifetime, from his sister Karen all the way to his

current analyst Edith. In between are various encounters with a past wife, his daughter, his current wife, and his new girlfriend. How can any man relate to one woman, let alone six of them? Well Jake has a device that most men would admire - he recreates many of these women in his mind so he can relate to them on his own terms. But it seems even that is not enough to keep the real personalities of these women from emerging and creating mayhem in his mind. This sometimes schizophrenic parody results in much confusion and many laughs.

Directed by Barbara Wepman, the play stars Ken Parrish as the hapless Jake. Pat Roy plays his current wife Maggie, his sister Karen by Laura Leasure, his first wife Julie by Peggy Schmidt, his daughter Molly at age 12 by Marissa Hastings, his daughter Molly at age 21 by Kate Boomsma, his girlfriend Shelia by Anna Beduhn, and his analyst Edith by Cheryl Brown. Dates of the play are June 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell High School's Performing Arts Center. There will be a Sunday matinee on June



The cast of Jake's Women prepares for opening night.

22 at 2:30 p.m. On both Friday nights, we will have Homemade soup, full salad and fruit bar before the play at the high school starting at 6:30 p.m. The play is acceptable for all ages. Tickets are available in advance at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 897-8545 or

on the Arts Council's web site www.lowellarts.org. They are also available the night of the show at the high school box office. Tickets (general seating) General Admission: \$10 / LAAC Members, Seniors, and Students: \$8 Group tickets 20 or more: \$8 - only in advance (Advanced Tickets available through Pay Pal) Day of Show: General Admission: \$12 / LAAC Members, Seniors, and Students: \$10 Tickets for the production are available at the box office 30 minutes prior to show time.

Ranger Steve, continued ... From Page 1

Since Mueller plans to continue his work at the center on a contractual basis, he hopes to increase the ever successful community programming, curriculum development and staff development.

Some of the most popular events of the previous year held at the center included the Earth Week, the making of maple syrup and the Farm Animal Day. Among the winter favorites are snowshoeing on the trails and the luminary

walk. Other programming mainstays are living history demonstrations and a fall hog roast in partnership with Future Farmers of America.

A major unfinished piece at the center remains gathering baseline information about the resources on the WWC property.

"You can't manage a piece of property if you

don't know what lives here," said Mueller.

His goal is to find a volunteer coordinator to help conduct the property assessment of resources, as well as explore partnerships with other nature centers. Mueller said he will miss most the contact with the students.

As in the previous years,

Mueller will continue his personal butterfly and moth research at Bryce Canyon, UT. His other plans include fiction writing based on some of his real life encounters with nature.

"I am not ready to hang up my ranger hat," he said.

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ART EXHIBIT
Layers of Life is a collaborative art event between the Lowell Area Arts Council and the Franciscan Life Process Center running June 8 - July 12. Open reception on June 8. For more information call 897-8545 or info@lowellartscouncil.org. Applications are also available at www.lowellartscouncil.org or the Lowell Area Arts Council and Franciscan Life Process Center locations.

NEIL SIMON'S COMEDY "JAKE'S WOMEN"
Presented by the Thebes Players June 13, 14, 20 & 21 at 7:30 p.m. and June 22 at 2:30 p.m. at Lowell High School Performing Arts Center, 11700 Vergennes St. SE, Lowell. Tickets are \$8-12. Dinner available June 13 & 20 at 6:30 p.m. Reservations required, tickets \$12. www.lowellartscouncil.org or 897-8545.

WITTENBACH/WEGE SUMMER CAMPS
Farm camp runs June 16 - 18, 9 a.m. - noon for students entering grades 3-5. Summer Science Day Camps four sessions: Extreme Sports, June 23-27; Space Rocketry, June 30-July 3; Gizmos, Gadgets, and Goop, July 7-11; and Science Detective, July 14-18. Camps are divided by grade level and run from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for \$299 or half day, 9 a.m. - noon for \$184. Discounts are available for youth who attend more than one camp. Call 987-1002 for more information or to register.

100 MILES IN 100 DAYS
It is never too late to take the 100 Miles in 100 Days summer walking challenge. You may register at Lowell City Hall, Lowell Senior Neighbors, Lowell or Alto Branches of the Kent District Library. www.lowellcommunitywellness.org or call 340-7781. Let's all just get moving.

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Alpha Women's Center of Lowell provides diapers, formula, wipes, children and maternity clothing as well as miscellaneous baby items. We also provide education programs for parenting and sexual health information. Open Mon. and Wed. by appt., Tues., 6-9 p.m. and Thurs. 10-4 p.m. Call 987-9533 for more information.

City council pestered by tall grass issues

by Emma Palova

Tall grass on vacant lots and selective enforcement of the ordinance regulating its trimming came under fire Monday night at the city council meeting.

Recently Charlie Bernard of Bernard's Ace Hardware questioned the council about the need for mowing his large vacant lot in the city due to high prices of gas.

The council maintained the city must look neat and attempted enforcement on a complaint basis.

However, Monday it became clear, that cutting was enforced selectively and the city wasn't cutting grass on its own large lots such as the Moose, Rogers and Stone Lake properties and Ridgeview extension.

"Until we start abiding by our own ordinance," said council member Jim Pfaller, "we cannot enforce it on the private sector."

The city owns large commercial lots around water and wastewater treatment plants.

So, the question became, how far do you mow.

"Where do you stop and where do you start?" said Dan DesJarden, Department of Public Works director.

Pfaller said it costs him \$25 to mow his four-acre parcel in the city, while the city doesn't even mow by the distribution storage line.

"Why do we require the private sector to mow when we're not abiding by the ordinance on our own property?" questioned Pfaller.

Council members Jim Hodges, Jeff Altoft and mayor Jeanne Shores defended the current ordinance and its enforcement.

"The intent is to have a clean and bug-free city," said Hodges. "We will continue to enforce grass cutting."

In the end, the council bounced the issue back on to the planning commission to determine setbacks on how far to mow.

"Thanks for nothing," said planning commissioner Vance Dimmick, "but the city needs to be kept looking trimmed and neat."

In related business, due to cuts from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), street sweeping of M21 has been reduced from eight sweeps to four sweeps.

However, the city will request Downtown Development Authority to fund the other four sweeps.

City approves budget with same millage rate/hikes water, sewer rates

by Emma Palova

The city council Monday approved the 2008-2009 budget supported by the same millage rate as last year. One mill of the general fund revenues will be transferred into the local street fund for street repair.

The millage rate remains at 16.08 mills including votes in millage for the operations of the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Overall projected revenues are expected to grow by 2.79 percent.

The general fund balance is \$153,000 or 5.94 percent of total expenditures. Residents will see an increase in water and sewer rates based on an analysis study conducted by Tetra Tech.

The water consumption rate will rise from \$1.43 to \$1.45 per 1,000 gallons, while sewer rates will go up from \$3.26 to \$3.38 per 1,000 gallons. Also the readiness to serve rates will go up.

"This will keep our rates current," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

In related business, the council approved the annual contract with North Kent Transit for transportation of senior citizens and handicapped. The funding comes from the Federal Community Development Block Grant.

"It's a valuable service to the community," said council member Jim Pfaller.

In other business: The airport board is reviewing a proposal for a new Fixed Based Operator to manage the airport following the departure of the School of Missionary Aviation Technology to Ionia in August.

The sewer upgrading program will continue for a total of \$40,000 for new manholes and two HVAC replacement units.

Capital improvements at the water plant include ground reservoir, interior and exterior repainting, replace main line valves, water distribution map and truck lease.

Coffee with the council set for June 7 from 8 to 10 a.m. DDA meeting set for June 26 at noon at the city chambers.

Viewpoint

Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



KEEP IT SIMPLE

When fishing walleyes on the Bays De Noc in northern Lake Michigan it pays to be prepared for a variety of angling scenarios. This could mean outfitting a fair size boat with G.P.S., sonar, a number of special rods and reels per angler, several kinds of live bait, jigs, spinners, crank baits, slip bobbers, drift socks, planner boards, etc. and etc.—you get the picture. It's fun, interesting, exciting, and sometimes productive but can easily become complicated and expensive.

Fishing doesn't have to be difficult to be productive. Last week we shared a lake with two guys who were fishing from a ten-foot aluminum boat. They each had a spinning rod and reel with a hook and worm tied 18 inches below a fixed float. The two buddies threw the bobbers into shallow water and slowly reeled the rigs back to the boat. They left an hour and a half later with two limits of nice bluegills. Gwen and I fished in another location with small jigs tipped

with a wax worm under slip bobbers. We fished longer than the other guys for one limit between us, but the gills and sunfish were so large we got three meals out of the catch.

Panfish (bluegills, crappies, sunfish, and perch) tend to congregate in shallows this time of year because the water warms up there first providing a comfort zone to feed and spawn. These fish are hungry and aggressive and will chase your bait. Later in the summer, the fish will move to deeper water and into weed cover. The same rig used for shallow fish will also work here by fishing deeper.

This kind of fishing provides a good entry-level experience for the novice, as well as a great opportunity to introduce kids to what could become a life long passion. June 7-8, 2008 is a free fishing weekend in Michigan when a license will not be required to fish. This would be a good time to get started.

The reward for catching panfish is a platter of pan-fried fillets at mealtime. There is no need to feel guilty about keeping a batch for dinner because reproduction rates for the fish are such that over fishing is generally not a problem in inland lakes.

Angling for panfish can be as complex as fishing offshore salmon and big water walleye or stream trout fly-fishing, but it is possible to get out on the water, have fun, fry up some tasty fish, and still keep it simple.



Boosting Farms, Cracking Down On Speculators

With Senator Carl Levin

my Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI) first began work on years ago. In 2000, a law was enacted that included a little-noticed provision that exempted Enron and others from oversight in some trading markets for energy. Starting in 2003, PSI issued a series of reports that revealed that these unregulated markets allow excessive speculation that has been driving up the price of energy. In 2006, we estimated that as much of \$20 of the price of a \$70 barrel of crude oil was added due to speculation.

With oil prices topping \$130 a barrel, this Farm Bill finally closes the Enron loophole. It will help put a cop back on the beat in all U.S. commodity markets, protecting against price manipulation and excessive speculation that have driven up the prices consumers pay.

High energy prices underscore the need to reduce our nation's reliance on foreign oil. The Farm Bill provides incentives to encourage the continued development of biofuels, and to encourage increased production of renewable fuels. It also improves upon a number of important conservation programs to protect and improve soil and water quality, prevent erosion and preserve and restore habitats.

All of these important measures contributed to the overwhelming bipartisan majorities that passed the Farm Bill and then overrode President Bush's veto. While the bill is not perfect, the combination of improved assistance for specialty crops, enhanced conservation spending, investments in nutrition and renewable energy programs, and the inclusion of provisions to close the Enron loophole make this year's Farm Bill a commendable piece of legislation that will benefit Michigan citizens.

One critical reform that I am very pleased with is the inclusion of the Close the Enron Loophole legislation that

Writing To The editor ...

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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JUNE 6, 1883

Strawberries on sale in Lowell at 18 cents a quart. New screens and furnishings have been placed in C. McGee's saloon.

A buggy-or what was once a buggy-stood in front of Train's hotel last night in rather a mixed up condition.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 4, 1898

Baseball to-morrow (Friday) at Recreation Park. All Stars of Grand Rapids vs L. L. C. Game called at 2:30 p.m.

The seventh grade, accompanied by their teacher Miss Bessie Kerekes, made an excursion to Pine hills, Tuesday afternoon and had a picnic supper.

Monday, while driving, Clyde Collar was thrown from a wagon and broke his wrist.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JUNE 8, 1933

Sneak thieves entered three Lowell homes between 2 and 3 o'clock a.m. last Friday and succeeded in getting away with a few dollars in cash from each place. The homes entered were those of R. M. Shivel, C. H. Runciman and John Kropf. Mrs. Shivel was awakened when the intruders passed close by her bed. With presence of mind she removed her finger rings and then aroused Mr. Shivel, but by this time the thieves were beating a hasty retreat. Mr. Runciman did not know he had been robbed until dressing time, when he failed to find his trousers in their accustomed place.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 5, 1958

Police Wednesday were investigating the fire at the Leon McCarty apartment on South Washington Street where McCarty says he was struck while in bed near midnight Tuesday by two young men who robbed him of \$8 to \$10 and then set fire in a closet.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 8, 1983

John Kwant, Valedictorian of the 1983 LHS graduating class, captured the minds of the near capacity crowd in attendance at the amphitheatre Sunday with a commencement address that hit home to the 180 graduates and onlookers alike.

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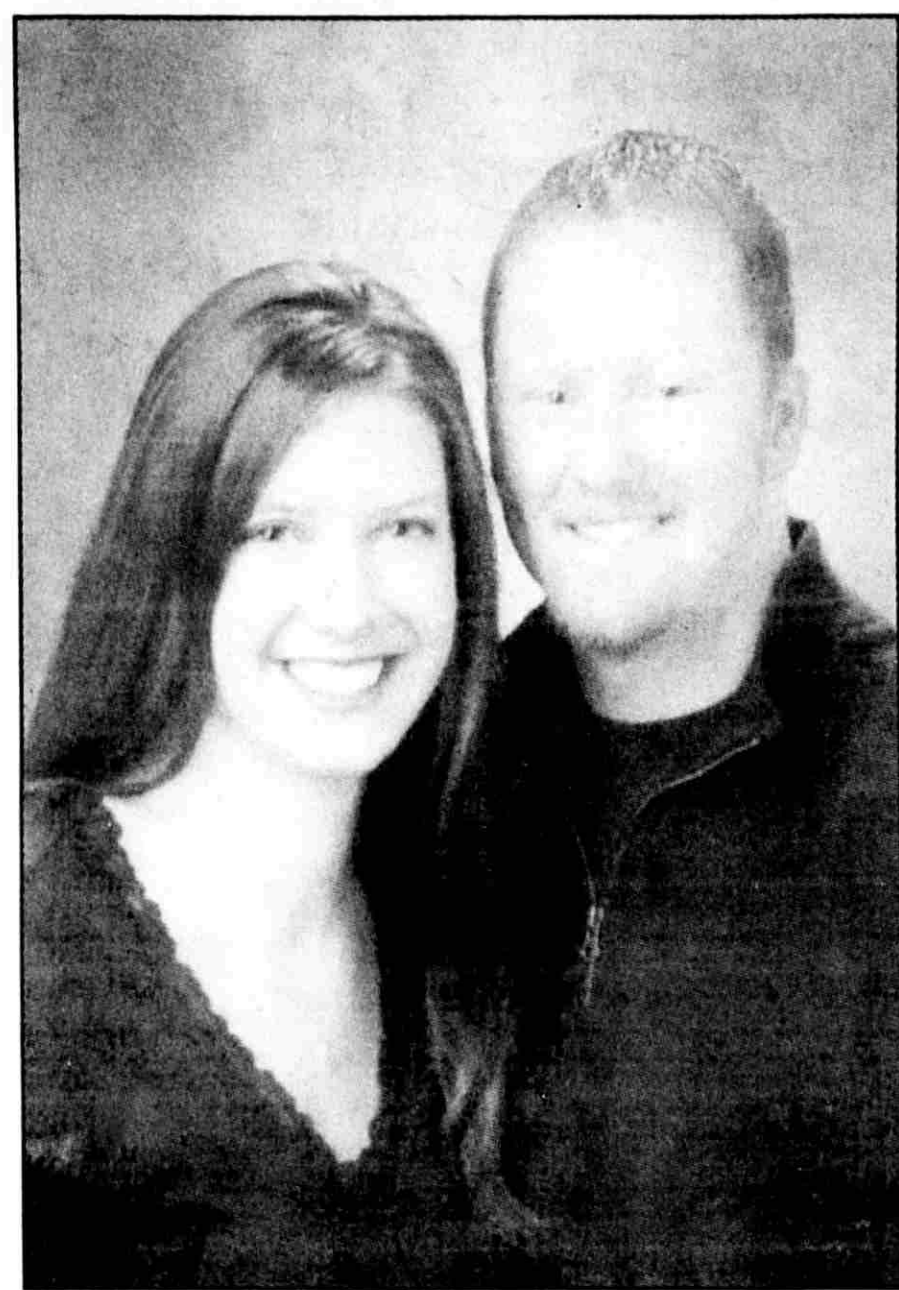
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Bennett/Kennedy



Shannon Danyl Bennett and Robert Earl Kennedy

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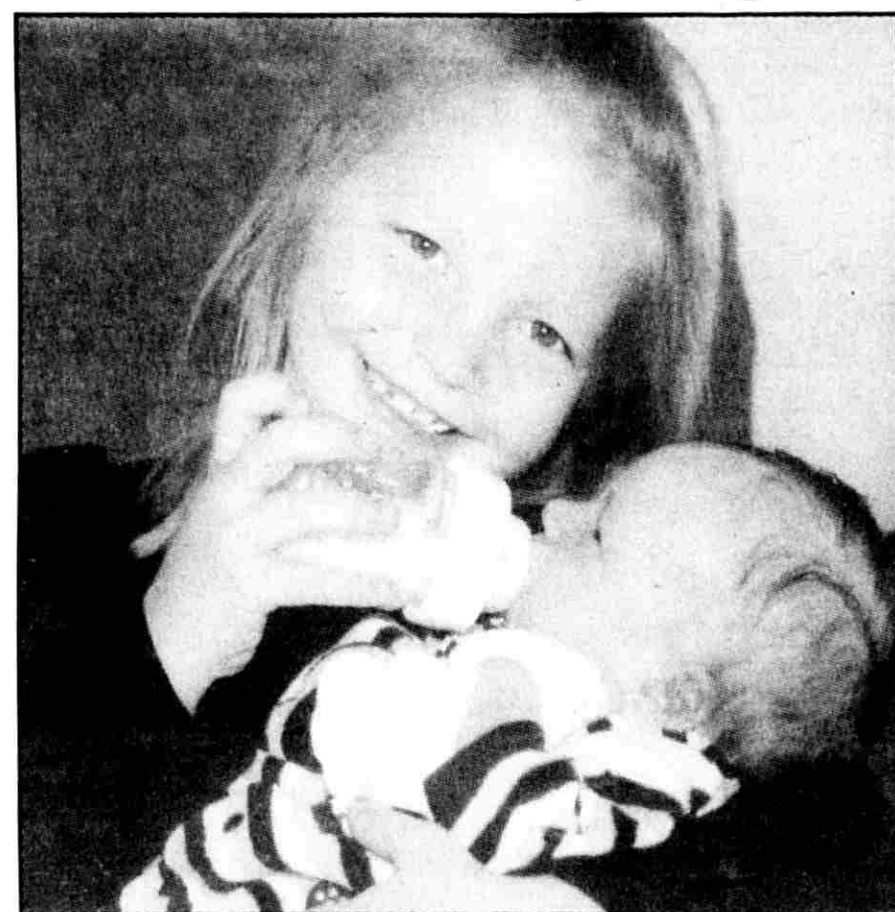
Smith

Jason and Theresa Smith, along with big sister Jenna, are happy to announce the birth of Brayden George Smith. Baby Brady was born on May 7, 2008 weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 23 inches.

Also welcoming Brayden home are his grandparents Pat and Jody McNamara of Comstock Park and Brian and Deb Happpie of Lowell, along with his Aunt Sarah, Uncle Drew, and Aunt Becca.



Brayden George Smith



Brayden with big sister Jenna Smith.

Bray

Proud parents of Payton Grace are Kurt and Rebecca Bray. Grandparents are Michael and Debra Fisk of Lowell, Tami Bray of Ionia, and David and Deb Bray of Middleville. Great grandparents are Rodney and Shirley of Alanson and Phil and Jan Pennington of Ionia.



Payton Grace Bray

Recognition for area cancer survivors

Has cancer touched your life? Has a family member, a dear friend, or maybe have you been diagnosed and your life turned upside down? Men, women and children who have fought the fight against cancer are who we honor at Relay For Life events, sponsored by The American Cancer Society.

Lowell area's third annual Relay For Life of Lowell, held from noon to noon, Friday, June 27, to Saturday, June 28, provides a perfect time to recognize, honor and remember those we care about. Our goal is to have over 125 survivors present at our recognition ceremony and the dinner following.

If you are a cancer survivor or know of one, please register for this free evening where the community comes out to honor you and to remember those we have lost to this terrible disease. This event will be one of the three special ceremonies that will take place during the 24-hour Relay For Life of Lowell, held at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium, 11700 Vergennes Street. There will be a 20-minute recognition Survivors' Ceremony, beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a "Victory Lap" around the track and a catered dinner provided by Backwater Cafe. At dusk, luminaries with the names of those who have fought and won against cancer and those who have lost their battle, will be lit to line the entire track area, which is another way of honoring and remembering our special people.

If you are a cancer survivor and would like to reserve a spot for you and a guest to attend the Survivor Ceremony and Dinner, please either go to our Lowell website at <http://events.cancer.org/flloowellmi> and click on Sign Up / Survivor Activities, or you may call Carol Briggs, at 897-5501, to have a registration form sent to you or to answer any questions you may have. Please respond soon, because we would like to have our plans for you complete by June 16.

Murray Lake Volunteer of the Month



Pictured at left is Sharon Landman and her two sons, Luke and Logan. Landman was named Murray Lake Volunteer of the Month for April. Staff members nominated Landman for all of the volunteering she does in the building. Landman played a major role in many of the Family Links sponsored Staff Appreciation Week activities. "I truly enjoy helping out at school. I get to help many schools in the area with their fundraising, yet I'm lucky enough to have the flexibility to volunteer at our school. When we are not taxing around to a sporting event, my husband Kelly and I enjoy, as a family, boating, going to our cottage, and traveling to the Florida Keys.

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Proceeds from the special evening help support the Center's program funds including endowment fund, music therapy and lessons, retreat programs, preschool education and art classes and workshops. Tickets are \$50 per person and reservations are required. The Franciscan Center is located at 11650 Downes Street in Lowell. For tickets or more information, call (616) 897-7842 or visit www.lifeprocesscenter.org.

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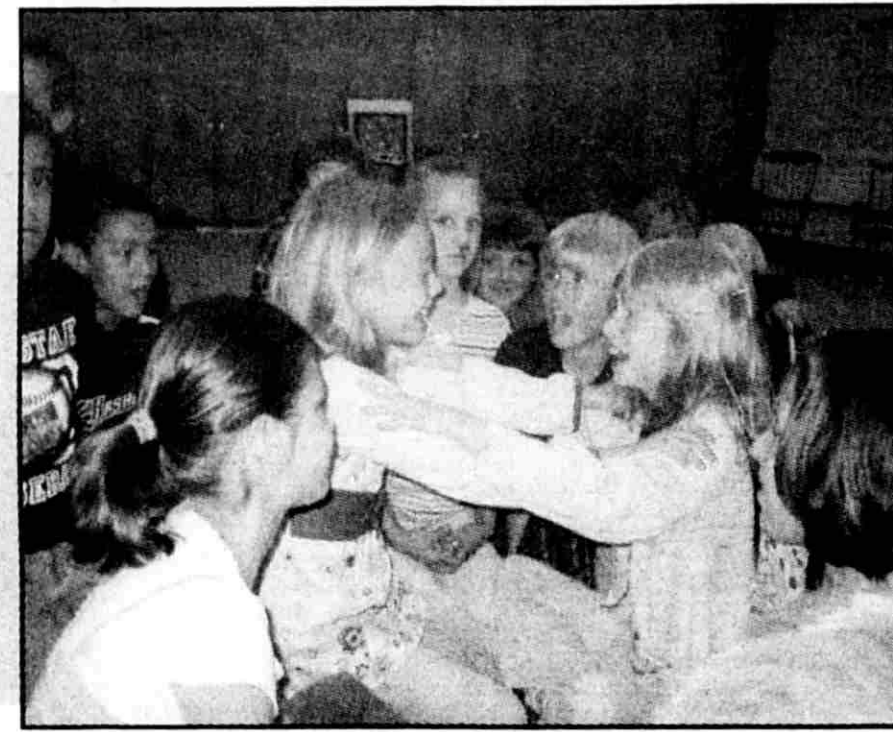
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Cherry Creek students learn through artist visitation program

The Lowell Education Foundation Grant program helped support the Cherry Creek Artist Visitation Program during the 2007-08 school year. The children at Cherry Creek Elementary experienced the teaching of guest artist Randy McChesney. McChesney is the Executive Director and Master Teacher for the Richards Institute of Education and Research. The Richards Institute sponsors "Education Through Music" classes throughout the United States and Japan. McChesney holds doctoral degrees



Students at Cherry Creek Elementary involved in the synergy of movement.

in music and also has extensive knowledge and research in neurobiology and child development.

He is an active clinician, adjudicator, and choral conductor for children's choirs and is a sought-after

keynote speaker, frequently at many Brain Gym and early childhood conferences.

McChesney worked with the children and Barb

Gumina during three days over the school year (fall, winter, spring).

Through his teaching, he showed the children how

the synergy of movement, language, song, social interaction, deductive and inductive thought produces better learners and better singers. The children at Cherry Creek are singing beautifully and are eager learners.

The Richards Institute also offers scholarships to the children of Lowell to attend the ETM Fine Arts Day Camp this summer in Grand Rapids. The Lowell Education Foundation Grant program gave a gift to the children at Cherry Creek that keeps on giving.



B.C. Pizza holds "Hometown Heroes" fundraiser

On May 22, James Fegel, left, presented Fire Chief Frank Martin with a check for monies raised at B.C. Pizza in Lowell. The money was raised to honor hometown heroes. James, owner of B.C. Pizza, contacted the fire department inquiring about the fundraiser, asking if

there would be any interest in participating. The fire department showed up with an engine and gave tours from 5-8 p.m. on May 21. Children and parents alike were given the opportunity to try on fire gear and check out the tools and equipment used by the fire department. B.C. Pizza donated 20

percent of the day's proceeds to the fire department. The members of the Lowell Area Fire Department would like to express our thanks to James, B.C. Pizza and those who supported this great cause. Thank you to all the kids for showing up with some great questions.



James Fegel presents check to Fire Chief Frank Martin.

Business Matters

Dave Emmette earns life underwriter training council fellow (LUTCF) designation

Dave Emmette LUTCF for Farmers Insurance Group in Lowell has earned the Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow (LUTCF) professional designation. The LUTCF is conferred only upon those individuals who meet or exceed the exacting qualification standards determined by the two organizations that jointly sponsor the designation. The American College and the National

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The designation marks an agent's long-term commitment to professionalism on behalf of clients, establishes the agent's competence and business experience, marks a commitment to The American College's and NAIFA's Code of Ethics and fosters additional professional development. In addition to the successful completion of five courses within a 10-course curriculum, LUTCF candidates must also complete an ethics course and

be a member in good standing of NAIFA.

Conferees are honored each year during The American College's national Knowledge Summit and Commencement exercises. This event will be taking place in November 2008 in Honolulu, FL. Each fall, local NAIFA associations nationwide also hold local conferment ceremonies. Since the introduction of the LUTCF designation in 1984, more than 67,000 individuals in the United States have earned the designation.

Emmette is a member of the Grand Rapids Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and has been active in the profession

for three years. Emmette is one of the top producers in his district and was recently awarded the Topper Club achievement. Toppers Club is awarded to only the top 15 percent of all agents with the Farmers Insurance Group network nationwide. Dave Emmette is recognized for his active role in the community as a board member and Ambassador for the Lowell Chamber of Commerce. He also sits on the Fallsburg Historical Society Board and

is an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

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Red Arrow baseball: District Champs!

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The last time the Lowell baseball team held a District trophy was in 1999. That year, Dustin Gless was the winning pitcher for the Arrows, who beat No. 4 team Grand Ledge in a 3-0 shutout. This year, as the Arrows won the District championship in Northview, Gless was part of the coaching staff.

Head coach Justin Miller had nothing but praise for his assistant coach. "He's just done a great job," Miller said.

And he had nothing but praise for his team, who is now 30-6, and headed to the regional tournament this Saturday.

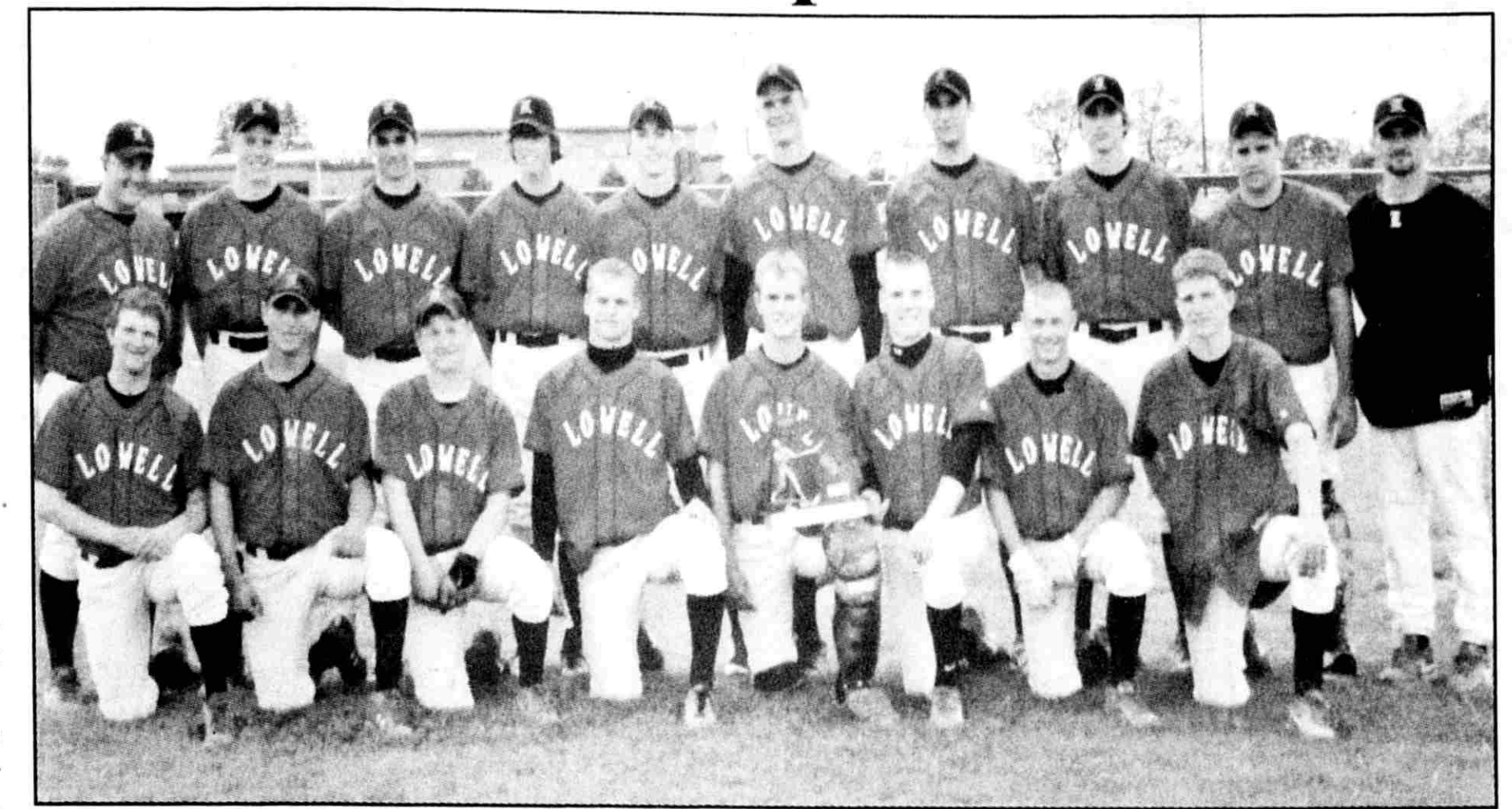
"This [title] is a great accomplishment for the team," Miller said. In January, the Arrows set four goals for the season. So far, they've achieved three of

the four – a District title, a conference championship, and a 30-win season. As for the fourth – "I'll tell you when it comes to it," Miller said.

The Arrows won the District title in a two-win series on Saturday at Northview. In the first game, Lowell won 7-0 to Grand Rapids Creston by forfeit. Only seven Creston players were present to play at the start of the game.

In the second game, Lowell won 10-0 against home-team Northview.

The Arrows scored two in the first inning, and four each in the fourth and fifth innings to end the game early. In the first inning, Will Bryan was walked with one out and Torsten Boss was hit by a pitch, getting both Arrows on base. Bryan stole third base and Boss stole second, on a double steal. Zach Stephens hit both in



The Lowell baseball team beat Northview 10-0 Saturday to win their first District title since 1999. Pictured are (first row, L-R): Ethan Drain, Zach Stephens, Ryan Dean, Torsten Boss, Pete Scudder, Will Bryan, Jesse Vandenbosch, and Jason Nugent. (Second row, L-R): Coach Justin Miller, Caleb Ort, Mitchell Malling, Elliott Drain, Tim Hettinga, Josh Drake, Nick Trasky, Pat Martin, Keegan Hanrahan, and assistant coach Dustin Gless.

with a two-out base hit. Lowell's 5-8 hitters were a combined 7-12 on the day, scoring five runs and had four RBI.

Stephens was 2-3, and had two RBI; Nick Trasky was 2-3 and had two runs, with a double; and Jason Nugent was 2-3 and had two runs and two RBI.

Boss was the winning pitcher, improving his record to 6-0. In four innings pitched, he had no runs and seven strikeouts. Stephens pitched a 1-2-3 fifth inning.

The Arrows will have a scrimmage against Grand Rapids Christian on Wednesday at home in

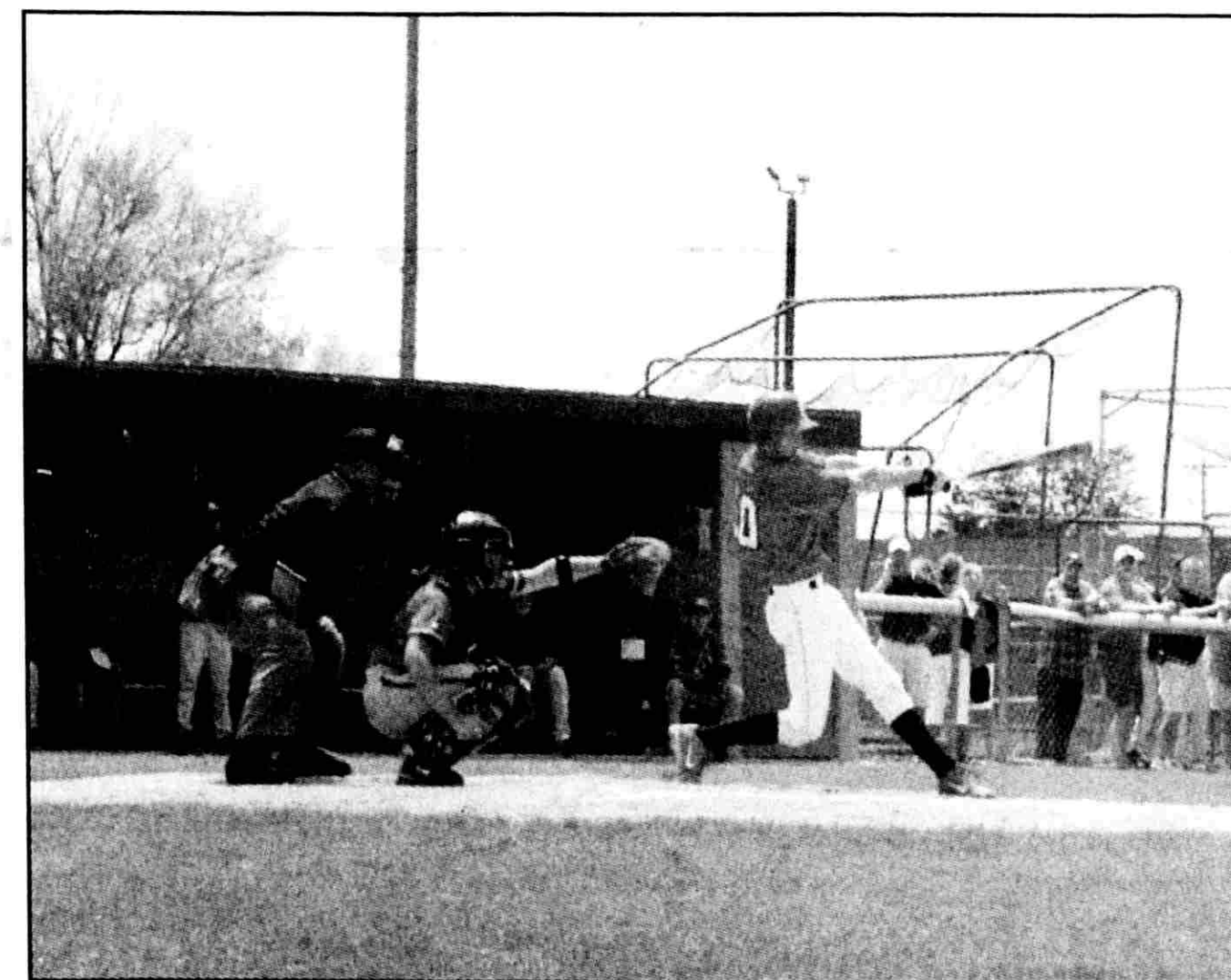
preparation for Saturday's regional tournament. Grand Rapids Christian won their respective District as well. "We're going to treat it like a game," Miller said, who planned the scrimmage to keep the team on their toes.

In regional play, the Arrows will take on Grandville Saturday at 10 a.m. at Rockford High School. Lowell faced them earlier in the season in a doubleheader, winning both games 3-2 and 10-3.

"The have good pitching and they're young," Miller said of Grandville. "They swing the bats pretty good."

He said the game against Grandville, as well as the possible game against the winner of the Jenison/Mona Shores game, will be a good test. "There's nothing easy from here on out."

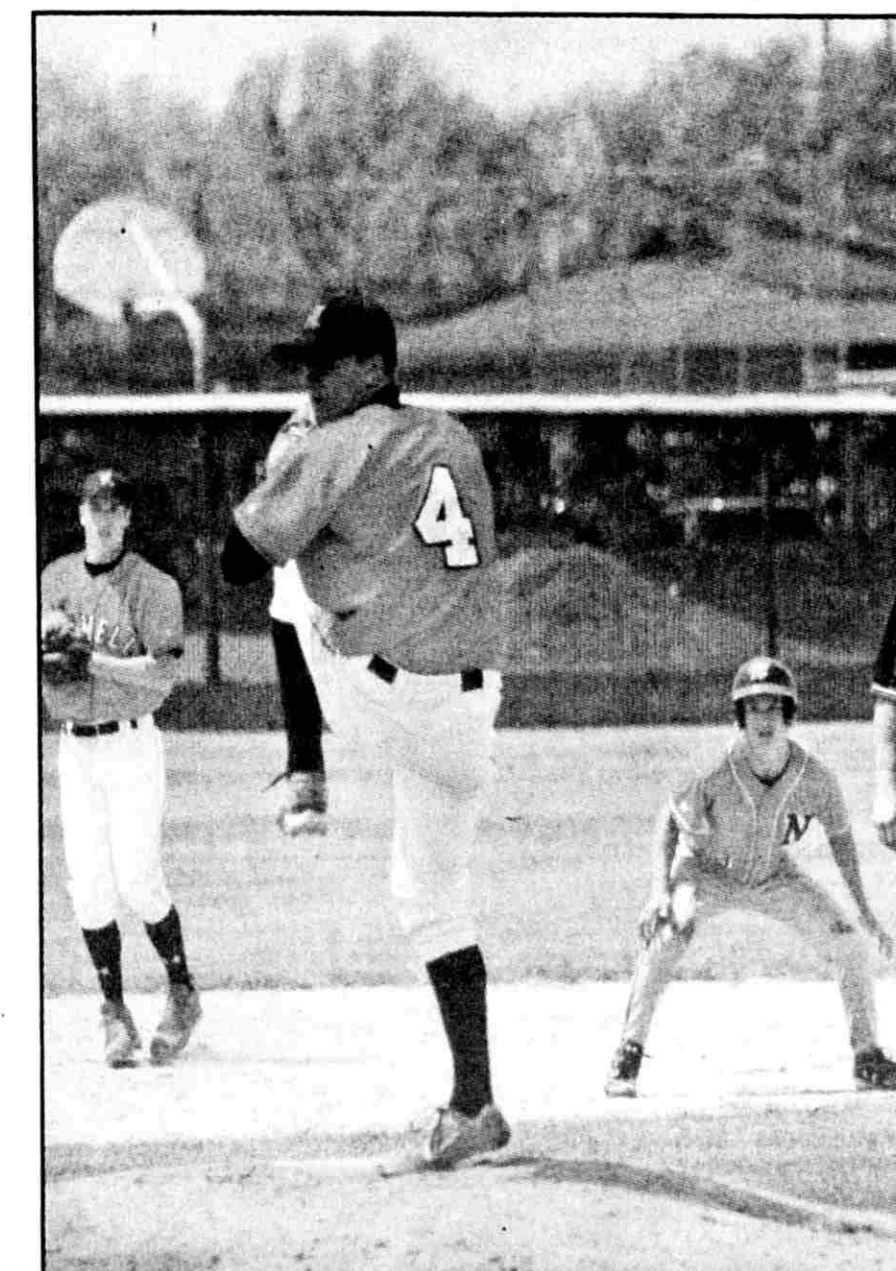
Miller said he liked the way "the team's playing, they love the support the community's been giving them."



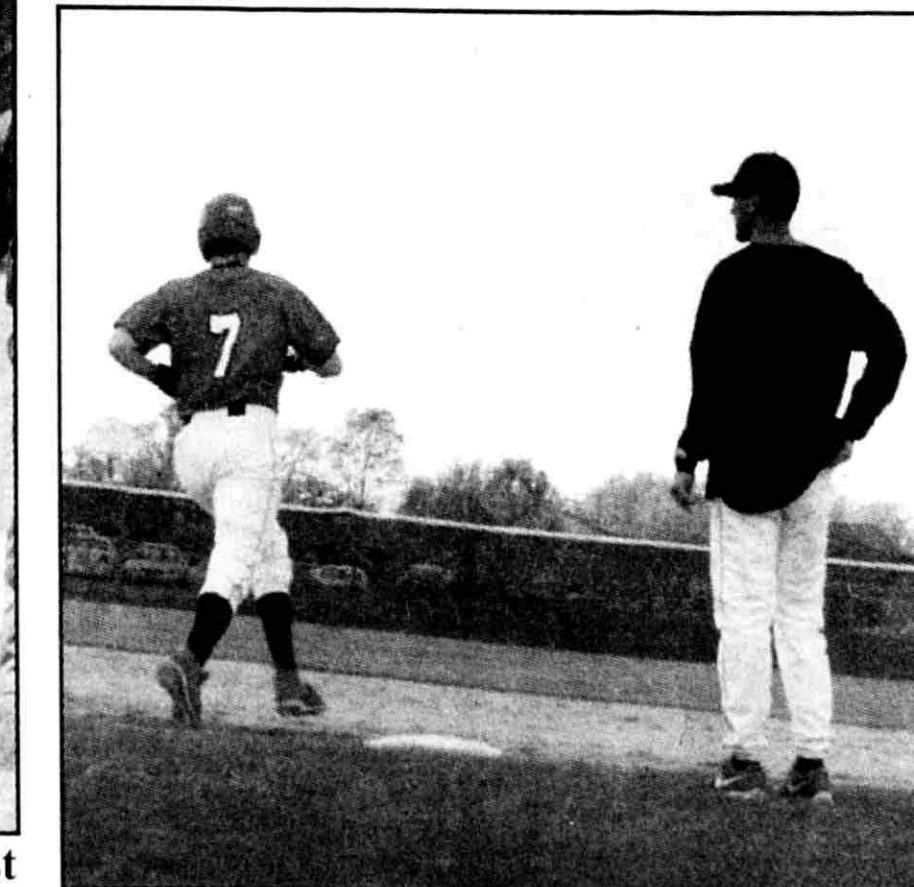
(Top left): Jason Nugent (10) was 2-3, with two runs and two RBI against Northview.



(Top right): Josh Drake (13) gets the ball from pitcher Torsten Boss as Northview's Ryan Beckett (13) dives for first base.



Torsten Boss (4) winds up for a pitch against Northview. With the win on Saturday, Boss' record goes to 6-0.



Ethan Drain (7) rounds first base as assistant coach Dustin Gless looks on.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

“OVERALL, IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL SEASON. IT WAS A GREAT GROUP OF KIDS TO COACH AND BE AROUND.”

- Coach Bob Rodenhouse

Softball team defeated in District finals by Rockford

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The softball team was defeated by Rockford in the final round of Districts at Northview on Saturday, falling 4-12. They advanced to the finals after defeating Grand Rapids Creston 15-7 earlier in the day.

Lowell vs. Rockford
Against Rockford,

the Arrows saw a nine-run third inning by their opponents, which coach Bob Rodenhouse said sealed the deal. “We committed three errors - you can’t do that against a good team.”

The Arrows came back in the fifth inning when Jessica Meyer tripled to lead off and crossed home base on an error. Katie McElroy

hit Kristin Nagy in on a home run - her second of the day, and fourth over-the-fence home run of the year. Monica Vigil was walked and came home on Samantha Mundt’s double. The Arrows collected 10 hits off of what Rodenhouse called “a very good pitcher”. Lauren Dood picked up her fourth loss of the season, ending at 10-4.

Lowell vs. GR Creston

Against Grand Rapids Creston, the Arrows’ offense was on fire. Most notable was Mundt’s infield grand slam in the sixth inning, which put her at six RBI for the day. She also had a double against Creston.

McElroy had an early over-the-fence home run and two hits. Vigil had two hits, and Ashley Nawrocki had two hits.

Bailey Allen was the winning pitcher, and ends her season at 9-7.

Rodenhouse said Creston “swung the bat really well - they had 11 hits.”

Lowell vs. Kent City



Linnea Churches (21) winds up for a pitch against GR Creston.

The Arrows picked up a doubleheader against Kent City last Thursday in preparation for District play. Lowell lost the first game 1-3 and won 10-0 in the second game.

“In the first game, we were rusty,” Rodenhouse said. “In the second, we just swung the bats better. Eight-day layoffs really hurt us, but the girls came alive in the second game.”

In the first game, the only scoring came in the

sixth inning, when Kent City had three runs (off of a walk, an error and two hits), while Lowell had one on a double from Meyer, who drove in Nawrocki.

Dood picked up the loss. “She really pitched well,” Rodenhouse said. “We had eight hits, but didn’t really put it together. We were flat.”

In the second game, Allen picked up her eighth win.

McElroy had three hits;

Mundt had three hits, with two triples and three RBI; Nagy had two hits with three RBI; and Beth Wyckoff had two hits. The Arrows scored two in the fourth inning, two in the fifth and six in the sixth to end the game early.

The Arrows end their season 19-14. “Overall, it was a very successful season,” Rodenhouse said. “It was a great group of kids to coach and be around. [The season] was a statement to their character.”



Andrea Coffey (22) hops back from a close pitch during the game against Grand Rapids Creston.

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Monica Vigil (10) rounds third base after a hit from Samantha Mundt turned into a grand slam. Coach Bob Rodenhouse signals to keep running.

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Lowell soccer ends season against FHE

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The Lowell soccer team ended their season last Thursday with a tough loss to Forest Hills Eastern, 0-2.

The Forest Hills Eastern game was a tough one, with good defense coming from the Arrows.

In the second half, Goalie Cat Howard and defender Paige Smith cleared the ball from the goal box to halt the Hawks’ advances.

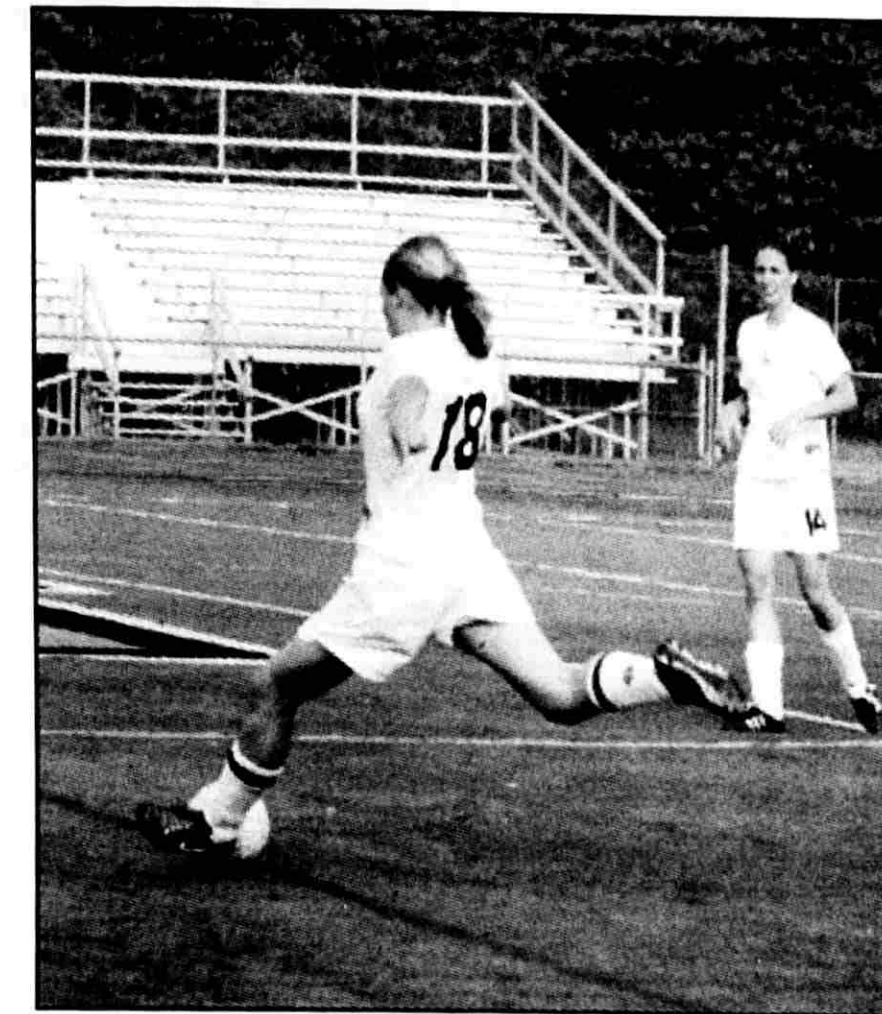
They had advanced to the second round of District play after a win against

Northview on Tuesday, 3-0.

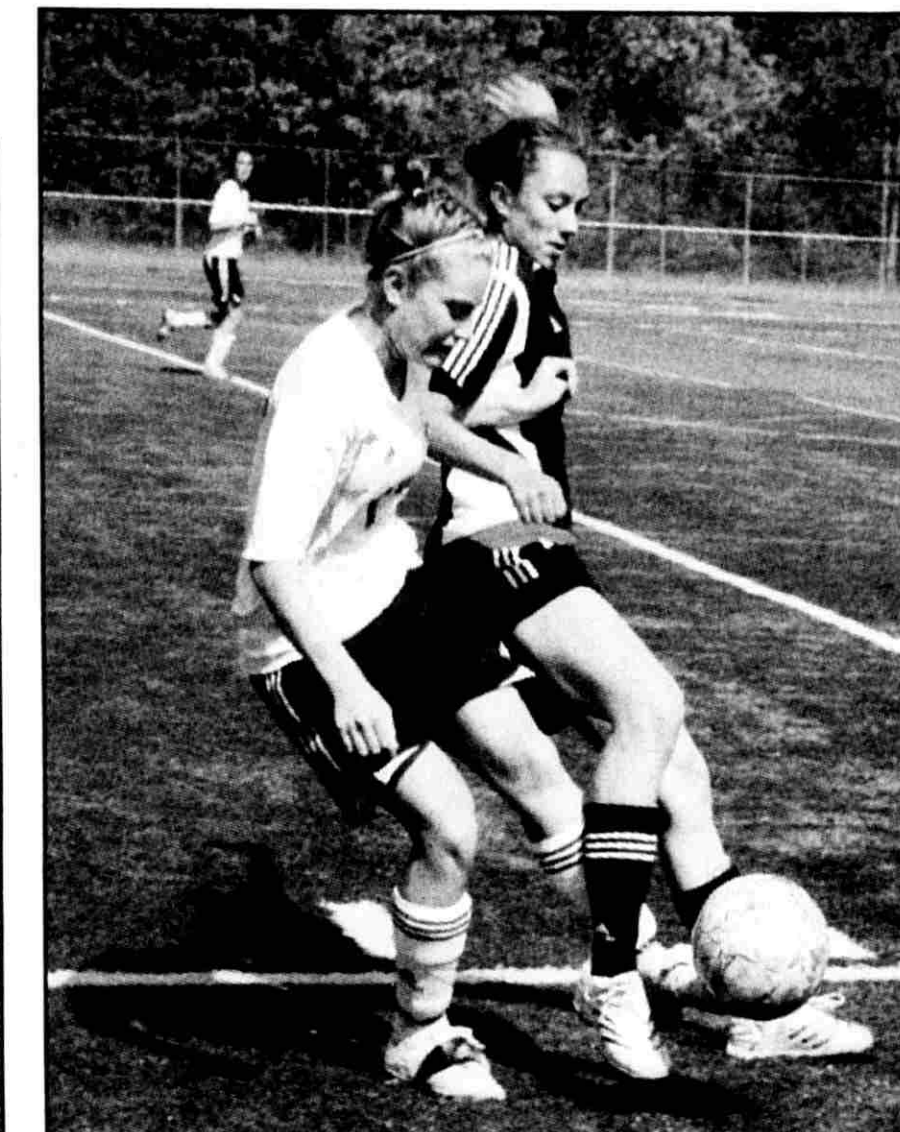
Scoring for the Arrows were Hannah Oberlin, Brooke Curtis and Katie Kruse. Sarah Fetzer, Chelsea Harrison and Oberlin all had assists.

Lowell had a staggering 33 shots at net, versus Northview’s one shot.

Forest Hills Eastern would go on to lose the tournament on Saturday against top-ranked Forest Hills Central, who moves on to Regional play.



(Top left): Paige Smith (18) takes a free kick on Thursday's game against Forest Hills Eastern while Courtney Schmidt (14) looks on.



(Top right): Lauren Ferguson (9) gets in front of a Northview opponent as she fights for the ball.



Elena Brubaker (10) plays tough defense against Northview on Tuesday while Sarah Fetzer (21) provides backup.



(Right): Hannah Oberlin (11) fights for the ball with Forest Hills Eastern's Sonya Kavalam (16).

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
Lowell Area Schools
Lowell, MICHIGAN;

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, June 9, 20 08
PLACE OF MEETING: Runciman Admin. Building - Board Room
(place and address)
300 High St., Lowell, MI

HOUR OF MEETING: 6:30 O'CLOCK, X PM.

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION: 987-2500

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Lowell Crew competes at state

On Saturday, May 17, the Lowell crew team traveled to Kennington Metro Park on the outskirts of Detroit to participate in the inaugural Scholastic Rowing Association State Championship.

Twenty-two schools and over several hundred rowers partook in a high-spirited day of rowing on Kent Lake. The championship was tested by Mother Nature throughout the day with a four-hour delay due to wind and waves, followed

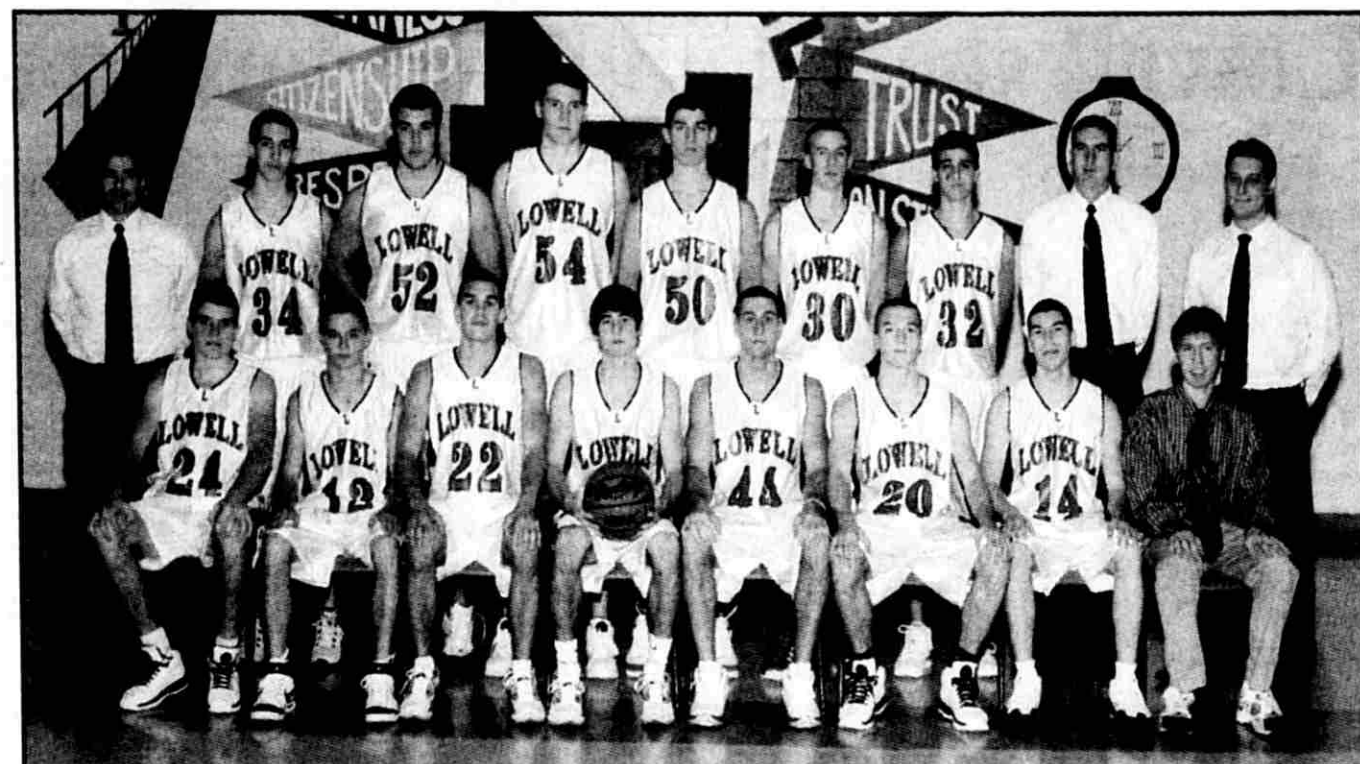
in the late afternoon with thunderstorms, but by 6:30 the regatta had come to a successful conclusion.

The Lowell team competed in four events beginning with our Lightweight 4, Women's Junior 8, Women's Junior 4 and finishing with the Men's Junior 4. As rowers derigged sculls, and parents broke down tents and gathered supplies for the trip home, you could hear the excitement in conversations about the day and the races

that they were involved in.

This race brought a close to the 2008 regatta season, but not the end of rowing for many of our team members. You can join them beginning May 19 in our "Learn to Row" program that is being offered throughout the summer for students and adults at our boat kennel on the Grand River.

Checkout the crew website at www.lowellcrew.com for information on rowing and the season highlights.



Boys' basketball team gets academic award

The LHS varsity basketball team was named Honorable Mention Academic All-State for the 2007-08 season. The Arrows were coached by Jeff McDonald, and went 13-8.

Pictured are (first row, L-R): Mike Schumm, Jesse VandenBosch, Matt Kurtz, Brett McMahon, Eric Saenz, Tim Hettinga, Lance Fargo and manager Jeff Kropf. (Second row, L-R): Coach Jeff MacDonald, Troy Hefron, Josh Faulkner, Bob Wernet, Spencer Sellner, Danny Lane, Mitchell Malling, Coach Dan Anibal and Coach Jordan Beel.

Kimble takes second in track state finals, VanEns gets eighth

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Richelle Kimble, a junior on the girls' track team, took second place in pole vault at the state competition Saturday, with her best jump coming at 11 feet, 3 inches. Amy VanEns, a senior, also placed at the state meet in the high jump

at 5 feet, 2 inches, tying for eighth place.

This was Kimble's second trip to the state meet, where she placed seventh in pole vault last year. Coach Robin Briggs said Kimble jumped at 9 feet, 9 inches; and 10 feet with no misses. At 10 feet, six inches, Kimble cleared the bar on her third attempt, while at 11 feet, she cleared it the first time over, and was the only competitor to do so on her first attempt. Kimble made 11-3, on her second attempt, while Sarah Birkmeier of Rockford cleared it on her first. At 11 feet, six inches, neither of the two cleared the bar.

Kimble set a new personal record, as well as school record, when she cleared 11 feet, and then 11 feet, 3 inches.

VanEns, took eighth place in high jump at her third trip to the state meet. She will be attending Davenport College in the fall, and plans to participate on the track team.



Junior Richelle Kimble took second in the state in pole vault.



Senior Amy VanEns took eighth in state for high jump.

DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008

Minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payables were approved.

The following actions were taken:
Motion to approve the adoption of the 2007-2008 Budget Amendments as presented.

Motion to approve the adoption of the 2008-2009 Operating Budget as presented and set the millage rate the same as last years at 15.83 mills and 0.25 mills in addition for the Lowell Area Historical Museum voted November, 2002.

Motion to approve the new water and sanitary sewer rates as presented.

Motion to approve the contract between the County, City and Hope Network West Michigan (North Kent Transit) July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 for transportation services involving senior citizens and the handicapped utilizing Federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

Motion to allow upright markers or benches in the vacated sections of Oakwood Cemetery.

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, June 16, 2008.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on June 16, 2008 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

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Historical Walk highlights stories of early settlers

by Emma Palova

A cemetery is a place of history worth exploring.

So, in his 'Second Historical Walk through Oakwood Cemetery,' sexton Don DeJong brings alive stories of early settlers in the Lowell area.

"I wanted to help people understand the richness of history," said DeJong. "Every stone has a story, and a memory."

DeJong's goal in his historical account, based on stories published in the Lowell Ledger, is to make a stroll through the cemetery a positive experience.

The spiralbound book contains maps of the cemetery sections with highlighted numbers of the profiled settlers, along with their stories.

In the old part of the cemetery to the east is a gravesite without a headstone honoring one of the most important settlers in the Lowell area, the Hooker family.

The Hookers became known as recorders of history since they spoke the Indian language. They established the Hooker Pioneer Society to pay tribute to all who came through the wilderness to build their homes in the area.

The Hookers came from Plymouth in Wayne County, Mich. only with a

small covered wagon driven by ponies carrying all their possessions in 1837. The trip took them seven days. When Hooker came to Lowell, it was called Quabiquasha by the Indians.

There were only three houses in Lowell at the time. One on the west side was used as a schoolhouse. The first teacher, Miss Caroline Baird, was married in the schoolhouse in 1839.

While touring the cemetery, one should not miss Hiram Robinson's lot 210, located to the north.

The Robinsons came to Lowell in 1836 before the town was established. At that time, the town was called Vergennes, of Flat River. They were the first to raise wheat. Daniel Marsac came later, and built a log house on the east side of the Flat River.

The Robinsons recorded much of early Lowell history in scrapbooks. These accounts described encounters with Indians and tracked down the earliest postmasters. Rodney Robinson was appointed the postmaster for the Flat River post office, while his daughter Clarinda was his deputy postmistress.

Some of the scrap book accounts written by Clarinda carry enticing titles such as 'Three Coons Paid Postage,' 'A Bully Worsted,' and 'No Flappers Then.'



Sexton Don DeJong plans to use the proceeds from his second historical walk account to purchase flag holders for the wives of Civil War veterans.

In 'The Old Days on Flat River,' Hiram Robinson describes early threshing of wheat with poverty malls of flails followed by a journey to a mill in Kalamazoo. The Indians would often trade venison for flour.

"Bread tasted pretty good those days with potatoes and deer meat," wrote Robinson.

The book is filled with similar juicy stories from the life of the Lowell area pioneers. At the end, DeJong included interesting tidbits or clips from the Ledger such as

'The Square Man.' The clip describes what a straight man should be like.

"It's just plain cute," said DeJong. "This is a fun way to make history come alive. It gives a feel for that time."

DeJong used proceeds from his first 'Civil War Stories' account to publish the second historical walk. He intends to use proceeds from the sale of 'Second Historical Walk' to purchase flag holders for wives of Civil War veterans.

He already has plans for a

third historical walk that will profile early business people, civic leaders and eventually famous people buried at the cemetery.

The book ends with an account of a pioneer meeting honoring the 40th anniversary of the arrival of Edson English and his wife in town. The last statement reminds us all that:

"Time rolls on. The grandmothers, the fathers and mothers are gone and we children are the grandfathers and mothers of today."

Standing by a headstone at the Oakwood Cemetery DeJong talked about the value of a cemetery.

"It's not just dead people," he said. "There is value here."

The 'Second Historical Walk through Oakwood Cemetery' is available at the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the city hall and at the cemetery office.

Layers of Life exhibit to expose artwork from the heart

by Emma Palova

The joint 'Layers of Life' exhibit between the Lowell Area Arts Council and the Franciscan Life Process Center aims to show more than just pretty pictures.

"The concept of the show is creating art from the heart with a deeper meaning," said art director Kacey Cornwell.

Although some artists just sit in front of a pretty flower and paint it, most don't paint exactly what they see in front of them.

"We're looking for works of passion," said Cornwell, "for art from the soul."

Certainly, Cornwell's own creation, the 'Layers of Life' poster in lavender for the upcoming exhibit, shows love of nature, and passion for color.

Cornwell started with a picture of red maple leaves taken at the center last fall. Working in Creative Suite design program, she isolated the leaves, reversed them and used several layers including the actual green background.

The artwork may consist of layers of paper or paint. It can also represent layers of thinking or some significant

time in life, either revealing or concealing different perceptions and beliefs.

The layers can be physical or conceptual, bringing out

density, resonance and vital importance to the creation. But most of all, the artwork will show that everything in life is connected.



Kacey Cornwell created logo and poster for the upcoming 'Layers of Life' exhibit.

Fire and Water Art Gallery, often uses layering to portray neolithic objects of power and ritual landscapes based on her travels to Ireland.

"The art I create comes from an undeniable need to form abstracted boats, spirals, compasses, and circles," she wrote in her artist statement. "I suspect they carry the message of a journey, personal and eternal journey through life. I don't really need to know for sure.

I just need to create these images and spend some time with them."

That is the point of the entire exhibit, spending some time with art, celebrating its energy and power and

understanding the meaning behind abstract pieces.

The opening reception is June 8 at both galleries from 2 to 4 p.m.

People's Choice prizes will be awarded.

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Graduation, continued

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this a great feeling?" to the audience and his classmates. Baum spoke in a jovial manner, talking about the "state-sponsored quest for knowledge" and about how the phrase 'Carpe Diem', or 'Seize the Day' was an important phrase to remember.

He ended his speech saying, "Wouldn't it be nice if every day could be this fulfilling?"

Kenny Hayes was the last graduate to speak, as valedictorian of the class. He announced that he would try to keep it "short and sweet", after many drafts of the speech made it onto paper. Hayes asked his classmates to remember their friends and family, and "the town in which we were raised."

Greg Pratt, Superintendent of Lowell Area Schools, encouraged the graduates to "identify

(Right): Meghan Mathews smiles as she shows off diploma.

(Below): LHS graduates after the ceremony celebrate.

your goals and work with a purpose." He said their graduation was a "great accomplishment, which requires hard work and sacrifice."

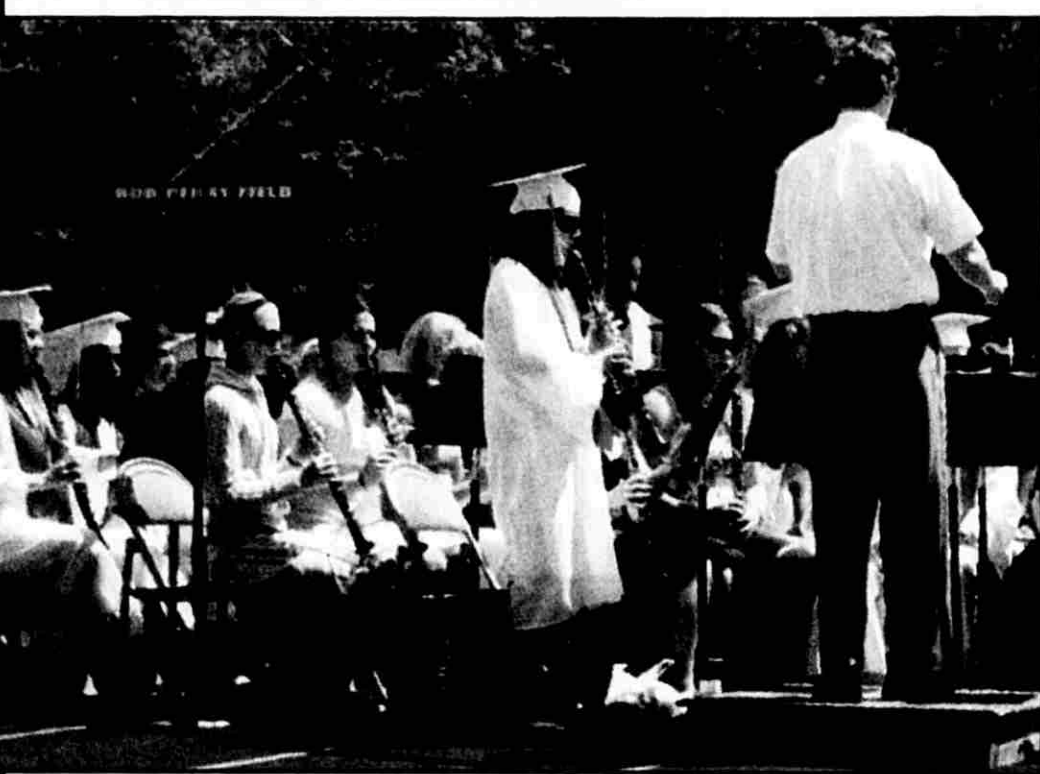
After the presentation of the diplomas, Andrea Converse passed the spade to Class of 2009 president Racynda Corlis.



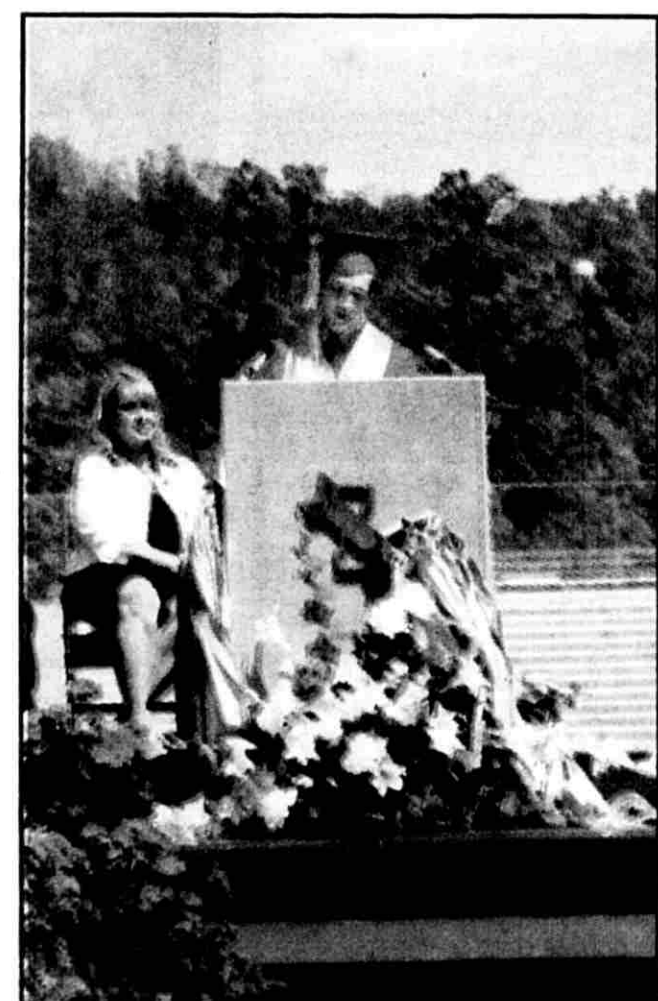
(Above): Jacob Nawrocki celebrates after he receives his diploma.

(Left): The LHS band performed "Just a Closer Walk with Thee".

(Below): Will Bryan shakes hands with principal Patricia Murphy-Alderman after receiving his diploma.



Kenny Hayes, Valedictorian



Zach Baum, Salutatorian



Andrea Converse, Class President



Jennifer Hamilton, Unity High

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2008

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Some want to be rockstars, others want a career in medicine, and one even wants to design Nike shoes.

When asked what their dream career would be, these Summa cum laude students' answers showed that even with a high GPA, you can still have a little fun in your life.

The Ledger asked these 17 students, who all have a GPA of 3.95 or higher, to spill a little of their life.

Keep reading to find out what these recent graduates do in their spare time, what music they listen to and what their future plans are.

KENNY HAYES

Parents: Amy and Kurt Hayes

Siblings: Blake, Jaki, and Khloe

GPA: 4.261

School activities: Ice hockey, cross country, baseball, Model UN

Other activities: Church volunteer

Awards and honors: Academic All-State (baseball and hockey), Centralis Scholar Award

Favorite school subject: Math

Last book you read: "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel

What's on your iPod? Indie/rap music

Future plans: Attend Central Michigan University, study pre-medicine

Dream career: Neurosurgeon

ZACHARY BAUM

Parents: John and Patricia Baum

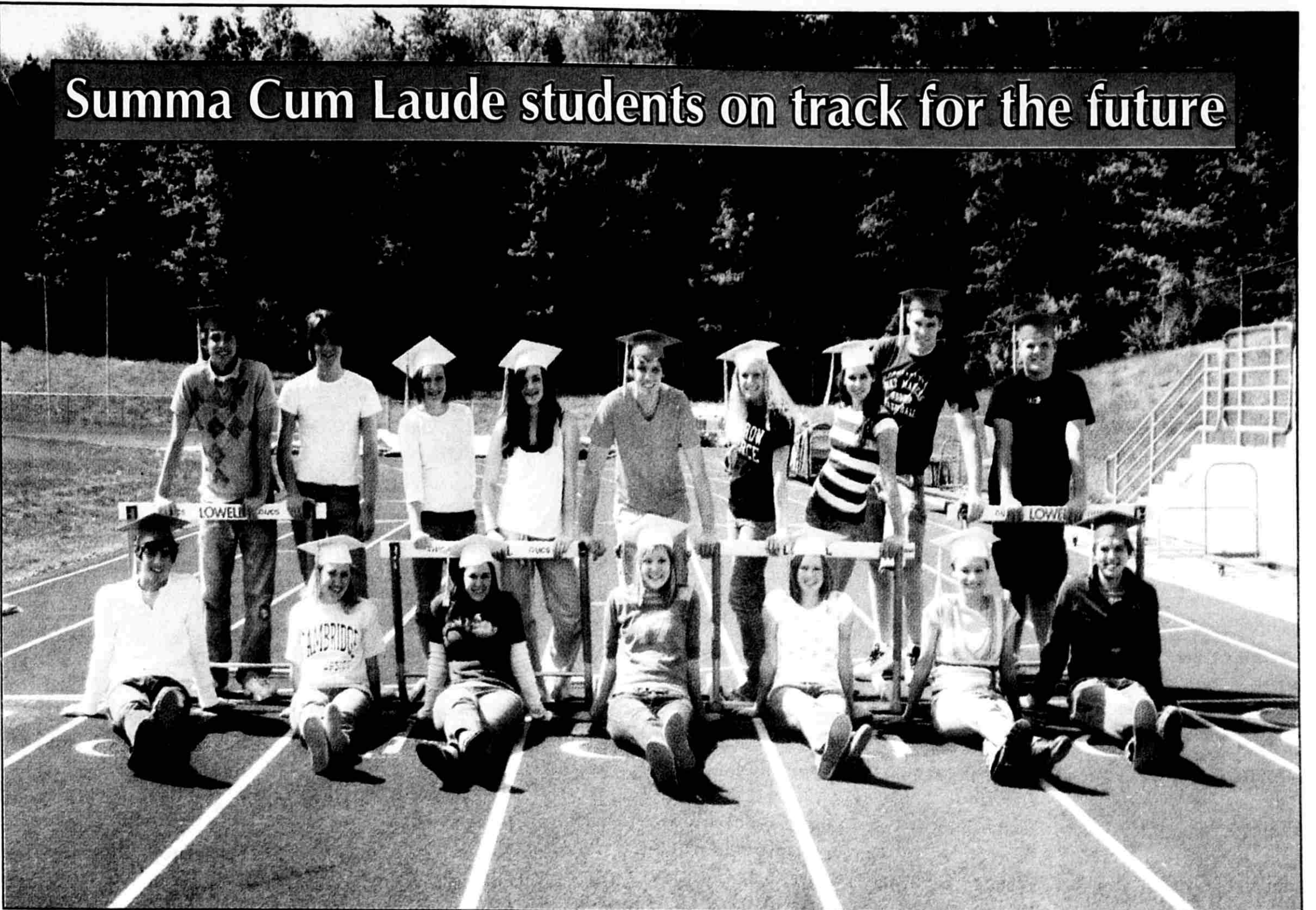
Siblings: Jake, Marty and Lauren

GPA: 4.259

School activities: Wrestling, Marching band drumline

Other activities: Being metal

Awards and honors: Academic All-State in wrestling, GR Press Superstar Senior, Englehardt Scholarship, Wingier



Summa Cum Laude students on track for the future

Lowell High School's Summa Cum Laude students earned a grade point average of 3.95 or higher. They are (first row, L-R): Brett McMahon, Ellen Mork, Andrea Kulhawik, Deanna Hewitt, Nicole Baker, Heather Walendzik, and Nathan Marculis. (Second row, L-R): Drew Kyllonen, Eric Holmgren, Jessica Meyer, Aubrey Dee, Kenny Hayes, Katie McElroy, Andrea Converse, Bob Wernet and Logan Brenk. Missing from the photo is Zach Baum.

Scholarship, Gary Rivers Memorial Scholarship, Certified B.A.

Favorite school subject: Mathematics

Last book you read: "Dianetics" by L. Ron Hubbard

What's on your iPod? "Never Gonna Give You Up" by Rick Astley and the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air theme song

Future plans: college and other character-building endeavors

Dream career: Chris Hansen on "To Catch a Predator"

HEATHER WALENDZIK

Parents: Richard and Debora Walendzik

Siblings: Rachel and Erica

GPA: 4.256

School activities: Marching band, Symphonic band,

International club, Students Against Drunk Driving, FFA, National Honor Society, Model UN

Awards and honors: Honor roll, academic letter, academic pin

Favorite school subject: AP Government

What's on your iPod? "1491" by Charles Mann

Future plans: Graduate from Alma College

Dream career: Supreme Court justice

LOGAN BRENK

Parents: Pat and Nancy Brenk

Siblings: Griffin and Kelsey

GPA: 4.199

School activities: FFA, National Honor Society, International Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, Model UN

Other activities: Stuff Awards and honors: Summa Cum Laude

Favorite school subject: Calculus

Last book you read: "Heretics of Dune" by Frank Herbert

What's on your iPod? Lots of stuff

Future plans: Attend GVSU and eventually become a doctor

Dream career: Supreme Dictator!

ERIC HOLMGREN

Parents: Chris and Sally Holmgren

Siblings: five

GPA: 4.147

School activities: Model UN, Track, All-school play, musical, National Honor Society

Awards and honors: 3 department awards, NYU Trustees Scholarship

Favorite school subject: Math

Last book you read: "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel

What's on your iPod? Good music

Future plans: Attend New York University

Dream career: Fashion model

AUBREY DEE

Parents: Sheri and James Dee

Siblings: Kyle, Seth, Joel, Mariah

GPA: 4.114

School activities: National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America

Other activities: Church and political volunteer

Awards and honors: Varsity Letter, Scholar Athlete

Favorite school subject: Government

Last book you read: "Voice in the Wind"

What's on your iPod? A random mix of Christian, contemporary, pop rap - everything

Future plans: Olivet Nazarene University to major in communications, with minors in political science and international missions

Dream career: Own my own non-profit organization to help troubled kids and teens

BRETT MCMAHON

Parents: Michael and Pam McMahon

Siblings: Bryce

GPA: 4.102

School activities: Basketball (captain), Tennis (captain), National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Other activities: Volunteer at YMCA and church activities

Awards and honors: All-Conference for basketball, Honorable mention All-Conference for tennis

Favorite school subject: Government

Last book you read: "Fab Five" by Mitch Albom

What's on your iPod? Beastie Boys' "Intergalactic Plenary" (paused at 2:42)

Future plans: Central Michigan University - Honors College

Dream career: Shoe designer at the Nike Headquarters in Oregon

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Summa cum laude, continued ... From Page 17

DREW KYLLONEN

Parents: Brian and Sheila Kyllonen
Siblings: Devin and Matt
GPA: 4.098
School activities: Soccer, tennis, Rotary, National Honor Society
Other activities: Work, Youth group

ANDREA KULHAWIK

Parents: Frank and Cathy Kulhawik
Siblings: Jake
GPA: 4.053
School activities: Equestrian team, Crew, International Club, Band, Art Club
Other activities: Horse showing, drawing, reading
Awards and honors: Honor roll, Varsity Letters for Equestrian, Crew, and Band, English and Spanish department awards
Favorite school subject: Biology
Last book you read: "Chosen" by Ted Dekker
What's on your iPod? The Beatles, mostly, and everything but country and rap
Future plans: Pre-vet at Michigan State University
Dream career: Artist

NICOLE BAKER

Parents: Bill and Deb Baker
Siblings: Nathan
GPA: 4.080
School activities: Tennis, Pals, International Club, Lowell Women's Club, National Honor Society
Other activities: Volunteer at Flat River Thrift Store, Hanging out with my friends
Awards and honors: Honor roll, varsity letter in soccer and academics
Favorite school subject: Science
Last book you read:

"Hearts in Atlantis" by Stephen King
What's on your iPod? Everything rock
Future plans: Pre-med at University of Michigan
Dream career: Drummer in Ellen's band

Parents: Bill and Linda McElroy
Siblings: Mike
GPA: 4.030
School activities: Softball (four years), volleyball (two years), Business Professionals of America, National Honor Society
Other activities: Sunday School teacher
Awards and honors: 3-time All-Conference, 2-time All-Region and All-District Coaches' award, Most Hits record, Most Homeruns record (Softball)
Favorite school subject: History
Last book you read: "Long Lost" by David Morrell
What's on your iPod? Oldies
Future plans: Olivet Nazarene University to play

BOB WERNET

Parents: Tim and Sue Wernet
Siblings: Shelly and Dan
GPA: 4.045
School activities: National Honor Society, Basketball, Rotary Club
Awards and honors: Scholar Athlete
Favorite school subject: History
Last book you read: "Ironman"
What's on your iPod? If I had an iPod, it would be about everything
Future plans: Attend Albion College and major in business
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Parents: Gregory and Marsha Converse
Siblings: Audrey and Ryan
GPA: 3.986
School activities: Business Professionals of America, Students Against Drunk Driving, National Honor Society, Student Council, choir
Other activities: Golf, musical, play, church cantor
Awards and honors: Congressional Medal of Merit
Favorite school subject: Business
Last book you read: "Night" by Elie Wiesel
What's on your iPod? I don't have one!
Future plans: Hope College - studying business and music
Dream career: Vanna White

KATIE MCELROY

Parents: Greg and Barb Hewitt
Siblings: Andy, Natalie, Martin
GPA: 4.006
School activities: Tennis
Other activities: Hanging out, working
Awards and honors: Varsity letter in soccer and academics, Lawrence Tech Scholarship, Honor roll
Favorite school subject: Math
Last book you read: "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel
What's on your iPod? "I don't have one!"
Future plans: Hope College - studying business and music
Dream career: Vanna White

Parents: John and Kimille Meyer
Siblings: Kathryn, Jacob and Kalvin
GPA: 4.015
School activities: Softball, National Honor Society, Varsity Club, Sports medicine
Awards and honors: Dean's Scholarship, Summa Cum Laude, Award of Excellence (GVSU), AP Scholar Award
Favorite school subject: AP Government
Last book you read: "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel
Future plans: Medical school, Study abroad
Dream career: Anesthesiology

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Siblings: Andy, Natalie, Martin
GPA: 4.006
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Other activities: Hanging out, working
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Other activities: Hanging out, working
Awards and honors: Varsity letter in soccer and academics, Lawrence Tech Scholarship, Honor roll
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Dream career: Vanna White

NATHAN MARCULIS

Parents: Carol and Bill Marculis
Siblings: Matt
GPA: 3.980
School activities: National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, all-school play, all-school musical
Other activities: Playing guitar
Awards and honors: Summa Cum Laude
Favorite school subject: Calculus
Last book you read: "Stealing Buddha's Dinner" by Bich Minh Nguyen
What's on your iPod? Hardcore/Electronic
Future plans: Attend Grand Valley State University Honor's College
Dream career: Rockstar

ANDREA CONVERSE

Parents: Gregory and Marsha Converse
Siblings: Audrey and Ryan
GPA: 3.986
School activities: Business Professionals of America, Students Against Drunk Driving, National Honor Society, Student Council, choir
Other activities: Golf, musical, play, church cantor
Awards and honors: Congressional Medal of Merit
Favorite school subject: Business
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Dream career: Vanna White

ELLEN MORK

Parents: Janine and Steve Mork
Siblings: Kirsten, Kathryn
GPA: 3.957
School activities: Tennis, International Club, Women's Club, National Honor Society
Other activities: Our Love Skate park, volunteering
Awards and honors: Honor roll, varsity letter in tennis and academics
Favorite school subject: English
Last book you read: "His Dark Materials" by Philip Pullman
What's on your iPod? Classic rock, alternative rock
Future plans: Business at University of Michigan
Dream career: Rockstar!

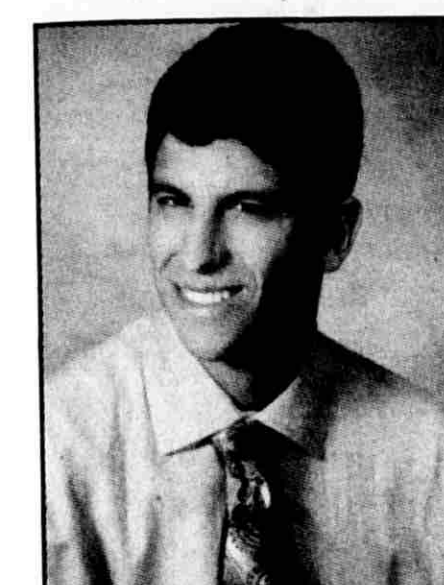
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LHS seniors receive scholarships

Following is a list of LHS seniors who received scholarships.
Nicholas Abdo: Michigan Competitive Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Cory Baerwalde: Michigan Promise Scholarship; Nicole Baker: Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Wytjes Medical Scholarship, Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Tanya Baker: Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Joshua Balfour: Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Kyle Bardwell: Michigan Promise Scholarship; Tyler Barkacs: Michigan Promise Scholarship; Kelsey Bassin: Kendall College of Art & Design Portfolio Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship John Bateman II Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Zachary Baum: Michigan State University Harold J. & Mildred T. Englehardt Scholarship, Babe & Evelyn Wingieier Scholarship, Gary Rivers Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Press Superstar Senior, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Travis Bergy: Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Andrew Bewell: Moerdyke Family Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors High School Graduate Scholarship, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Richard Bichler: Michigan Promise Scholarship; Rochelle Bieri: University of Detroit Mercy Academic Scholarship; Lauren Blattner: Michigan Promise Scholarship; Justin Boss: Michigan Competitive Scholarship; Bobbi Botsford: Michigan Promise Scholarship; Eric Bouwhuis: Michigan Competitive Scholarship; Logan Brenk: Wytjes Medical Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Award of Distinction Presidential Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Award of Excellence, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Grand Rapids Press Superstar Senior, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Alexander Brock: Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Technological University Presidential Distinction Scholarship, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Chandel Bronkella: Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Joshua Brubaker: Hope College Covenant Scholarship, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Kyle Brubaker: Michigan Competitive Scholarship; William Bryan: Hope College Presidential Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Briana Buck: Michigan Promise Scholarship; Breanna Bueche: Lowell Education Association Roger Kropf Scholarship, Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Renee' Buist: Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Promise Scholarship; Nicole Busch: Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Promise

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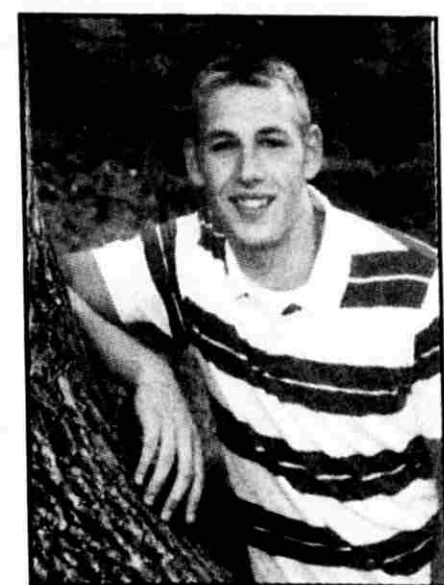
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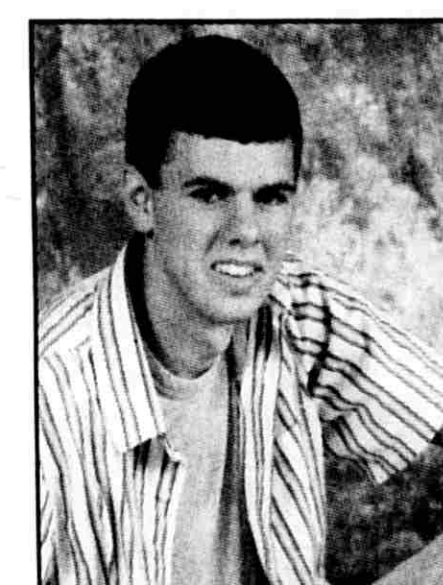
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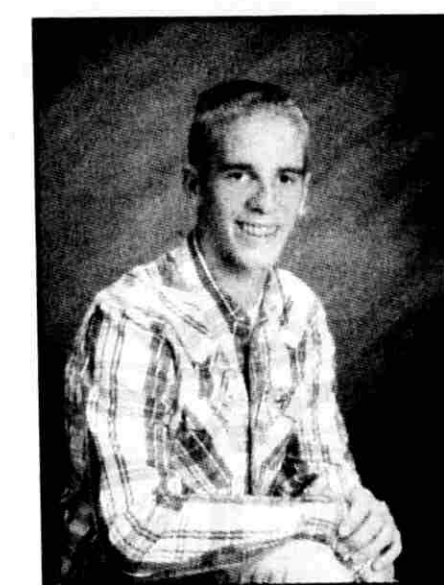
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Tanya Baker



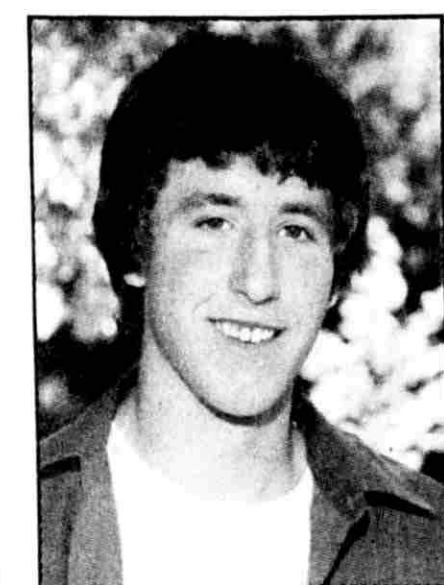
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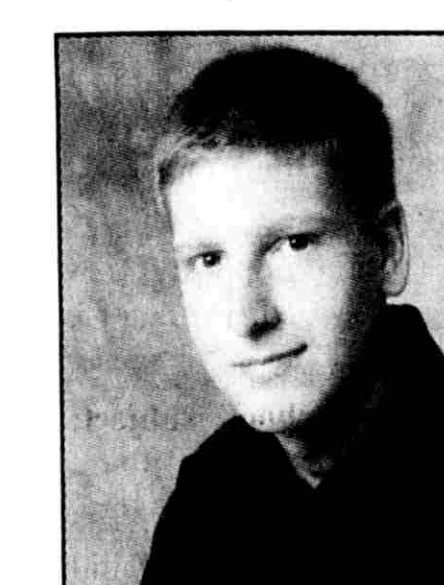
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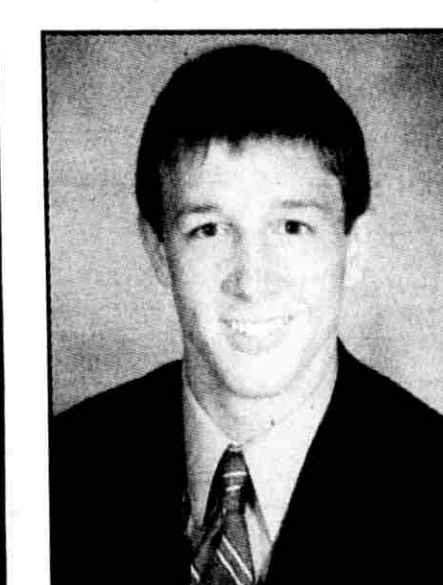
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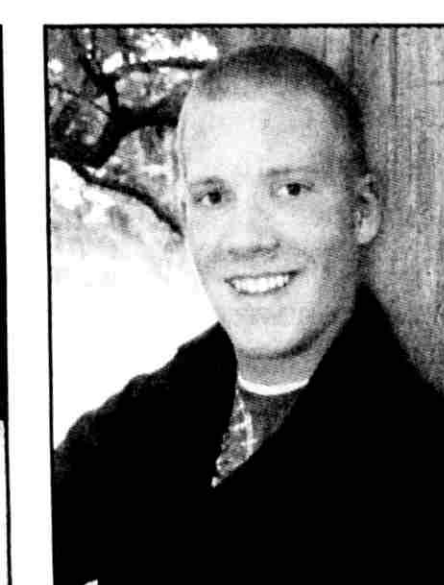
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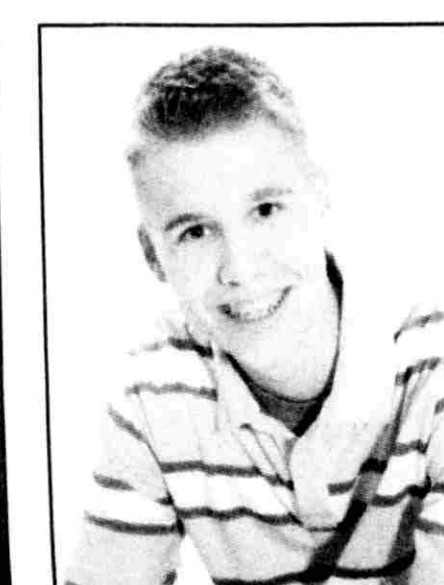
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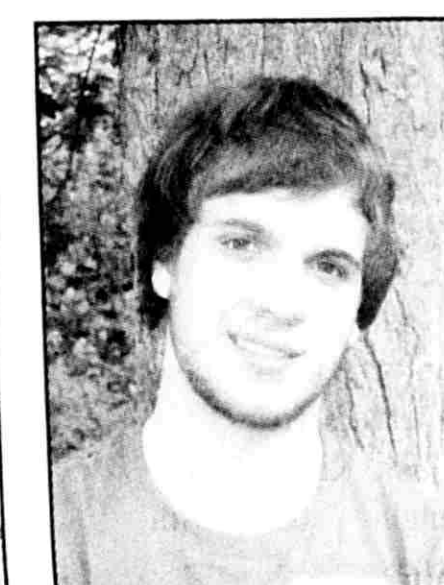
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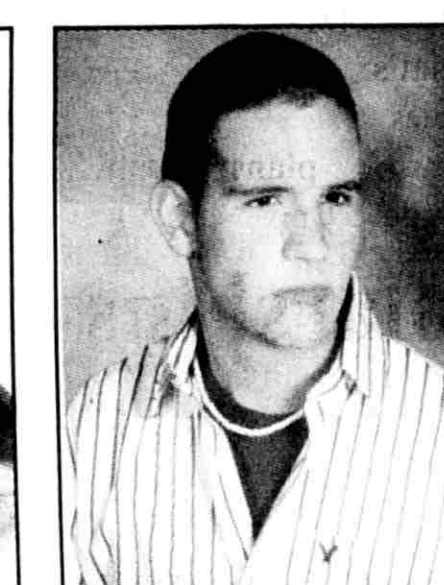
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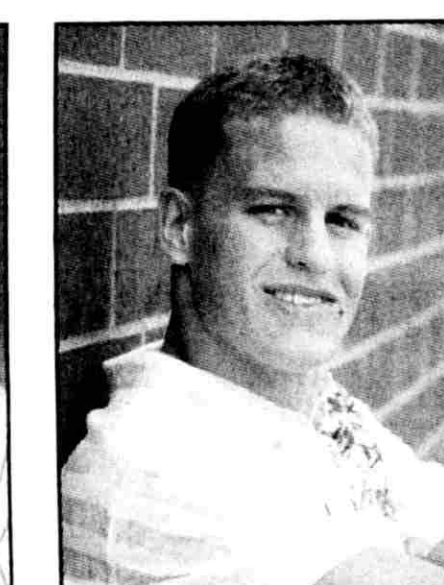
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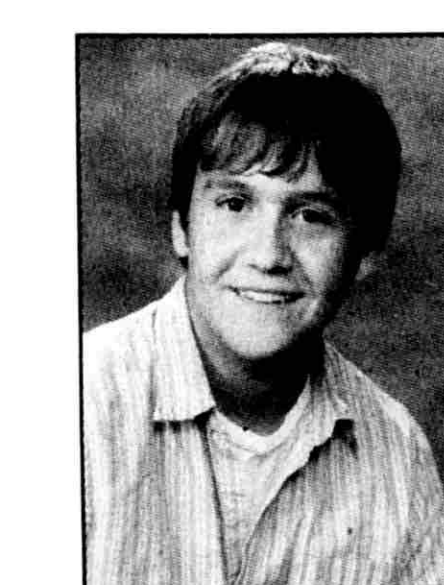
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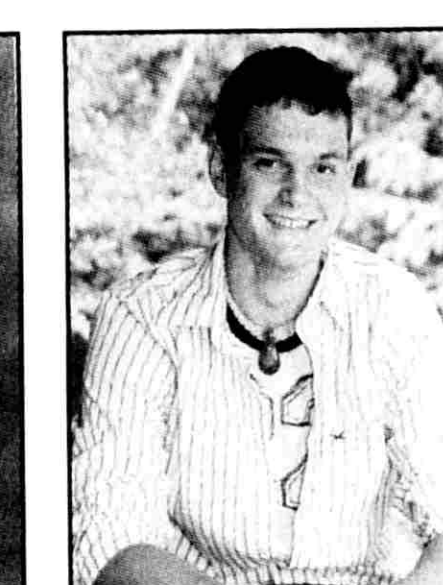
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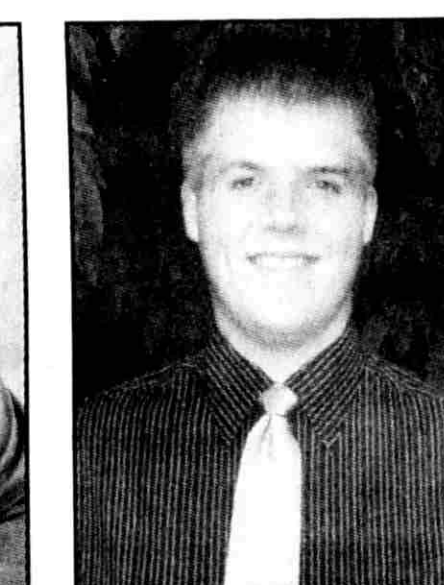
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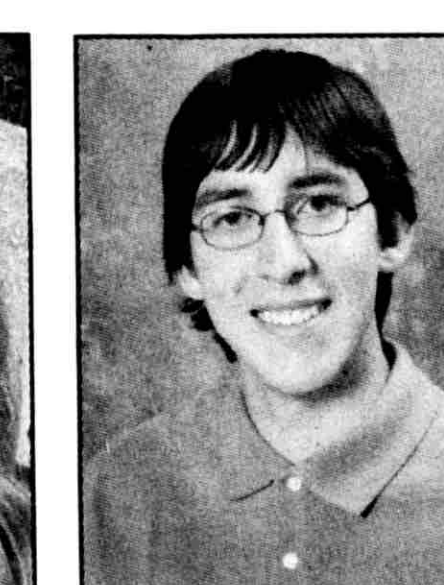
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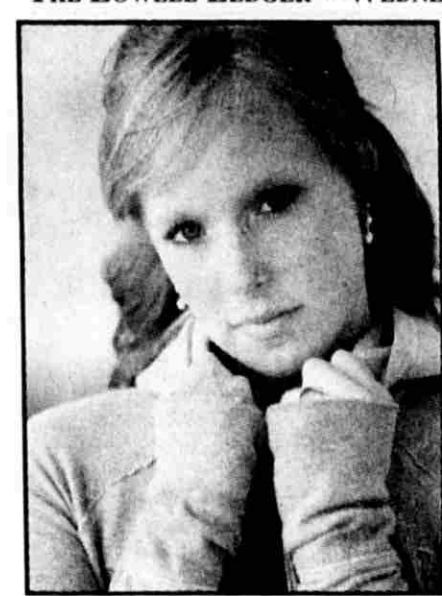


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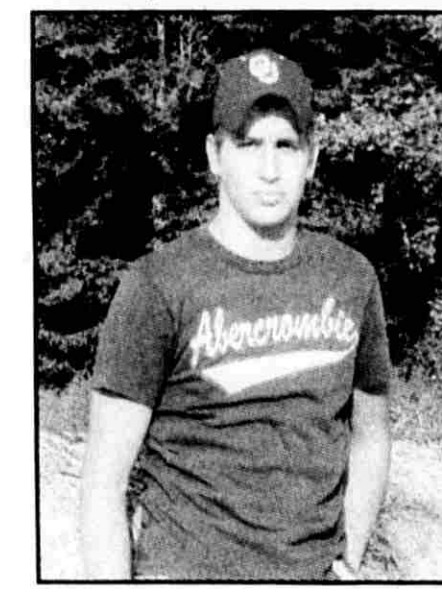
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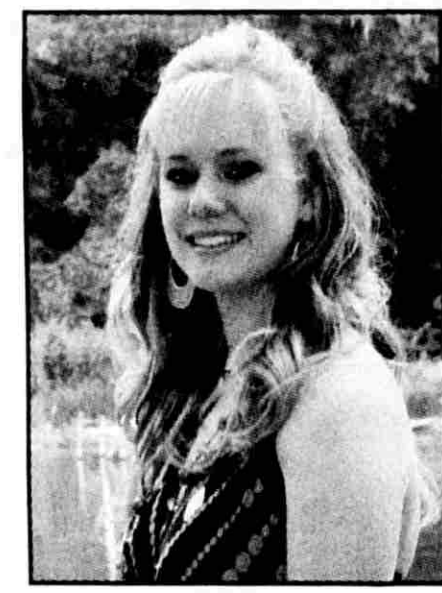
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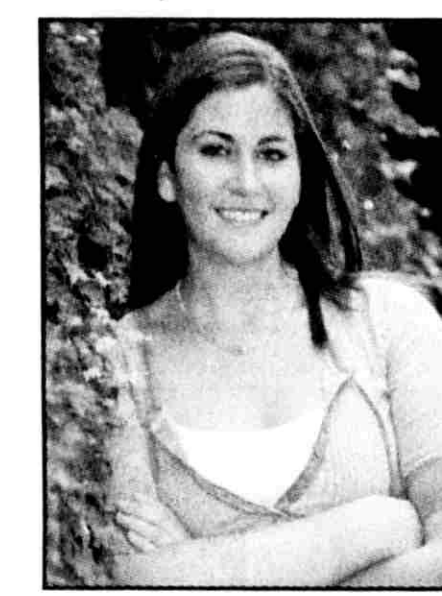
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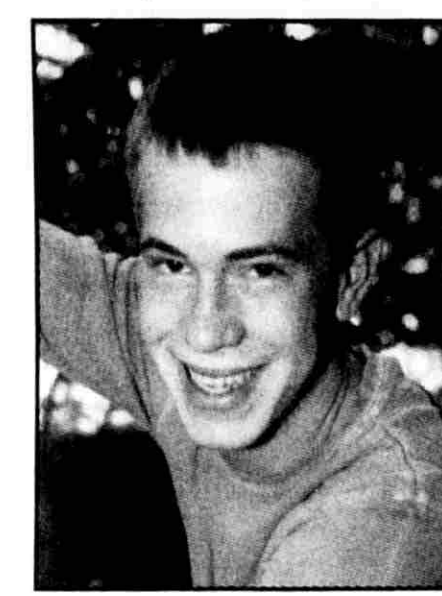
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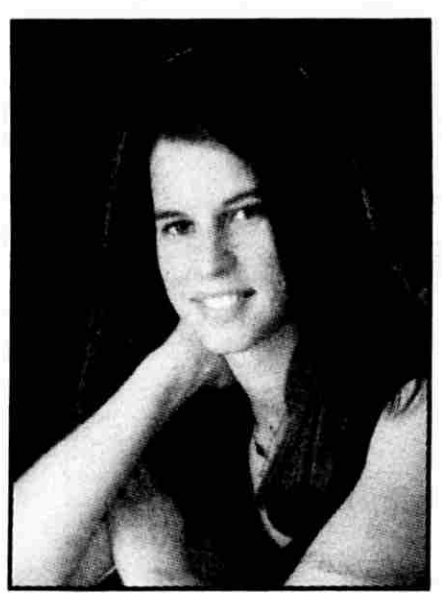
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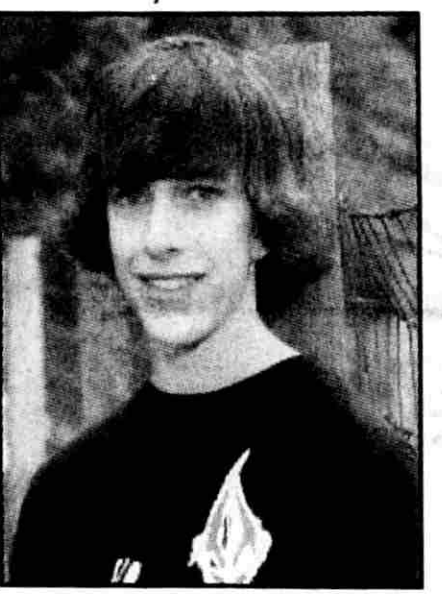
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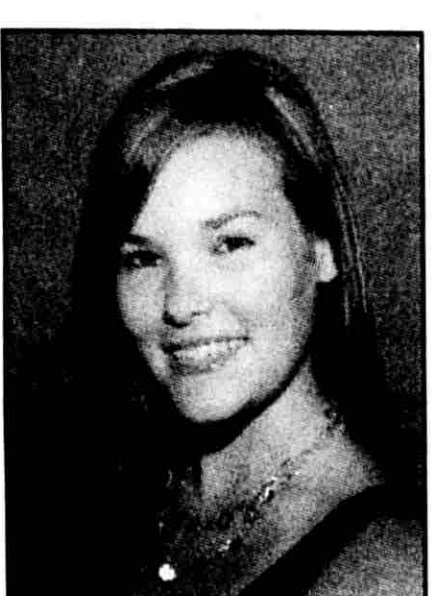


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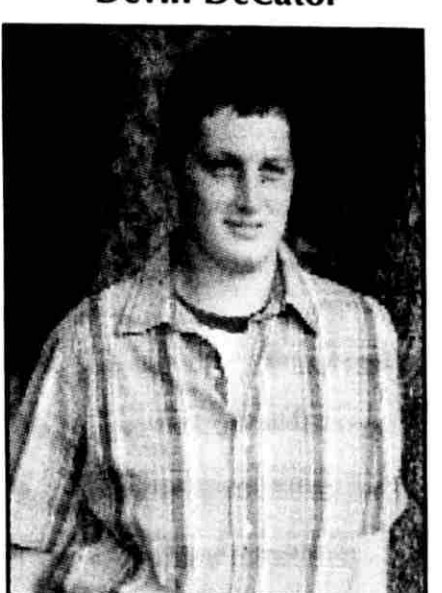
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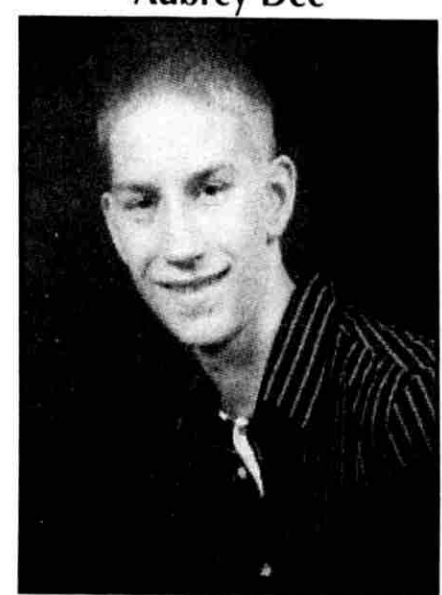
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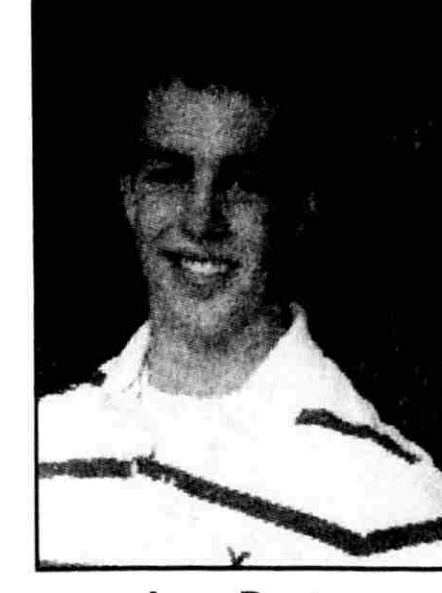
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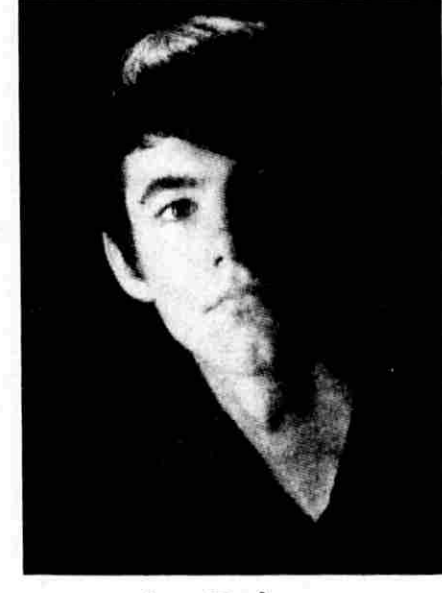
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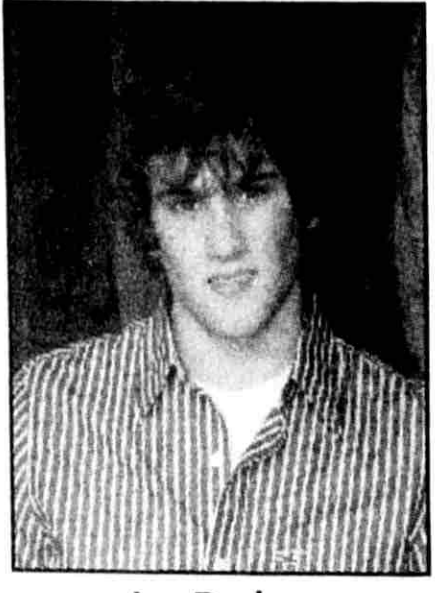
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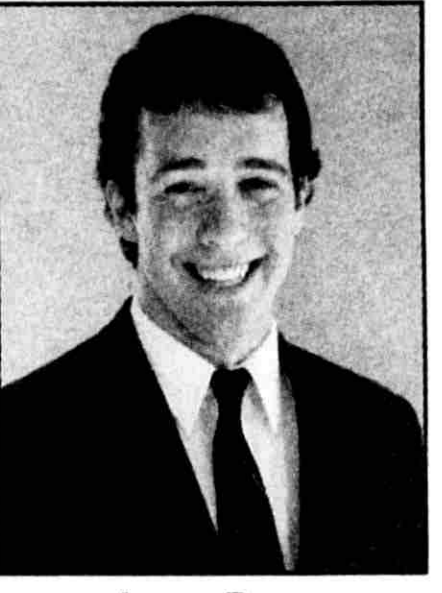
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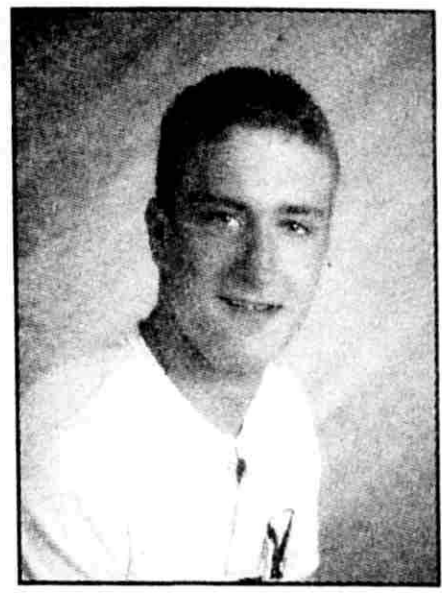
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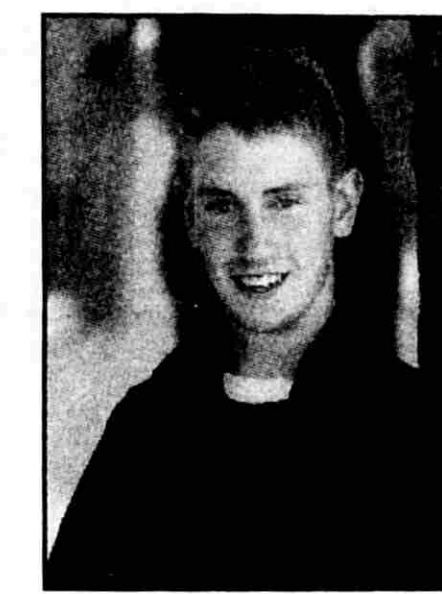


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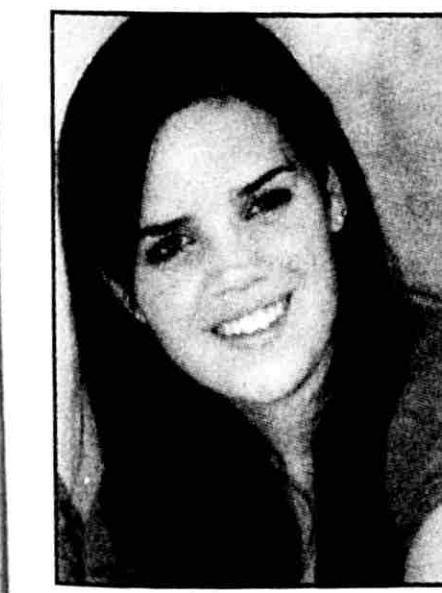
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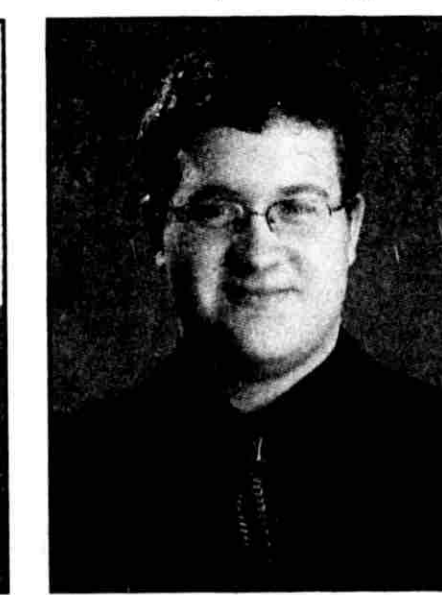
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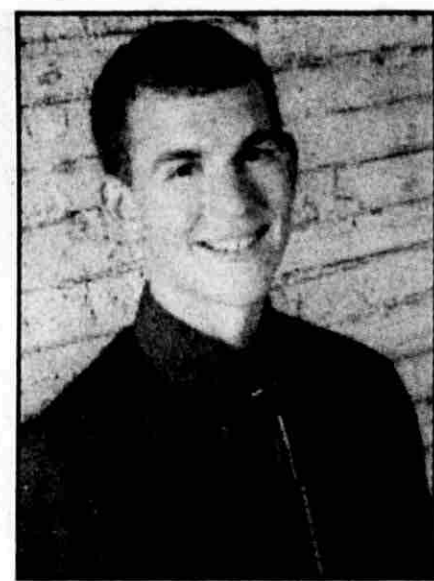
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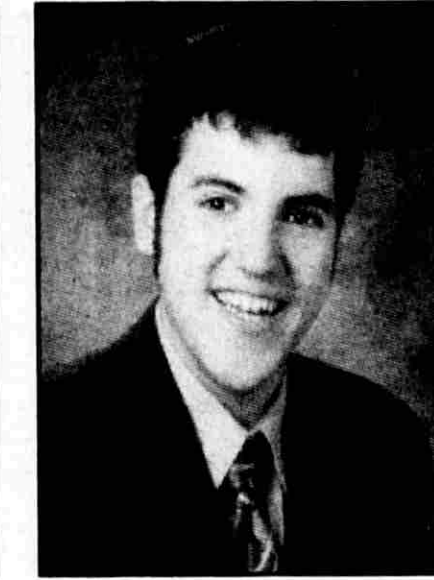
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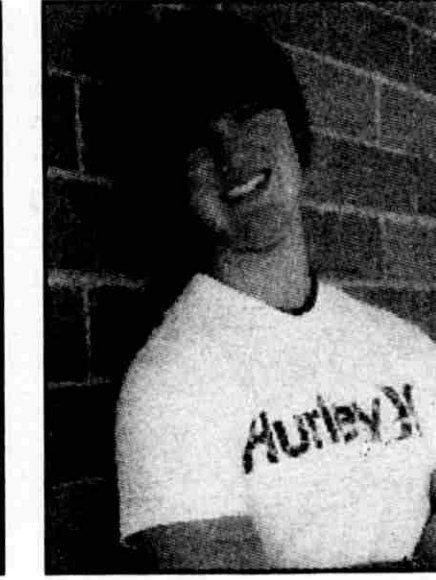
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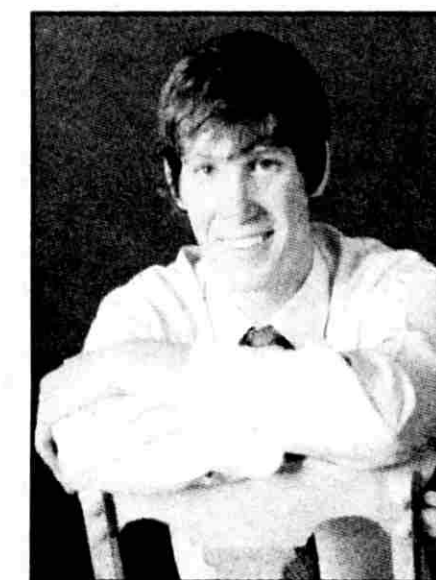
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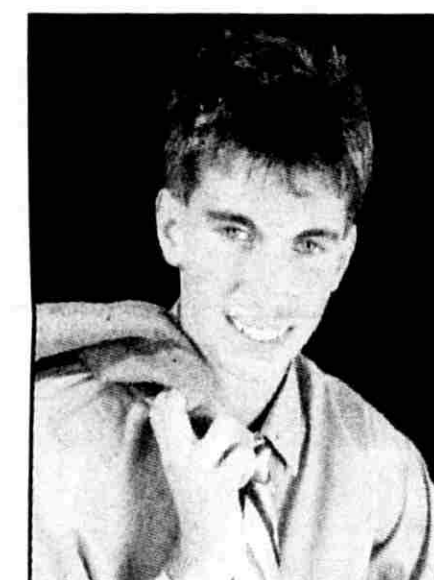
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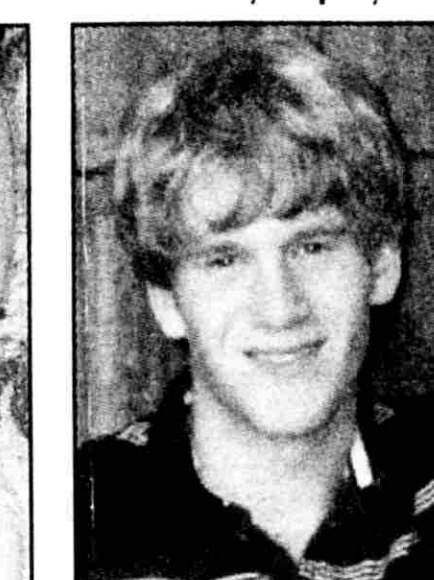
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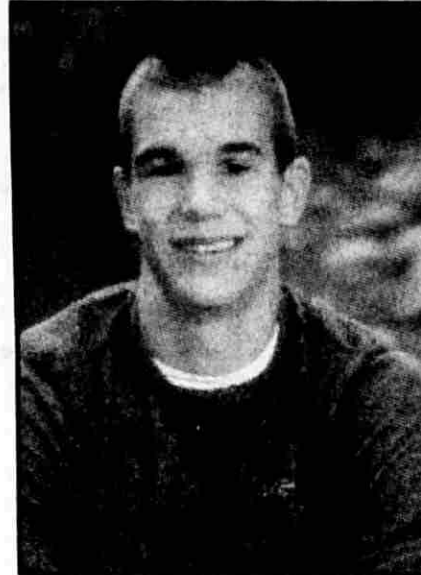
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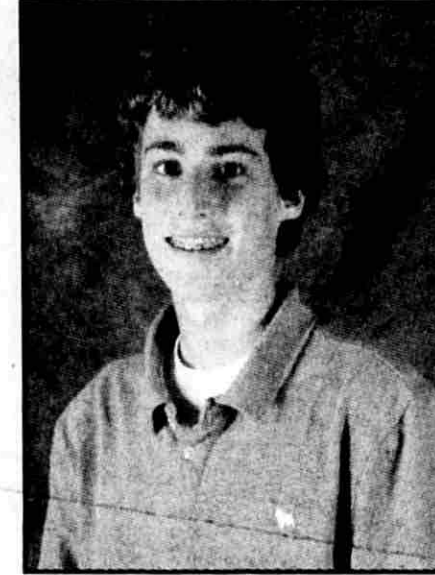
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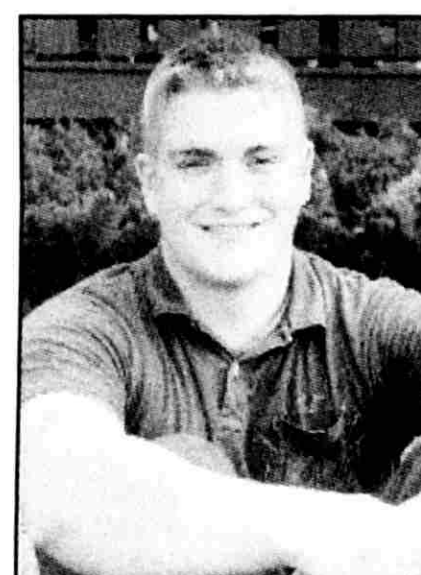
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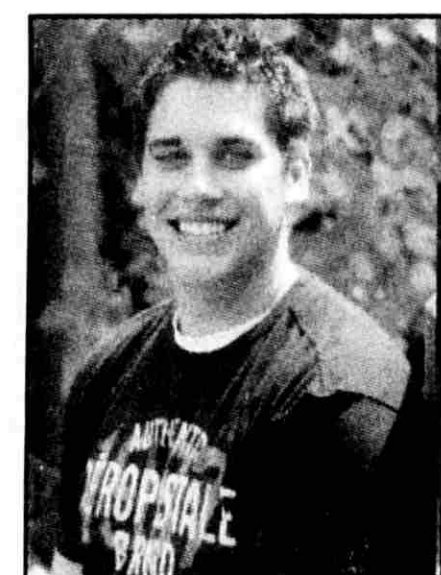
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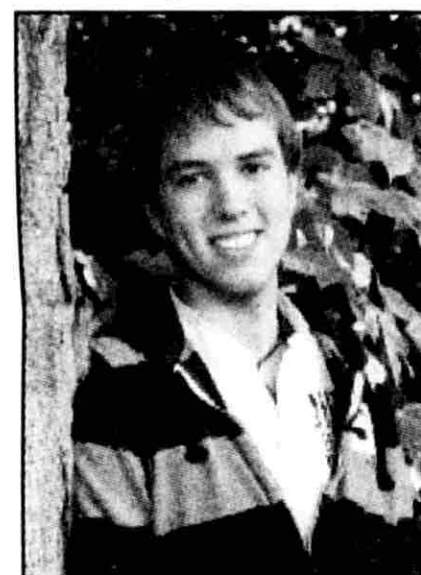
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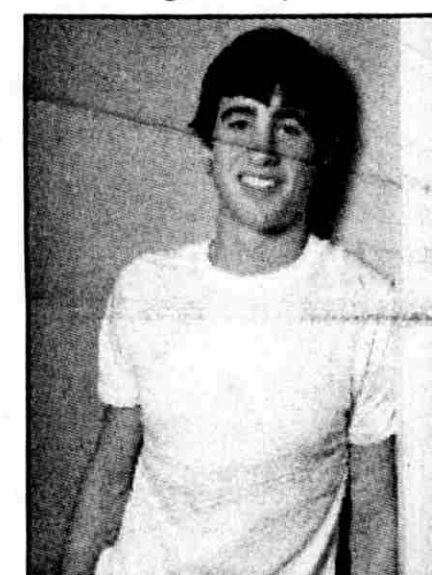
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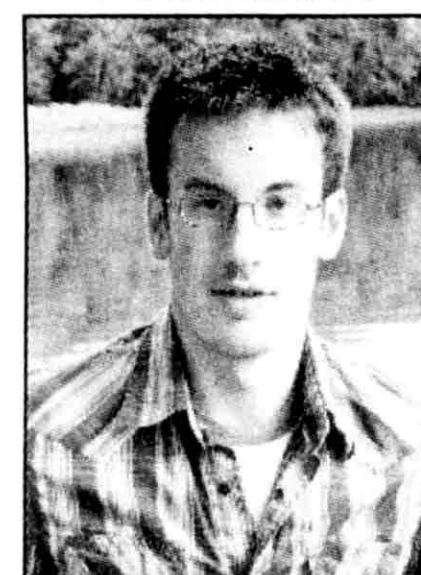
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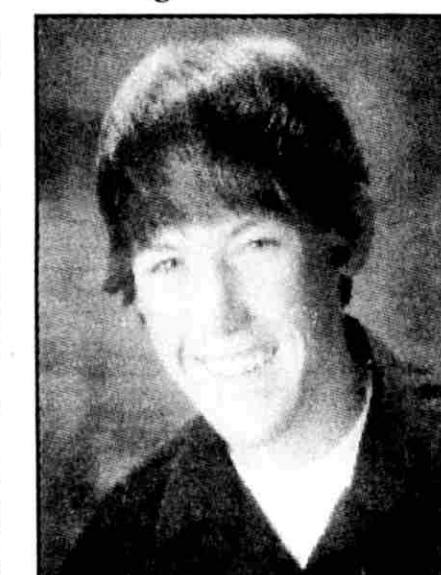
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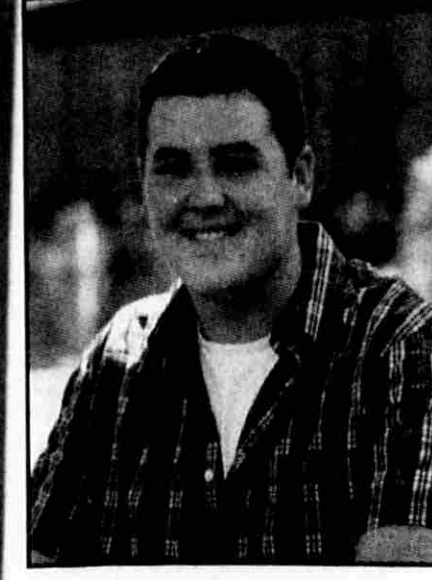
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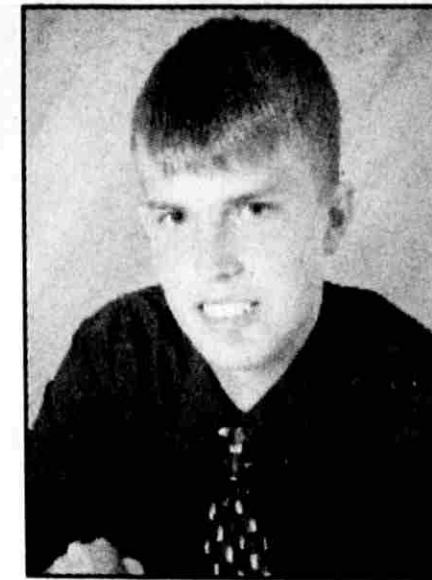
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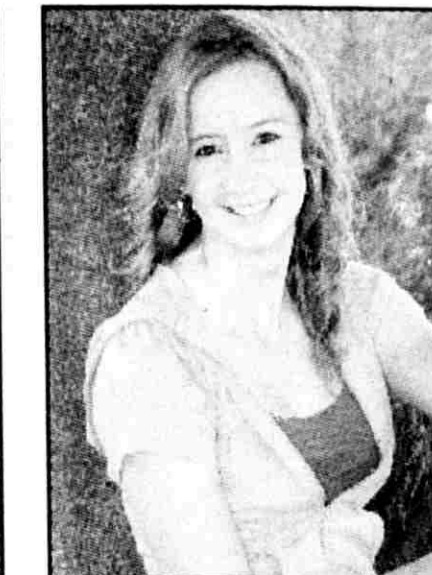
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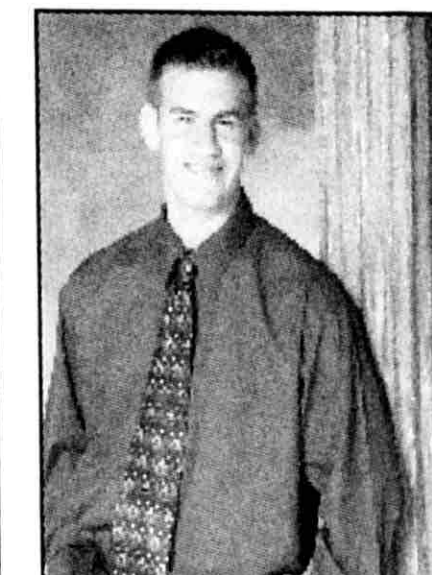
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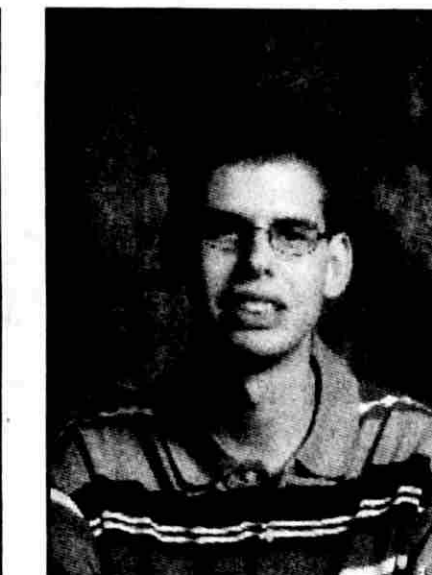
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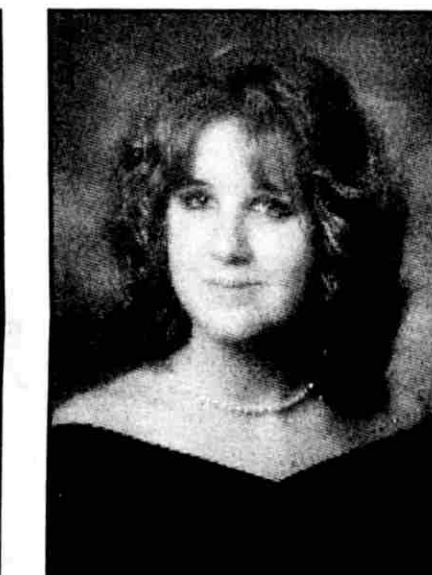
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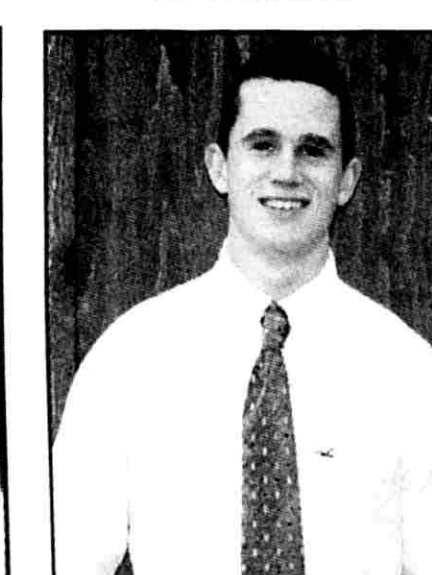
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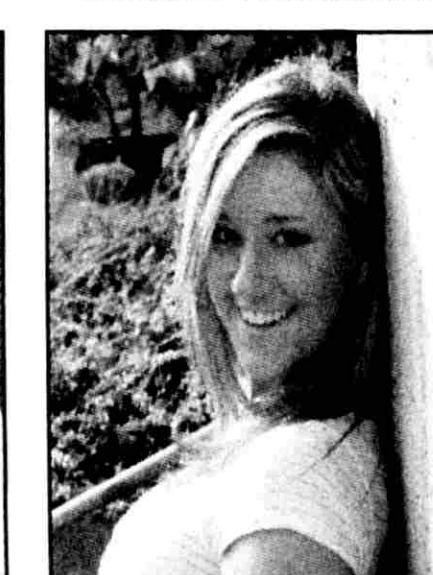
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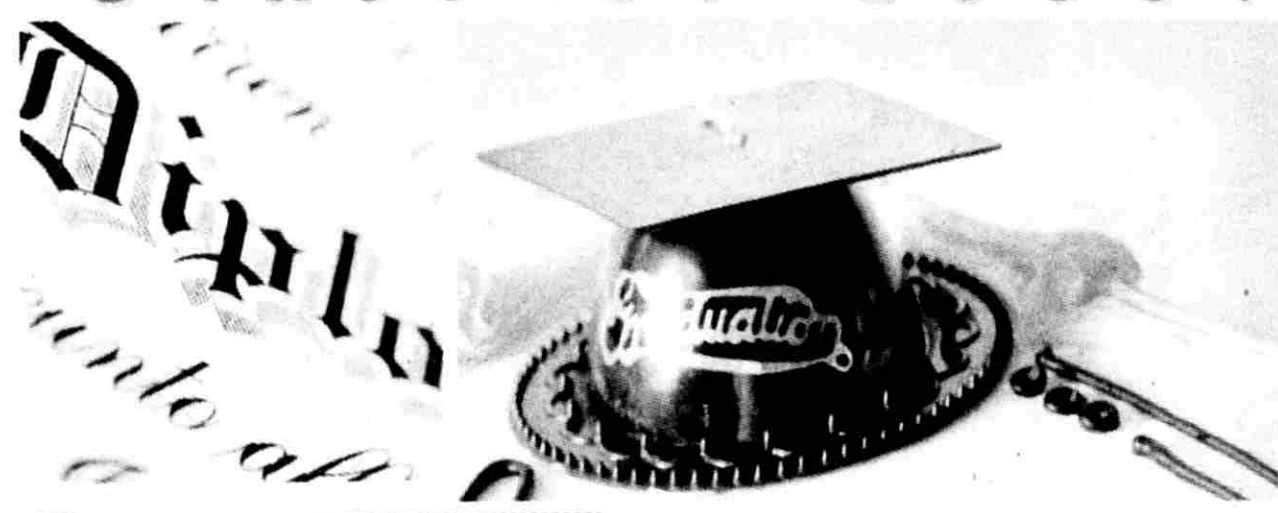
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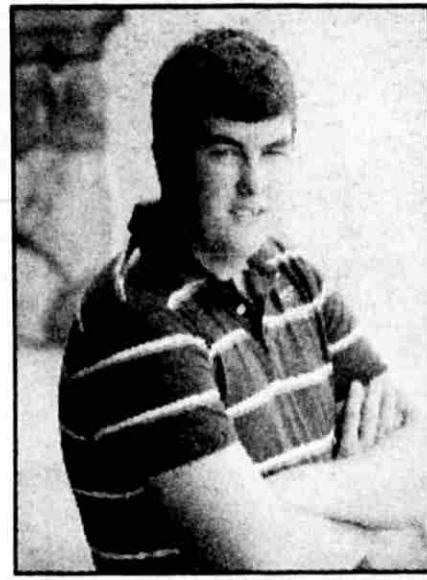
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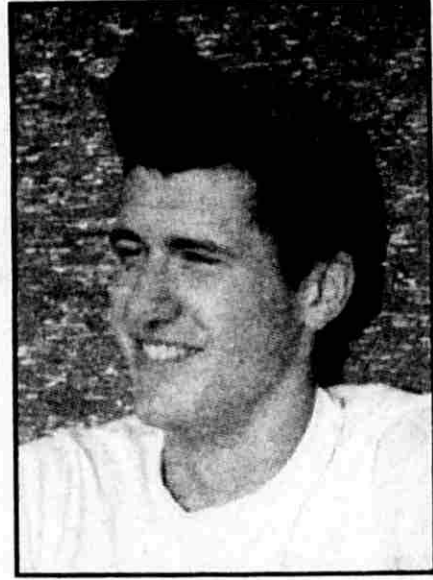
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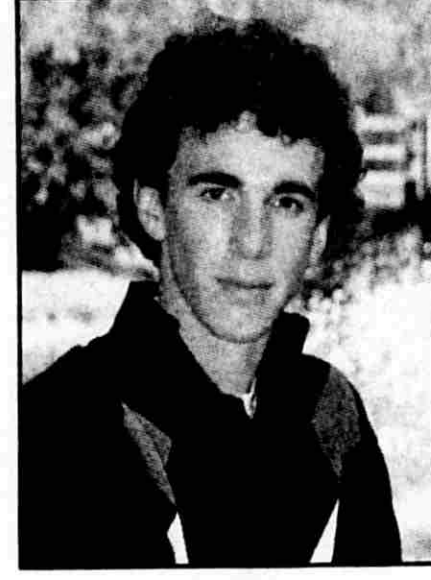
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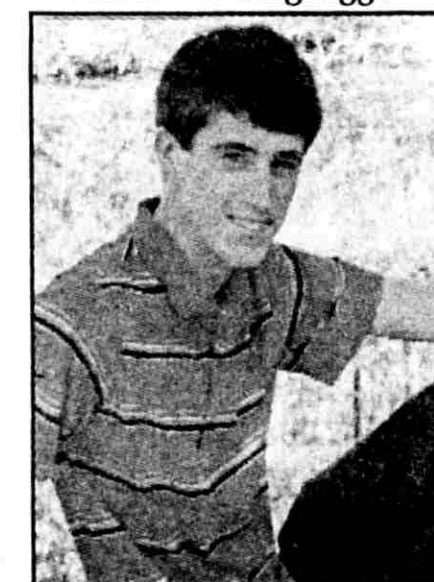
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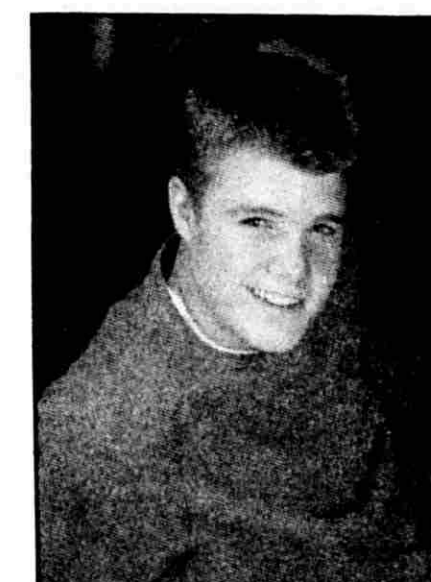
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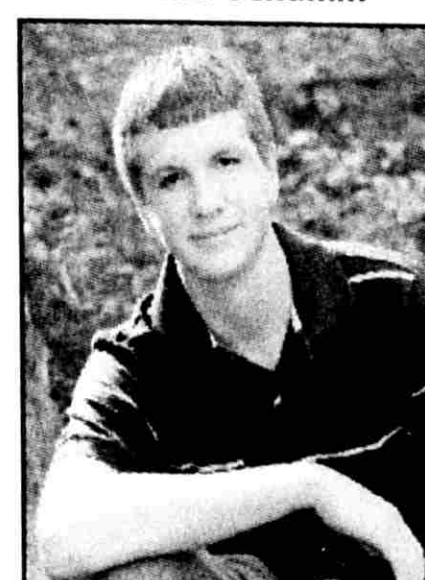
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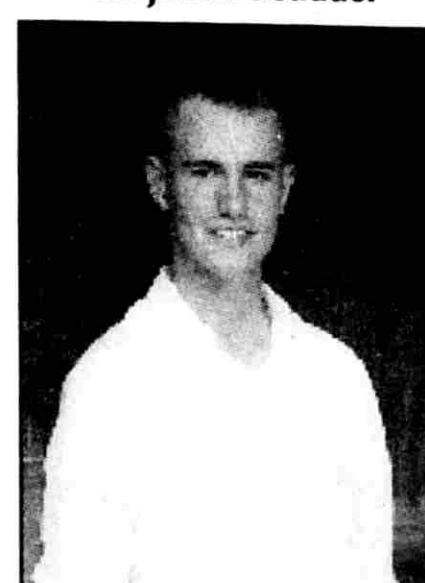
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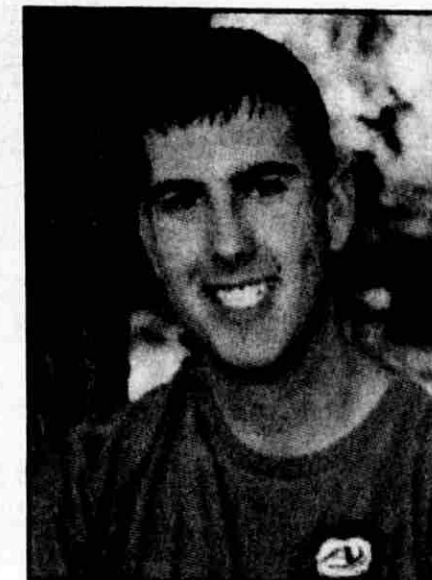
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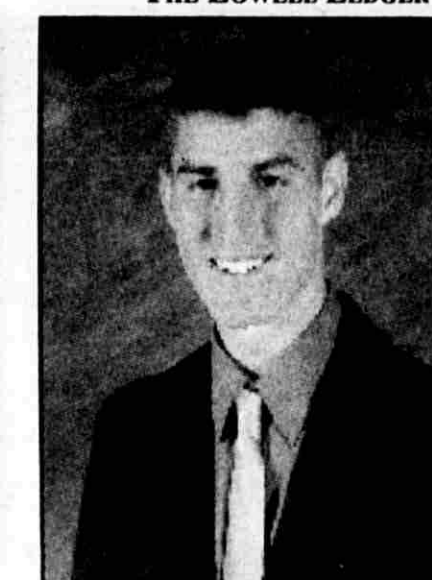
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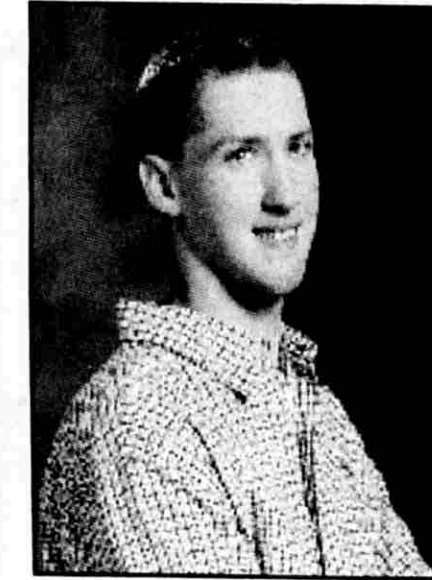
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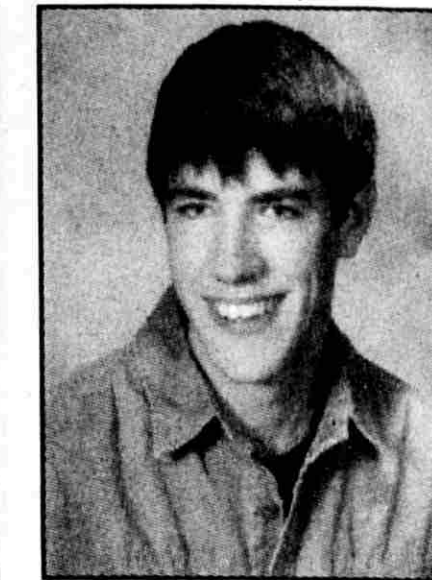
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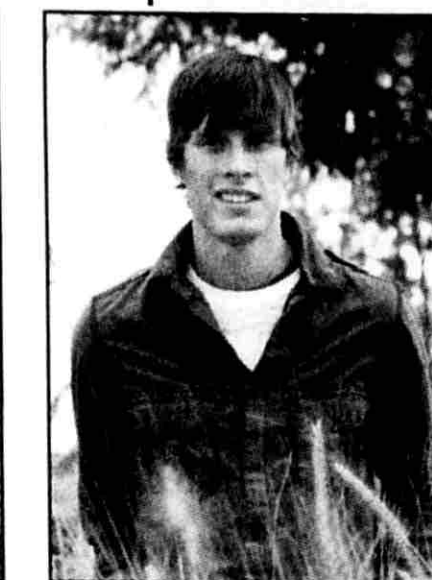
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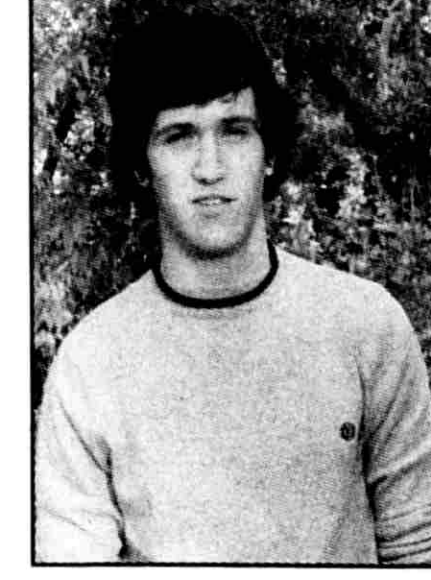
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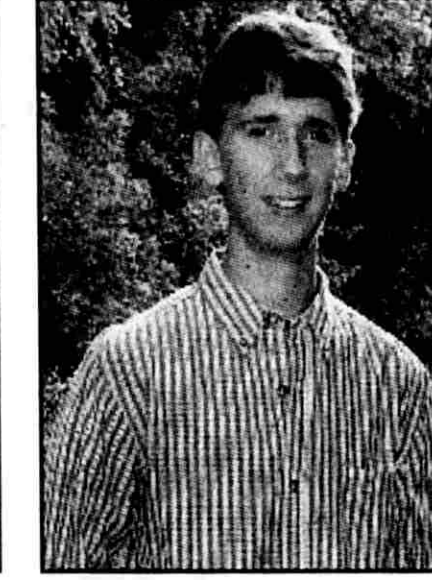
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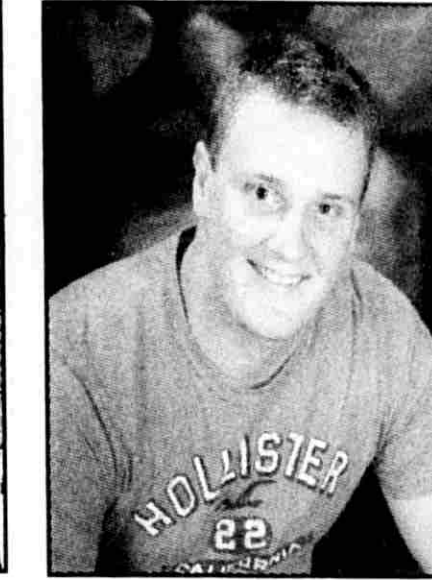
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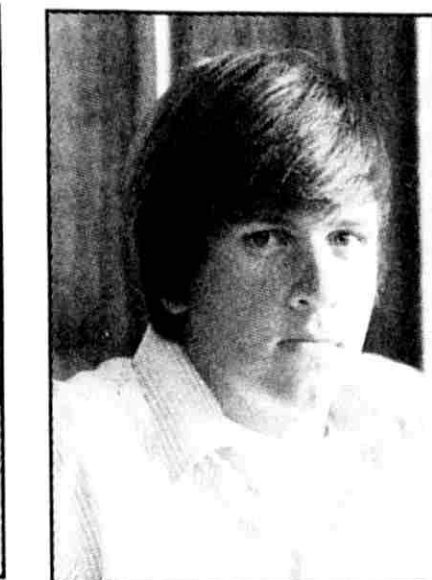
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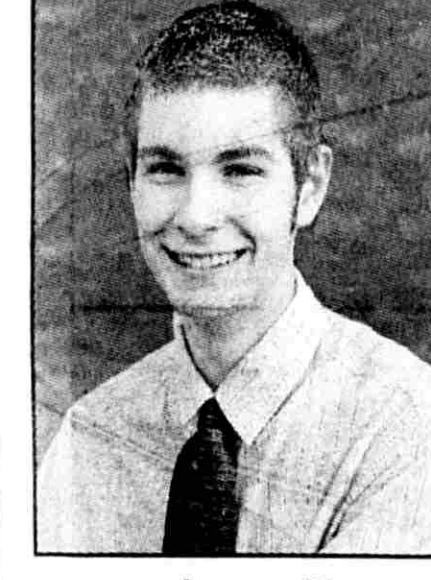
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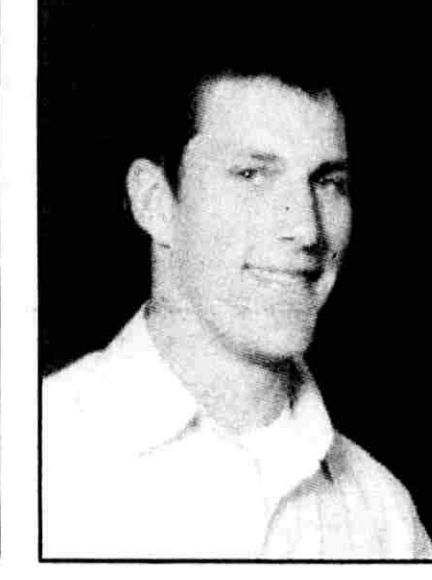
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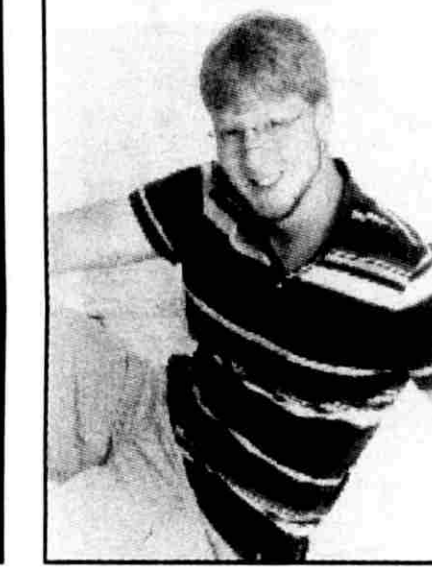
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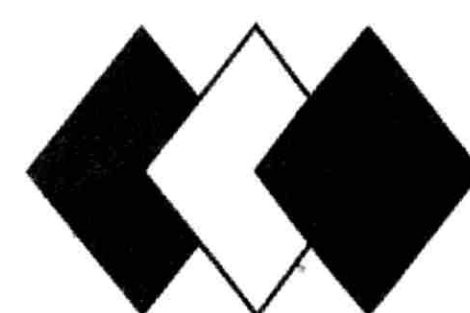
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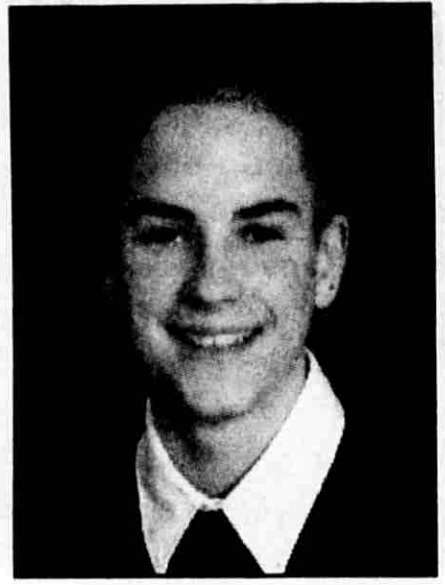
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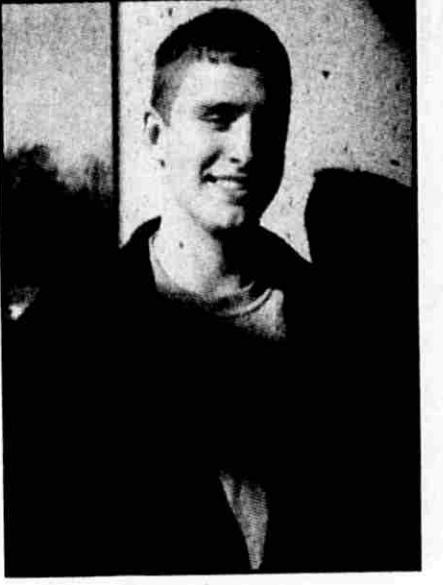
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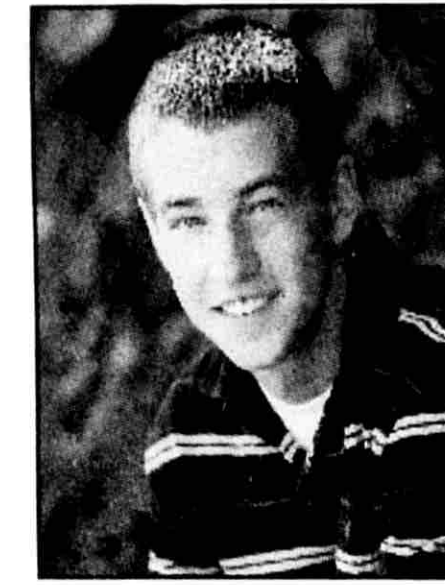
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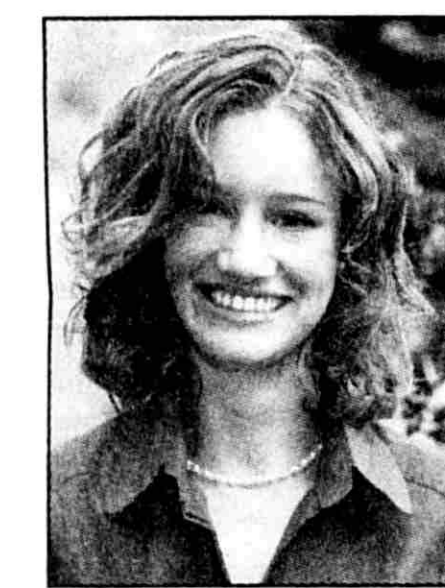
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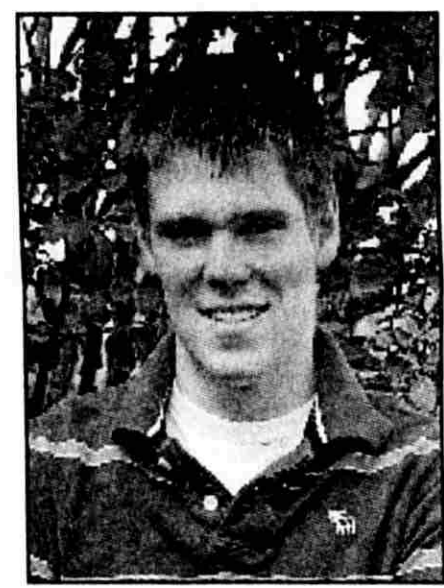
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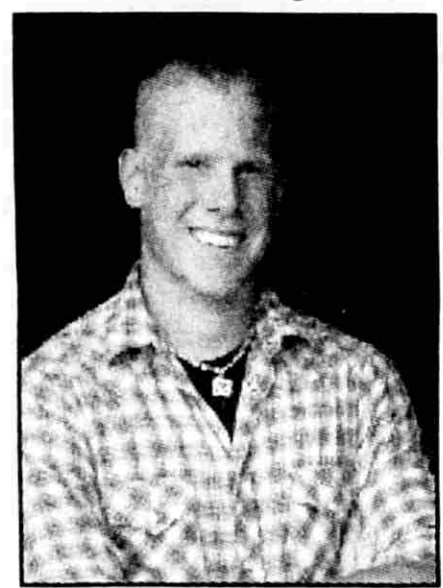
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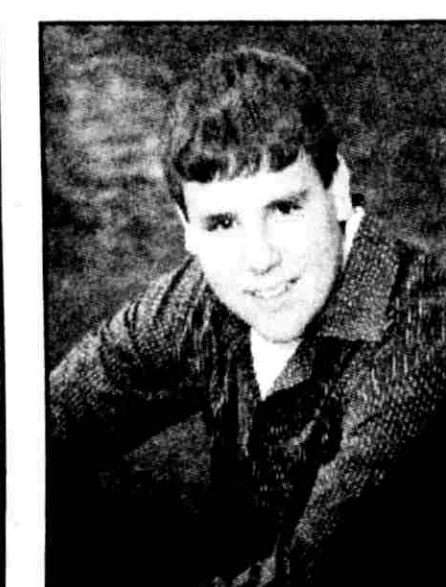
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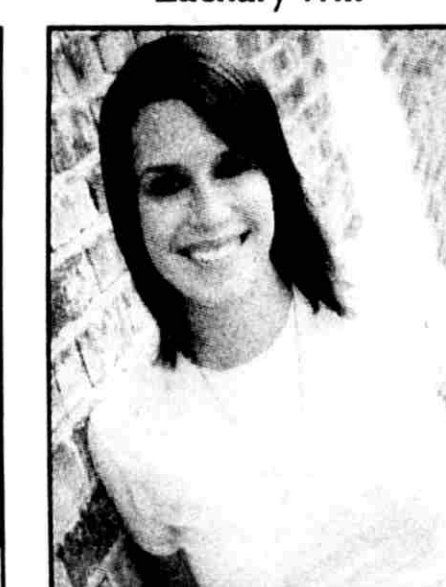
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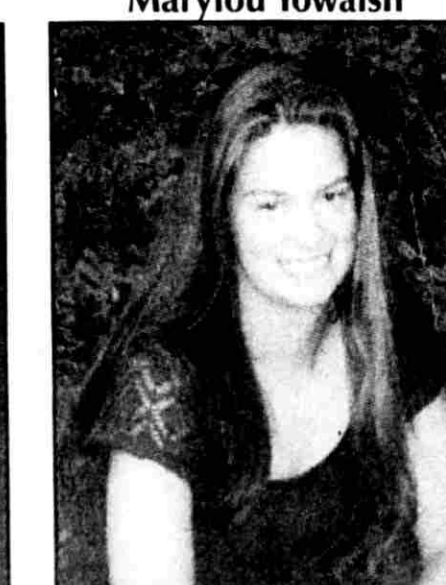
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Fri., June 6, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. VFW Hall, Alden Nash, Lowell.

GARAGE SALE
June 6 & 7. Fri. 9-6 p.m. & Sat., 9-3 p.m. 11090 Woodbushe, Lowell. Clothing, furniture, books, musical instruments, household items & misc.

ESTATE SALE
8941 Peck Lake Road, Saranac. Many shop tools & household items. June 6 & 7.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE
June 5, 6 & 7. Thurs. & Fri. 9-4. Sat. 9-12. Household items, porcelain dolls, crafts. 203 Parsonage St., inside Mill Creek Apt., Saranac.

OAK HILL ANNUAL GARAGE SALES
Thurs., June 5 & Fri., June 6, 9-5 p.m. Off Alden Nash, S. of Segwun.

RUMMAGE SALE
June 6 & 7. Fri. 9-5:30 p.m. & Sat. 9-1 p.m. Old Time Methodist Church, 5590 Whitteville Ave., Alto.

YARD SALE
June 5, 6 & 7. 9-? Tools, glassware, Harley items, A-1 plus size men & women clothing. Too many items to list. 11326 Denise, Lot 120, Key Heights.

BIG SALE
Name brand clothing: boys 0-4 years, girls 0-24 mos., strollers: doubles & singles; high chairs, travel swing, Pak n' Plays, crib w/matching changing table, exersaucers, bouncy seats, Jumparoo, twin bed w/mattress, Little Tykes outdoor toys, clothing, blankets, much more. June 5, 6 & 7, 9-5 p.m. 1501 Rochester St., Lake Odessa.

GARAGE SALE
Sat. June 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Women's clothing, antique dresser, basketball hoop, etc. 4761 Honey Creek NE, Ada.

SALE
9980 Six Mile Rd. - (E. of Townsend Park) June 5 & 6, 9-6:30. Leather lounge, rocking chairs, desk w/chair, small refrigerator, antique sewing cabinet, cast iron pans, trivets, antique radio, copper vessels, dishes & many household items.

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June 6, 9-4 & June 7, 9-12. Household items, books, toys clothes & more Adult & children. 6433 Pratt Lake Ave, Alto.

HUGE SALE
4978 Ada Drive, June 6 & 7, 8:30 - 5. Clothing, mens/womens, young/teen boys & girls (Express, Limited, Karen Kane, Nautica, Abercrombie, AE, Hollister, Gap, Michael Jordan), treadmill, stationary bikes, new women's 10 speed, boys 16" bike, CDs, DVDs, VHS, antiques, bar height dining table w/four chairs, dresser, bookcases, furniture, bow case, hockey/baseball cards, books (including Junie B, Magic Treehouse), rabbit cage, lots of clean toys, beautiful home decor. .925 jewelry, Kirby vacuum.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
5336 & 5436 Kyser Rd., June 6 & 7, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. High chair, strollers, changing table, car seats, exosaucer, bouncy seat, infant, toddler, teen & adult clothes & household items.

GARAGE SALE
June 6 & 7. Fri. 8-3 & Sat. 8-noon. 11451 Willowbrook (off Murray Lake Rd). Late 1920s Chev. chrome radiator shroud, older trampoline (no side walls), tow b ehind lawn sweeper, 3 oak bar stools, car covers, many household, decorating & Christmas items, clothes, books & more. Part of the Murray Lake Sale.

GARAGE SALE
June 4 & 5. 9-6, 10391 Peck Lake (between Kyser & Hastings Rd.) Books, games, puzzles, knick knacks, clothes & tons more.

ONE DAY GARAGE SALE
Don't miss it. Fri., June 6th, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., 13393 Grand River Drive SE. Solid oak curio cabinet, youth bow, weight bench w/weights, Troybilt shredder vac., infant girls & boys through size 12, women's some plus sizes & mens clothes, toys, books, household items & much more.

11584 BARNESLEY, LOWELL
Sat., June 7, 9-2 p.m. Gas grill, dog kennel, DVDs, CDs, books & household items.

11391 FOREMAN FARMS CT.
June 6-7, 9 to 5 and 9 to Noon. Many items. Barbie Jeep, treadmill, Foodsaver, TV/VCR, AbLounge, table/chairs, sewing machine, blender, vacuum, Xmas tree, vanity, Nascar die cast.

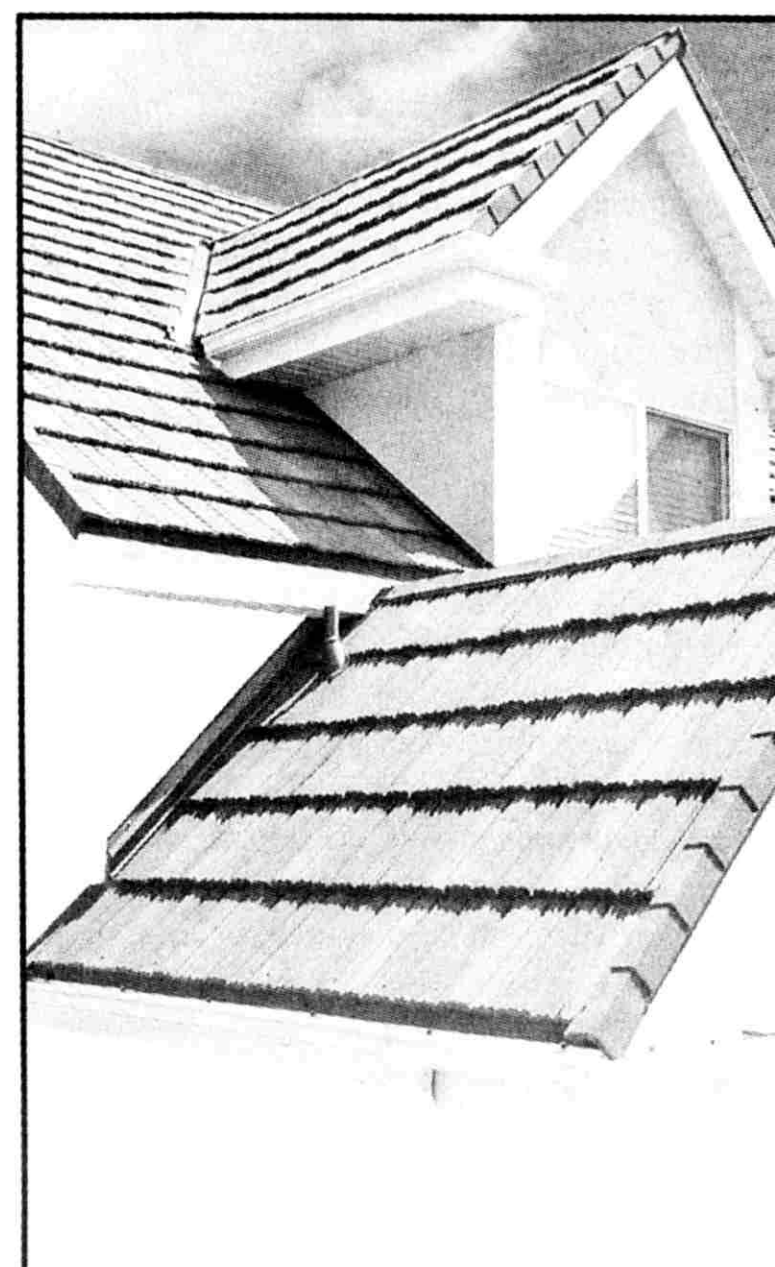
MULTI-FAMILY SALE
Children's clothing, toys, adult clothing thru big men & big women & much more. Sat., June 7, 9-5 p.m. 11991 Alden Ct., 3 Mile to Alden Nash to Alden Ct.

Sheriff encourages teens and parents to make graduation safe and alcohol free

Sheriff Stelma wants teens in Kent County to have a fun and memorable experience at their graduation open houses. To ensure teens stay safe, Sheriff Stelma reminds them and their parents that underage drinking is not only dangerous but it is against the law. "You can't have a memorable experience at graduation if alcohol clouds your judgment as well as your memory," said Sheriff Stelma. The consequences of underage drinking are serious, and not always what students or their parents expect. Every year, underage drinkers kill or seriously injure themselves or others in alcohol-related vehicle crashes. Others go to jail or receive expensive citations. In some communities, a partnership between law enforcement and school officials prevents students who have been caught drinking from participating in extracurricular activities. Sheriff Stelma offers the following tips to prevent underage drinking and to keep this year's end of school celebrations safe for everyone in Kent County. Parents and other adults must remember that underage drinking is against the law. Not only is it a crime to furnish alcohol to someone under 21, it also sends the wrong message to teens. Parents and teens both need to understand that "everybody is doing it" is just plain wrong. Being liked should never mean giving up your personal responsibility or caving in to social pressures. Parents have an obligation to set boundaries that tell teens which behaviors are appropriate and which are not. Everyone in a community is responsible for preventing alcohol-related injuries. Retailers, limousine drivers, hotel owners and others in the community have a responsibility to report suspicious activity to law enforcement, including: drinking and/or visible intoxication of a youth; and furnishing alcohol to a minor or a teen using a fake ID. "Please keep safe during your end-of-school celebrations," said Stelma. "If you are a parent, remain vigilant about what your teen is doing. By making it inconvenient for kids to drink, you just may save a life."

Senior Neighbors All-Center Picnic planned

Senior Neighbors, Inc., a Kent County non-profit agency serving the needs of older adults, will be holding its annual All Centers Picnic on Friday, August 8, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held indoors at the Grandville High School, 4700 Canal Ave., SW, Grandville. Be sure to use the southernmost Canal Street entrance. At \$4 per person we are expecting an estimated 250-300 senior citizens in attendance. Reservations must be made at one of the six Senior Neighbors Centers no later than July 25. All area seniors are invited to attend. The theme this year is "The Olympics" to coincide with opening day festivities of the 2008 International Olympic Games in China. Come as you are or dress in flag colors to support either the USA or your country of origin. Sponsorship opportunities are available to outside senior service agencies. Downtown Senior Neighbors Center, 459-3040, 44 Ionia SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Grandville Senior Neighbors Center, 531-5250, 3380 Division, Grandville, MI 49418. Leonard Terrace Senior Neighbors Center, 458-0127, 1315 Leonard NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, 897-5949, 314 South Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Sparta Senior Neighbors Center, 887-1273, Harvest Way Apts., 100 Ida Red, Sparta, MI 49345. Walker Firehouse Café, 735-3240, 4101 Lake Michigan Drive, Standale, MI 49534.



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KITTENS - Very cute, looking for good homes! Used to children, 8 weeks old, litter trained, \$10. Call 897-5894.

'99 BUICK LESABRE - 3800 V6, seats 6, leather, AC, loaded. \$3,495. Call 897-4205.

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FOR SALE

GRADUATES - We have open house & thank you cards with envelopes, 5¢ each. We also offer open house cards with color photos. Stop buy to see one of our samples. Quick turnaround. Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

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LOWELL MOBILE HOME PARK - Under new management. Nice 1, 2 & 3 bedroom trailer for rent. For info call George at 616-754-0276 or 616-813-8041.

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ROOM FOR RENT - with full house privileges, (washer/dryer etc.), Saranac area. \$250 per month plus deposit. For more info call 616-897-6045.

FOUND RING - Call 616-893-5661.

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IN LOVING MEMORY of my husband Ed, who passed away two years ago today, June 4. Gone but not forgotten. Lovingly remembered by wife, Jane Anible.

SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave. SE, will serve a family style Swiss Steak dinner on Wed., June 11, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$8; children 6-12 are \$2 & children 5 & under are free. Take out dinners also available. All rooms now air conditioned.

HUNTERS SAFETY COURSE - Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club offering a free Hunters Safety Course June 9, June 11 & 12, 6 - 9 p.m. There is no age requirement & you must attend all 3 sessions to earn a certificate. The class will be held at 8731 W. Riverside Dr. Our website is www.Qua-Ke-Zik.org if you need any additional info.

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CARD OF THANKS
DEAR LOWELL MERCHANTS
The Lowell High School Junior Class Student Council, would like to thank you for your special donation to this year's Prom. The Prom held at Frederik Meijer Gardens was a huge success. We truly appreciate the donation we received to help make this year's prom one for the memory books! Thank you for your time and efforts!

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HELP WANTED SERVICES

WE'RE LOOKING FOR - a full-time summer babysitter in our home soon. We have 3 children. Must be flexible, outgoing, CPR certified w/ references or experience. Please call 897-4905.

POSTAL JOBS - \$17.89 - \$28.27/hr. Now hiring. For application & free government job info, call American Assoc. of Labor, 1-913-599-8226, 24 hrs. emp. serv.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE/ GENERAL HELP - Need summer work? High school grads, college workers & all others! \$250/wk PT, \$500/wk FT. Local company needs to fill positions immediately! Flexible schedule, great work conditions & pay! Qualify for \$1,000 PT scholarships or FT production bonuses. For interview call: 616-522-9783.

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