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Hats Off to Lowell's Class of 2009

by Thad Kraus

Lowell Salutatorian, Hailey Novak, challenged her graduating Class of 2009 to go forward and be not afraid to break the chains of normality.

Lowell Valedictorian, Megan Willemstein, encouraged her classmates to be not afraid to stick their neck out as they move forward from their high school days.

Sierra Moore, quoting Shakespeare, "Today, we know what we are, but not yet what we're going to be."

That, of course, will be left up to each individual student as they now chart and explore their future.

"Life's an exploration; be persistent, passionate, humble and fearless," Lowell superintendent Greg Pratt reminded them.

The One Hundred and Thirty-First Annual Lowell High School Commencement played out Sunday at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium on Bob Perry Field where 308 seniors were rewarded with diplomas.

Lowell High School principal, Patricia Murphy, recognized the 33 seniors

who graduated Summa cum laude with grade-point averages ranging from 4.219 to 3.945.

This year's class colors were black and pink; class flower, Venus Fly Trapp;

and the class song "Live Your Life" by TI/Rhianna.

The Class of 2009 also took a moment in their ceremony to remember its fallen classmate Scott Strawser.

The Passing of the Spade tradition was carried out by 2009 and 2010 class presidents, Racynda Corlis and Cassie Miles.

Senior band members

also participated in an arrangement by Don Gills entitled "Just a Closer Walk With Thee."

In her opening remarks to a class she referred to as

extraordinary, Murphy left students with "Success is not about being perfect, instead, it's doing the ordinary things extraordinarily well."



Time to celebrate as seniors toss their caps into the air. More graduation photos and the Class of 2009, continued on page 16.

State cuts premium funding at youth fair with an executive order

by Emma Palova

Last year Marilla Marks made \$174 in premium money from still exhibits at the Kent County Youth Fair.

This year, she'll be lucky if she makes half of that due to state cuts in premium funding for fairs. A recent Gov. Jennifer Granholm executive order eliminated \$1.46 million for premiums for county and state fairs.

"I am very angry," Marks said. "I have no way to pay for what was spent on exhibits."

Marks, who also shows chickens and rabbits, entered 32 still exhibits. These included photography, artwork, sculpting and woodworking.

She received mostly A's for her projects, with a \$4 premium payout per each.

"I used it to recuperate money spent on projects," she said.

Marks, a fifth grade student at Cherry Creek Elementary, also bought Christmas presents and created a savings account.

"It's rewarding to get something else than a pretty ribbon for all the hard work you put into the exhibit," she said.

Annually, the Kent County Youth Fair pays out \$25,000 in premiums for livestock showing and still exhibits on a sliding scale.

The state provided 54 to 56 percent of that sum, as it has for the last

quarter of a century. But, that all disappeared with the May 5th executive order.

Fair manager and board president, Ron Wenger,

didn't expect this to happen so late into the season, as the preparations for the fair are in full swing.

"Kids aren't going to

get as much," he said. "The governor pulled the rug from under us."

So, Wenger is now short of \$2,500 to be able to pay out at least half of what kids got last year across the board. He doesn't agree with a proposal that only the champions should get premiums. He believes all kids should get something.

Executive director E.J. Brown of Michigan Association of Fairs wasn't a happy camper either, when he found out about the cut to the premiums.

"It will have an impact on the viability of our fairs," he said. "We're a \$145 million business."

A study conducted by the Fairs & Racing

Division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture has shown positive impact on local economies during fair weeks, according to Brown.

"If fairs keep losing money, it will impact their existence," said Brown. "Sponsorships are harder to come by."

And according to Brown, fairs make more money than the state parks.

"We feel we're not only an investment but also a revenue maker," he said. "This will financially strap the fairs and reduce the amount of premium dollars paid to exhibitors to participate at the fair."

However, it's not all just for the money as Marks has found out.



Marilla Marks talks with poultry judge Jon Bieneman.

Premium cuts, cont'd., pg. 3

City adopts budget for next fiscal year

by Emma Palova

The city adopted the 2009/2010 budget with an increased fund balance on Monday night. Due to increased revenues from the Kent County Youth Fair, passports and police fines, the fund balance has been brought up to \$176,705. The proposed expenditures are \$2.49 million. Resident Garland Berry questioned the two percent salary increase for employees in the bad economy.

"I have concerns about the two percent raise with the economy," he said. "I have to take voluntary time off with no pay. You should hold back on the raise." However, due to an increase in the deductible in health insurance for office visits, the council retained the salary increase so as not to cause hardship. "I don't have a problem with it," said council

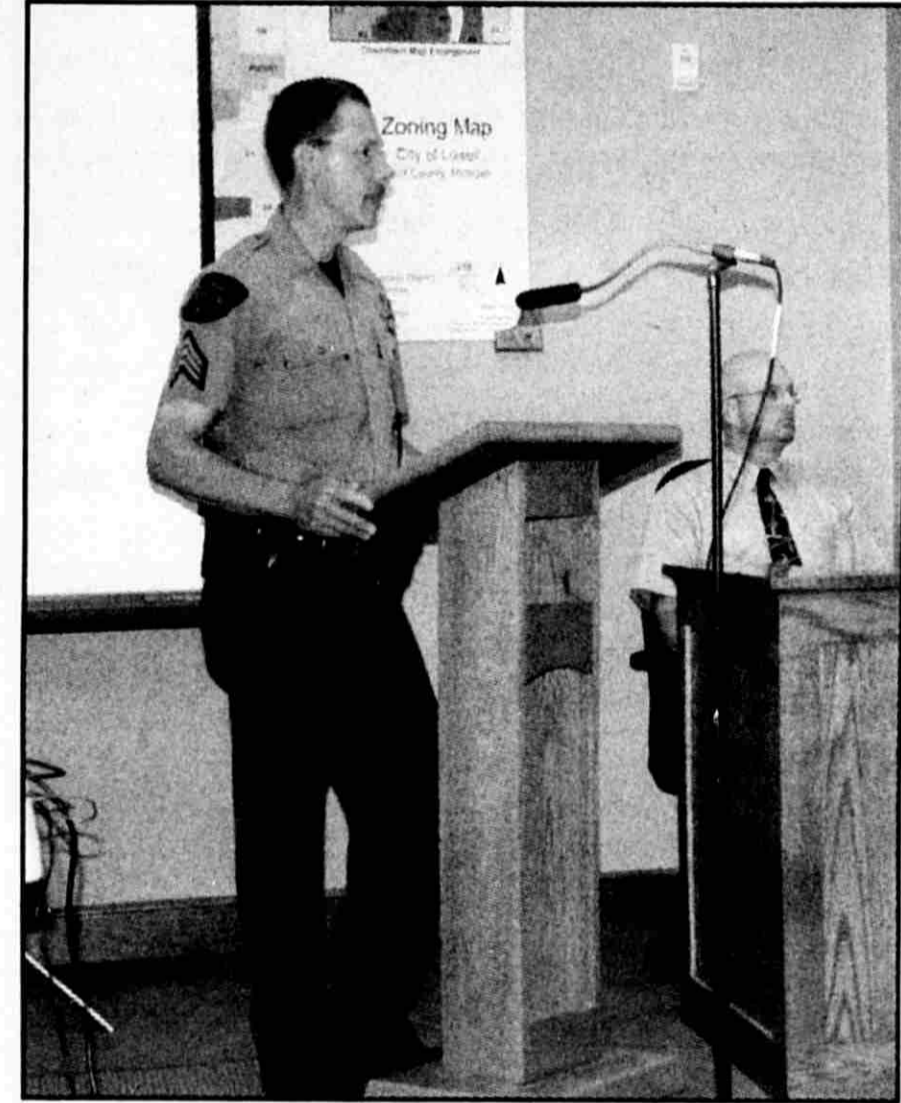
member Jim Pfaller, "it's minimal." Under fire also, came a \$65,000 line item for the library. However, according to city manager, Dave Pasquale, that included future potential projects at the library. Berry brought up the cost of equipment, such as the cemetery pickup truck for \$50,000. The equipment, such as the cemetery pickup and

the \$92,000 plow truck, are funded, according to council member Jim Pfaller and treasurer Sue Olin, through a loan from the local street fund. The local street fund earns interest for the city. Council member, Jeff Altoft, questioned items such as winter maintenance and the replacement of police cruisers. According to police chief, James Hinton, the 2005

cruisers, one exceeding 92,000 miles, with the other approaching that mileage, need to be replaced. "They're emergency response vehicles, not your family sedan," he said. According to Hinton, the insurance company encourages replacement at 100,000 miles. Hinton said he was concerned about the cost maintenance on each vehicle if not replaced.

"If we push this off now, we don't know if we're going to have the money next year," he said. The Chevy Impala police vehicles cost \$20,000 plus the switching out of equipment. Altoft voted not to adopt the budget. The vote was 4:1.

Bow and arrow ordinance set for public hearing in July



Sgt. Dave Shaw of the DNR and chief James Hinton discuss the proposed bow and arrow hunting ordinance.

by Emma Palova

An amended bow and arrow hunting ordinance may allow hunting in the city limits if adopted by the council. The city council, Monday, set a public hearing for the ordinance for July 6. Under the proposed ordinance, hunting may be allowed on parcels with at least 10 acres and 450 feet away from public streets and occupied buildings. "We have a problem and we need to deal with it," said mayor pro tem Jim Pfaller. Hunting is expected to take care of a deer problem in the city. Deer have been feeding on small planted trees, according to Pfaller. Sgt. Dave Shaw of the Department of Natural Resources said the number

one concern is public safety. "Public safety is paramount to any other issue," he said. Urban wildlife management through selective harvest has become increasingly important in cities like Ionia, Spring Lake, Muskegon and Walker. "It's a sound ordinance," said Shaw, "increasing deer herd poses danger." Although cities cannot regulate hunting, they can regulate the use of firearms

and bows and arrows, according to Shaw. Cross bows are not allowed in cities or for hunting from an elevated stand. "Harvest management is the only way to control the herd," Shaw said. "Hunting is the safest recreational pursuit." Council woman Sharon Ellison questioned if the method has been effective in controlling deer. "Has this made a dent into the deer population?" she asked.

According to Shaw, any hunt is effective in reducing some of the deer population, but it will not take care of the problem completely. "You're doing a disservice to the animals, if you set up refuges," he said. If adopted, the ordinance will be reviewed in three years for its effectiveness. A volunteer survey will be sent out to the citizens at the end of each hunting season to determine the harvest count.

At Your Local Library



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Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Here is an update on the buildings located at 115-119 W. Main. We are hoping to move forward with repairing the foundations and are asking the city to assist with the cost of securing the south foundation wall, which is required even if the buildings are removed. The city did the same thing where the 103-107 buildings were torn down and it needs to be done here whether the buildings stay or go.

If the city will agree to financially assist with stabilizing the bridge wall, we can preserve all three buildings and save the taxpayers the expense of demolition. This will provide work for local contractors and suppliers, and provide jobs at the businesses that will occupy these buildings.

We would encourage the public to let city officials know of their support or opposition to this project by calling 897-8457 or by sending letters to City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell.

Thank you,
Greg and Deb Canfield

Dear Editor,

I saw the pictures in the "Ledger" from Memorial Day and was happy to see such a great, well-planned event with a wonderful turnout. However, I am saddened to say that not everyone believes in setting Memorial Day aside for its intended purpose. Unfortunately, some people, almost as if our nation's Veterans do not deserve the day, have turned it merely into another chance for unnecessary consumerism.

Don't get me wrong. I think it is good to be patriotic and fly an American flag just as much as the next person. However, somehow the big "Memorial Day Sales" and advertisements that seem to imply "celebrate" just do not seem right. The last time I checked, the calendar has plenty of other days for big sales, not to mention that dollar bills are just as green the day before or after Memorial Day! Instead of shopping, people should spend time informing the younger generation about remembering the sacrifices of the honorable service men and women. I would like to thank all those who kept the true meaning by showing their appreciation to the Veterans on Memorial Day and I would encourage everyone that has let that solemn meaning slip to the wayside to bring it back! Our Veterans cannot be appreciated enough!

Andrew Pfaller

Dear Editor,

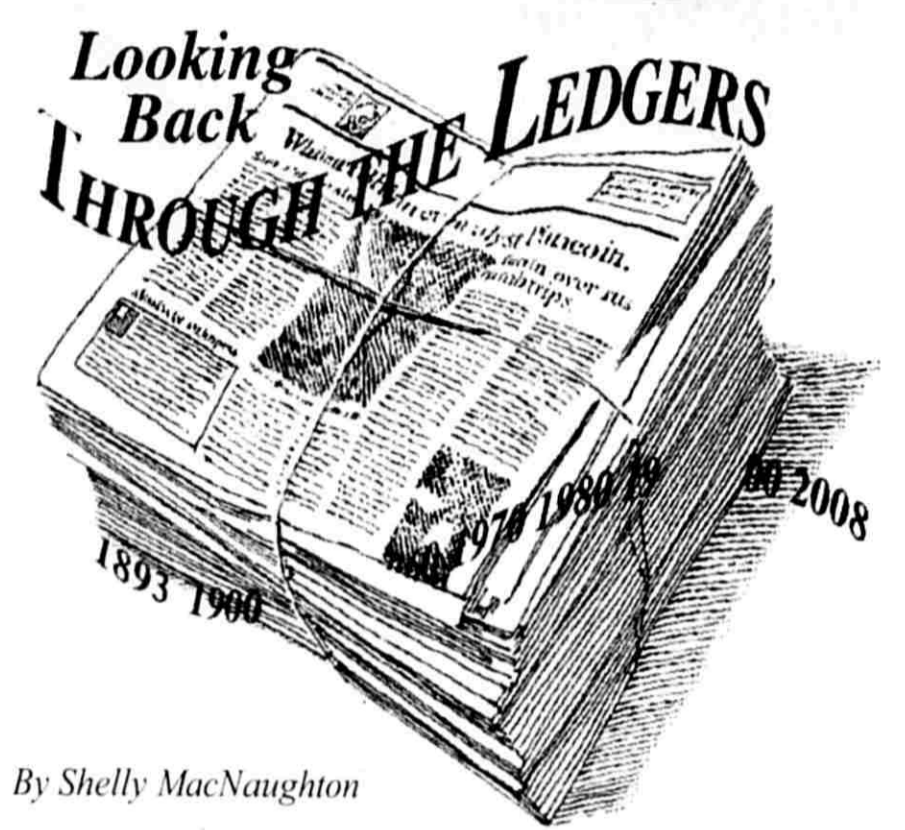
"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1940.

To LHS seniors, especially those embarking on a career in healing professions, I have been a clinical pharmacist, working in hospitals and office-based practice for over 25 years. As a clinician working with patients, nurses and doctors on a daily basis, I can say that my chosen profession has been challenging and rewarding in many ways. As you enter healthcare studies, realize that your journey will be one of life-long learning. Innovations and new technologies come to us every day and we must be informed and prepared to bring these to bear on behalf of the patients

Robert P. Coffey, MS., Pharm D., BCPS

Writing to the editor ...

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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JUNE 4, 1884

The River Iron Foundry is again running. Flat River, without the logs, looks rather baldheaded. The Grand Traverse Herald is now the largest paper published in Michigan. C. G. Stone is building a large residence on the lot opposite R. G. Bostwick's, on Avery Street. A chunk of pure copper, weighing thirty pounds, was found on George Blair's farm near Rockford recently. Found at the rink, a small key, probably a skate-box, worth about two cents. The owner may have the same by calling this office and paying for this notice (25cents).

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 3, 1909

Klement Nowiski is found dead on John Engle's farm. Guarded by his faithful dog, his unseeing eyes gazing into the mass of fragrant wild crab apple blossoms which overhung him, the body of the young Polandier was discovered by John Engle on his farm two miles west of Lowell, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Engle was in the lot, which he uses as a pasture, and noticed smoke arising from some small brush near a stone pile. He went to ascertain the cause and discovered the body.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JUNE 7, 1934

Grief spread throughout the community Wednesday morning as word was passed that R. D. Stocking, 72, had passed away unexpectedly about eleven o'clock the evening before at his home on North Jefferson St. Death came to him shortly after he had retired for the night. Mr. Stocking began his business career here in his early twenties and for more than fifty continuous years, conducted a jewelry, musical and sporting goods store.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 4, 1959

The village council, Monday, made the following changes in street names: Garfield, also known as Grove, to Hunt St.; Vergennes St. to Lincoln Lake Avenue; Foreman Road and Highway St. to Foreman St.; and Brush Street to Brook Avenue. Fluger's Lowell Bakery will celebrate their 2nd Anniversary, June 13. WATCH FOR OUR SPECIALS. This week's Friday & Saturday Special is Coffee Cake for 49 cents, regularly 65 cents.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 6, 1984

Junior Phyllis Beachler and seniors Kathleen Beachler and Chris Ellison were named to the 1984 Tri-River all-conference team last week. Phyllis was named for the second time, while Kathleen and Chris were named for the first time. "Phyllis is an outstanding outfielder with great range and an outstanding arm," stated coach Bob Rodenhouse.

LASSO conquers Canton Cup

Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization sent five teams to the Canton Cup over the Memorial Day weekend. Three out of the five teams made it to the finals of their flight.

The U13 girls, coached by Chris McKenna, went two wins and one tie to earn their way into the finals. In the final game, they lost to a team from Canton 1-2.



U10 girls, first row, left to right: Maura Fitzpatrick, Kristi Lyon, Katie Clemanshaw, Bridget Garter, and Amber Curtis; second row, left to right: Olivia Nurmikko, Darby Fuller, Kyla Clark, and Callie Ford-Weber; back row, left to right: manager John Garter and coach Jeff Fuller.

It was a hard fought battle in which the girls only had one hour between their final game of pool play and the finals game. The U13 girls' team is currently in third place in the regular play.

The U10 girls, coached by Jeff Fuller, went 4-0 in claiming their Canton Cup trophy. In the four games, they scored 20 goals with at

least one from every player. Defensively, led by goal keepers Kristi Lyons and Maura Fitzpatrick, they only gave up two goals. In the final game, Bridget Garter



U14 girls, first row, left to right: Alyssen Dubisky, Alyssa McCormick, Morgan Fuller, Tara McQueen, Madison Stadt, and Karah Smith; second row, left to right: coach Chris McKenna, Joesi Krieger, Collen Cater, Amy Carpenter, McKenzie Krieger, Paige McKenna, Lauren Blanchard, Venessa Lubitz, Abi Ellis, Hannah Fitzpatrick, and coach Bob Dubisky.

led the way, scoring all three goals, a hat trick, for the team. Their opponent in the finals was SCOR, a club from the Rockford area. The U10 girls' team

is currently in first place in their regular league in the top division of the Grand Valley Soccer Association. The other team to win the Canton Cup trophy was the

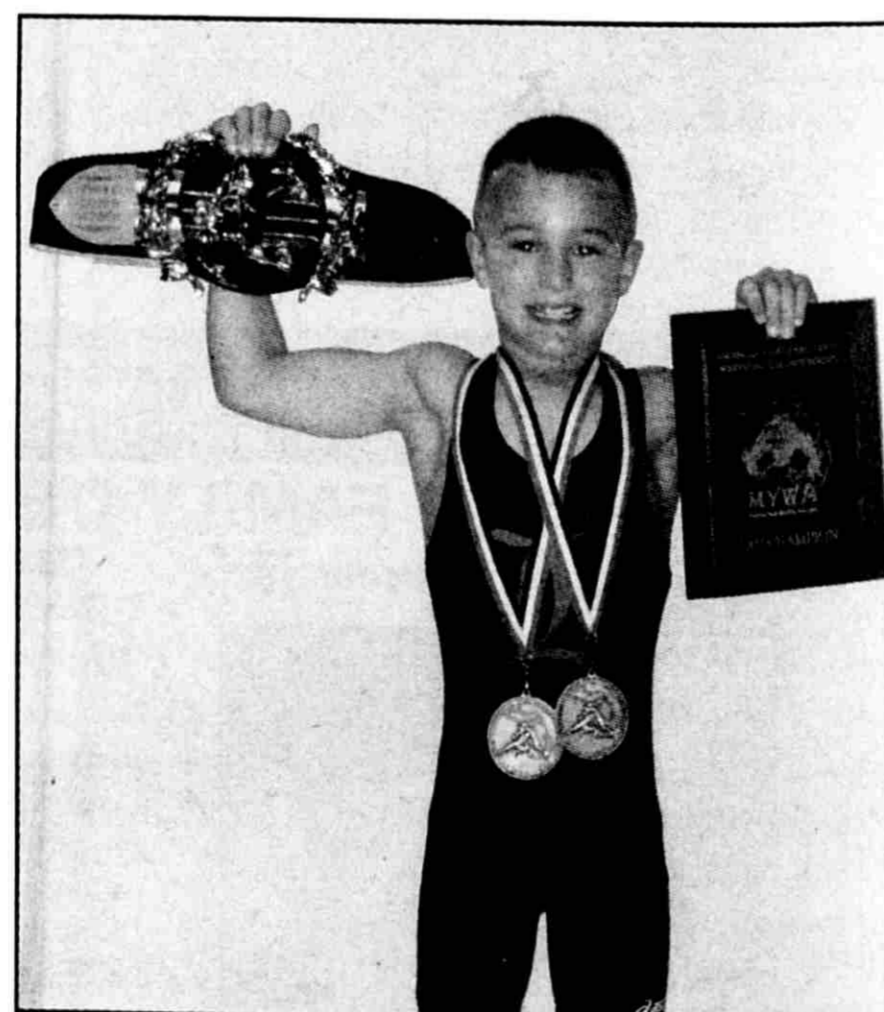
U14 boys, coached by Jeff Sweet. In all, this team went three wins and one tie. Defense was the key for this team as they only gave up three goals in the four games. Goalie Andrew Potter and sweeper Sean Khodl led the defense for the team. In the finals, against a team from Livonia, they won 2-1, with goals from Jacob Khodl and Kyle Bowers. The U14 boys' team is currently second in their division of the GVSA.

LASSO teams have been working since last August to compete at higher levels. This performance at Canton really shows how well this past season has gone for these teams and the LASSO club. LASSO will be having tryouts for next year on June 18 and 22.



U14 boys, first row, left to right: Nick McCormick, Brett Hindley, Andrew Potter, and Hunter Race; second row, left to right: Kyle Bowers, Sophie Kohtz, Jordan Dennie, Olec Brezeczy, and Alex Heffron; third row, left to right: Jacob Geers, Jacob Sweet, Sean Khodl, Hunter Stahl, and Jacob Khodl; back row: coach Jeff Sweet. Missing: Keaton McGregor, Roman Brezeczy, and Danial Haus.

Serbenta is Triple Crown Winner



Sage Serbenta of Lowell won the Triple Crown wrestling title and belt in Battle Creek. He took first place in the Folkstyle state tournament at Michigan State University and then captured two more state titles in Freestyle and Greco Roman to capture this award. Serbenta is seven years old and attends Murray Lake Elementary.

Texas teenager to meet Michigan woman who gave him a lifesaving gift

Teenager Patrick Mancuso of Nolanville, Texas and Grand Rapids native Sarah VanBree live thousands of miles apart. But they share a very strong bond through a wonderful gift; Mancuso received a marrow transplant from VanBree last year. And on June 5, the two will meet in person for the first time at the Media Day preceding Over the Edge, a fundraiser to benefit the Marrow Program at Michigan Community Blood Centers.

Media are invited to greet VanBree and Mancuso and hear their stories at a coffee break reception on June 5 at 9:30 a.m. at River House Condominiums, 335 Bridge Street, Grand Rapids. They will meet and speak briefly to the group attending the Over the Edge Media Day, and then will be available individually for interviews directly following.

Mancuso is even considering going Over the Edge from the top of River House on June 6. "He said he wants to do it, but we'll see how he feels when he actually sees the building," said Simone Mancuso, his mother.

One thing's for certain, he feels a lot better now than he did in December 2007, when he was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia, a particularly aggressive form of the disease. He was just 14 years old. After a course of

chemotherapy, Mancuso's doctors determined that he needed a marrow transplant. Because no family members matched Mancuso's tissue type, he needed to find an unrelated marrow donor. VanBree turned out to be that person.

A Lowell resident, VanBree, joined the National Marrow Donor Program's Be The Match international registry of prospective marrow donors almost four years ago. She signed up at a marrow donor recruitment drive conducted by Michigan Community Blood Centers.

"I was very surprised to get the call to be a match," said VanBree. "I signed up at a high school drive for a Lowell three-year-old. It

was a real 'in and out' sort of deal and I promptly forgot about it."

But when she got the call, she was more than happy to help someone she had never met. Mancuso received marrow donated by VanBree in March 2008. And while the going hasn't always been easy, he's now looking forward to his sophomore year in high school this fall, and he's excited to get back to his favorite sport, football.

"What do you say to someone who saves your son's life?" said Simone Mancuso. "There's not enough words. Patrick is here because of Sarah. He's really excited to meet her."

Over the Edge is an extreme rappelling event held at River House Condominiums on June 6, 2009. For a minimum donation of \$1,000 and the adventurous spirit to

rappel down 34 stories, participants can see the city of Grand Rapids from new heights and help people in their community. All proceeds will go to help pay for tissue-typing of prospective marrow donors for the Marrow Program at Michigan Community Blood Centers. For more information or to sign up to help, call 616-233-8538 or visit www.miblood.org.

The Marrow Program at Michigan Community Blood Centers recruits prospective marrow donors throughout Michigan for the National Marrow Donor Program's (NMDP) Be The Match registry and also provides supportive services to marrow donors and to patients who need transplants. Marrow/stem cell transplants may represent the best hope of survival for people with life-threatening blood diseases such as aplastic anemia and some kinds of leukemia. Only about 30 percent of people who need transplants can find matching donors among family members. The other 70 percent need to find unrelated donors. The NMDP estimates that more than 10,000 adults and children a year with life-threatening diseases could benefit from a marrow transplant.

A nonprofit, independent blood bank, Michigan Community Blood Centers is the blood provider for hospitals in four major regions of the state (combined pop. 1.5 million). As a member of America's Blood Centers, Michigan Community Blood Centers also regularly responds to disaster-related and military requests for blood.

College News

Culver Redd and Timothy Wernet have been named to the Albion College Dean's List for the spring 2009 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Redd is a junior majoring in physics and minoring in computer science. He is the son of James and Marsha Redd, of Lowell, and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Wernet is a sophomore at Albion College, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. He is the son of Timothy and Suzanne Wernet, of Rockford, and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., named Edith Chittenden to the Dean's List for the spring 2009 semester. Chittenden is the daughter of Karen and Peter Chittenden, of Lowell. A student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale to earn academic honors at Saint Mary's.

Stacey Underwood, of Alto, and Andrea Converse, of Lowell, were named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 2008-09 school year. To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

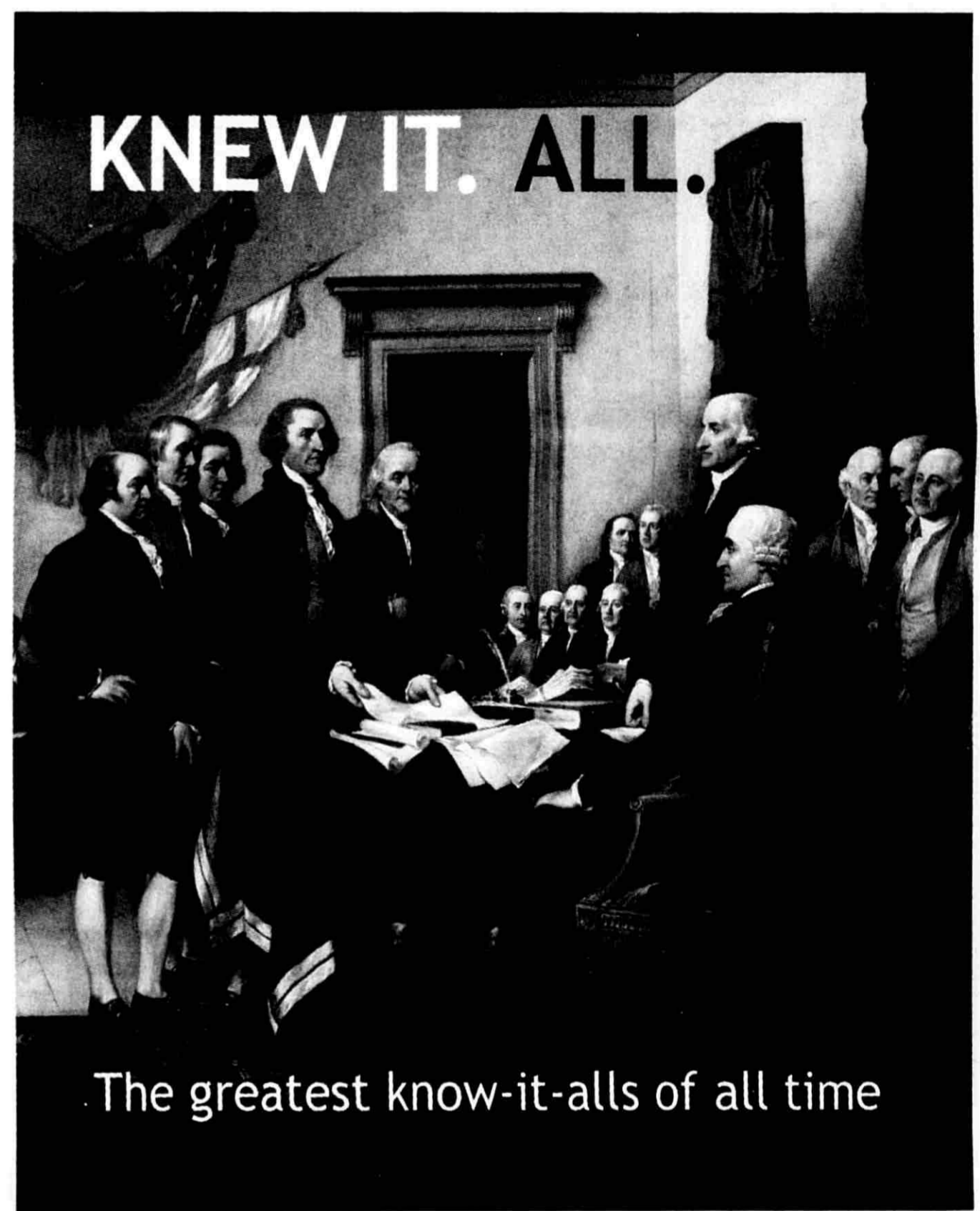
Adam Konyndyk and Nicole Hensch, both of Ada, were named to the DePaul University Dean's List for the 2009 winter quarter. To receive Dean's List commendation, full-time students must earn

a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above on a four-point scale.

Tulane University in New Orleans awarded degrees this month to approximately 2,200 graduates. Local student, Natasha Noordhoff, of Ada, graduated from Tulane as a member of the historic "Katrina Class." These undergraduates were at Tulane for only a few hours when they had to evacuate ahead of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.


Benedictine College has recognized those students who have distinguished themselves academically during the last semester. Nathanael Taylor, of Lowell, was recently named to the Dean's List for the spring semester, which ended May 12, 2009.

Full-time students with a minimum of 12 credit hours and a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 are named to the Dean's List.



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A FEW NOTABLE EVENTS FROM MAY 28 - JUNE 3 • 2009

- N. Korea prepares long-range missile weapon believed to be capable of reaching Alaska.
- General Motors Corporation files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. President Obama said the federal government will act as "a reluctant shareholder" when it assumes 60 percent ownership. They also will close 12 plants.
- The price of oil rises to nearly \$68 a barrel - a new high for the year.

- A French jet carrying 228 people from Rio de Janeiro to Paris disappeared from radar screens after running into severe thunderstorms. All aboard are feared to be lost.
- Judge okays sale of most Chrysler assets to Fiat. Obama: Decision paves way for Chrysler to exit bankruptcy protection.
- New passport rules in effect at U.S. borders. Citizens entering the country must show passport or other approved ID form. Borders include Canada, Mexico and Caribbean now.
- Conan O'Brien takes over The Tonight Show after Jay Leno leaves after 17 years.
- Noncho Vodenicharov, 53, a contestant on the Bulgarian version of the reality show 'Survivor,' dies of a heart attack during filming.
- Dead birds rain from the sky in Western Australia. More than 200 ibises, ravens, ducks, gulls and a pelican were found dead near Perth, raising fears of a mass poisoning.
- A Connecticut newlywed, in her wedding gown, is being credited with helping save a family from a Bridgeport house fire.
- Susan Boyle, the surprising Scottish singing sensation on the television program Britain's Got Talent, came in second at the conclusion of the competition. She was then treated for exhaustion at a clinic in London.
- George Tiller, a doctor who performed late-term abortions, was shot and killed in his church in Wichita, Kansas. He had been threatened and survived a shooting in the past. Scott Roeder was arrested three hours later.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Unlikely friends show the way at state meet

by Thad Kraus

If CBS' Jim Nance had been at the Division I Michigan High School state track meet on Saturday in East Kentwood, you may have heard him exclaim "It's a sporting community unlike any other."

The comment would have been targeted toward the West Michigan pole vaulting community, its programs and yes, the athletes. All this said while a shot showing Lowell's Richelle Kimble and Rockford's Sarah Birkmeier testing their pole vaulting equipment and then breaking out their smiles and a laugh - having fun during the most important meet of the year.

The cynic might interrupt with "You can't be best friends with your opponent and expect to compete at the highest level." That argument doesn't work with these athletes.

Birkmeier won the state title last year and Kimble finished second. Both cleared 11-3; Birkmeier did so in fewer attempts.

They have been brought together at community pole vaulting programs (Kevin Patterson and Jerry Session), indoor meets, and high school meets numerous times over the last three years. The only thing that has grown more than their skill is their friendship. "We're there to help each other. We are one another's support systems," Birkmeier explains. "We've stuck together."

Birkmeier was in attendance at the O-K White Conference meet. She competes in the O-K Red. She was there to lend support, advice and yes, a laugh or two with Kimble.

A distraction? Not a

chance! Kimble set a league and school record clearing 11-7.

How are the friendships and support systems built among these athletes? Kevin Patterson, Rockford coach, says pole vaulters don't care what school you're from.

"Kimble and Birkmeier are good athletes and are coachable. They keep one another relaxed and have fun," he said.

Lowell track coach Robin Briggs adds that the friendship and rivalry has made them better.

Kimble thinks its the community aspect.

"The pole vaulting programs around here are like a community. Most of the pole vaulters are tied into the programs," Kimble explains.

Does winning ever get in the way of support and friendship?



Richelle Kimble and Sarah Birkmeier share a hug as they were the final two standing in the Division I state pole vault finals.

"Of course you want to win; when Sarah wins that's fine. She's a good friend and I support her," Kimble said. "She has won more. We vault the same heights, but most of the time it has come down to misses."

Ask the Ram or the Red Arrow why the

other is a successful pole vaulter and the answers are similar: strength, speed, coordination and a gymnastics background.

"Speed is a lot of it. The more speed, the more power," Kimble says.

On Saturday, Birkmeier's speed helped power her to a state record 13 feet.

Kimble used hers to set a new school record (11-8) breaking her previous mark of 11-7.

At day's end, there was laughter, smiles and a sporting friendship unlike any other at East Kentwood on Saturday.

Kimble second in her final high school meet

by Thad Kraus

Richelle Kimble vaulted as high as she ever has Saturday at the Division I state track meet in East Kentwood.

It came on a day her number one competitor and close friend, Sarah Birkmeier, vaulted higher than anyone ever has.

Birkmeier not only

crushed her personal best mark (12-1) in the pole vault but she also laid to rest the previous state mark of 12-5.

The Ram elevated the new record to 13 feet.

"I knew I wanted to defend my state title," Birkmeier explained.

"The pressure to defend

turned into motivation. It was an amazing day. It hasn't all sunk in yet."

A tired Kimble, while happy with a personal best vault, was disappointed she didn't do better in her final high school meet.

"I should have gotten 11-11," she said afterward.

"It was a rough day starting with warm-ups."

Kimble, for a second straight year, finished second to Birkmeier at the state meet.

"It was a long day of pole vaulting," said Lowell girls' track coach Robin Briggs. "Richelle

did very well but did things the hard way today."

Briggs was referring to the number of vaults Kimble needed to get to 11-11.

"She'd get done with a vault and say I know what I've got to do," Briggs said.

Sophomore Kelsey Teft, also competing in pole vault, cleared a personal best of 9-8 before failing to clear 10-4.

"I am really proud of both the girls and I will miss working with Richelle next year," Briggs concluded.



Kelsey Teft clears 9-8 at the Division I state track meet.



Richelle Kimble reset the school record when she cleared 11-8.

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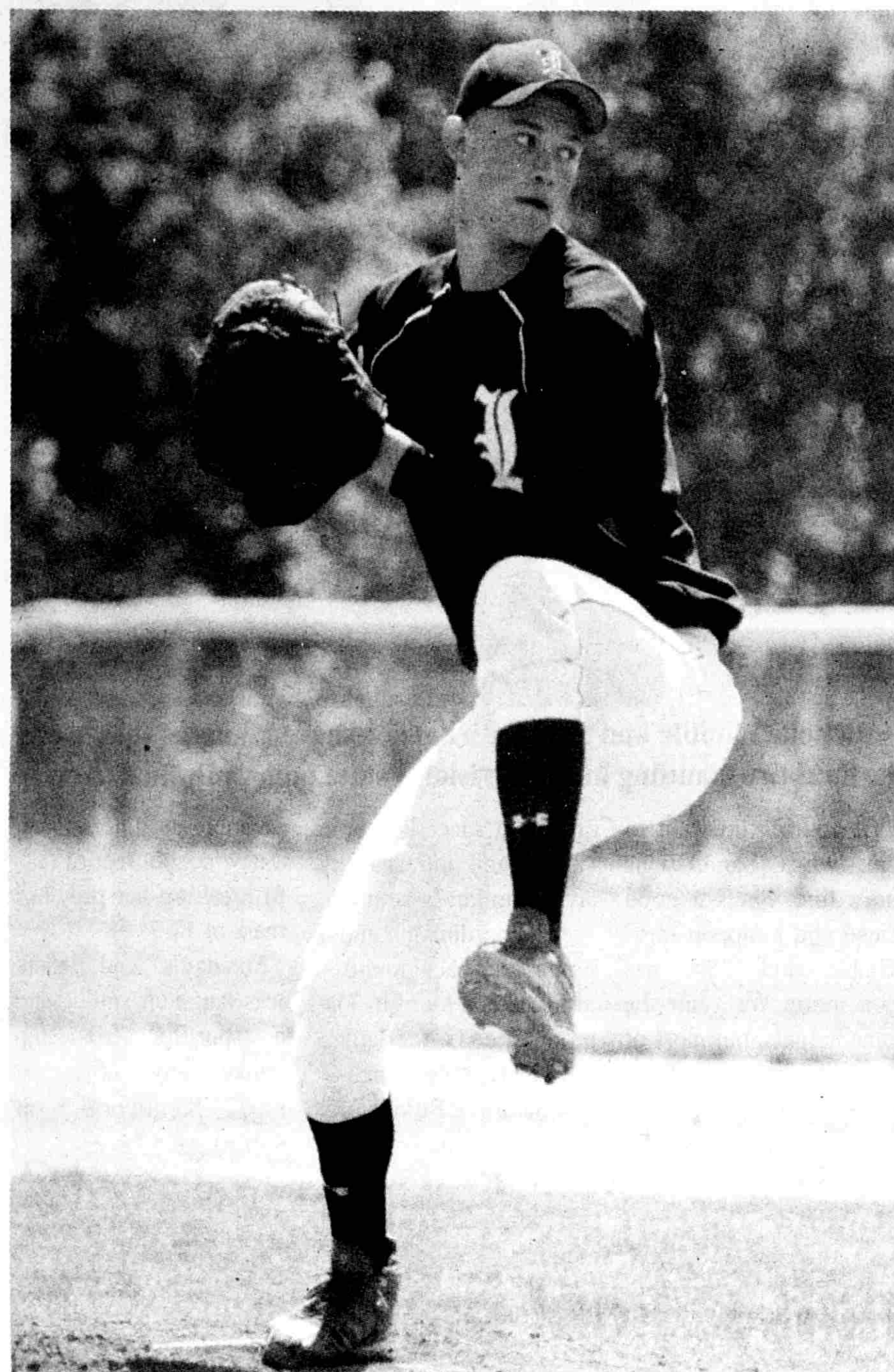
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Central's LaKatos shuts down Red Arrow season



Lowell's Josh Drake pitches the final couple of innings in Saturday's 3-1 district loss to Forest Hills Central. Lowell finishes its season at 27-8.

Lowell crew rows strong at state championship

Twenty statewide crew teams gathered at Kensington Park in Milford for the second annual Scholastic Rowing Association State Championships on Saturday, May 16. Lowell crew was among them and again left with a strong showing. Despite strong winds, Mattie Kropf and Samantha Hagerman powered to a medal in the woman's double sculls. With 500m left in the 1,500m race, they were a length and a half down in fourth place. "When Sam called 500 to go, I felt strong. We edged the (stroke) rate up a couple and powered

through them," gushed stroke, Mattie Kropf. "I am impressed with their toughness to come from behind and finish third. They earned these first ever State Championship medals," said head coach Pete Chittenden. Final races were not run at last year's championships due to weather. Also rowing strong was the woman's junior 8. Despite a jumped seat that set them back, the girls brought it up in the last 500m to finish 2 seconds shy of a finals birth. The woman's and men's junior 4+s battled choppy waters for middle of the pack finishes in their heats. "Our hard

work paid off. We were right in the mix with the top crews in the state. Most of whom had big programs and newer equipment," summed up coach Keith Gillhespy. It was a fitting end to the racing season. Lowell crew will be sponsoring Learn to Row programs beginning June 15 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. the Flat River amphitheatre for middle school age and older kids, as well as adults, this summer. Come down and enjoy the fun and camaraderie of rowing. Visit the Lowell crew website at <http://www.lowellcrew.com> for details and season highlights.

Mattie Kropf, left and Sam Hagerman with their third place medals at the State Championship.

by Thad Kraus

In the end, one team delivered the big hit more than the other team.

The result was a 3-1 Forest Hills Central district baseball win over Lowell.

"All three of Forest Hills Central's runs were driven in with two strikes on the hitter," said Lowell baseball coach Juston Miller. "We had the same number of opportunities but just couldn't drive in the runs."

For the Red Arrows, (26-8) the season ends how it began with a loss to Ranger hurler Alex LaKatos.

He allowed Lowell just two hits over seven innings.

Central coach, Thad Able called it his best pitched game of the season.

Lakatos' fastball/slider combination kept Lowell hitters off balance.

Central tallied two runs in the first and one in the fourth. Lowell's lone run came in its half of the first inning.

"I feel bad for the seniors. They should feel good about what they've

accomplished," Miller said. "However, they all wish they were still playing."

Earning all district honors were Torsten Boss, infield; Josh Drake and Zach Stephens, pitchers; and Josh VandenBosch, outfield.

Lowell 13 Caledonia 2

A complete game five-hitter by Zach Stephens led the way to the Red Arrow pre-district win over the Fighting Scots.

Stephens allowed two runs on five hits while walking two and striking out six.

Caledonia scored single runs in the fourth and seventh innings.

Meanwhile, the Red Arrows (26-7) scored in every inning but the fourth. Lowell tallied two runs in the first, two in the second, three in the third, one in the fifth, one in the sixth and four more in the seventh inning.

"Caledonia was giving us the small game early, so we executed in bunt situations. When

they played in, we were able to slug the ball a bit," said Lowell baseball coach Juston Miller.

Stephens also went 3-for-3 at the plate and was hit by the pitch twice, running his season total to a school-record 19 times. He is one away from a state record.

Torsten Boss was 2-for-2 with two triples, elevating his state record total to 32 in a season. The previous record was 25.

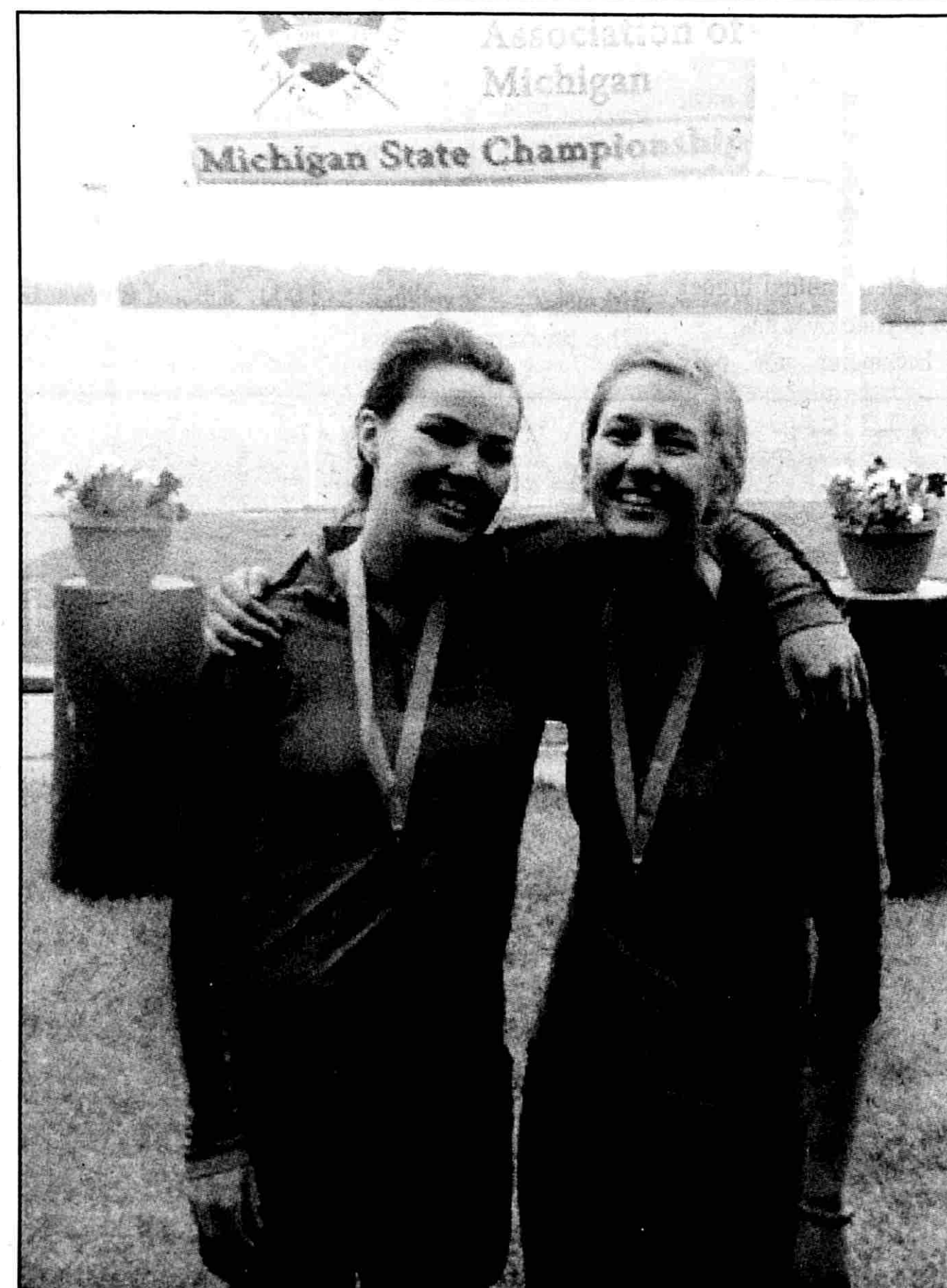
Nick Trasky was 2-for-3 and Jesse VandenBosch collected two hits in four at-bats.

All Conference Honors

Six Lowell baseball players earned O-K White All Conference honors for their play in 2009.

They were: Josh Drake, pitcher; Zach Stephens, pitcher; Torsten Boss, shortstop; Nick Trasky, third base; Jesse VandenBosch, outfield; and Tim Whetting, utility player.

Honorable mention recipients were: Josh Drake, pitcher; and Kent Hannah, catcher.



Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell soccer bows out to state's best

by Thad Kraus

Lowell girls' soccer team prepared itself for its meat grinder of a district in Division 1 with an impressive 2-1 win over O-K White champion East Grand Rapids.

The Red Arrows' achilles heal in 2009 has been the inability to score against the top notch programs on its schedule.

Lowell changed things up in its final regular season game when it posted the first goal of the game against EGR.

"That first goal is huge," said Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge. "Scoring early put pressure on East and gave our girls some confidence. This year, when we've scored first, the results have been good."

Lowell was also the last team to score.

The Pioneers and Arrows were tied 1-1 at half with the game's winning goal not coming until the final four minutes of the contest.

Sara Nagy slotted a pass

over to Hannah Oberlin who then crossed the ball into the far side of the net for the game winning goal.

Lowell 3 Grandville 2

The Pioneer win proved to be a good momentum builder as the Red Arrows jumped on the Bulldogs early.

Lowell led 1-0, 2-1, 3-1 and 3-2 at half time.

"This game wasn't anything like I imagined. It seemed like every time we got out in front, we took our foot off the gas," Lowell girls' soccer coach Paul Legge explained. "Thus, we ended up fighting for our lives."

Lowell's success, in part, came from the fine forward play of Stephanie Stevens and Caitlin Fitzpatrick.

"They played great tonight," Legge said.

The freshmen tallied the Red Arrows' first two goals. The third and winning goal came off the foot of senior Hannah Oberlin in front of the Grandville net.

"I thought our girls played well and outworked Lowell," said Grandville coach Dean McCarrick. "I felt comfortable with our play the whole game."

The Bulldogs season ended at 12-7-1. Portage Central 3 Lowell 0

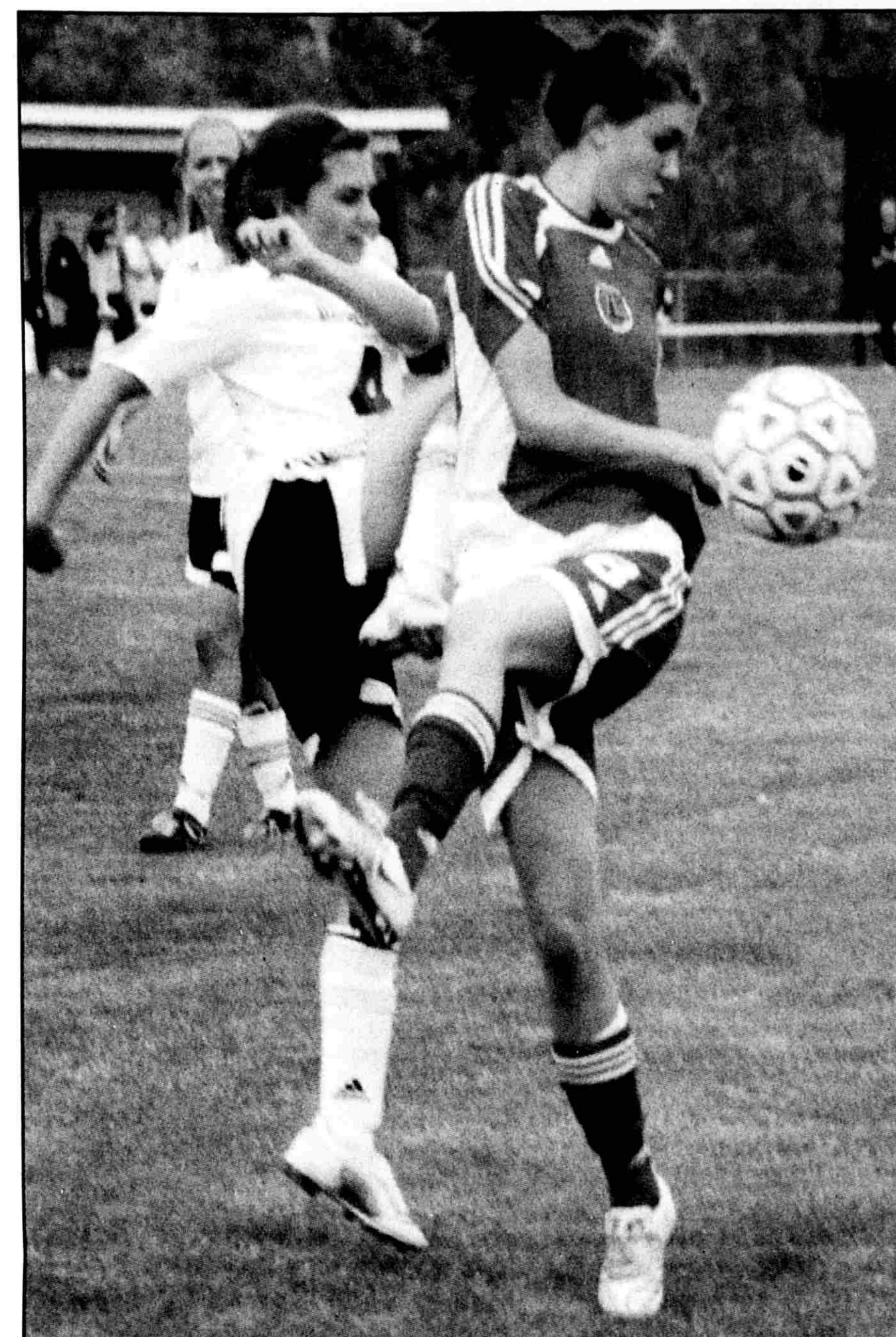
Through the eyes of many in the soccer community, Portage Central is considered to be the top girls' soccer team in all four divisions.

Lowell got a taste for why that is in the Division I district quarterfinals.

The Mustangs (22-0-2) controlled play throughout in posting the shutout.

Lowell (13-4-3) was limited to just five shots on Mustangs goal tender Sam Bowditch. Central had 26 shots, 10 of them on goal.

Central led 1-0 at half before creasing the net twice in the opening 10 minutes of the second half.



Lowell's Stephanie Stevens tallied one of Lowell's three goals in its district win over Grandville.

Red Arrow softball season ends at Caledonia

by Thad Kraus

In a season where the thirst for a big hit or a big play went unquenched, Lowell girls' softball team saw its season end much in the same way it started.

Lowell played with Caledonia for five innings, before that bad inning bug bit again in its 8-3 pre-district loss to the Fighting Scots.

"We were there, but just couldn't make a play or get that big hit," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

The Red Arrows trailed 4-2 entering the sixth inning.

The Fighting Scots loaded the bases with no outs on a double, a walk, and a safe

call on a fielder's choice (scoring a run).

A pop out, a hit batter, and a strikeout left the bases loaded with two out.

A single tallied Caledonia's second run of the inning and on a wild throw to third, two more Scot runners were able to circle the bases.

Lowell had the bases loaded with one out and a run in the fourth inning but could not deliver a hit.

The Red Arrows added single runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

For Caledonia, the win was their fourth this year against Lowell.

"Lowell played hard in every game and is

always well coached," said Caledonia coach Tom Kaechele. "We had to work hard to win today."

Sophomore Bailey Allen pitched 5-2/3 innings allowing eight runs on seven hits, while walking five and striking out four batters. Only four of Caledonia's runs were earned.

Lowell's five hits were delivered by Beth Wyckoff, Lauren Dood, Jenna Smith (double), Kelly Wyckoff and Jourdan Westdorp.

"Our girls have hit weak pitching; next year we need to do a better job of hitting against the better pitchers," Rodenhouse explained.

Lowell finished its season

at 11-21-1 and 8-7 in the O-K White.

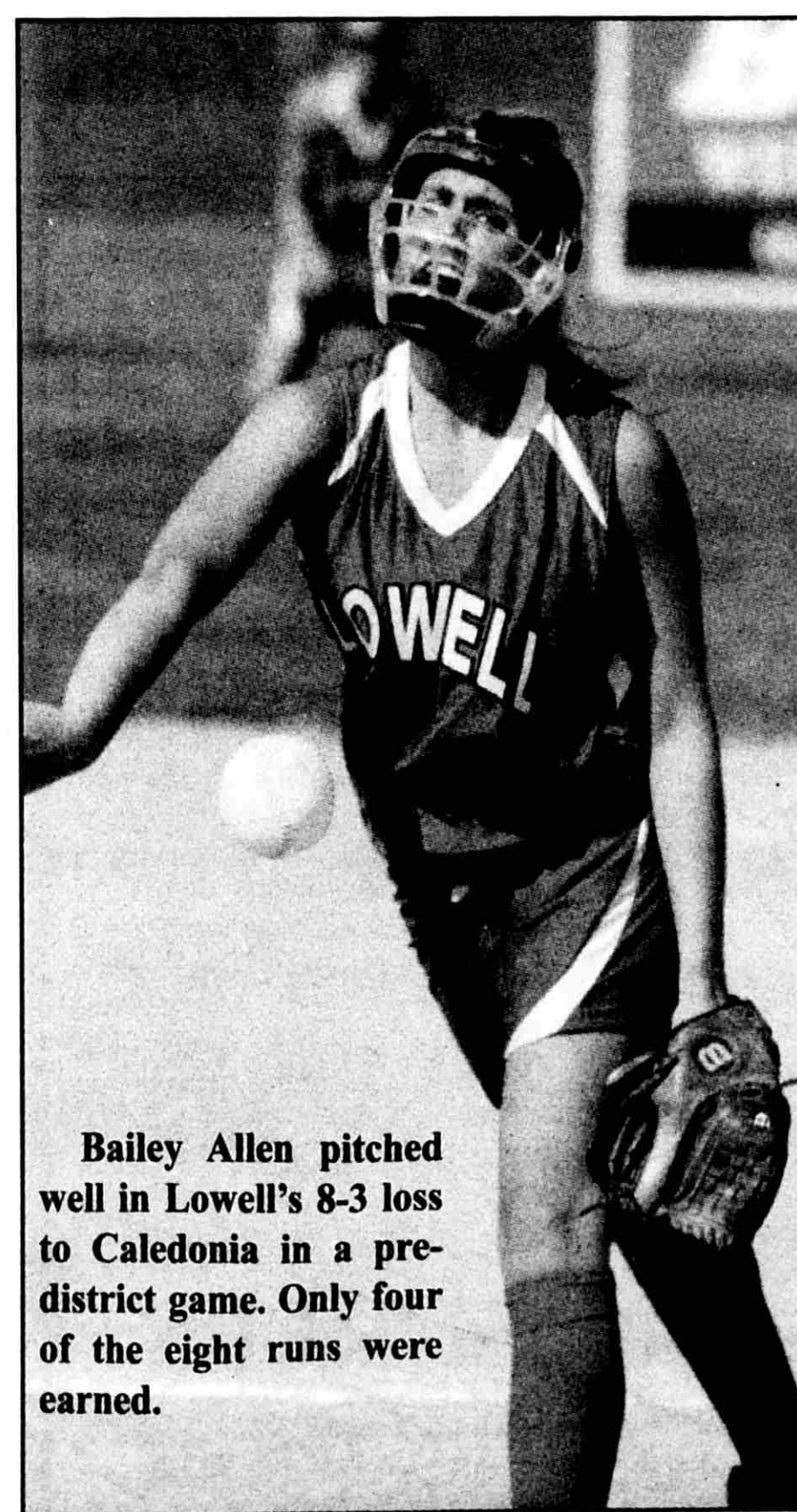
All Conference Honors

O-K White All Conference honors were handed out last week. Four Red Arrows were bestowed with those honors.

They were: Bailey Allen, pitcher; Kelly Wyckoff, third base; Beth Wyckoff, shortstop; and Jourdan Westdorp, outfielder.

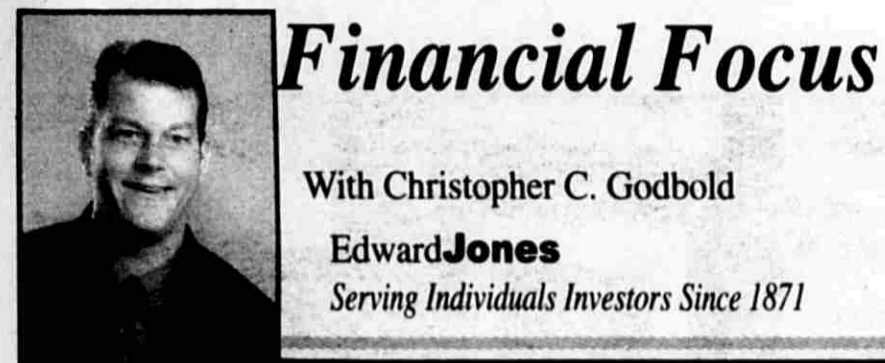
Leigha Frisbee (first base) earned honorable mention status.

Westdorp also set a school softball record in 2009. The senior was hit a record-breaking seven times.



Bailey Allen pitched well in Lowell's 8-3 loss to Caledonia in a pre-district game. Only four of the eight runs were earned.

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INVESTMENT IDEAS FOR NEWLYWEDS

June is a popular month for weddings. If you're getting married this month, you have a lot to think about, but after the wedding — well, you'll have even more to think about. And one of those topics should be your investment strategy. In these days of economic

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PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL

In the matter of ALBERT ALOIS PRESTON, alleged incapacitated individual, Last 4 digits of SSN, 7579. Date of birth, 6/9/1916, race: caucasian, sex: male; address of alleged incapacitated individual where now found: 740 Hill NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

I, MARY KNATZ, am interested in this matter and make this petition as daughter of Albert A. Preston.

The adult has a patient advocate/power of attorney for health care and a power of attorney: Mary Knatz, 9021 Turnberry Ct., Tallahassee, FL 32312, 850-668-5692.

The adult lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate informed decisions due to the following conditions: mental illness, mental deficiency, physical illness or disability. Following are specific facts about the adult's recent condition or conduct that lead me to believe the adult needs a guardian: Over the last several years my father has grown increasingly forgetful and confused. He has wandered out of his automobile and walked home, several miles away. He cannot remember how much money he has given to family members nor how frequently he gives it. He is strongly influenced by family members who seem willing to take advantage of my father's incapacity. Alzheimer's has been diagnosed, but more testing is needed, some of which will require consent.

May 13, 2009

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uncertainty, it's important that you and your spouse make investment decisions today that will help you reach your long-term goals.

Of course, the investment process can seem confusing to just one person, so you might think it will be twice as difficult for the two of you. But that's not necessarily so. You can launch an investment strategy that can serve you well throughout your lives together by following these few basic steps:

- Identify your goals. When you start out, you may have short-term goals, such as saving enough for a down payment on a house. As you move through the years, your goals will become longer-term in nature. For example, if you have children, you might set a goal of helping them pay for college. And you will need to establish a goal of saving for retirement. Your first step toward achieving all these goals is identifying them.

- Commit to regular investing. When you begin your careers, you and your spouse may not have a lot of disposable income, but you still need to commit

yourselves to putting aside some money each month — even if it's only a small amount — for investment purposes. If you each have an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k) plan, contribute as much as you can afford.

- Reconcile your investment styles. You and your spouse may have different orientations toward investing. By nature, you might be an aggressive investor, while your spouse could be more conservative, or vice versa. This divergence does not have to be a problem, but you should communicate your preferences clearly to each other when choosing investments together. If you and your spouse each compromise a bit, you can come up with a joint portfolio that works for both of you. At the same time, when you each have an account, such as a 401(k), you may not want them to look alike by containing duplicate investments. Instead, consider building portfolios that complement each other and that can help fill in any gaps that exist in your joint investment strategy.

- Be co-managers. You probably know many married couples in which one spouse handles all the finances and investments. This isn't necessarily a good model to follow. You and your spouse will benefit if you both are familiar with your investment situation and capable of making decisions. Nobody knows what the future will hold, and if one spouse suddenly finds himself or herself in charge of the family finances, with no preparation, it can lead to troubles.

By following these suggestions, you can make long-term investing a rewarding part of your marriage. And the sooner you get started, the greater those rewards can be.

DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion to approve the regular minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting as submitted and the accounts payable were approved.

Garland Berry commented on the handling of zoning violations within the City limits.

The Kent District Library presented their annual report.

The following actions were taken:

Motion to approve the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for 2009-2014.

Motion to set public hearings for July 6, 2009 to consider a setback variance to accommodate an enclosed porch for 430 N. Monroe (southwest corner of N. Monroe and North Streets) and a sign variance on the duration of reestablishing the business for 925 W. Main Street.

Motion to establish a public hearing for July 6, 2009 to consider a Bow and Arrow Hunting Ordinance.

Motion to adopt the 2008-2009 Budget Amendments.

Motion to 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 adoption of the 2009-2010 Operating Budget as presented.

Motion to approve the resolution to retain the water and sanitary sewer rates.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, June 15, 2009

Complete minutes will be available after approved on June 15, 2009 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Featured Artist

Don Zenas

by Emma Palova

Patti Sevensma's "United We Stand" photograph evokes a mix of feelings sprouting out of 911. The artist went to the site a year later and stayed in a new hotel that had just opened. From the 14th story hotel room, Sevensma saw the empty space left by the twin towers, with a cross erected in the middle.

"As an artist, you can't just walk away from that space and not do anything with it," she said.

So, she did something with all that empty space. Sevensma created a stunning photographic montage that elicits a haunting feeling.

"As I stood at ground zero, I knew I would have to compose a piece," she said. "No one can visit this area and come away unaffected. The hush was deafening. Tears flow without warning and you ask why?"

Sevensma wiped off a tear as she spoke about her montage and collage work at the Fire and Water Art Gallery on Main Street in downtown Lowell.

She related her work to her love for puzzles, painting, mixed media and photography.

"Montage has given me a chance to use my photography in a mixed media fashion," she said. "I can spend hours working on a piece and then try it again in another direction. The satisfaction is endless."

Sevensma's work has evolved by working with

artists in the International Society of Experimental Artists along with gallery owner Kathleen Mooney.

It was with that group, that she most enjoyed being a part of one of the traveling exhibits in Wales 2003.

"I was honored to have been a part of that," she said.

She loves her part time job, being an optometric technician for her husband Dave. Sevensma got started with her photography when she met him and got a Kodak Retina 3 and a dark room.

Sometimes, she starts out with a photograph and then paints over it, and works in layers to determine the amount of opacity.

Sevensma attributes her affinity to collage and montage artwork to her background in fabric. She used to design her kids' and her own clothes, and she also worked in retail.

"I let art lead me rather than push it," she said. "Things just happen; let life lead you and try not to make too many decisions in advance."

Sevensma calls art her soul and salvation.

"I would be lost without my artwork," she said. "It gets you back on track."

Sevensma is the featured artist at Fire and Water Art Gallery for the month of June. Her work is also on exhibit at Coffee Gallery in Spring Lake, Mully's in Elk Rapids and at Glass House Designs.



Patti Sevensma has evolved into a collage and montage artist from her photography.

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"United We Stand" is a photographic montage, now on display at Fire and Water Art Gallery.



A New Face At The Laurels Of Kent



The Laurels of Kent welcomes new team member Robert "Bob" Wichlacz. Bob is the new Rehab Services Director at The Laurels of Kent. Bob was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. Bob is married to Carolyn with 2 children daughter Allison and son Joseph. He graduated from the University of Michigan with Masters Degree in Physical Therapy, but is a Spartan fan!

Bob looks forward to working with the Lowell community and ensuring that our guests receive excellent therapy with results returning them back to their home quickly and safely.

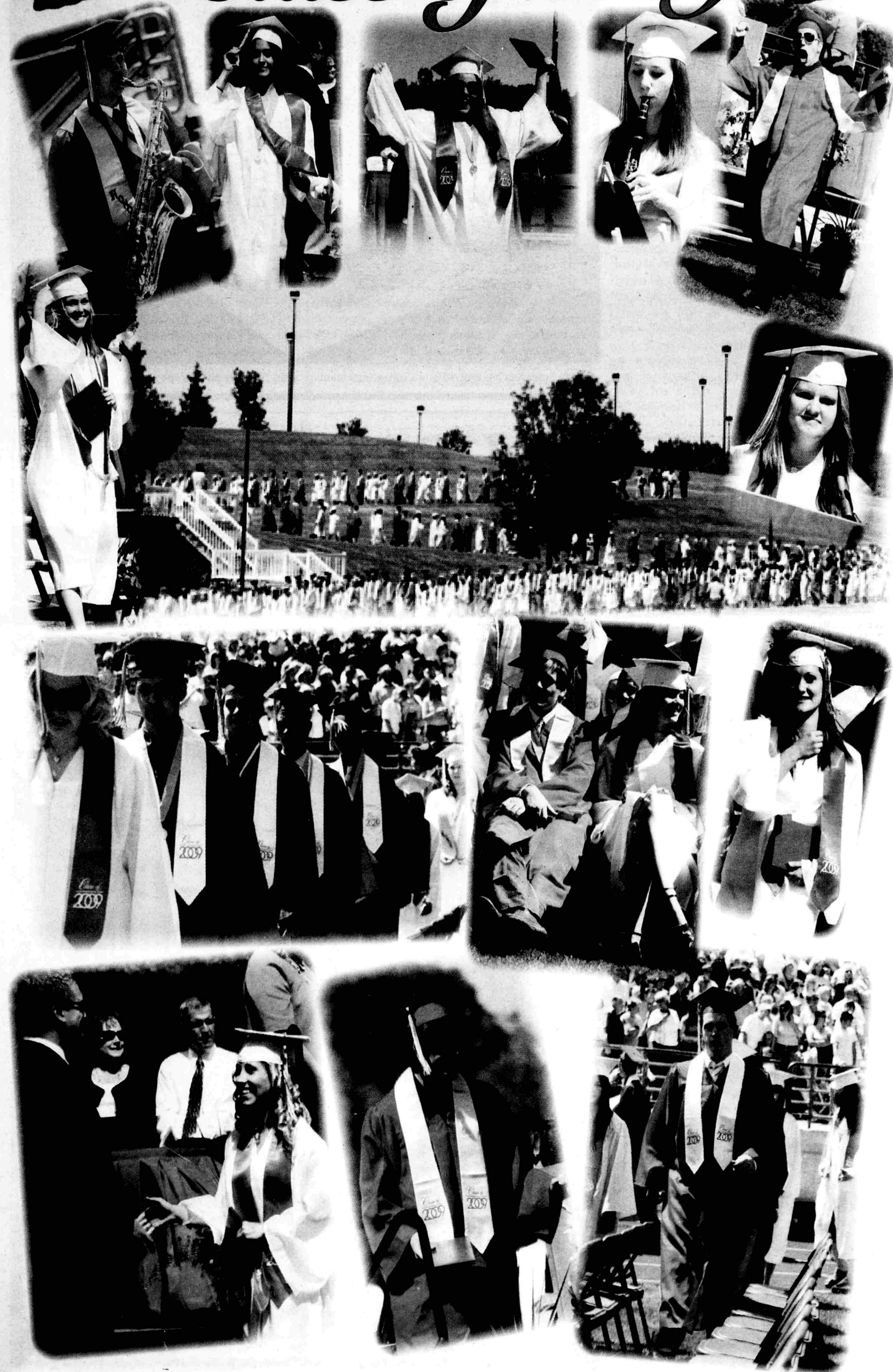
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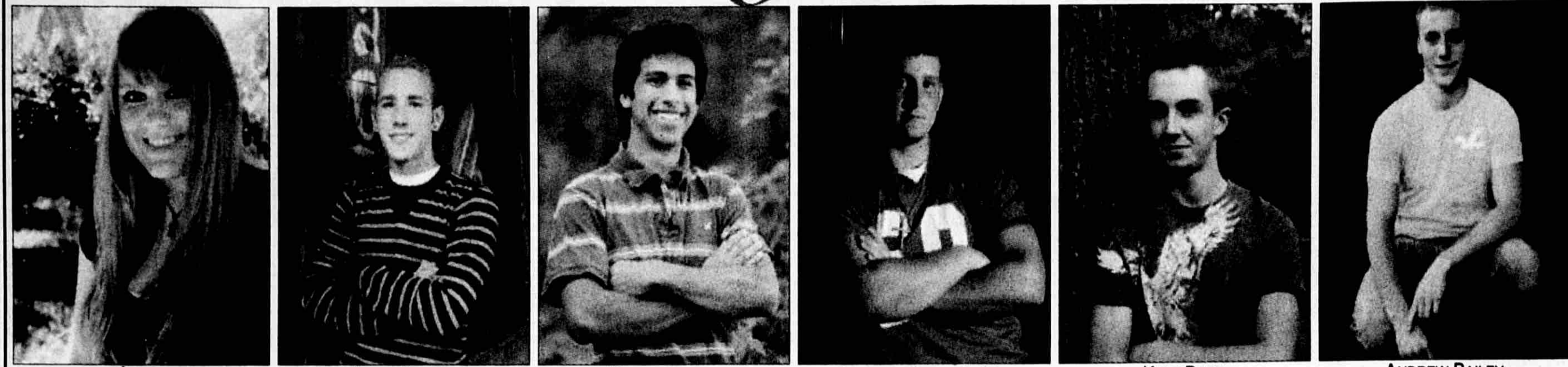
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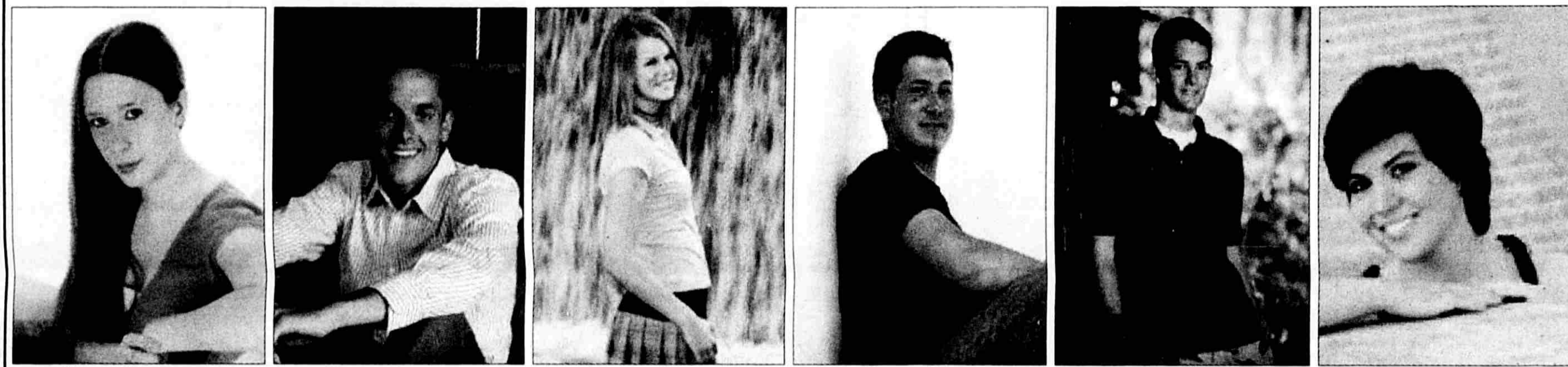
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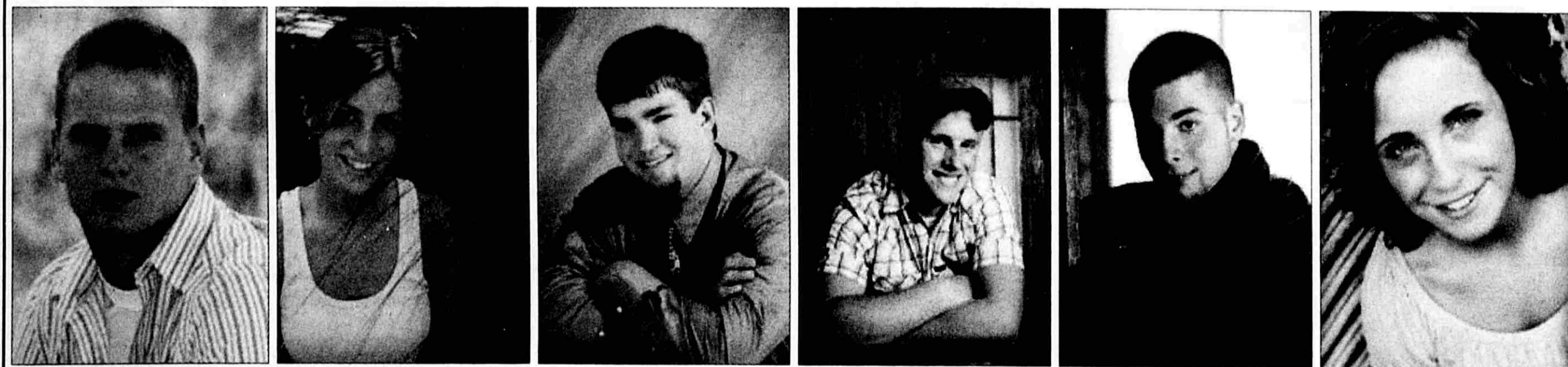
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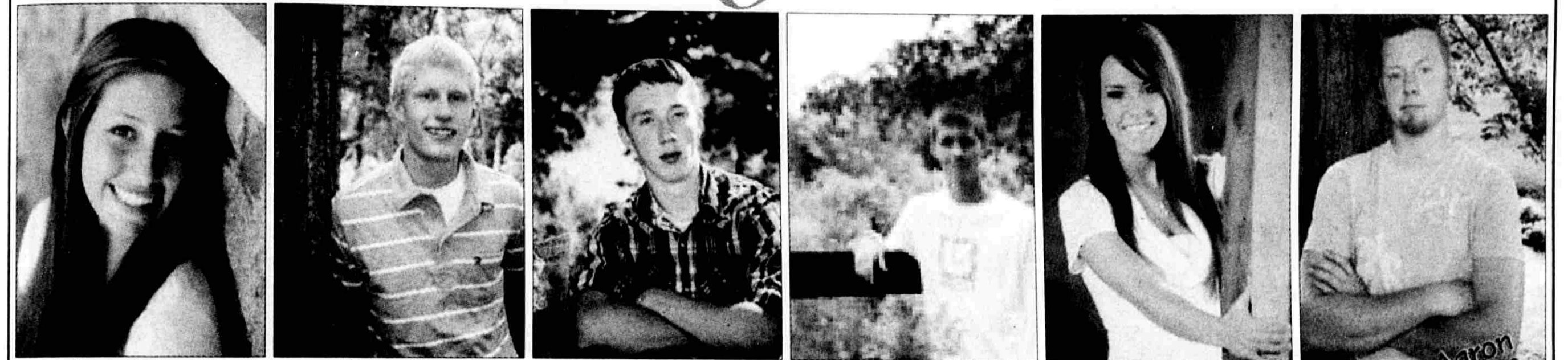


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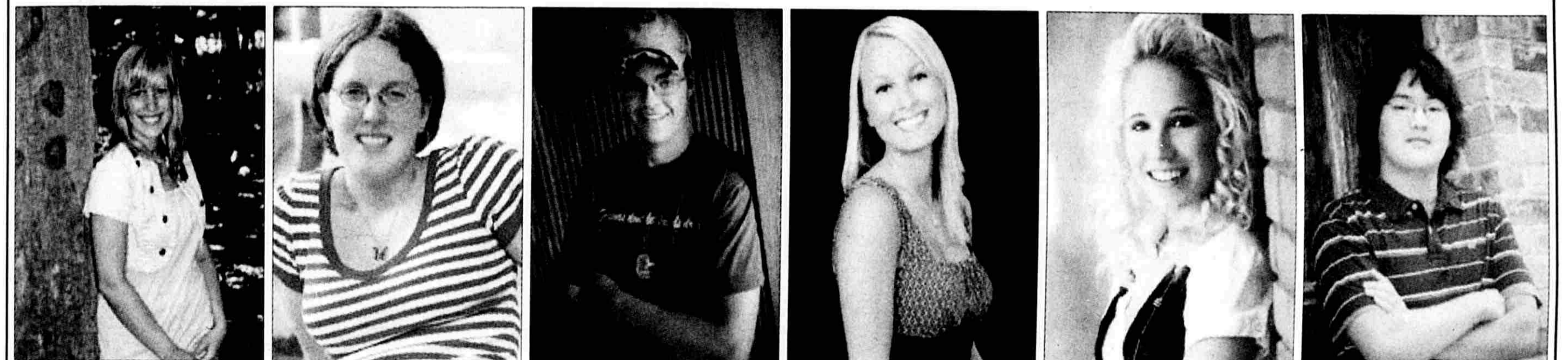


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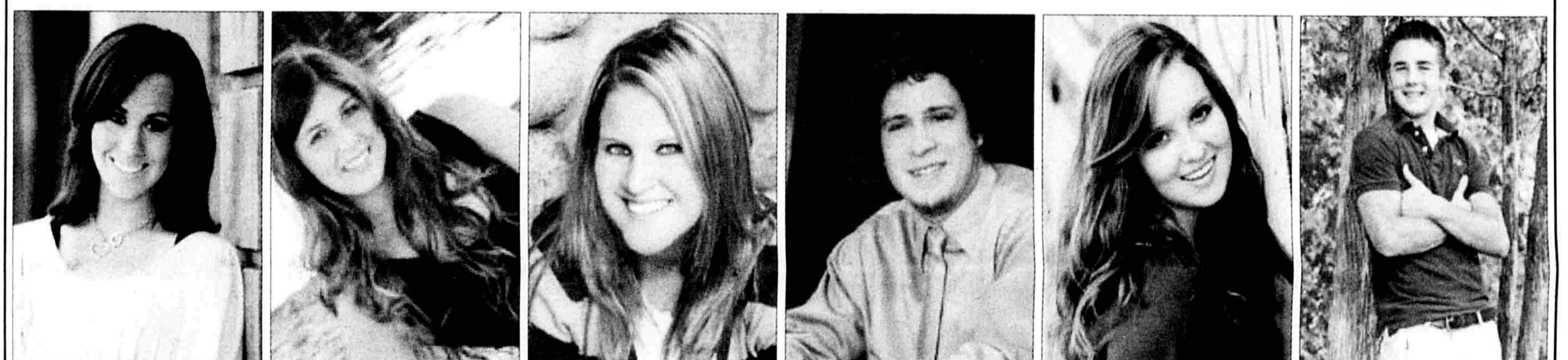
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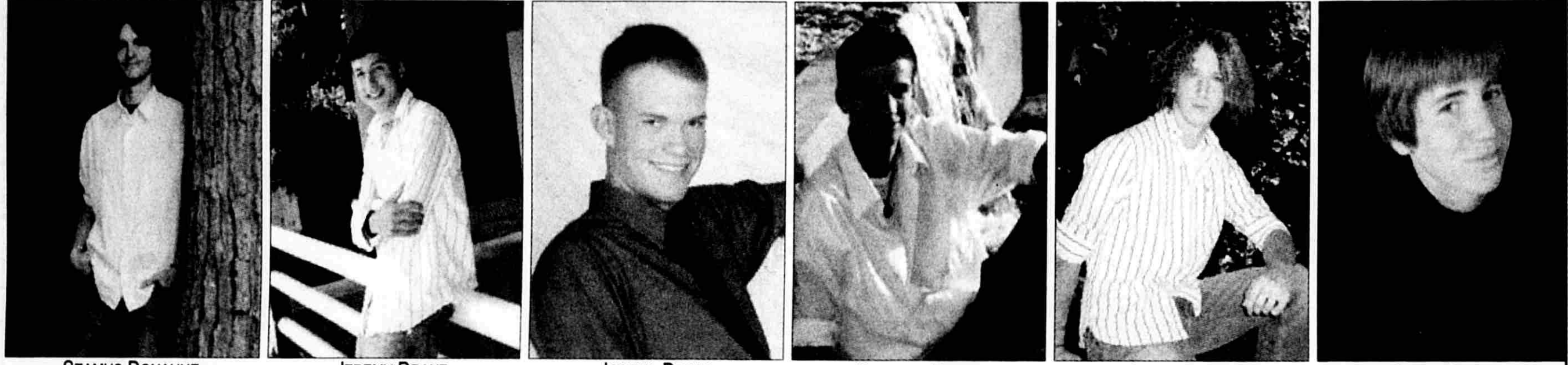
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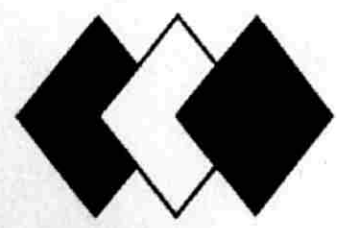
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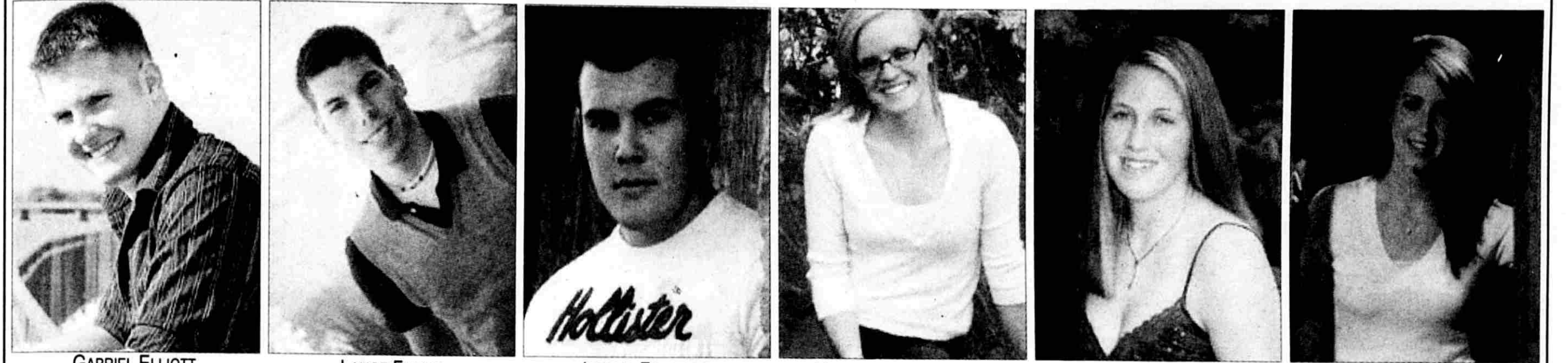
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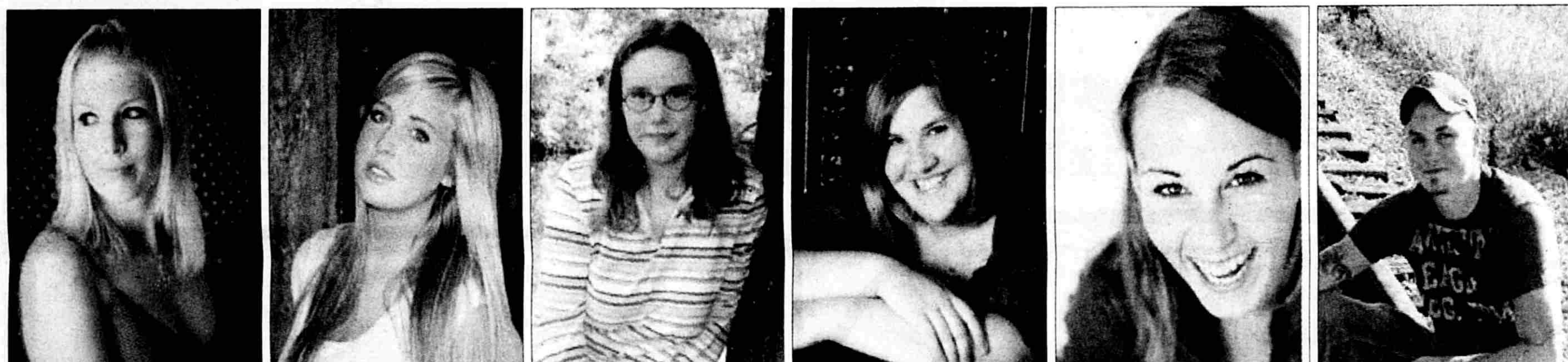
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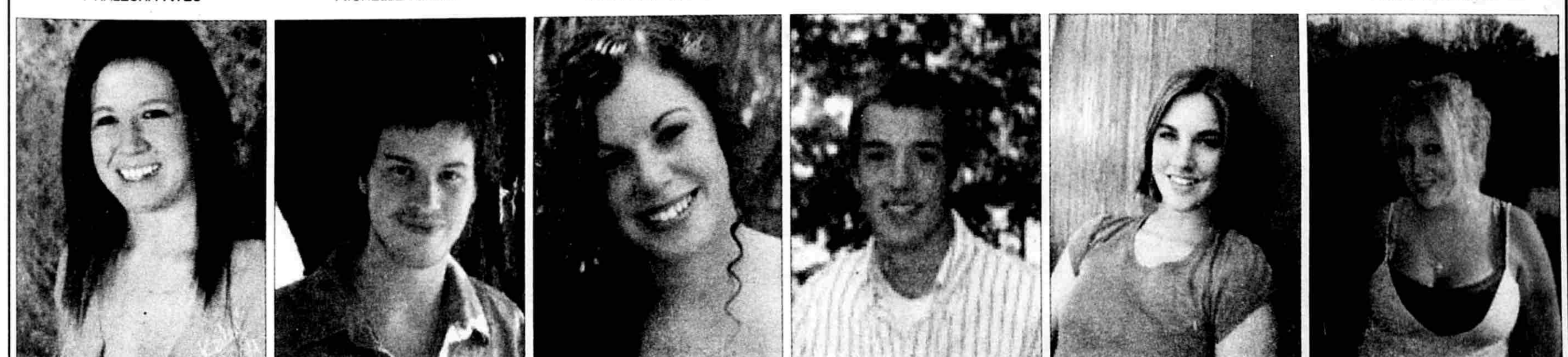
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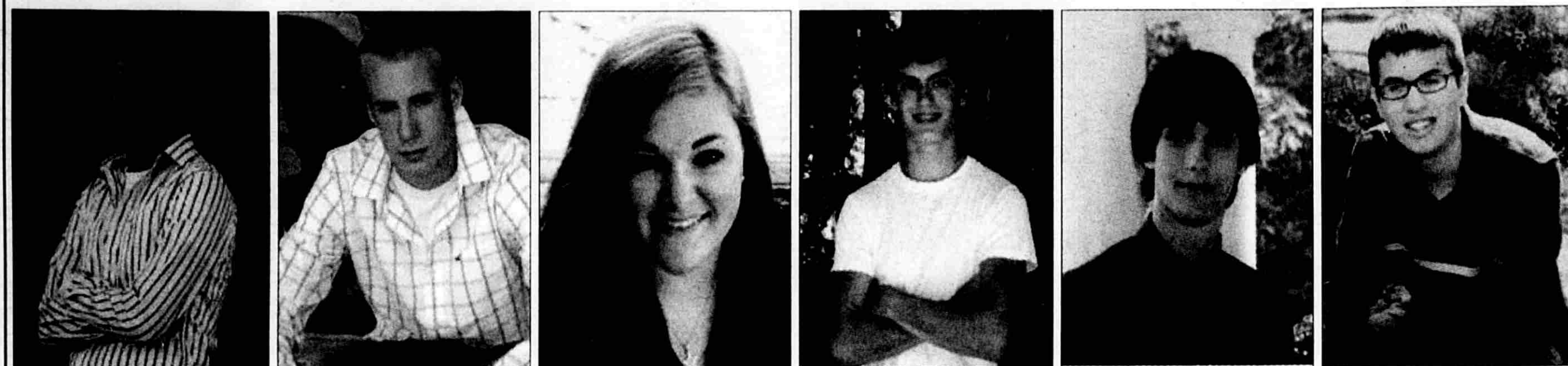


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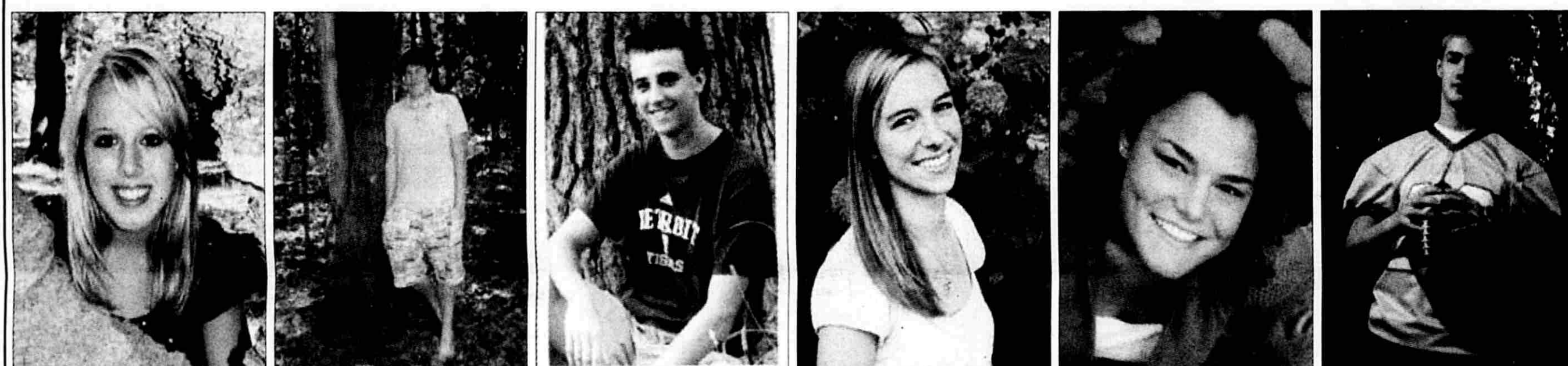
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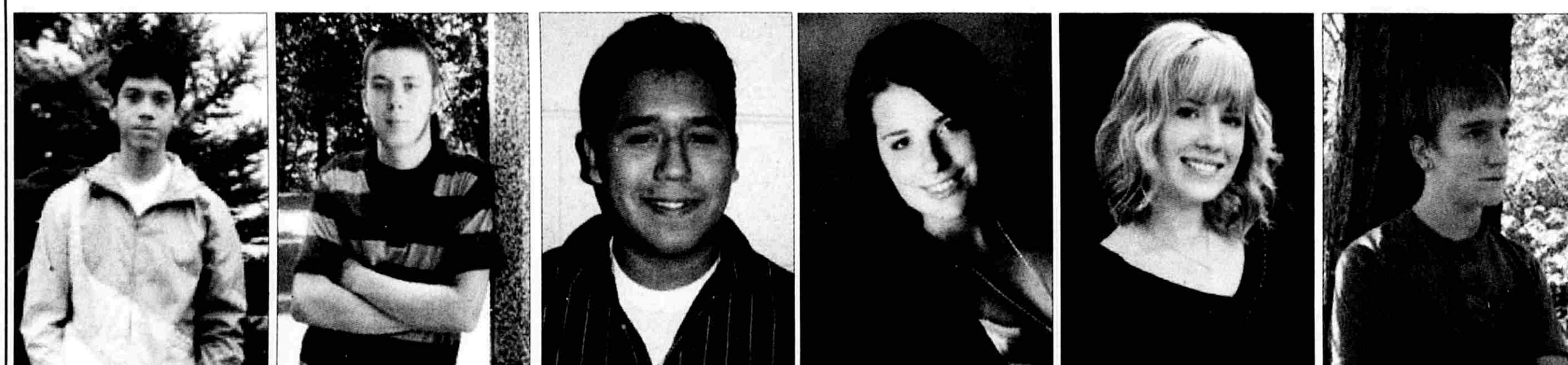
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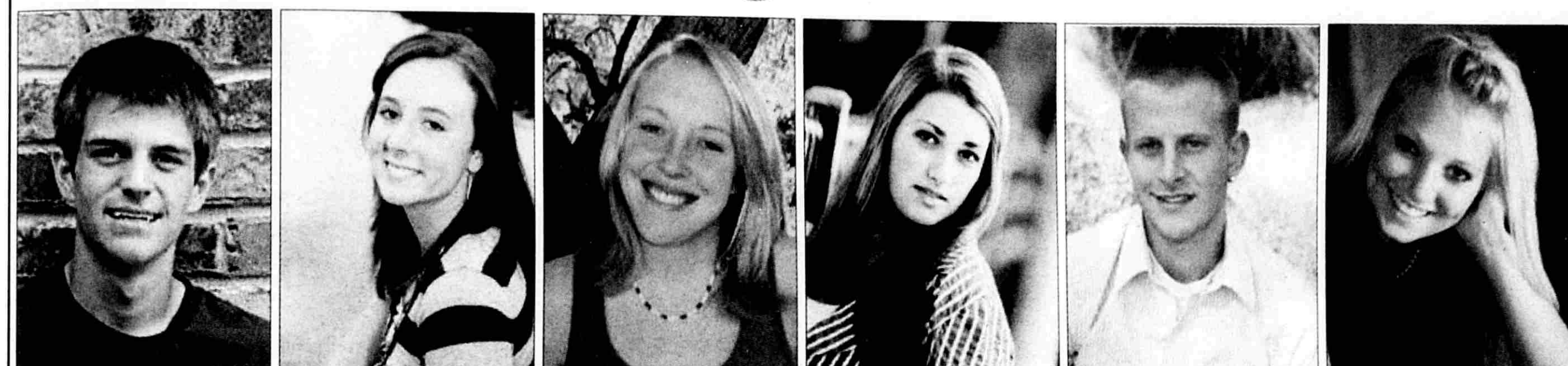


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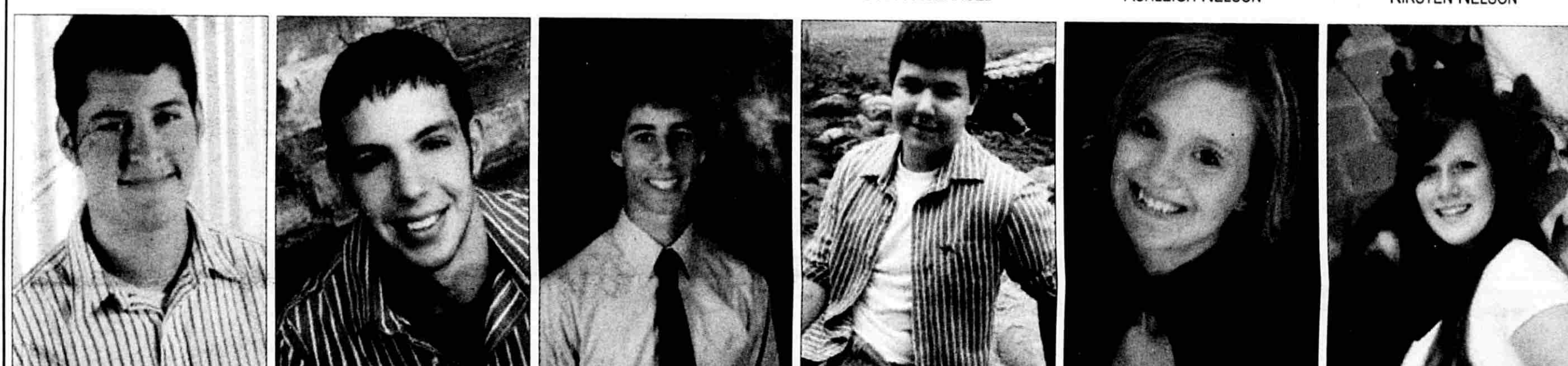
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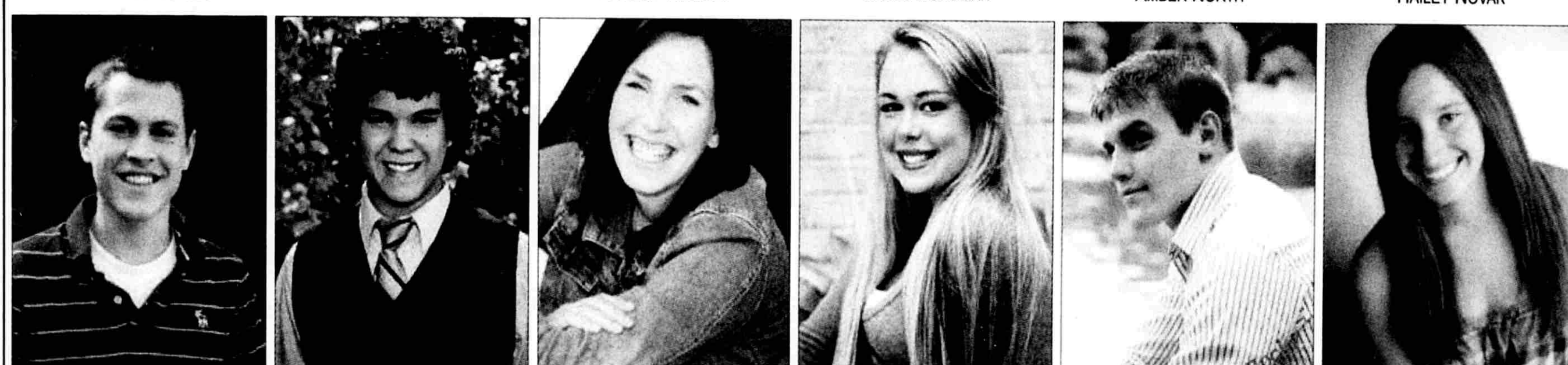
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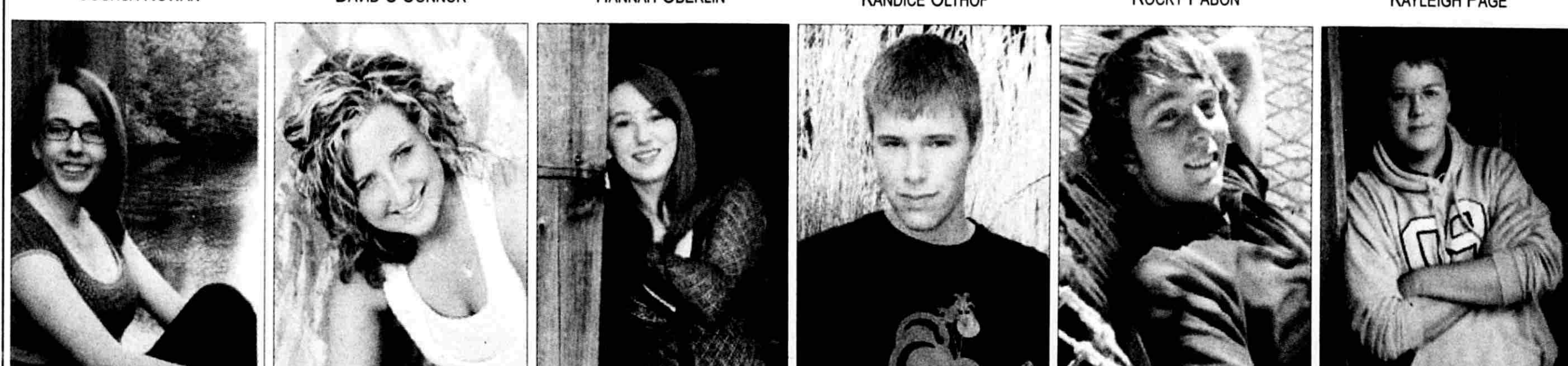
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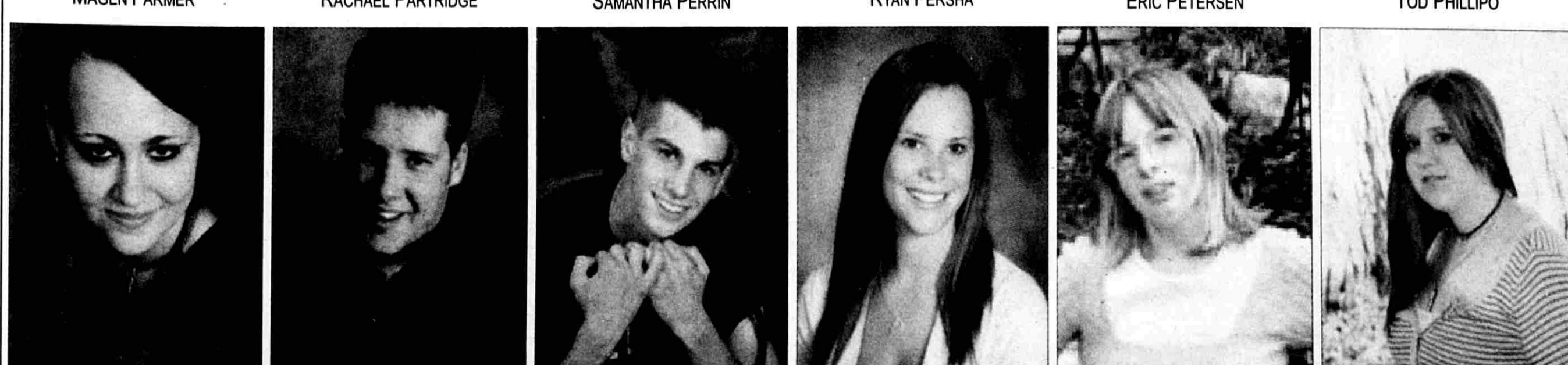
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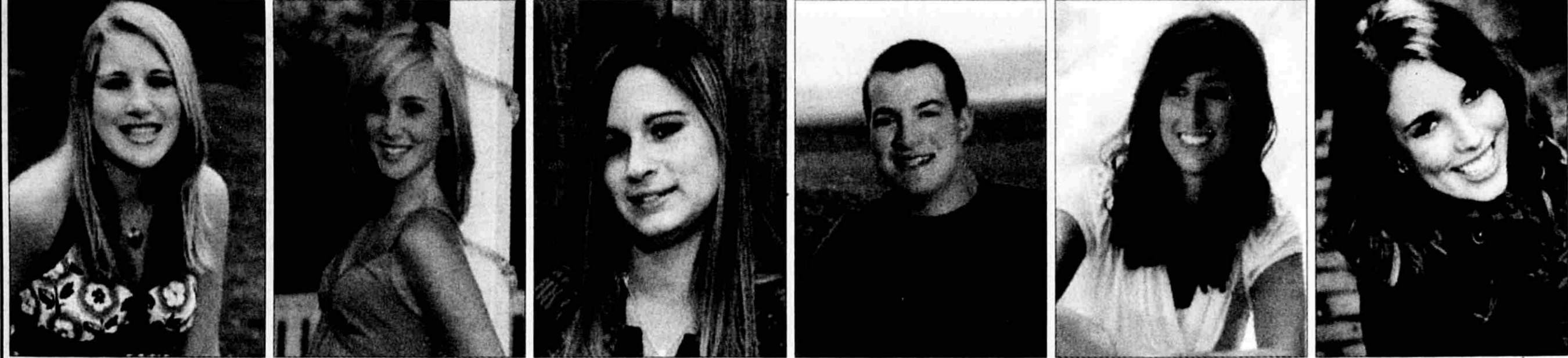
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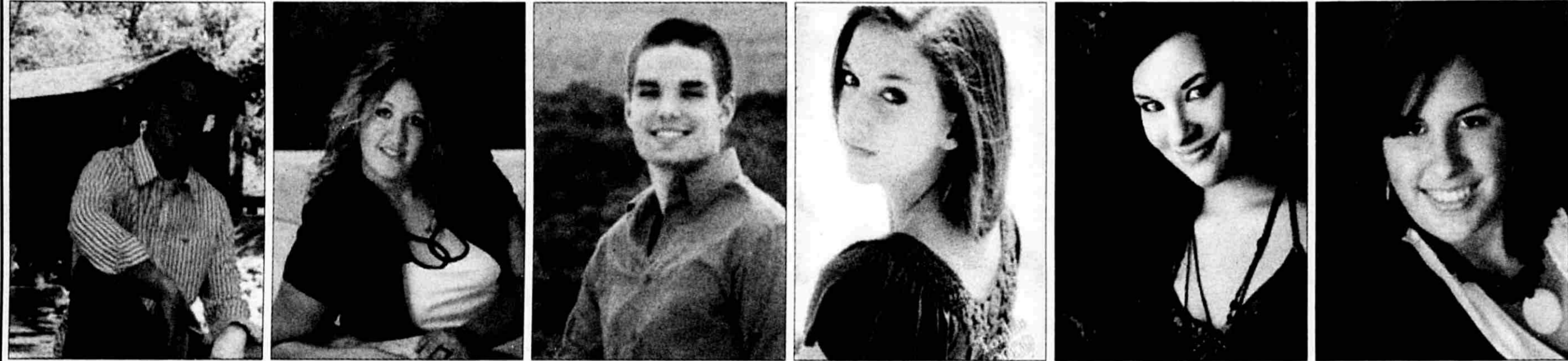
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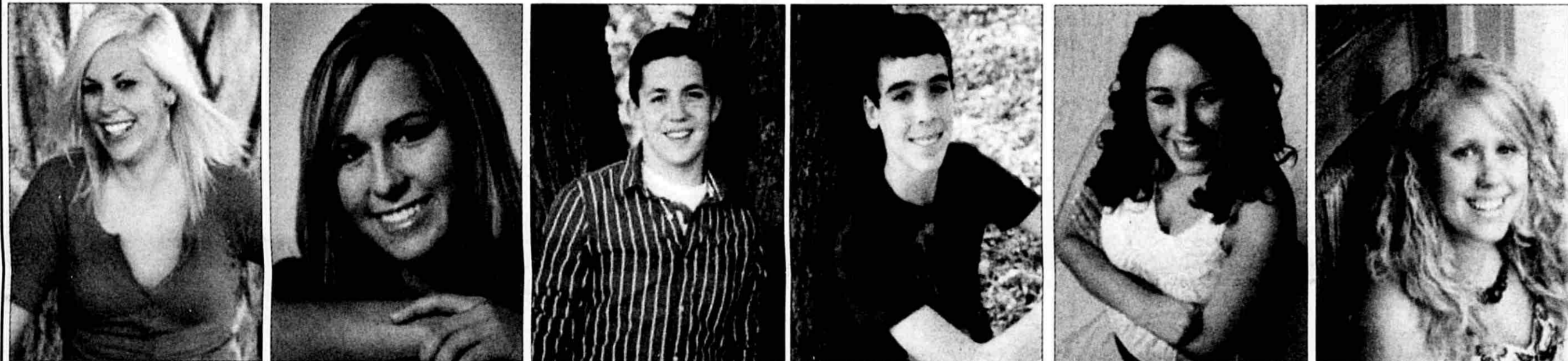
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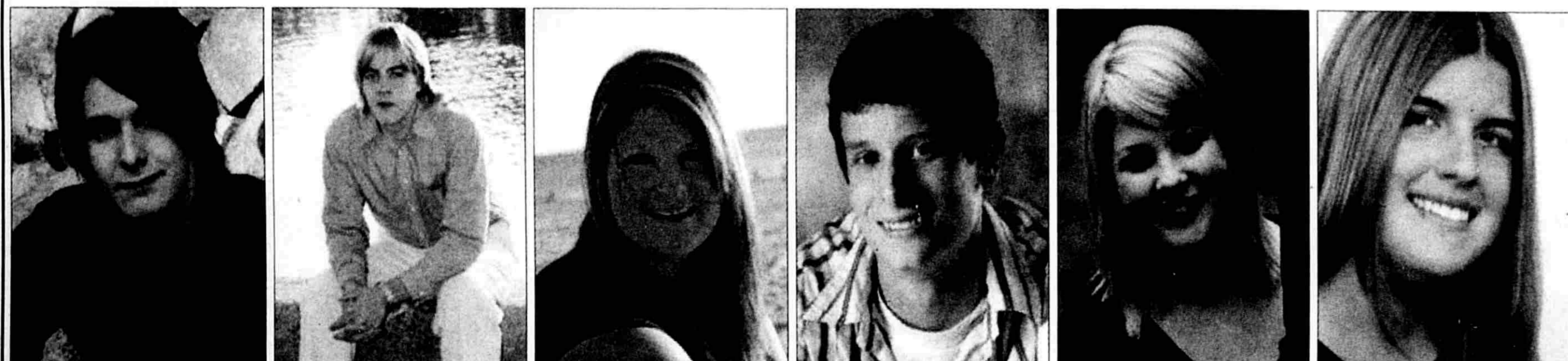
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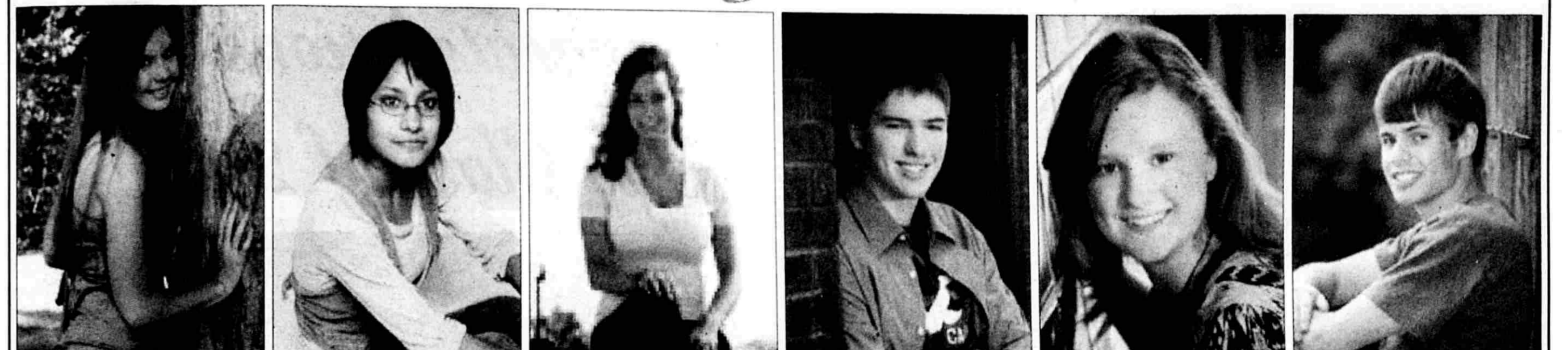
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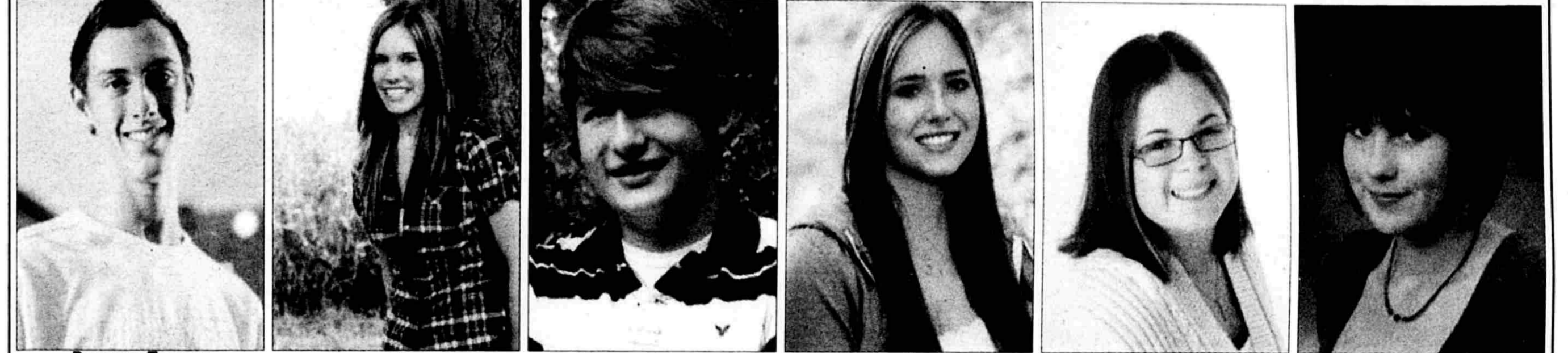
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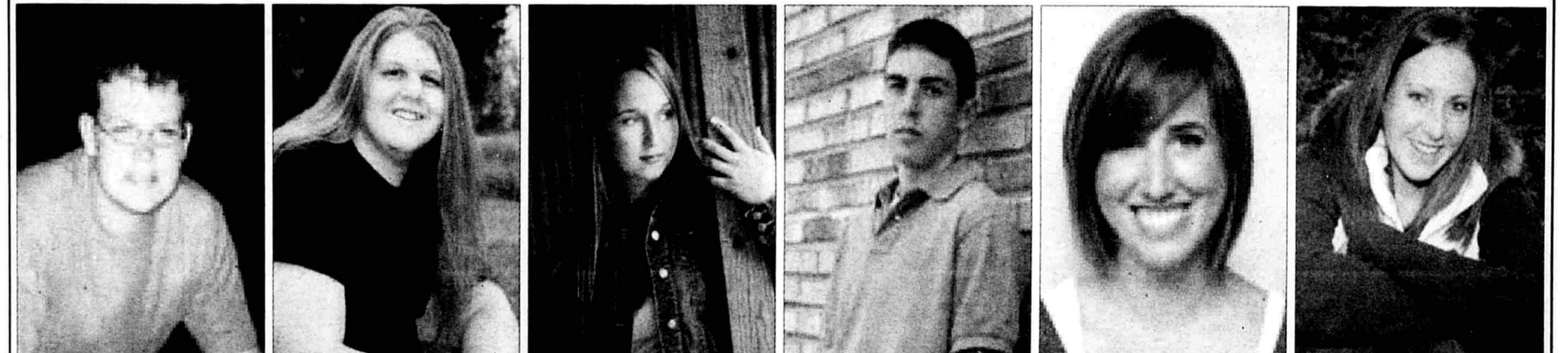
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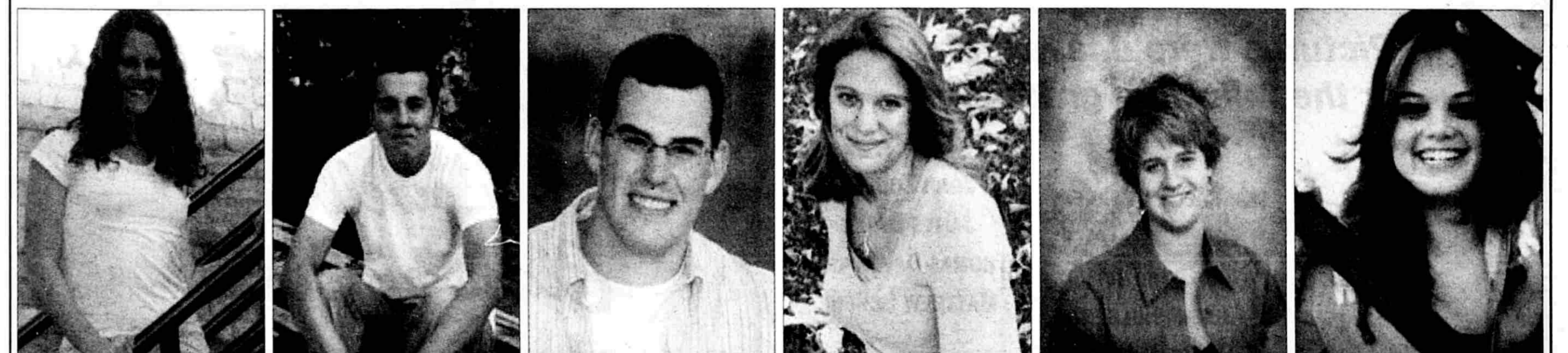
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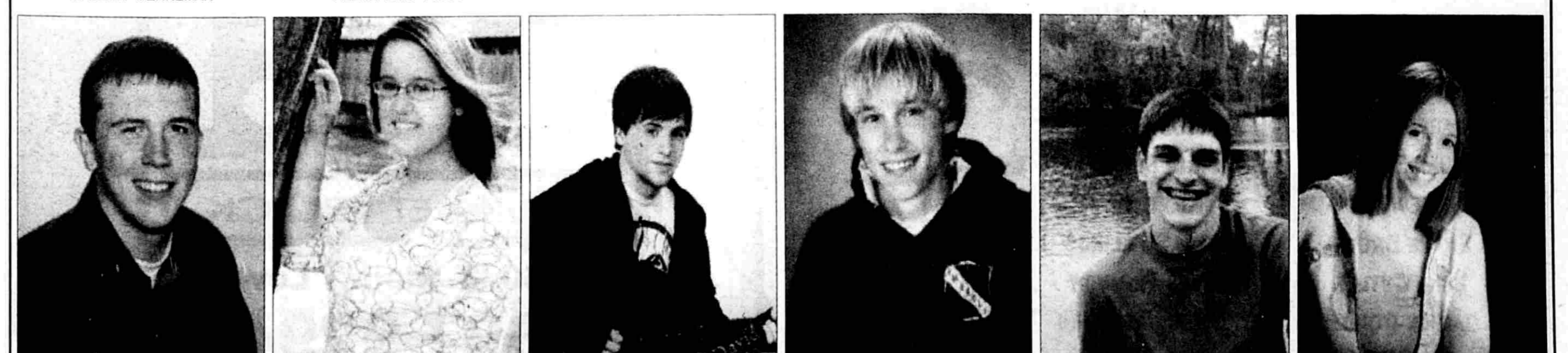
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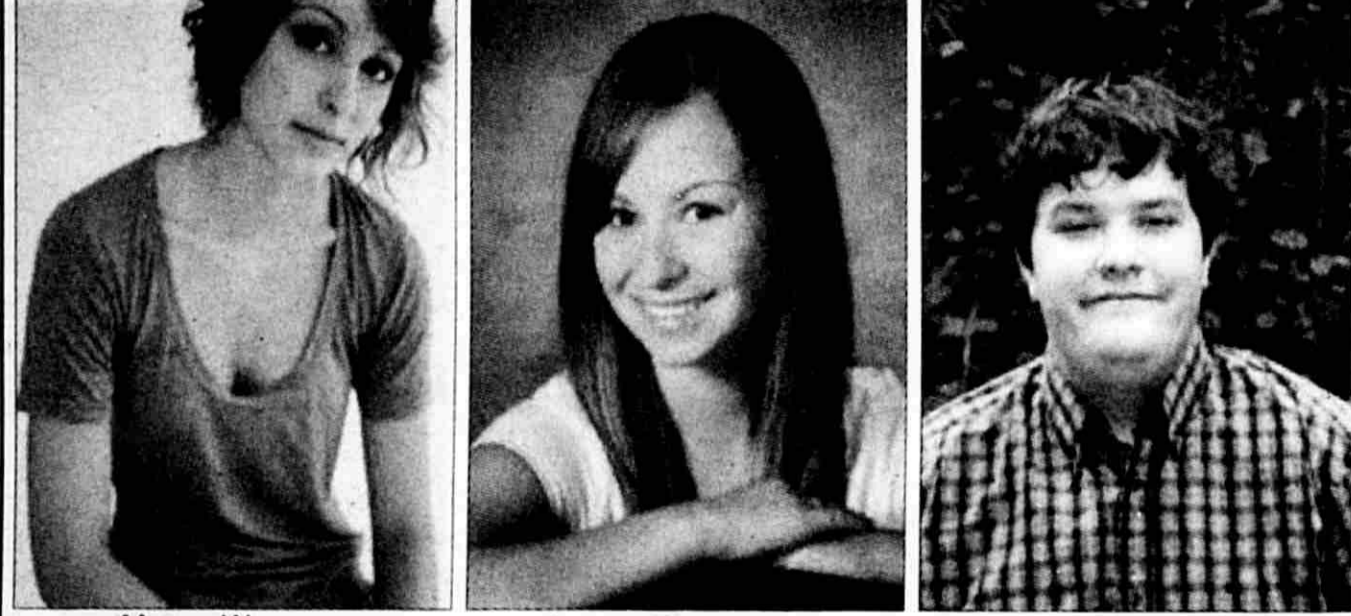
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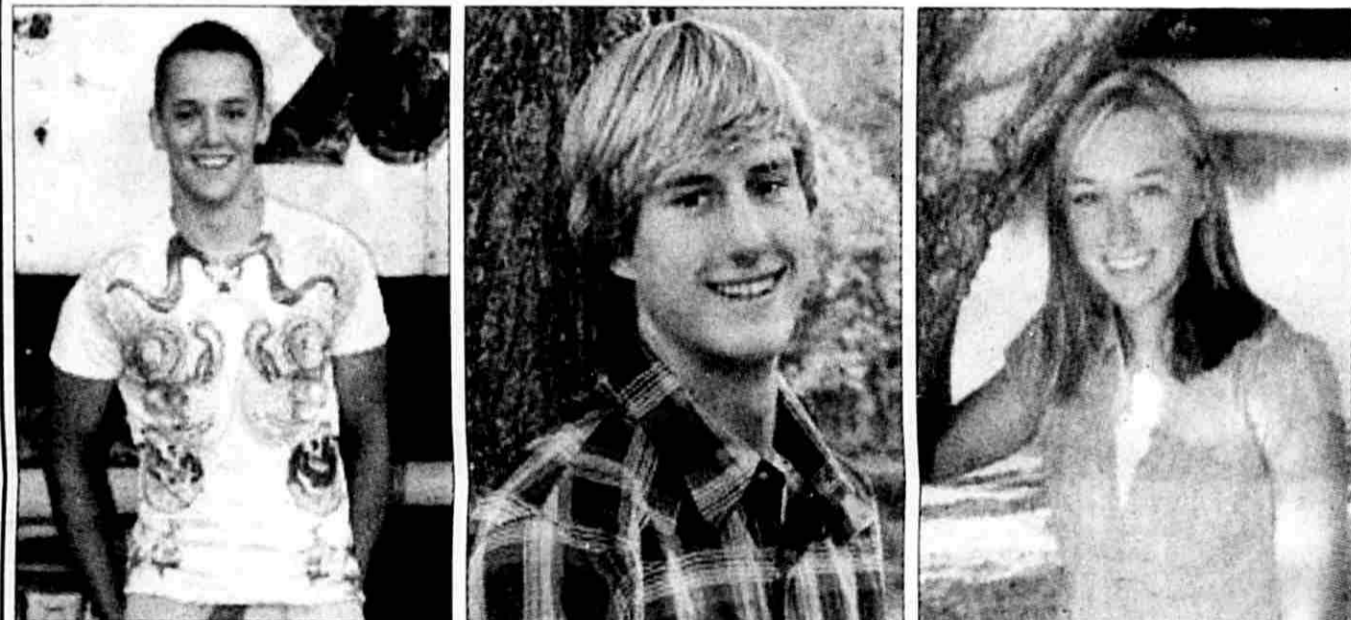
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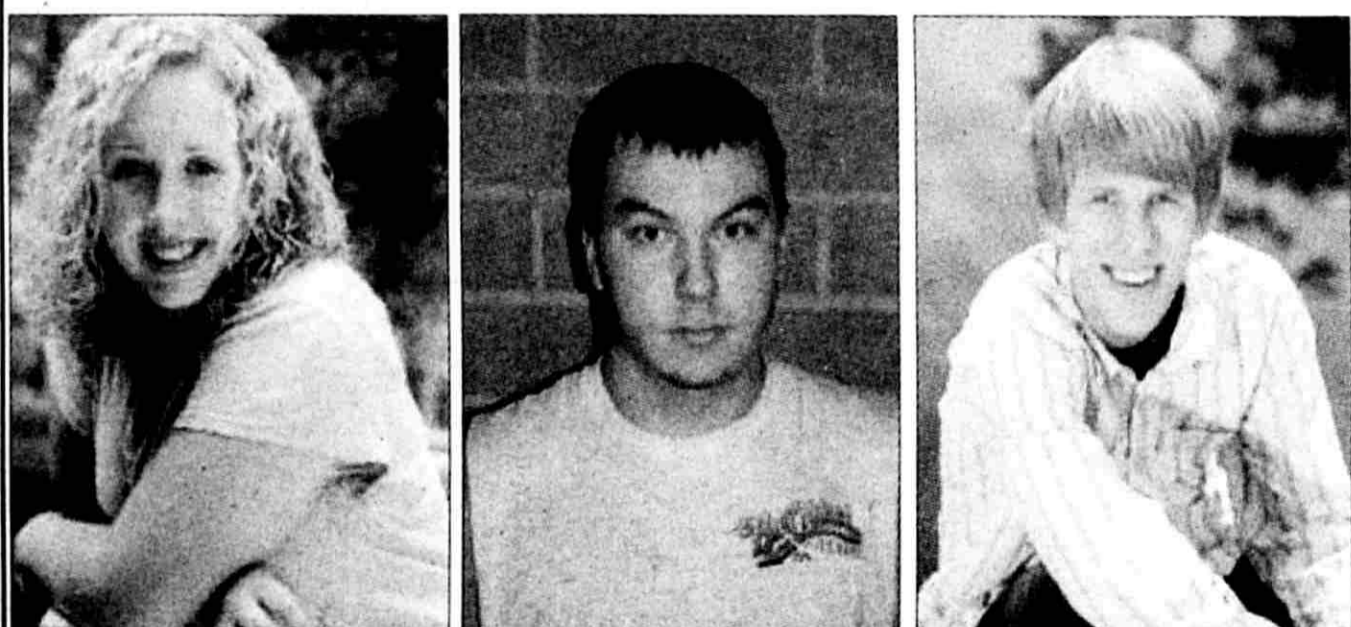
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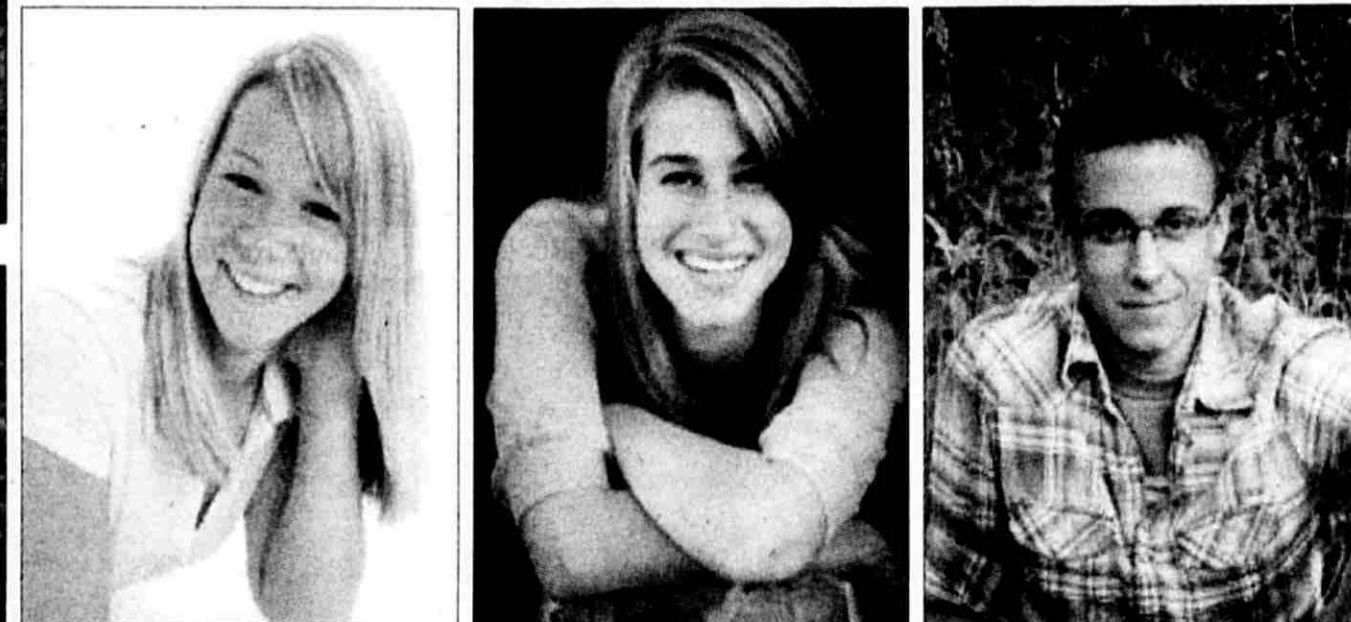
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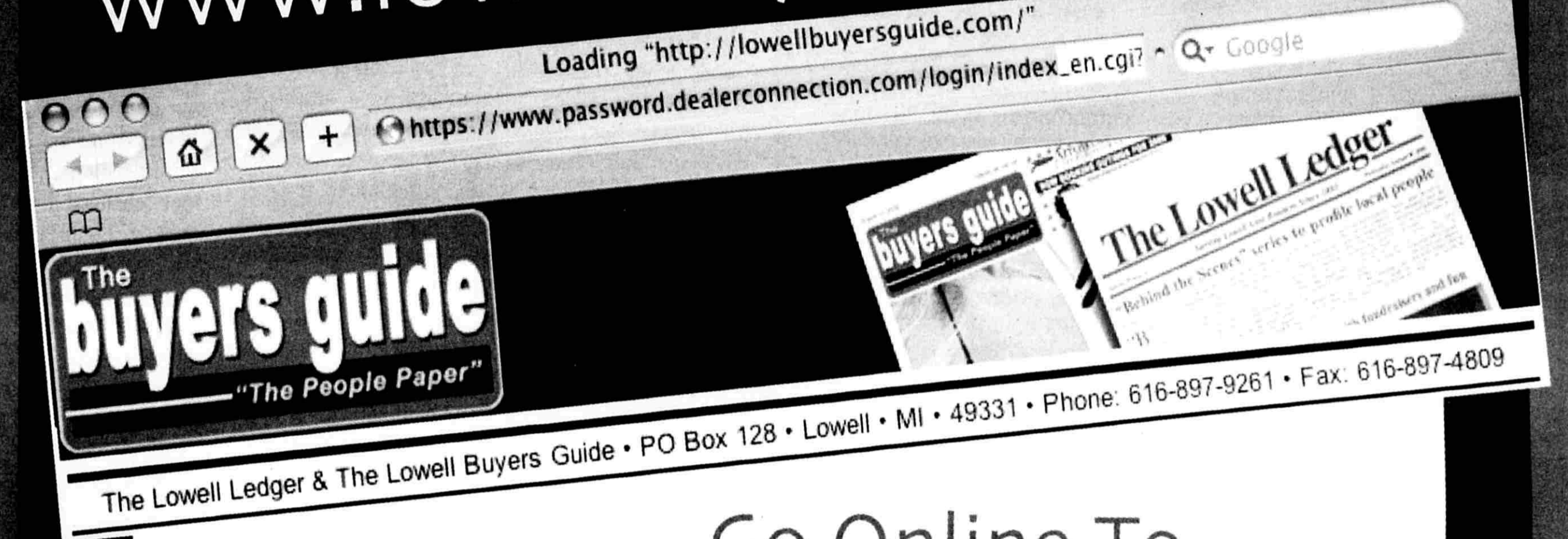
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The Place of Choice

"When we walked into Fountain View of Lowell we just felt that this was the best place for my mom. Everyone is very special.

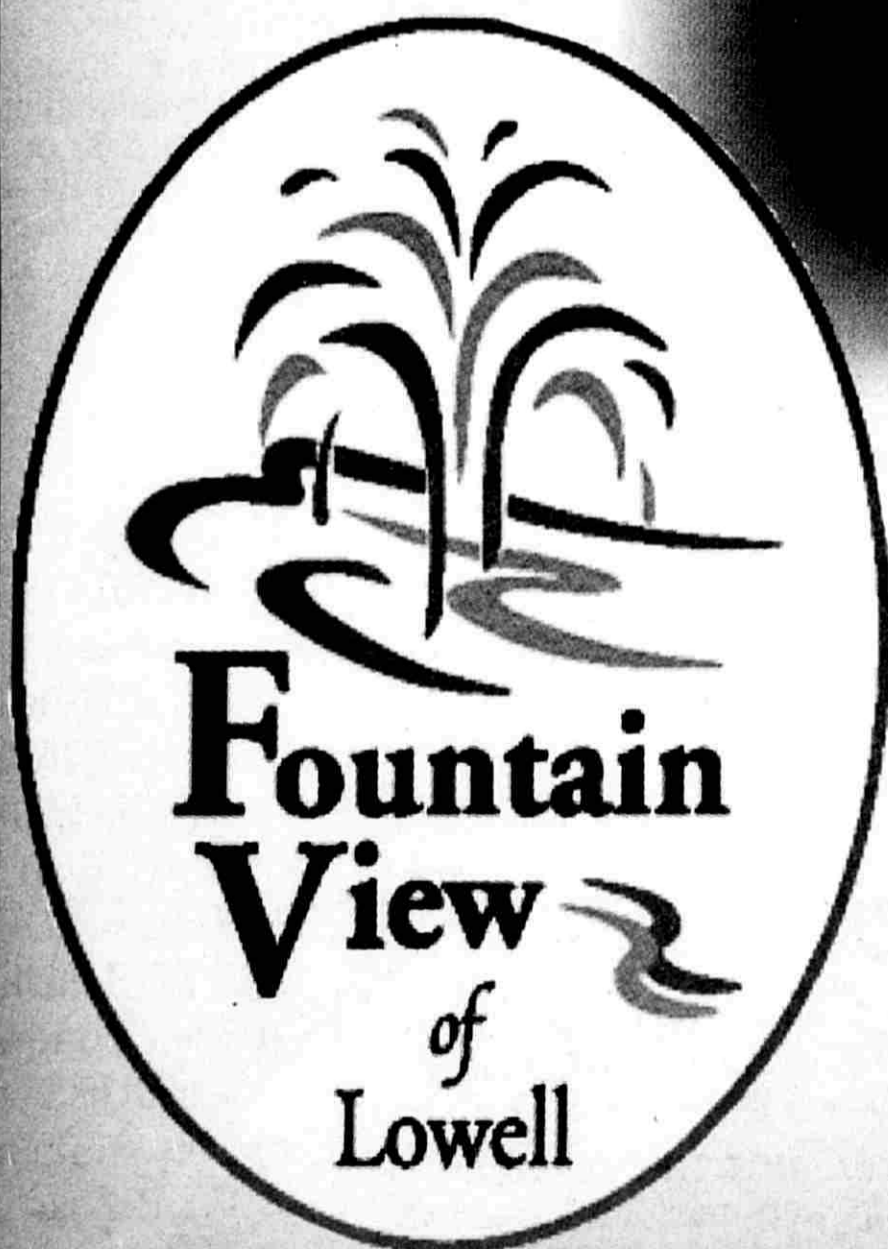
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- Kay Barnes

Resident A. McQueen and friend with daughter and son-in-law.



Fountain View Mission Statement

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