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## Graduation 2011 The class of 2011 boasts high accomplishments

by Emma Palova

The graduating class of 2011 received their much awaited diplomas under clear skies with hundreds of parents, grandparents and siblings present on the bleachers. Some spectators shaded themselves with umbrellas in the scorching heat of the Sunday afternoon, others used noisemakers to attract attention of the graduates.

The high school band, led by Tim Haan, opened the ceremonies with "Pomp and Circumstance" followed by the anthem under the direction of Haley Sulisz.

High school principal Patricia Murphy-Alderman gave opening remarks outlining the classes' high accomplishments.

The 2011 class was the first to complete the Michigan Merit Curriculum, a rig-

orous new set of statewide graduation requirements. The students had to obtain a minimum of 16 credits for graduation.

"This graduating class is a very famous group of students in the eyes of the state of Michigan," said Murphy-Alderman.

Out of 310 graduates, 31 students graduated with summa cum laude. Courtney Schmidt was the valedictorian and Aaron Fetzer was the salutatorian.

The class produced 51 scholar athletes and 133 Michigan Merit scholars.

"As a result of the academic achievement of our advanced placement students, Lowell is ranked in the top six percent of schools in the nation through the

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The band, directed by Tim Haan, provided the music for the sunny graduation day.



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## Farmers' Market off to a fresh start

With new location west of town off of Fulton Street, the Farmers' Market got off to a great, fresh, new start.

Vendors enjoyed the increased exposure and visibility, as well as the lunch crowd.

Some merchants peddled handmade soaps and lotions, scrubs and lemon balm made from natural fats, such as lard from Jones Meat Market.

Gary Blough of Heidi's Farm Market stand said

there was more traffic and more people at the new location.

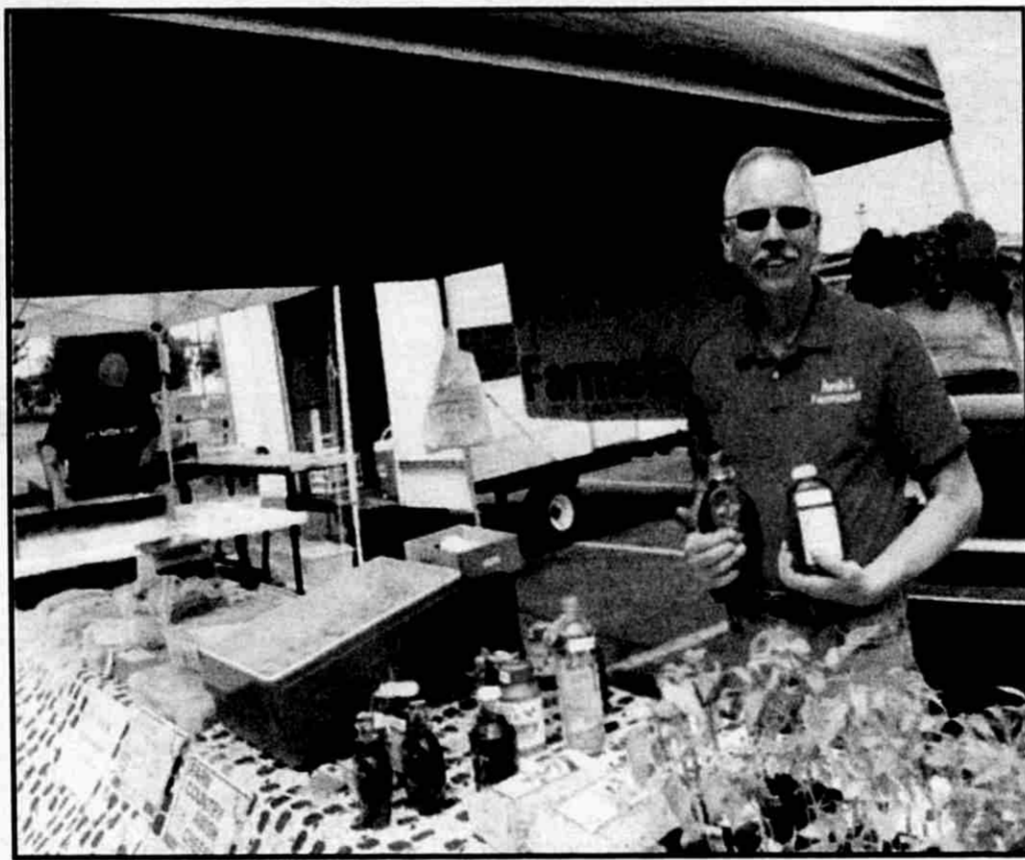
"We got off to a good start," he said.

Early produce includes asparagus and potted plants and vegetables.

Dave Coons spoke with Roger LaWarre about services offered by the Flat River Outreach Ministries, featuring tax preparation and summer lunch program.

Each week, a different nonprofit will be featured in the community booth.

"This is an opportunity to let people know about us," he said.



## North side is ahead in annual fundraiser

— North Lowell leads Food Fight 2,394 to 2,340

The annual Flat River Outreach Ministries' battle between North Lowell and South Lowell to collect the most non-perishable food items, is living up to its expectations.

"2011 is only the third year of this event and we're already on track to exceed last year's numbers," stated FROM boardmember Jody Haybarker. "It's off to a record start."

Staged somewhat as a football game, the teams are made up of all residents and businesses in the greater Lowell area south of Main Street, against everyone north of Main St.

"It is a very large and fun game," Haybarker added, "with about 7,000 people against 7,000 people."

Last year, the ten-day first-quarter score had the South leading 1,685 to 1,187 and the South went on to win Food Fight 2010, 8,360 to 8,023. To stimulate the competitive spirit, there are over 50 Lowell area businesses offering Food Fight Specials each week for their customers, in exchange for a food donation.

"North side businesses have red barrels and south side businesses have white barrels," stated FROM boardmember Rick Seese. "Many of their specials are pretty good; it's like a can of food becomes a coupon."

The competition runs through the completion of the FROM the Heart Riverwalk Parade on July 9. More information can be found at [www.FROM-foodfight.org](http://www.FROM-foodfight.org)



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# Bus drivers provide scholarships for LHS seniors



Pictured in the photo are Linda Barle, Karen Graham, Terri Anstett, Bill Collins, Cyndy McMillin, Amy Cook, Sharon Croshaw, Lynne Kuzmin, Cheryl Pratt, Jan Herb, Tami Griffeth, Marcy Gauck, Rolf Himpler and Loretta Riley. The recipients of the \$500 scholarship are MaKenzie VanDerwars, Robert Becker and Marina Jones.

by Emma Palova  
The Lowell Area Schools (LAS) bus drivers have given out three scholarships this year to qualifying seniors.

The criteria for the scholarship program included that the students have to have ridden a school bus within LAS district.

They also had to write an essay. Each scholarship is worth \$500 and it can be applied toward tuition and books.

The money for scholarships was generated from payroll deductions and from the Pink Arrow project.

The bus driving team volunteered their help for the Pink Arrow project and the money was in turn put into the Lowell Bus Drivers' Association Fund.

This is the fourth year for the scholarship program.

"We just wanted to give something to the community," said bus driver Terri Anstett, "and to show our support for the kids."

The area of study didn't matter for the scholarships.



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## GILDA'S CLUB - SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Mindfulness in the Moment, Molly Keating, spiritual director; MA in pastoral ministry, will be engaging us in conversation about observing our spiritual journey at this point in our lives, on Tues., June 14, 4-5:30 pm at 314 S. Hudson St. Call 897-8600 for further information.

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## FUNDRAISERS FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

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A dog wash and bake sale will be held Saturday, June 18, 1-3 pm at Grand River Veterinarian, 661 Lincoln Lake. All proceeds go to Relay for Life.

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# Council approves budget in spite of controversy over police department spending

by Emma Palova  
The Lowell City Council approved the budget for 2011-2012 contingent upon 20 percent funding for street maintenance.

The budget was approved in spite of controversy over an \$11,000 increase in the police department spending, while no funding remains for street maintenance or the replacement of equipment for the Department of Public Works.

Councilmember Jeff Altoft voted against the approval of the budget that cut in all other areas except the police department.

"We need to start looking into the police department budget," said Altoft. "We have way too many mutual aid costs. Because we have such a big police force, they're using us more. We have calls right outside

the city limits. The dispatchers are doing the paperwork for the officers."

Altoft said the police department is spending \$150,000 more than it should be.

"That money would put a chunk into our streets and the equipment fund," he said. "We needed to replace a 14-year-old pickup truck, but we have arguments if we can have a four-year-old police car."

The discussion heated over whether the last day to approve the budget was the appropriate time and place to further debate it.

"I cannot sit here and even think about passing the budget," said Altoft. "I would put a millage on the police department and let the voters decide."

Altoft suggested the police department should be contracted out, since already there are agreements with the Kent County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police.

"We've done this year after year. If you don't have the money on your house budget, you cannot paint it," he said. "I would do away with the dispatchers and contract the police department out."

However, the majority of the council disagreed with Altoft and showed their satisfaction with the explanation of the police budget increase.

"That's micromanaging," said mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison. "It is their choice."

Councilwoman Maryalene LaPonsie said she'd rather have a local police department.

"We'd shoot ourselves in the foot if we cut the police department," she said.

But Altoft continued that streets need to be tar-macked and that the police department has gotten too big.

"I don't understand for the size of our town, we're too overstaffed," he said.

Altoft said that Belding, which was this year's compatible mayor exchange city, has half the police force.

"This has happened every year, it's happening again," he said. "But this is not happening from now on. I don't understand why

there is no money for equipment."

Councilmember Andrew Schrauben said the planning for cuts and budget spending needs to be more than one month ahead of time.

"We're going to approve it," Schrauben said. "This is not a one-time problem."

Ellison said the city is still catching up with not having the streets repaired.

"We hope to get something like a long-term solution," she said.

In other business, the council approved Berends, Hendricks, Stuit Ins. as liability insurance agents. Discussion ensued whether bids

should be awarded locally or outside the city.

The water and sewer rates will remain the same as in previous years.

The compensation for the Lowell Light & Power board members stays the same at \$25 per meeting.

The council also approved stainless steel rods to increase the safety of bridge rails.

A public hearing has been set for industrial facilities tax exemption for King Milling for June 20.

A work session has been set for Aug. 29 to discuss cemetery rules and letting of bids.

## B.C. Pizza raises funds to help family

by Emma Palova  
To commemorate the short life of Trenton Michael Daylus Carney, who drowned on May 16 in Miller Lake near Dorr, B.C. Pizza is raising funds for a headstone.

Trenton will be remembered by his grandmother Kelli Kline and great-grandmother Darlene Kline as a happy boy who liked to sing and dance. He would have been two on June 18. Trenton was the only child of Amber Halford and Michael Carney.

"It was so unexpected and he was so young. We miss him so much," said Kelli. "It's important to us having a headstone."

On that ominous day in May, Trenton got out of the house early before anyone noticed.

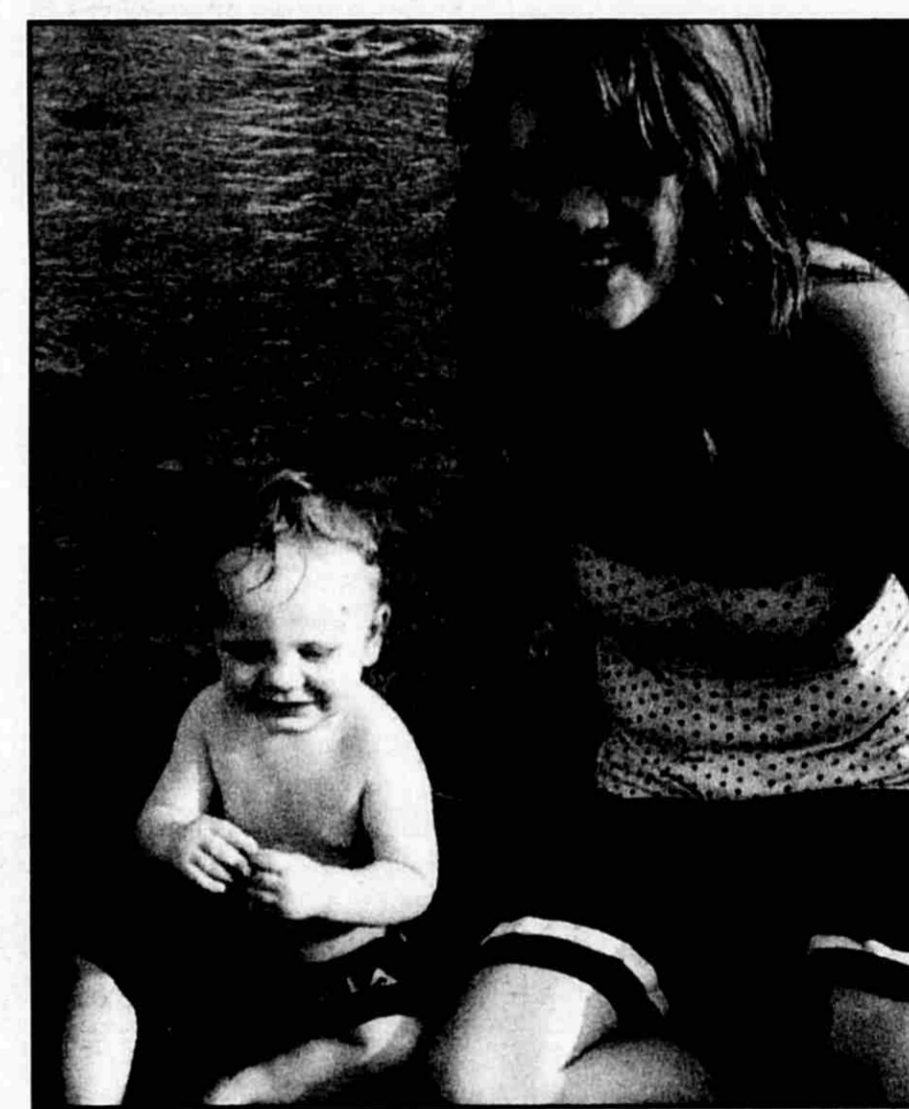
Later, he was found in the lake. He passed the next day at the Spectrum Health Children's Hospital.

By having a headstone with Trenton's picture at the Winchester Cemetery in Byron Center, the family hopes that people can pay respect.

The family along with B.C. Pizza is hoping to raise \$900 by Sept. 1. Twenty percent of all menu items will be donated toward the headstone.

Some employees at B.C. Pizza along with owner James Fegel are friends or relatives of the family, so they decided to raise money to offset the costs of the headstone.

The family appreciates any help possible.



Trenton Michael Daylus Carney.

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## Sheriff's department seeks help locating missing Lowell teen

The Kent County Sheriff's office is investigating a missing juvenile from Lowell Township.

The juvenile walked away from her home located at 10808 Lockwood Dr. SE.

She is identified as Leah Ann Drake.

Her family found Leah missing from the home Tuesday morning around 6:30 am.

It is believed she left on her own however, the sheriff's department reports the circumstances are suspicious and it is being actively investigated.

Investigators would like assistance in locating her whereabouts.

Leah Ann Drake is a 15-year-old white female, 5'3" and 115 pounds. She was wearing a black short-sleeve shirt and mint green skirt, black shoes, blue denim hat carrying a black bag and has red and black braces.

Contact The Kent County Sheriff Department at (616) 632-6100 or Silent Observer (616) 774-2345.

**Leah Ann Drake went missing Tuesday morning.**

*Note: her hair is now black and shorter than pictured.*



## health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

### speech delay in children

Speech delay can cause your child to have problems saying words and phrases, understanding what is being said, or putting feeling, thoughts, and ideas into words. Every child develops at his or her own pace, but if your child doesn't talk as much as other children the same age, the problem may be speech delay.

Your doctor may be concerned about speech delay if your child isn't able to use at least three words by 15 months of age, follow one-step directions by 18 months of age, point to pictures or body parts when they are named by two years of age, use original two-word phrases by two and a half years of age, or follow two-step directions by three years of age. Common causes of speech delay include slow development, hearing loss, or intellectual disability. There are also more serious causes of speech delay. These include cerebral palsy (a movement disorder caused by brain injury), apraxia (trouble making sounds in the right order), dysarthria (problems with the muscles used for speech), and autism (a developmental disorder).

To address a speech delay, your doctor will evaluate your child's speech and mental and physical development. A hearing test may also be ordered. For treatment, your child may not need any treatment. Some children just take more time to start talking. A speech therapist may help your child learn to understand and speak better. A speech therapist can also teach you new ways to encourage your child.

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## ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouder Ph.D.

This has been a series of articles on Working with Emotional Intelligence which happens to be the title of a book by Daniel Goldman. This book contains valuable insights about intelligence. Intelligence is clearly more than just knowing "stuff." It is more about how practical a person is and how they use the intelligences that they have. This article is about "Conflict Management." As we all know, conflicts arise daily at home and in the workplace and we need people to have a good skill set to resolve these conflicts. People who have this competence:

1. handle difficult people and tense situations with diplomacy and tact;
2. spot potential conflict, bring disagreements into the open and help de-escalate;
3. encourage debate and open discussion; and
4. orchestrate win-win solutions.

One of the talents of a skilled negotiator is to handle difficult people and tense situations. The art of listening is absolutely essential. When one listens effectively, brewing conflicts can be spotted. Once the awareness of the conflict occurs, the next critical piece is to em-

pathize with the individual that are feeling the conflict. These are the two key characteristics of a good conflict manager. Tact and diplomacy is essential as well since the end goal is to preserve the other person's dignity. With these people skills and an ability to present an unpopular position in a way that creates little or no hostility are essential for a good leader.

Another ability of a good conflict manager is one's ability to bring the conflict out into the open. So many people are "conflict avoiders" because they don't feel comfortable with passionate emotions. Emotions are honest attempts to share concerns and a critical part of the problem solving process. If the feelings are never dis-

charged, the problem is not resolved. Instead, the feelings will be dragged to the next set of issues and then, to the next ones. What happens is that the problems are never resolved. No conflict can be resolved unless the feelings are put on the table as well. De-escalation consists of 1.) calming yourself down and then expressing your feelings; 2.) showing a willingness to work things out by talking over the issue rather than escalating the conflict with more aggression; 3.) stating your view in neutral language rather than in an argumentative tone; and finally 4.) finding an equitable way to resolve the dispute and working to find a resolution that both sides can agree on.

Next it is important

to have qualities of a good leadership. Emotions are not to be feared, but recognized for the energy they have. This energy can be used to either resolve conflict and solve problems or to demoralize and incapacitate the productivity of a group. A good leader is not afraid of emotion and an emotional charisma comes from an ability to express those emotions forcefully and by being an emotional sender rather than a receiver. Highly expressive people communicate through their facial expression, their voice, their gestures and their whole body. This ability allows them to move, inspire and to captivate others.

Finally, it is important to approach solving problems with creativity. It is

important to create "win-win" solutions. A good leader with strong emotional intelligence can do this by: 1.) truly listening to all the people; 2.) getting the "big picture" so a clear analysis of how each person is affected by the problem helps the decision making process; and 3.) finally, teamwork is necessary for the whole group so that everyone can embrace the solution; and 4.) a good leader reiterates with enthusiasm the shared vision and mission.

Next month, the article will be about, "Our Children and the Future of Work." I would appreciate any comments or questions that you have. Send me an e-mail at [kathryndenhouder@gmail.com](mailto:kathryndenhouder@gmail.com).

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By Shelly MacNaughton

### 125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal June 11, 1886

Legislative reunion at Lansing yesterday and today.

The Baptist people will hold a strawberry social at Mrs. M.C. Barber's next Wednesday evening. All are invited.

The days are gliding swiftly by and about 600 subscriptions are due and past due this month.

### 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger June 8, 1911

Eddie Kellogg, an 18-year-old Lowell boy, has lost his left foot as a result of catching on freight trains for rides. Sunday afternoon, on the Grand Trunk tracks, young Kellogg attempted to board a freight engine.

### 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo June 4, 1936

Lowell now has a new postmaster, Fred J. Hosley, assuming the reins of office on Monday, June 1. He was appointed by President Roosevelt about one month ago. The U.S. Senate later confirmed the appointment, after Mr. Hosley furnished the required bonds. His commission was received from Washington Thursday, May 28.

N.E. Borgerson, the retiring postmaster, has accepted a position with the State Department of Public Instruction. During his thirteen years incumbency, Mr. Borgerson has conducted the office to entire general satisfaction and has been notably active in a number of worthwhile civic endeavors.

### 50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger June 15, 1961

Nearly four tons of Federal Surplus Foods were distributed to Lowell Wednesday and Thursday of last week, Russell Carter, Supervisor of Public Assistance Division of the Kent County Department of Social Welfare, announced.

One hundred and fifteen families were found eligible.

### 25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger June 11, 1986

Headline: Lowell School Board Notes:  
During the recognition of the audience, members of the soccer club donated uniforms and equipment to the Board and expressed their thanks for establishing soccer as a varsity sport.

Cora Troy, Virginia Fonger, and Olive Courser, all longtime employees who are retiring this year, were publicly recognized for their many years of dedicated service to the students of Lowell Area Schools. The board then appointed Norm Byrne to complete the third year of a four-year term being vacated by Jo Murphy effective July 1, 1986.

In the last item of business, the Board accepted an offer from Leonard H. Denhouder to purchase the school's 18 acres, located at approximately the 2800 block of Alden Nash, for \$24,000 on a land contract with \$3,450 down, \$205 per month payment, at 10 percent interest, with a seven-year payoff after closing.

## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Make the right moves with inherited stocks

When you inherit a sizable amount of stocks, your overall financial picture can change significantly. But to make the most of your inheritance, you need to decide what to do with your new stocks. Should you keep them or sell them?

Before you can answer this question, you need to review several factors, including the following:

- Diversification — You'll need to determine if an inherited stock adds to your overall portfolio diversification. Do you already

have other, similar stocks in your portfolio? If so, you might want to sell the stock and use the money for a new investment opportunity. Conversely, if you don't own anything similar to the inherited stock, and it can help your diversify, it may well be worth keeping. While diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss, it can help reduce the effects of market volatility.

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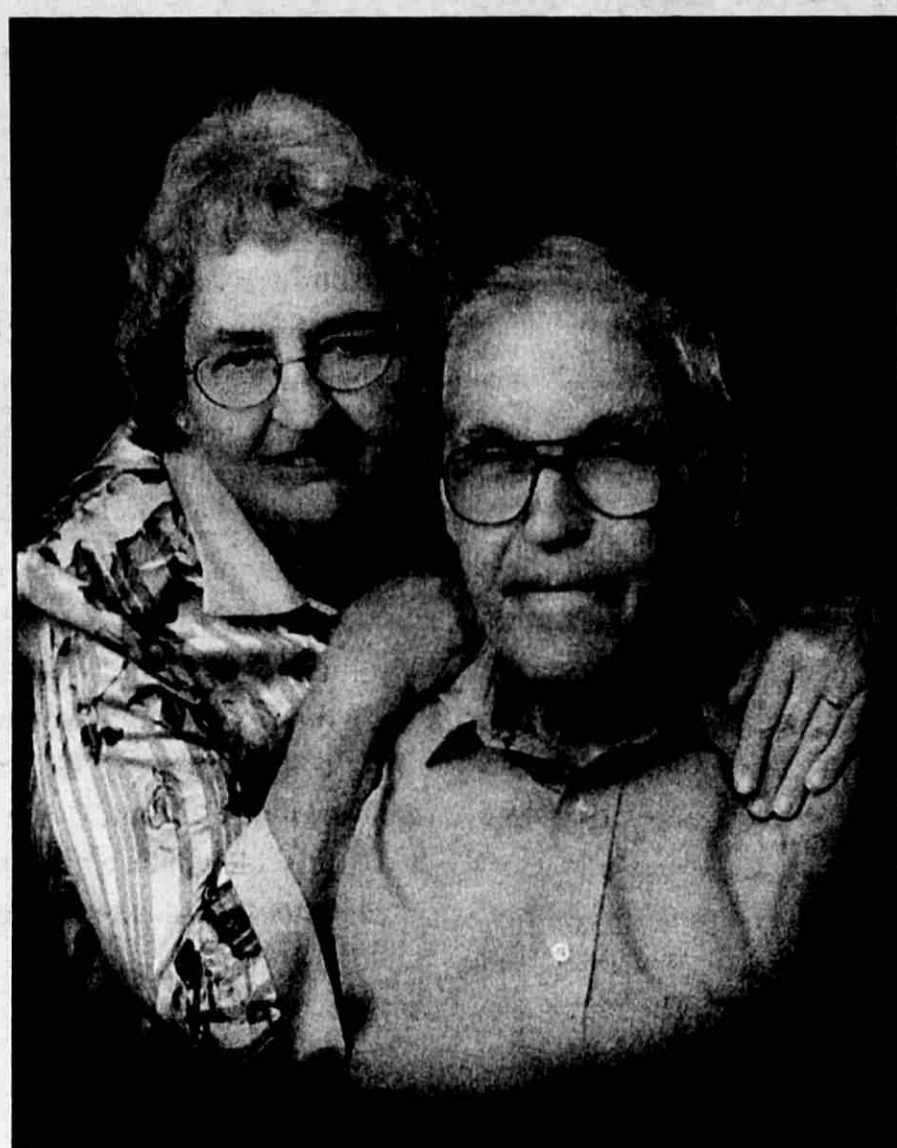
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**engagements**

**Conner/Wells**



**Geraldine Conner and Ronald Wells**

The children of Ronald Wells of Lake Odessa and Geraldine Conner of Lowell wish to announce the engagement of their par-

**Miller/White**



**Bryan White and Holly Miller**

Richard and Joyce Miller of Fowler would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Holly Miller to Bryan White II. He is the son of Bryan and Lisa White of Lowell.

Holly is a graduate of Fowler High School, LLC, GVSU, and is currently attending MSU for her Masters in Dietetics. She is a professional photographer

and is also employed by Vanerum-Stelter of Grand Rapids. Bryan is a graduate of Lowell High School, GRCC, and is currently attending GVSU for a Business Management Degree. He is employed by UPS. A wedding is planned for July 23 at the Rosewood Inn B&B in Lansing.

**Wolf/Carpenter**



**Heather Wolf and Craig Carpenter**

The Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort of Scottsdale, AZ., will be the site of the marriage of Heather Wolf and Craig Carpenter. Parents of the couple are Erin and Richard Wolf of Panama City, Florida, and Barbara and Scott Carpenter of Lowell. The nuptials will take place on June 18, 2011. Craig and Heather are graduates of Olivet College,

Olivet. The future groom is an insurance broker for All-risks Ins. of Phoenix, AZ. The bride is a teacher in the Chandler, AZ., school system. They will make their home in Scottsdale, AZ. Attending the couple will be Katie Wolf, maid of honor; Alex Carpenter, bestman; Amy Carpenter, bridesmaid; and other friends of the couple.

**Administrators wrap up 2011-2012 budget for Lowell Area Schools**

by Shelly MacNaughton

Lowell Area Schools' administrators are projecting an estimated deficit of 2.47 million dollars. Schools have faced several years of continuous decline in funding.

"The state of our state and the economic forces that drive revenue have been down the past several years, while all state employees understand we will have less revenue and monies to work with it is discouraging to see K-12 have to make the cuts laid on schools due to the transfer of funds to higher education, this could have

been avoided," said superintendent Greg Pratt.

Crunching the numbers, Lowell administrators were facing a \$170 per student loss in federal stimulus dollars. Governor Snyder then proposed another \$300 per student transfer of funds to higher education. This would amount to \$470 per pupil reduction in funding.

Legislators did make some changes to the original proposal, awarding some funding back. Instead of facing a 470 per pupil reduction, Lowell is now expecting a reduction of \$270-285 per pupil. The district

must earn the "best practice monies" or else it would be \$370-385. "Best practices" are still being defined by legislators. Superintendent Pratt does expect that Lowell will be able to qualify for this money.

Lowell Area Schools will see staff reductions. Currently there are three certified staff retirements and these positions will not be replaced. Retiring certified staff include Ron Grody, Ellen Lietzke and Carol Mandle. Karen Burd, principal of Bushnell Elementary, will also retire; this administrative retirement will be re-

structured. In addition to the retirements, as many as 10 full-time and part-time certified staff members could be laid off in the coming year.

Pratt was quick to note that these certified staff layoffs could have been as high as 15-20 with the original projections. "The goal of the district is to maintain class sizes as best as we can from elementary on up to high school," said Pratt. While outlining the impact, Pratt said he expects elementary and middle school class sizes to stay the same and that there will be a slight increase at the high school, noting

that typically AP classes are smaller and the district intends to fill classes.

Parents should not expect changes to music, art or gym classes. The district is still looking at the costs of pay-to-play sports and at this point no decision has been made on any changes.

Regarding all-day, everyday kindergarten, the state is not requiring all-day, everyday in order to receive full funding. That may be coming in 2012-2013. The district will not move to all-day kindergarten until the state requires it, as that would be an addition-

al \$700,000 cost to the district.

Enrollment also impacts a district's budget, so when forecasting a deficit, districts must look closely at these numbers. Superintendent Pratt says that Lowell has not seen any drastic decline. Last year, Lowell had a decline of 30 students and they are projecting the same for next year.

Administrators are now sorting through the literature on "best practice" as put forth by the state legislature to ensure that Lowell students will benefit from this allotted funding.

**In The Service**



**At Your Local Library**

Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

**Master Arts Street Theatre**

Performing in the style of medieval street theatre, this high energy team brings to life folktales, fables and more. Audience participation is used to convey a message in a fun and creative way. Registration is required. For families. Wed., June 15, 6:30 pm.

**Summer Carnival**

There's a carnival of fun to be had at the library - games, prizes, balloons, a miniature horse and Purdy the Clown. Enjoy the fun and register for the Summer Reading Club. For families, Sat., June 18, 10 am.

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Joseph D. Schreur, son of Brenda J. and William J. Schreur of Lowell, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N. J.

During the eight-week training program, Schreur completed a rigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, physical fitness, health and wellness, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. Men and women train together from the first day in the Coast Guard just as they will work together

aboard ships and shore units throughout the world. To reinforce the team concept, all recruits are trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, and the basics of the work-life balance.

Schreur and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's Core Values -- Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty -- and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Schreur will join 36,000 other men and women who comprise the Coast Guard's workforce.

Schreur is a 2010 graduate of Lowell High School.

**Awana awards at First Baptist Church**

Submitted by Kathleen Casler

The Awana program at the First Baptist Church of Lowell - celebrating its 40th anniversary at FBC - came to a conclusion for the year by presenting Awana's highest Truth and Training award to two young people.

The church begins an Awana year in September and closes the program with an awards ceremony in May.

The top awards were presented by Awana commander Phil VanLaan to Megan Ritchie, daughter of Phil and Amber Ritchie; and Hunter Pham, son of Dr. Trieu and Wendy Pham. Each received a Timothy award.

Typically, only one or two youth will complete the requirement for a Timothy award each year.



**Pictured, Amber Ritchie, Megan Ritchie, Pastor Lee Taylor, Dr. Trieu Pham, Hunter Pham, and Wendy Pham.**

**happy birthday!**

- JUNE 8**  
Barbara Brown, Mark Essich, Hank Hoekstra, Olivia Richmond.
- JUNE 9**  
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- JUNE 10**  
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- JUNE 11**  
Terri S. Fonger, Dick Sturgis.
- JUNE 12**  
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- JUNE 13**  
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- JUNE 14**  
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**area churches**

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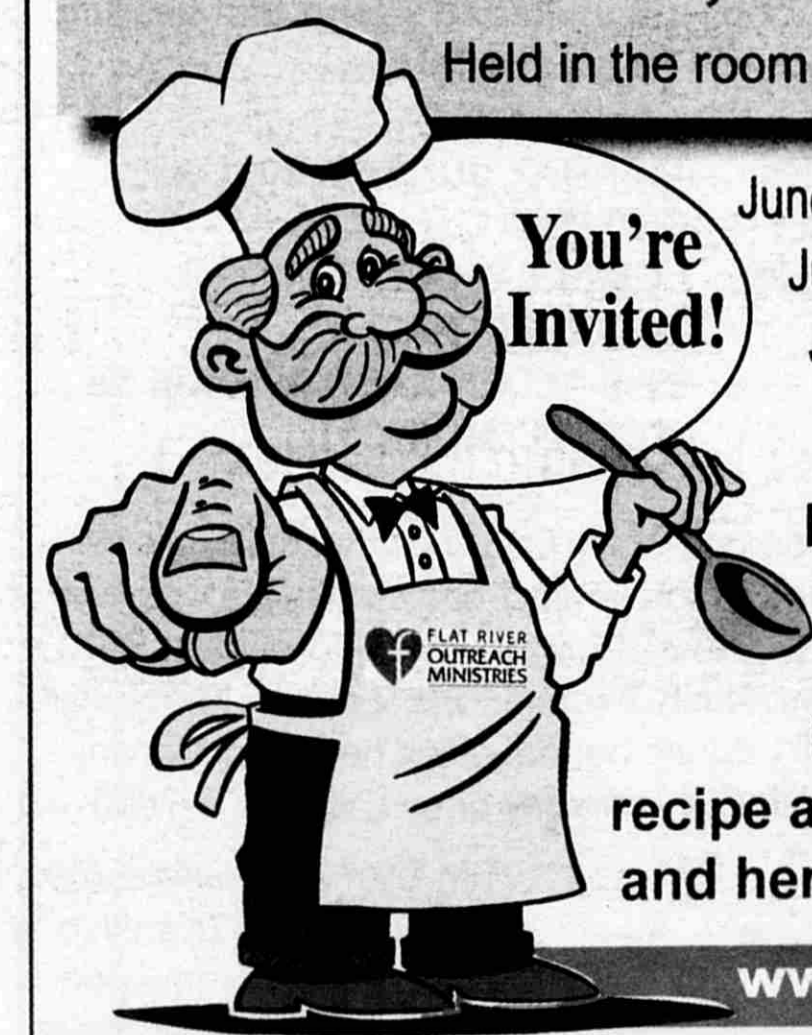
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At Your Local Library

# The Lowell Women's Club names officers for 2011-2012



The Lowell Women's Club new officers are: first row: secretary June Dilly, board member Bev Hall and assistant treasurer Marj Harding; second row: Amara Kyes, board member; Ginny Weber, board member; Jackie Morgan, board member; Sue Stouffer, treasurer; and Jan Thompson, president; missing are: Kathy Horst, vice-president Nancy Wood and past president, Elaine Brinkert. A special planning board meeting was held on June 3 at Thompson's house. There was a discussion about Christmas Through Lowell and tea for new girls. The new chairperson for Christmas Through Lowell is Nancy Wood. A plant sale, "Karrie's Garden & Plant Sale," to benefit Women's Club activities was held last weekend.

**Something Small Can Do Big Things**  
The KDL Players, Allison Brito and Diane Forbes, present participation folktales from three different countries: 'The Lion and the Mouse' (Greece), 'The Turnip' (Russia), and 'The Goat and the Chilies' (Mexico), that center around a single theme - 'Something Small Can Do Big Things.' Registration is required. For families, Tues., June 21, 2 pm.

**Art Attack**  
Create sculptures, prints, drawings, paintings, collages, and wearable art to take home with you and help us decorate banners to hang in the library. Registration is required. For families. Fri., June 24, 11 am.

**Pizza Taste-Off**  
Come to the library and sample pizza from local pizzerias, then vote for the best pizza in your city. For teens, grades 6-12. Tues., June 14, 12:30 pm.

**Teen Advisory Board**  
Meet other teens with this volunteering opportunity where we discuss teen programs and assist with library tasks. For teens, grades 6-12. Wed., June 22, 2 pm.

**Around the World Easy as 1-2-3**  
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- Dave Barry (1947 -)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request from the Michigan Department of Transportation to expand the park and ride lot located on Alden Nash Avenue just north of I-96. The property is zoned Industrial Planned Unit Development (IPUD) and the request is to amend the Preliminary PUD Site Plan in order to permit the proposed expansion. The property consists of 3.19 acres.

**General Location:** West side of Alden Nash Avenue SE; halfway between the I-96 expressway and Cascade Road.  
Parcel Number: 41-20-28-200-028

The public is invited to attend this hearing which will be held as follows:

**WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2011  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
LOWELL, MI 49331**

The proposed site plan and other materials pertaining to this project are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary  
Lowell Charter Township  
Planning Commission



## Lowell Community Wellness

Inspiring and educating the Greater Lowell Community to attain a healthier lifestyle

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### SURVEY OF GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS NEEDS

This survey applies to all people living within the Lowell Area School District. If you prefer to take this survey online, go to [www.lowellcommunitywellness.org](http://www.lowellcommunitywellness.org) and follow the link on the home page.

**Overall scope:** The purpose of this survey is to determine what information and activities individuals and families in the Lowell Community are interested in to help improve their overall health and wellness. This survey has also been made available at the Lowell Community Expo, at local merchants and health care businesses, via email and online. If you have completed the survey through one of those options, you do not need to complete this survey again.

Would you or your family benefit from informational programs about the following topics?  
Rate each on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being no interest and 5 being highly interested.

Social activities	1	2	3	4	5
Spiritual connections	1	2	3	4	5
Physical activities	1	2	3	4	5
Environmental improvement	1	2	3	4	5
Emotional health	1	2	3	4	5
Intellectual growth	1	2	3	4	5

Rate your interest in or willingness to participate in each of the following activities.  
Rate each on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being no interest and 5 being highly interested.

Group walks, runs or biking events	1	2	3	4	5
Exercise classes	1	2	3	4	5
Informational health seminars	1	2	3	4	5
Nutritional classes	1	2	3	4	5
Cooking classes	1	2	3	4	5
Health screenings	1	2	3	4	5
Smoking cessation support	1	2	3	4	5
Stress management classes	1	2	3	4	5
Meditation training	1	2	3	4	5
Conflict resolution training	1	2	3	4	5
Book clubs	1	2	3	4	5
Networking groups	1	2	3	4	5
Block parties	1	2	3	4	5
Meet your neighbor gatherings	1	2	3	4	5
Spiritual exploration	1	2	3	4	5
Religious counseling	1	2	3	4	5
Organization seminar	1	2	3	4	5
Grief counseling	1	2	3	4	5
Military family support group	1	2	3	4	5
Divorce support group	1	2	3	4	5
Support group for health condition	1	2	3	4	5
Children's activities	1	2	3	4	5
Adult sports teams	1	2	3	4	5

To improve my wellness, I would like information or activities about these specific topics:

We also need to determine the best way to get information out to the community.

Which of the following information resources would you prefer to receive information about community activities or events?

Lowell Ledger	Yes	No	Buyers Guide	Yes	No	Grand Rapids Press	Yes	No
Mlive.com website	Yes	No	WZZM13 My Town Lowell website	Yes	No	GR Now website	Yes	No
Lowell Chamber website	Yes	No	Lowell City website	Yes	No	Direct mail	Yes	No
Lowell Area Schools newsletter	Yes	No	E-mail list	Yes	No	Text messages to your phone	Yes	No
Public library bulletin board	Yes	No	Local businesses bulletin boards	Yes	No	The Rapidian website	Yes	No
Local nonprofit bulletin boards	Yes	No	Church news bulletins	Yes	No	Facebook	Yes	No
Twitter	Yes	No	Signs along primary streets	Yes	No			

What suggestions do you have to help us communicate to more Lowell Community families?

Please return this survey to Lowell Community Wellness through one of the following options:

- Mail it to Lowell Community Wellness PO Box 246 Lowell, MI 49331
- Drop it off at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office on the Riverwalk
- Drop it off at Dery Physical Therapy on West Main Street

We greatly appreciate your input and look forward to improving our organization based on your feedback.  
Thank you for helping Lowell Community Wellness serve you!



# EARTH TALK™

## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:** Can you explain the 2010 Safe Cosmetics Act? What does it purport to do and has it been signed into law? -- Megan Wilson, Austin, TX

The Safe Cosmetics Act was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in July 2010 by Democrats Jan Schakowsky of Illinois, Ed Markey of Massachusetts and Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin. But it never got past committee reviews and thus never came up for a vote.

The proposed bill aimed to ensure that all personal care products for sale in the U.S. would be free of harmful ingredients and that all ingredients would be fully disclosed. The bill would've given the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the authority to prohibit the use of certain ingredients, including carcinogens and reproductive and developmental toxins, to recall products that fail to meet safety standards, and to require product labels to name each ingredient.

The FDA has only limited say in what cosmetics manufacturers can and cannot put into their products. And the cosmetics industry has essentially been regulating itself for some three decades, and would like to keep it that way. In response to failed efforts in the 1970s to force the FDA to regulate cosmetics more like drugs — with required pre-market safety assessments — the industry decided to take matters into its own hands, creating the Cosmetics Industry Review Panel to judge the safety of various ingredients.

Critics argue that self-regulation isn't appropriate for an industry trading in potentially carcinogenic products. "It's a panel funded by the trade association," Stacy Malkan of the non-profit Campaign for Safe Cosmetics told the Washington, DC-based Corporate Crime Reporter. "For 30 years that they have been in operation, they have only looked at about 13 percent of the chemicals in cosmetics. They do cursory reviews. They look mostly for short term health effects. It's a panel of mostly dermatologists, not toxicologists. So, they don't have the expertise to be looking at long-term health effects like cancer."



Another non-profit, the Environmental Working Group (EWG), has identified upwards of 100 different products that passed Cosmetics Industry Review Panel safety assessments despite obvious violations of that body's own guidelines. According to EWG's research, 22 percent of all personal care products on store shelves today — including children's products — may contain a cancer-causing ingredient (1,4-Dioxane), while some 60 percent of sunscreens contain oxybenzone, a potential hormone disruptor.

In response to the government not requiring cosmetics manufacturers to be more responsible, EWG launched the Skin Deep website, an easy-to-use, keyword-searchable database of cosmetics and their health risks and environmental

footprints. The idea behind the website is to let users decide for themselves which cosmetics to purchase; EWG hopes that making this information freely available and easy-to-access will help drive demand for safer products.

Supporters of the Safe Cosmetics Act were hopeful that passage of their bill would usher in a new era of more rigorous mandatory screening of cosmetics here at home, and leadership in a global marketplace hungry for safer, greener products. Advocates for safe cosmetics hope that lawmakers will muster the resolve to reintroduce the bill, or another like it, in the current or some future session of Congress.

**CONTACTS:** FDA, [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov); Campaign for Safe Cosmetics, [www.safecosmetics.org](http://www.safecosmetics.org); Corporate Crime Reporter, [www.corporatecrimereporter.com](http://www.corporatecrimereporter.com); Skin Deep, [www.ewg.org/skindeep/](http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/).

**Dear EarthTalk:** What will be the effect of all the flooding along the Mississippi River for organic farmers, given all the pollutants in the water? When they recover, can they still certify their products as organic? -- Michael O'Loughlin, Tigard, OR

The combination of record floods and record numbers of organic farms has led many to wonder about the safety of even our organic groceries. Luckily for Americans, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has a policy in place to govern how farmers respond to such situations and how affected crops and fields are handled to ensure that consumers continue to have access to healthy and safe food.

For one, the FDA doesn't allow any flooded out crops — organic or otherwise — to be sold or consumed by people. The agency considers "ready to eat crops, that have been in contact with flood waters to be adulterated due to potential exposure to sewage, animal waste, heavy metals, pathogenic microorganisms or other contaminants." Given that there is no known method of "reconditioning" such crops that would "provide a reasonable assurance of safety for human food use," the FDA instructs farmers to dispose of them "in a manner that ensures they do not contaminate unaffected crops during harvesting, storage or distribution."

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## Earth Talk, continued

So-called "adulterated" food can be seized and violators prosecuted under federal law.

Of course, many farms affected by floods have other fields that remain unaffected. The FDA recommends a 30 foot buffer between flooded areas and fields that can still yield edible food. Also, farm equipment shouldn't be driven through or exposed to flooded areas (or their affected crops) to minimize the risk of contamination. As to when farmers, organic or conventional, can replant fields inundated with floodwaters, the FDA suggests waiting at least 60 days to ensure contaminants aren't still in the soil.

No discussion of organic farming and flooding is complete without mention of global warming. Italian researchers analyzed runoff data recorded in the Swiss Alps to study how flood risk varies with temperature, precipitation and elevation in mountainous regions. They reported in the January 2010 edition of the journal Geophysical Research Letters that global warming does increase flood risk significantly, and that large floods have occurred more frequently in recent years than in the past.

Furthermore, they predict global warming will result in such floods occurring more often in the future. If global temperatures increase by 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, as many scientists expect, so-called "hundred-year-floods" could occur every 20 years or so, putting untold numbers of people at risk. Global warming is also responsible for more frequent and more intense storms that can cause widespread flooding.

The good news is that farming organically is one way to stave off global warming. Research at the Rodale Institute found that "organic farming helps com-

bat global warming by capturing atmospheric carbon dioxide and incorporating it into the soil, whereas conventional farming exacerbates the greenhouse effect by producing a net release of carbon into the atmosphere." And Cornell University researcher David Pimentel found that organic farms use 63 percent of the energy used by same-size conventional farms, which rely on large amounts of nitrogen fertilizer produced synthetically with large amounts of energy.

**CONTACTS:** Geophysical Research Letters, [www.agu.org/journals/gl/](http://www.agu.org/journals/gl/); "Global warming increases flood risk in mountainous areas," [www.idrologia.polito.it/~altamano/lavori/2009GL041395.pdf](http://www.idrologia.polito.it/~altamano/lavori/2009GL041395.pdf); Rodale Institute, [www.rodaleinstitute.org](http://www.rodaleinstitute.org); "Organic and Conventional Farming Systems: Environmental and Economic Issues," [www.ecommons.cornell.edu/bitstream/1813/2101/1/pimentel\\_report\\_05-1.pdf](http://www.ecommons.cornell.edu/bitstream/1813/2101/1/pimentel_report_05-1.pdf).

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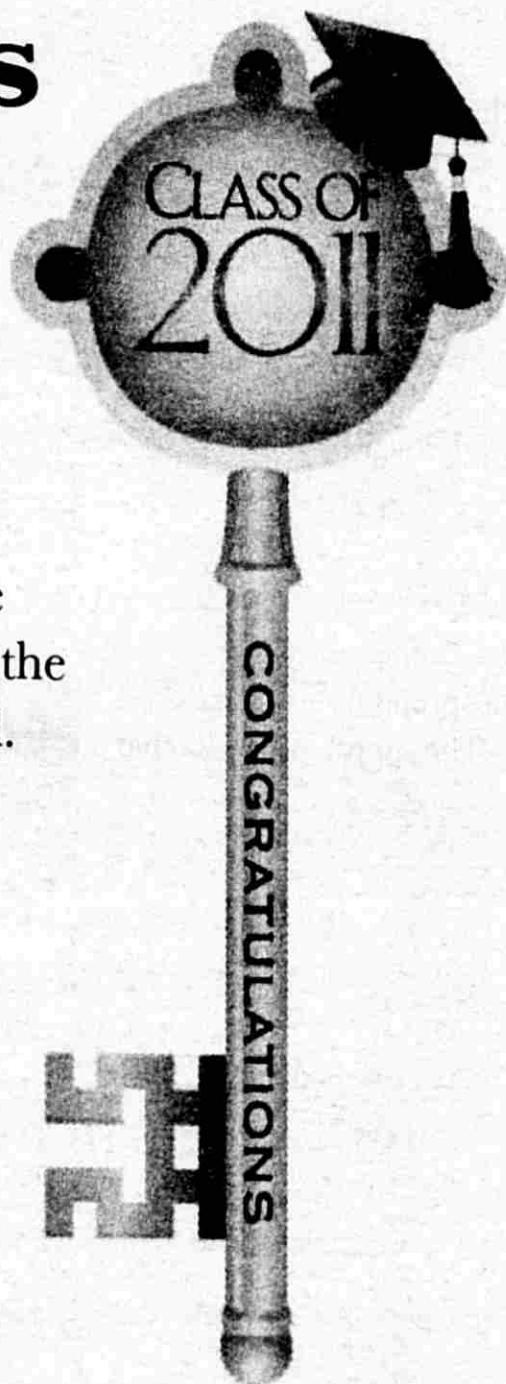
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Ian Fields of Lowell has been awarded the master of science in criminal justice departmental award from Grand Valley State University.

At the graduate level, the faculty reviews the academic records of master's degree candidates to choose the one award recipient for each graduate degree program.

Katie J. Jousma of Lowell has received recognition on the dean's list for the spring semester at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.

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

A Michigan State University student from Lowell is working on her networks, more than her tan this summer, by studying the intricacies of federal policy-making while working full-time in Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Humphries, a fisheries and wildlife major, is one of 26 students in the William A. Demmer

Scholars Program. Demmer Scholars take a senior-level class in natural resources policy, that meets one night a week and all day Saturday, while working full-time as paid interns at federal agencies or non-governmental organizations that focus on natural resources. The program is led by Mark Rey, executive in residence in the Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and member of the MSU Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability.

"The course reviews and evaluates how each branch of the federal government, as well as non-governmental groups - including the media - affect the development and implementation of federal government policy in the natural resources area," said Rey.

This year, the Demmer

Scholars are interning at a number of high-profile agencies and groups, including the Department of the Interior, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The Wilderness Society, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Office of Congressional Affairs.

Humphries is interning at the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

"Through these internships, the students get real-world experience, see classroom principles applied in practice and make valuable career contacts for educational and employment opportunities in the future," said Rey. "In 2009 and 2010, 37 students interned and 26 are interning this summer. Twelve alumni of the program got jobs in D.C. This program gives the participating universities a cadre of young natural resources leaders active in federal policy-making."

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**An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't.**

- Anatole France  
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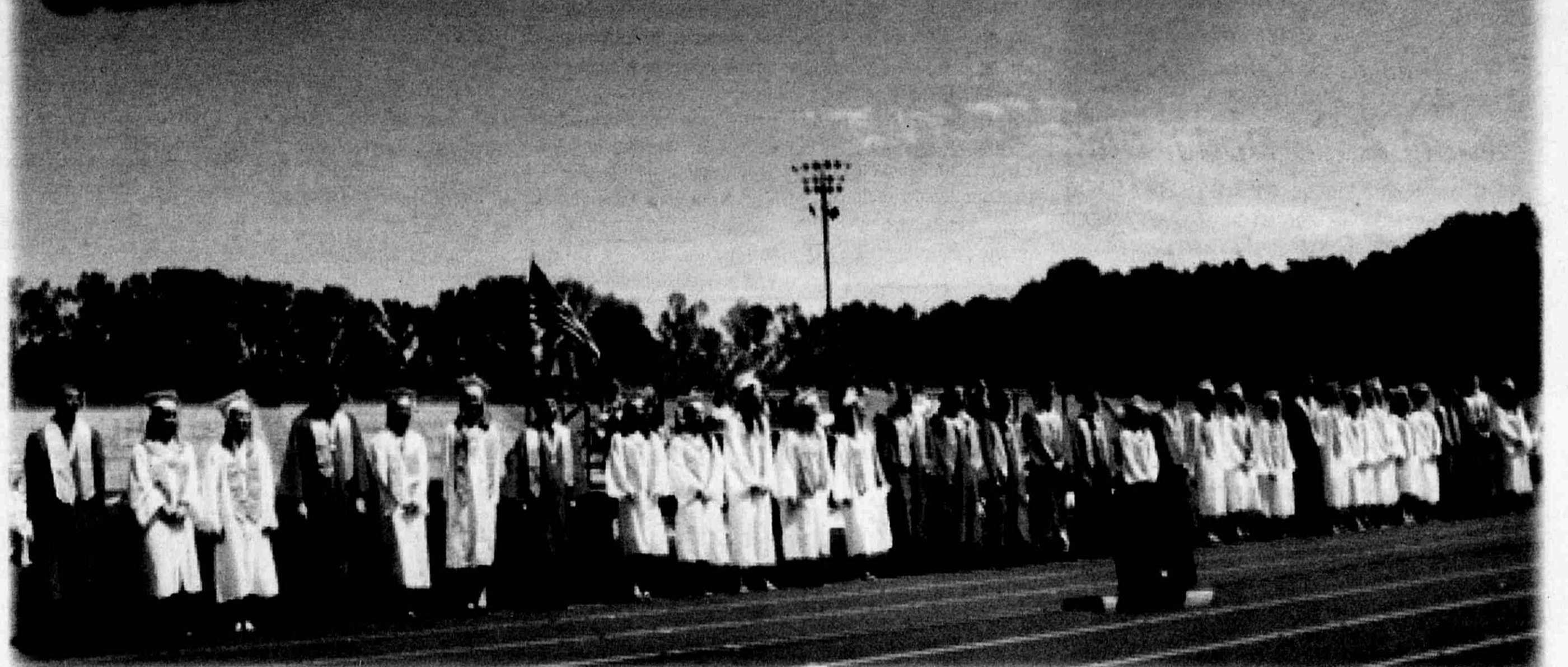
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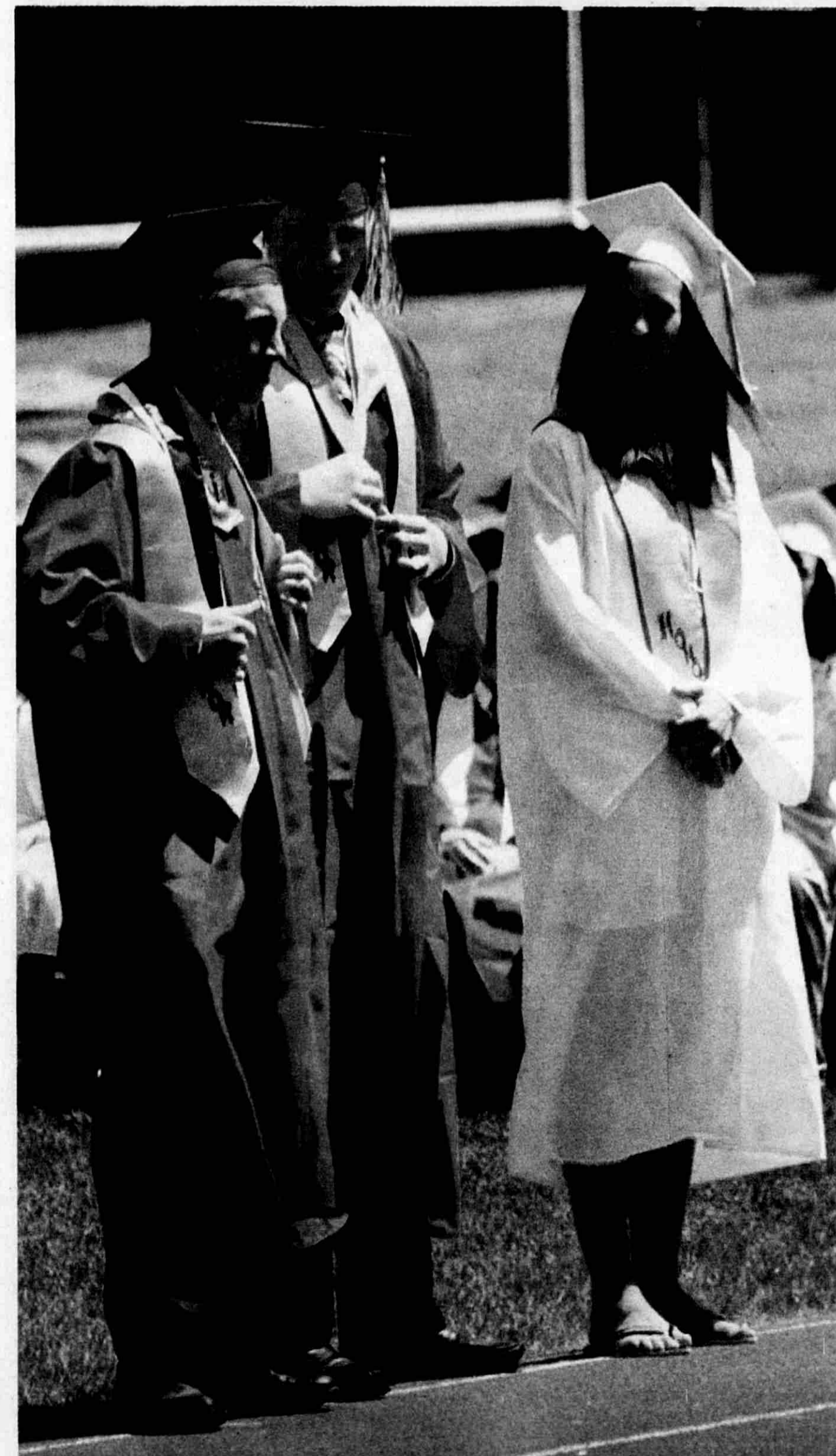
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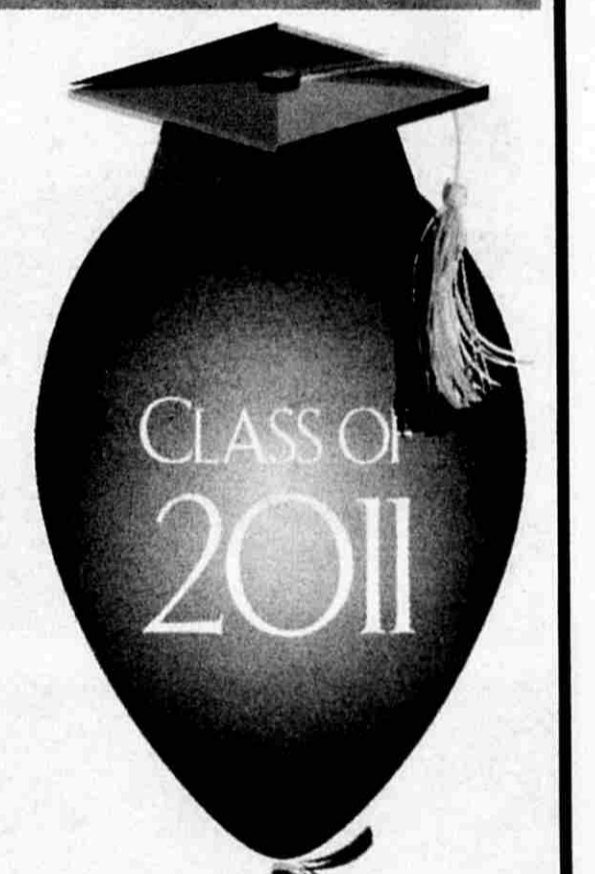
There were 31 summa cum laude graduates. Courtney Lauren Schmidt - valedictorian, Aaron James Ferzer - salutatorian, Martin Allan Hewitt, Christine Day Zvirzdnis, Alyssa Margaret Kargl, Rachel Taylor Wold, Kelly Marie Trapp, Bryleigh Blair Loughlin, Daniel Joseph Wernet, Kallie Sue Holzhueter, Jillian Ann Johnson, Whitney Elizabeth Bunn, Corey Michael Bilski, Kelly Jo Wyckoff, Daniel James Fleet, Caleb James Schultz, Maxwell McCrae Forton, Troy Robert Petersen, Nicholas Larry Crook, Brynlee Jean Pomper, Sarah Elizabeth Mundwiler, Katherine Renee Tompkins, Kyleigh Marie Newman, Molly Brieger Doyle, Justin Randall Hall, Summer Amelia Moore, Sarah Louise Kramer, Benjamin Eagle Nickson, Taylor Lynn Mankel, Jessica Ann Lewis, and Nicholas Scott Toomey. (students not pictured in order listed)



Top grade earners: Courtney Schmidt, Aaron Fetzer and Martin Hewitt.

**CLASS OFFICERS**  
Bryleigh Loughlin, president; Krystal Troyer, vice president; Whitney Bunn, treasurer; Emma Duvernay, volunteer coordinator; and Sam Visscher, social chair.

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# Graduation day, continued

the Washington Post," said Murphy-Alderman.

Not just as a whole team, but the graduates

boasted high achievements individually as well. Some received full scholarships to prestigious universities, an-

other graduate is a runner-up in girls' tennis and one graduate earned the distinct title of Commended National Scholar through his academic performance.

As such, the motto for the class of 2011 was very fitting, according to Murphy-Alderman.

"Together we have experienced life, separately we will pursue our dreams and forever our memories will remain," she said.

The commencement addresses, given by students, Schmidt, Fetzner, Maggie Lancaster and Whitney Bunn, drove the message of farewell and new beginnings home.

"We will no longer be hanging in the Meijer parking lot," said Fetzner. "We are the leaders of tomorrow."

Maggie Lancaster, standing on a step ladder, gave a speech about the deeper meaning of life after her friend had passed away.

"Life is not to be wasted," she said. "Life is short,

you have to seize the day." She talked about the need to have fun.

"Now is the time to make a mistake," she said. "Get a tattoo, shave your head, change your mind not to do the expected. I want to know everything there is to know."

Lancaster said she wants to try handwriting on Doritos or playing in the dirt.

"It's your happiness," she said.

In his address to the class, superintendent Greg Pratt encouraged the graduates to live a meaningful life of spirit.

"Get a real life," he said. "It's easier to exist than to live. You are the only person

who has sole care for your life, your entire life. Not just your life at a desk, or at a computer or on a production line."

Life is not to be defined by a resume, bank account or the make of car, according to Pratt.

"That's just stuff," he said. "Your Lowell schools' experience allowed you to learn in the classroom. But in life, there is a classroom everywhere."

Pratt said that graduates should build their resumes based on being good parents and friends, who know how to laugh a lot.

"Learn to be givers to your families and communities," he said. "Without

all these things, we would be terrible at our jobs. You cannot be top notch at your work if work is all you are."

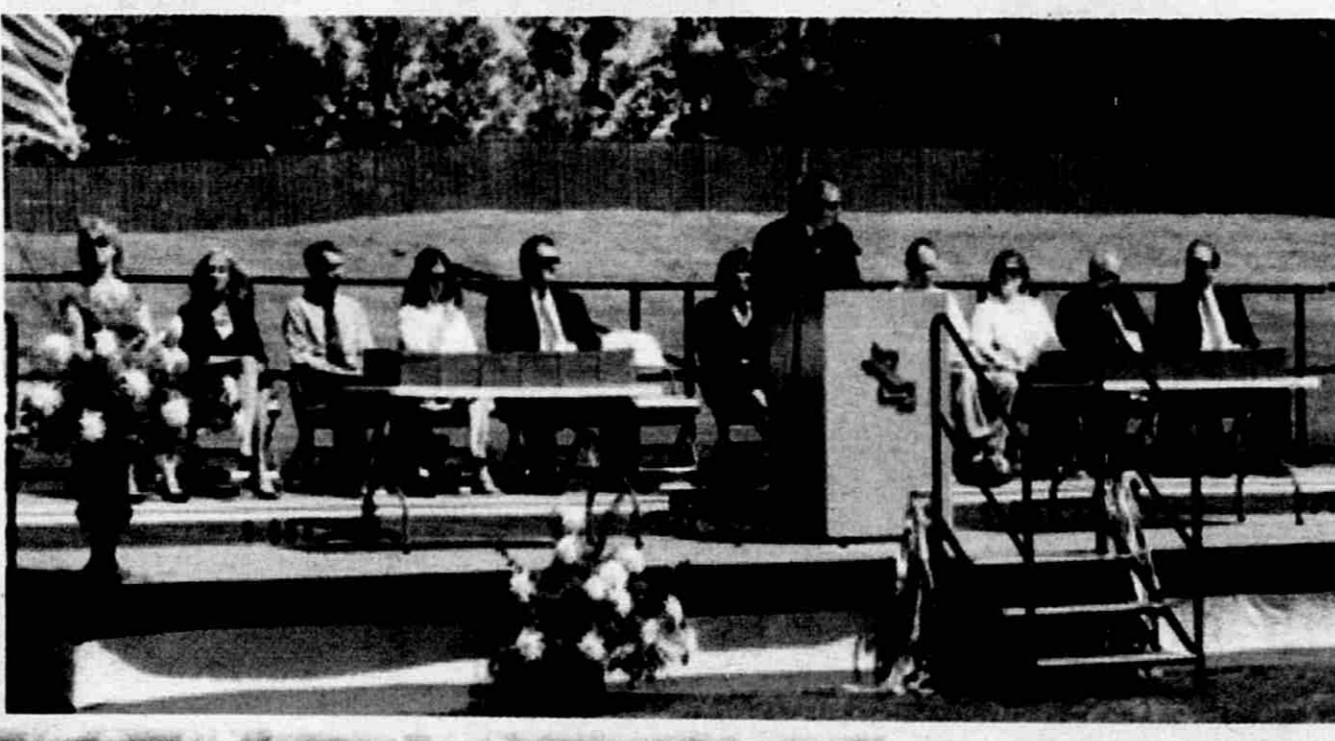
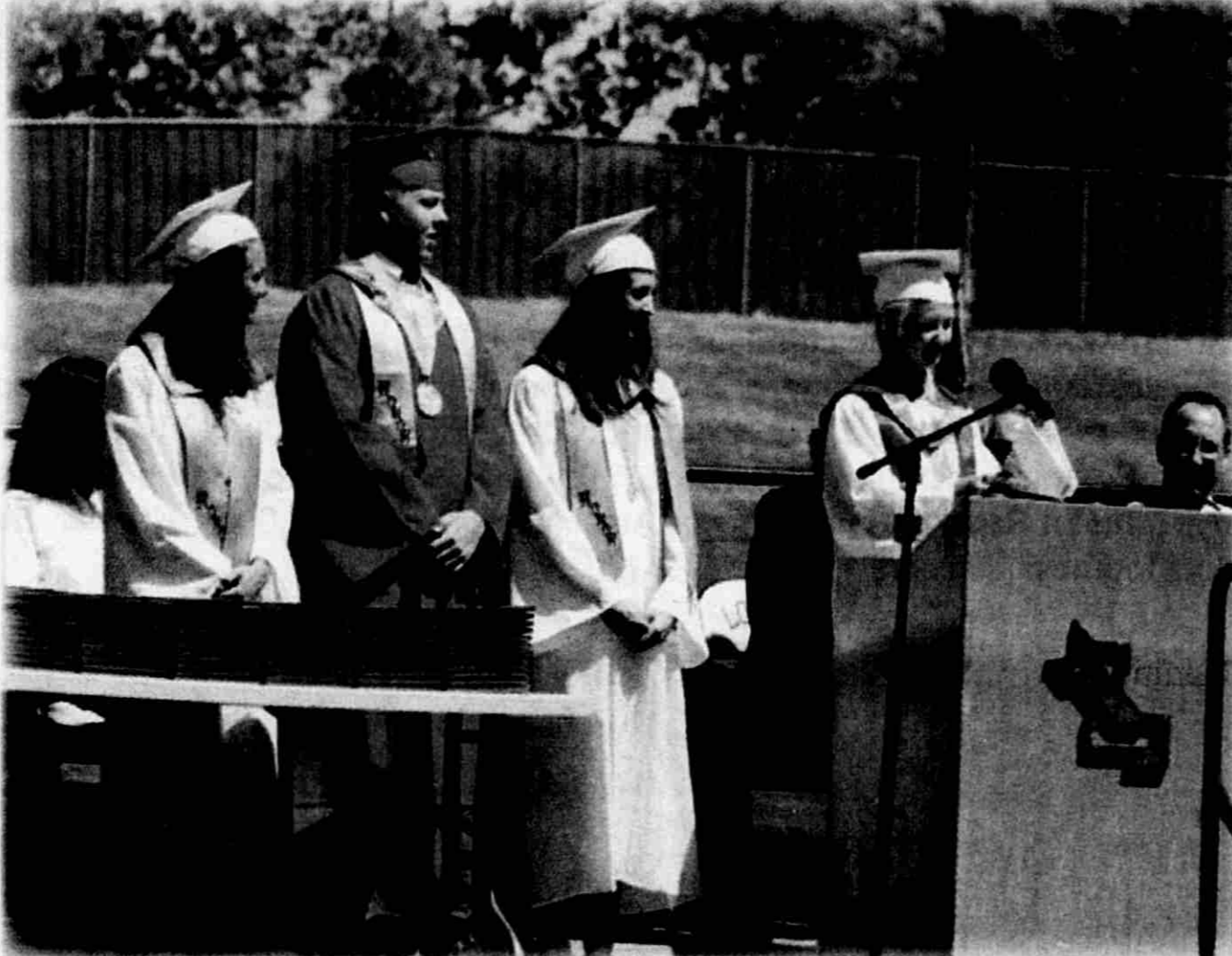
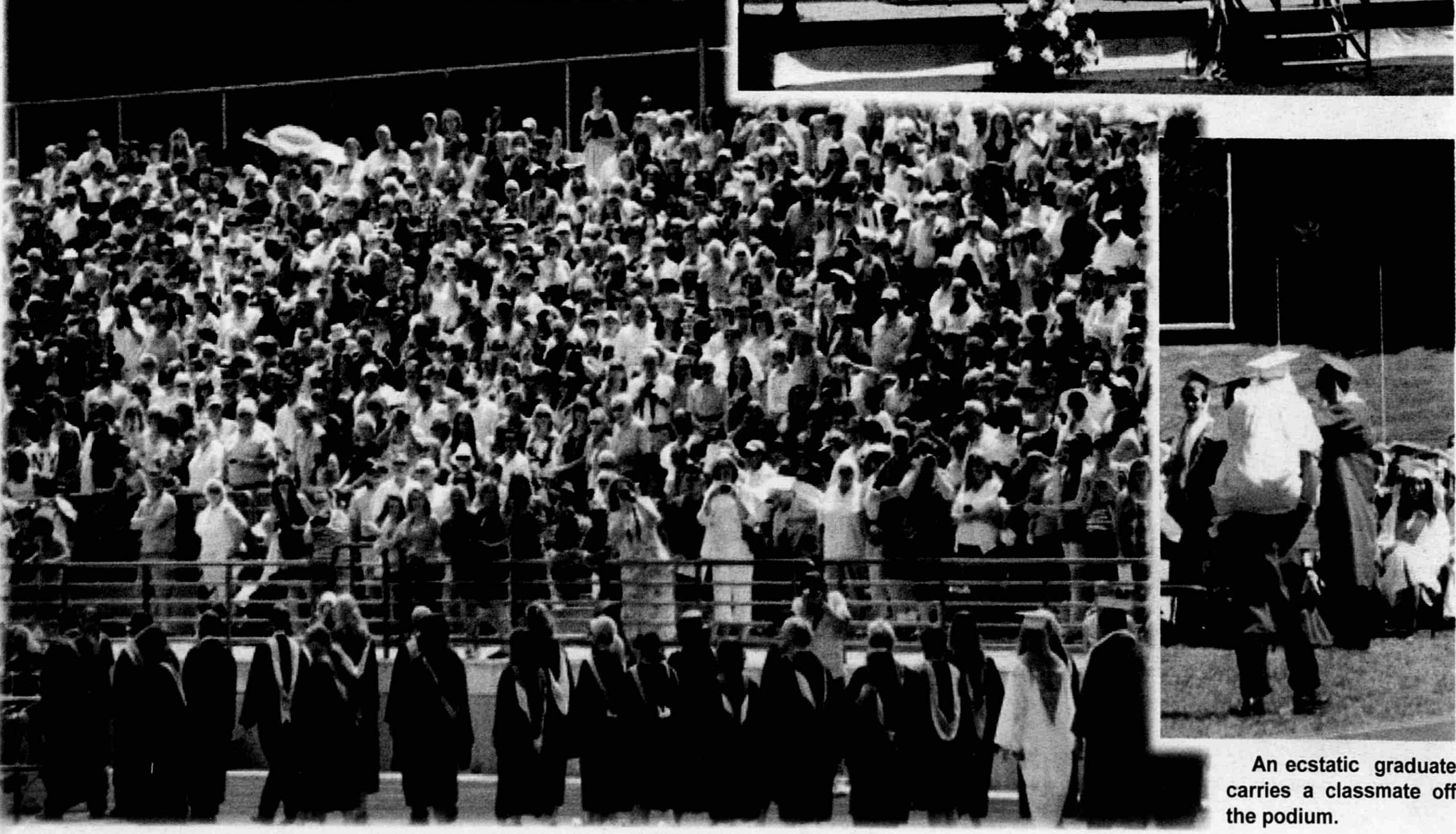
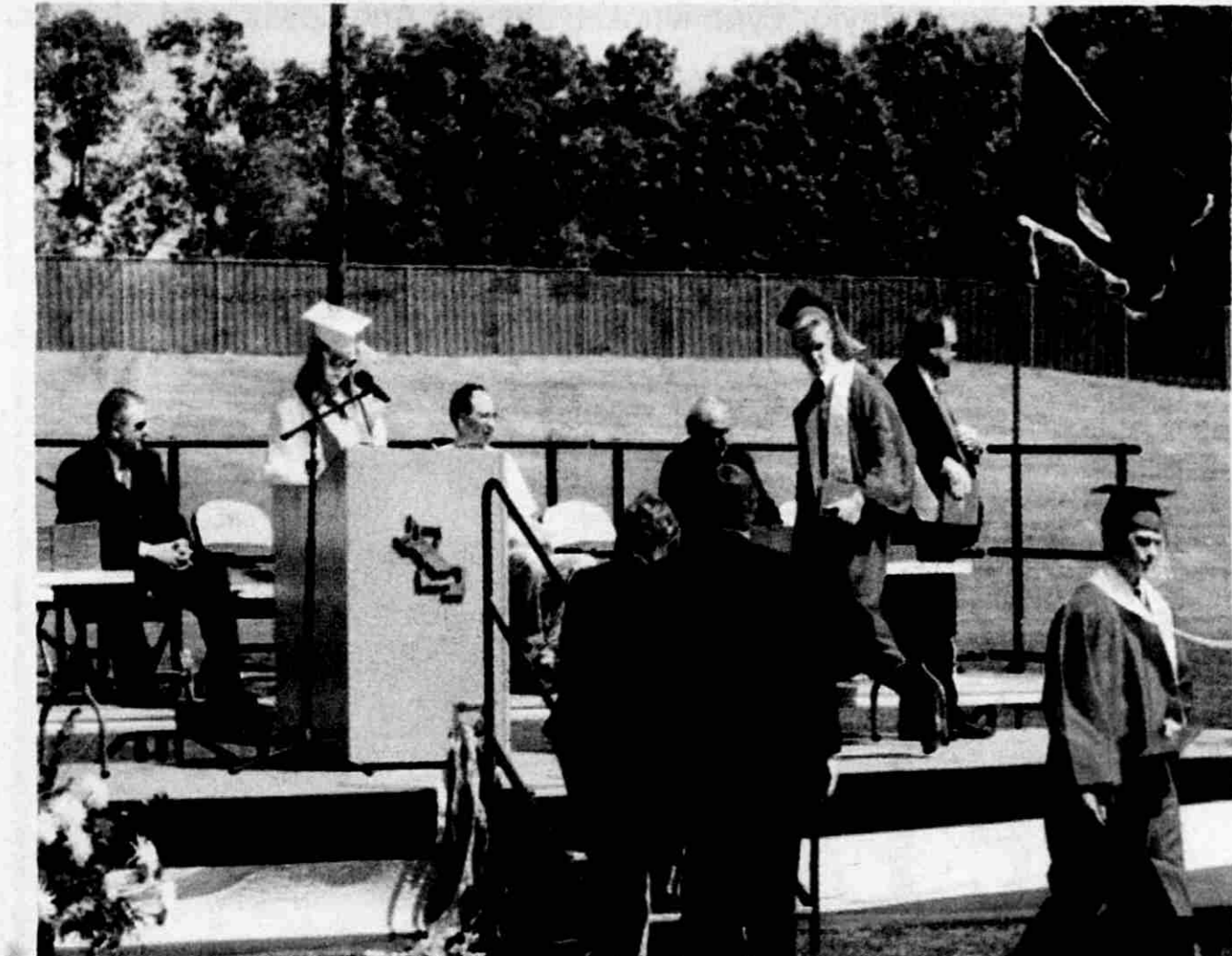
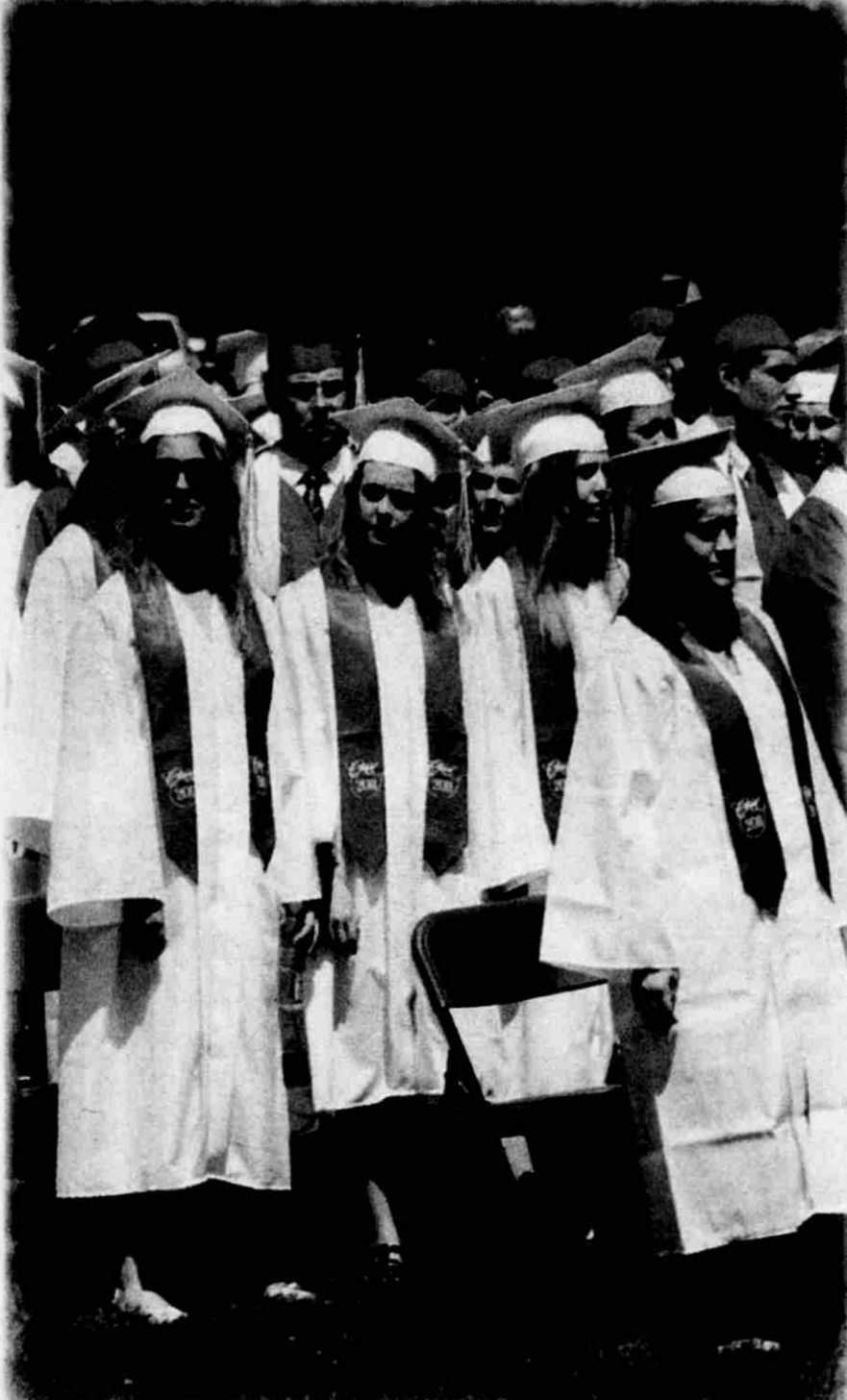
To inspire the graduates, he cited Mother Theresa's poem "Anyway."

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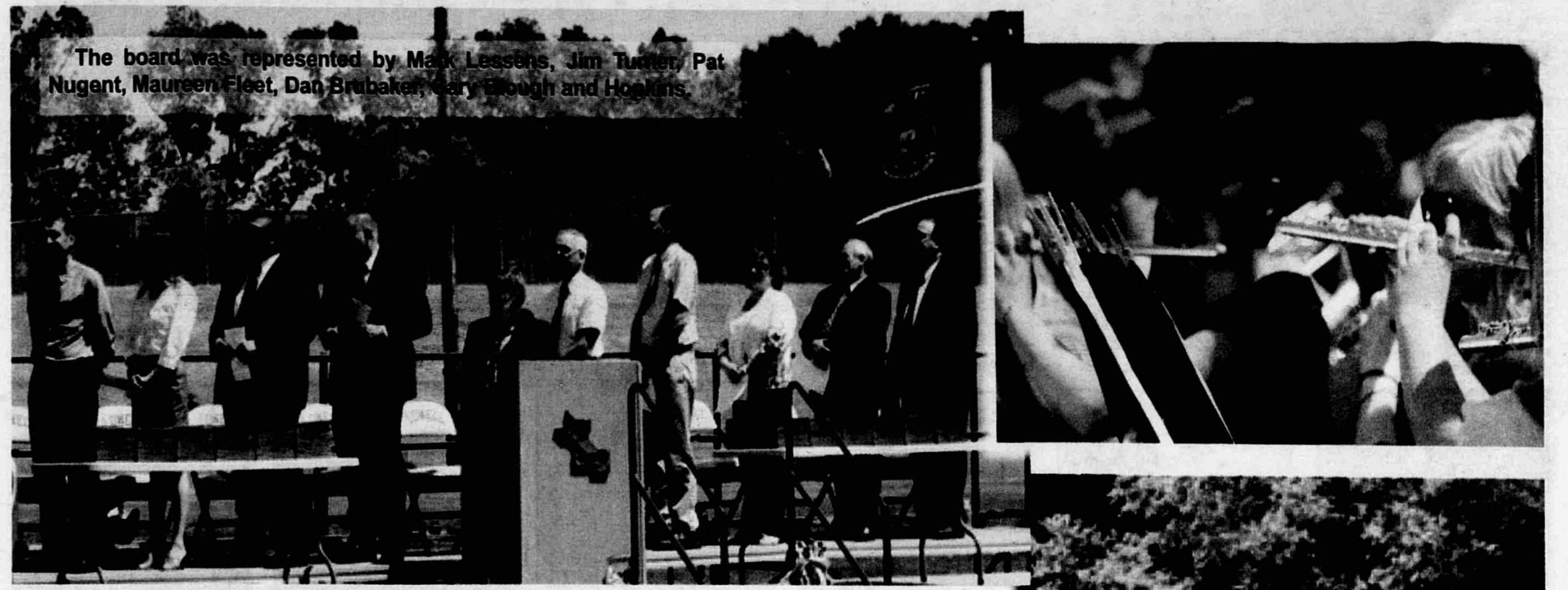
"People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;

Forgive them anyway."

Finally, the Lowell Board of Education, with the assistance from the administration and class president Bryleigh Loughlin, presented the diplomas. One graduate was so ecstatic that he carried his friend on his back.



An ecstatic graduate carries a classmate off the podium.



The board was represented by Mark Lessens, Jim Turner, Pat Nugent, Maureen Fleet, Dan Brubaker, Gary Loughlin and Higgins.



Traditionally, the graduates march down the sidewalk to the Red Arrow Memorial Stadium along with the teachers in a long procession.



Some spectators set up tents to protect themselves from the scorching heat.



Waiting graduates endure the heat.



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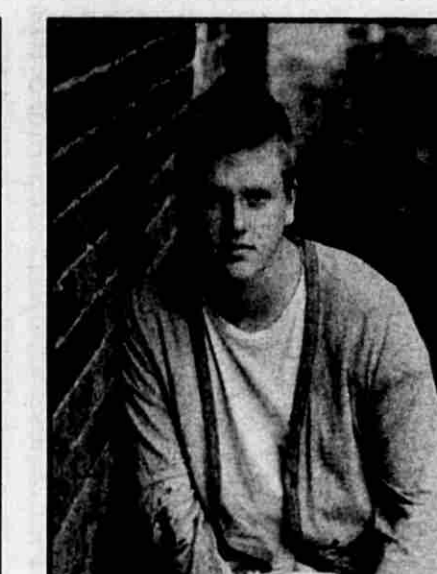
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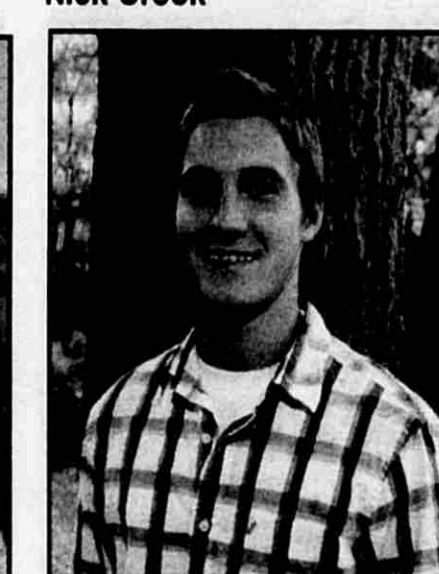
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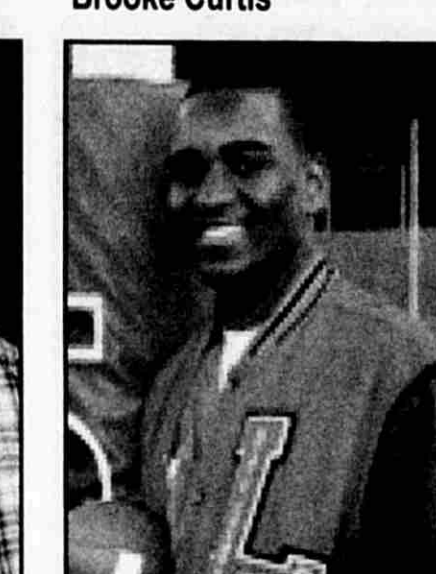
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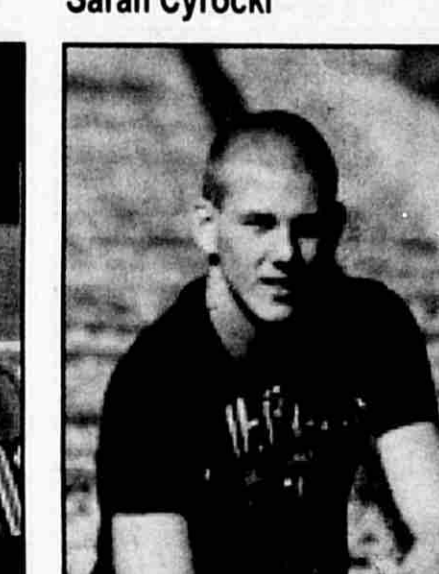
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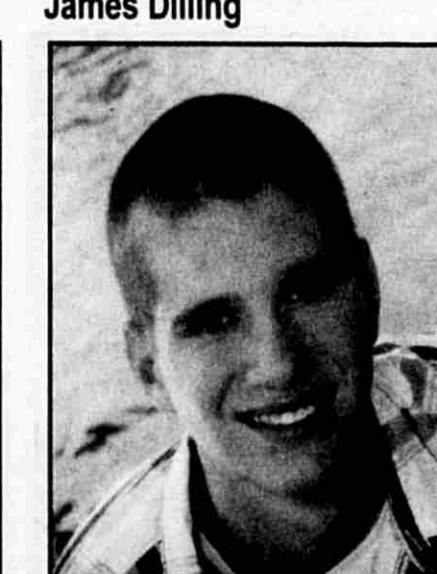
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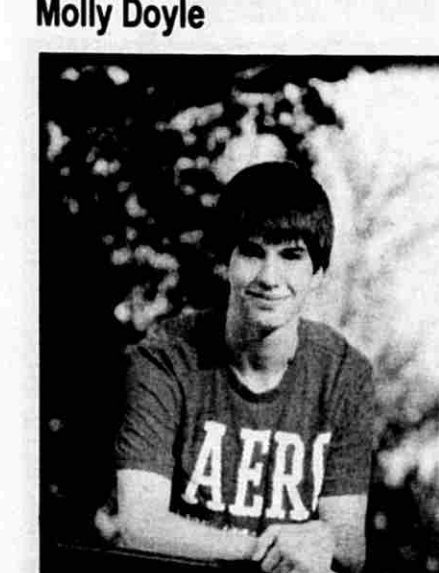
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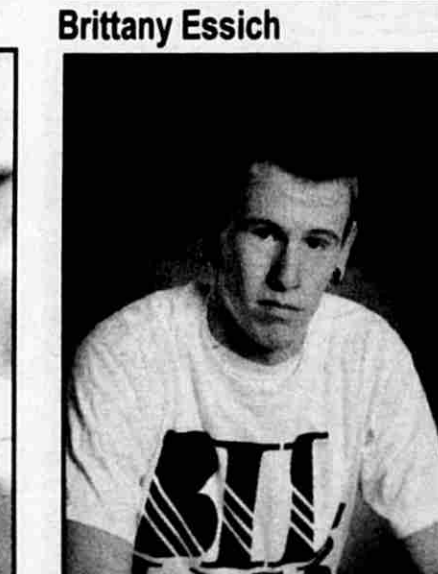
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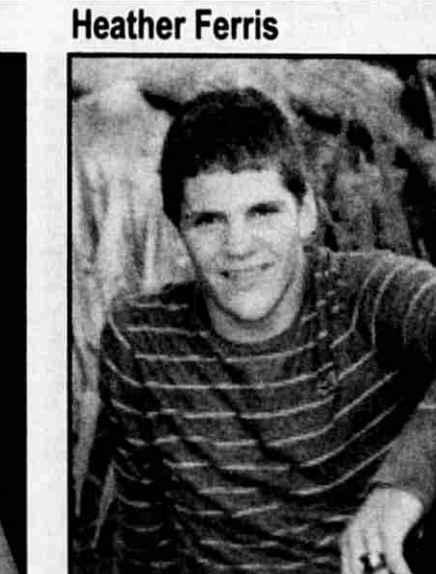
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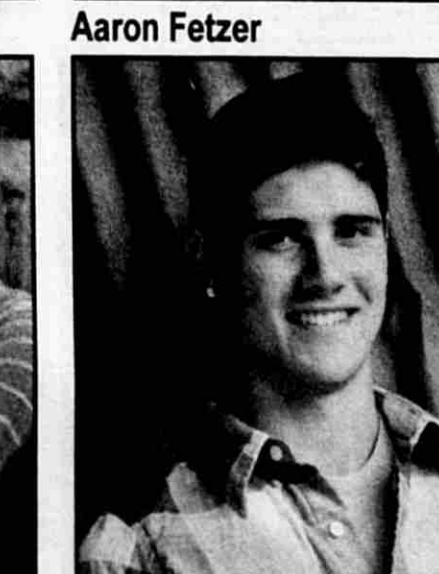
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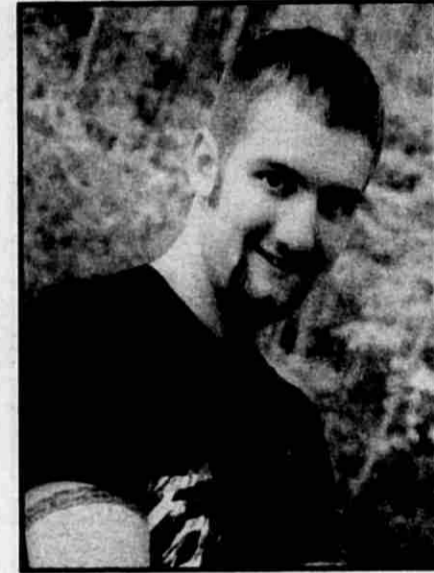
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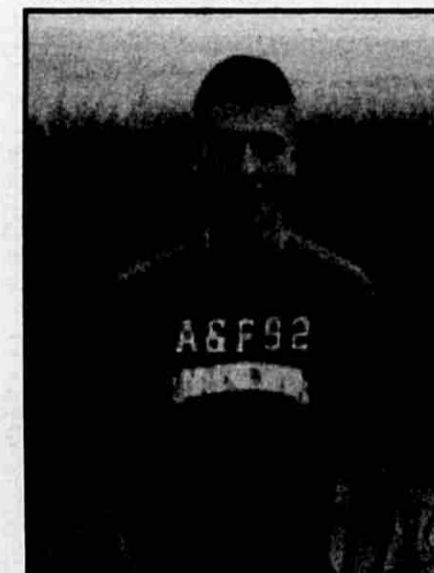
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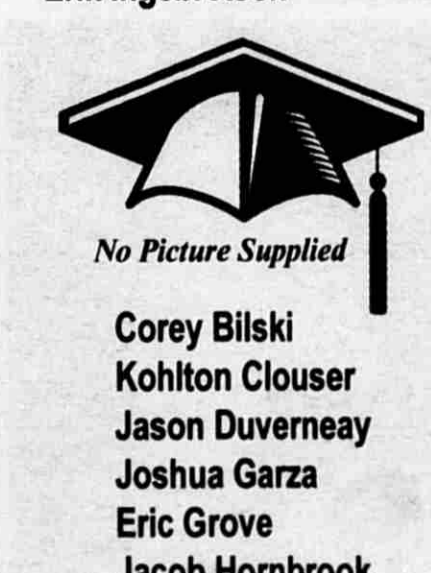
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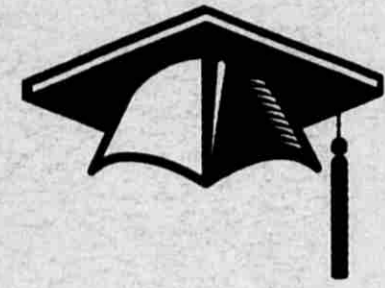
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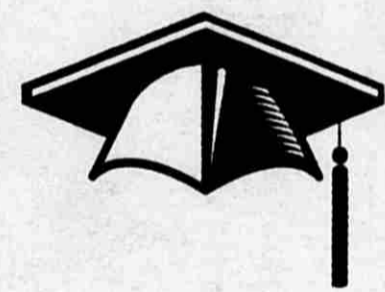
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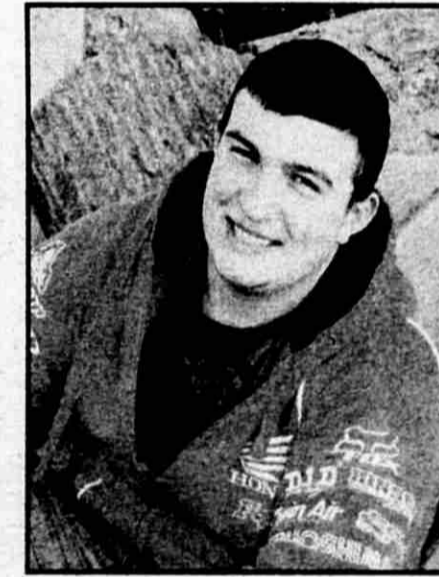
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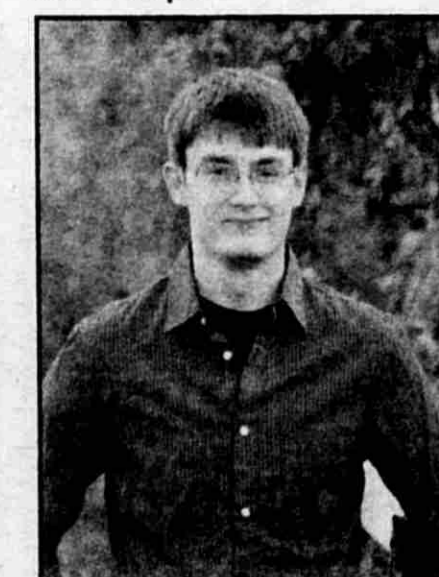
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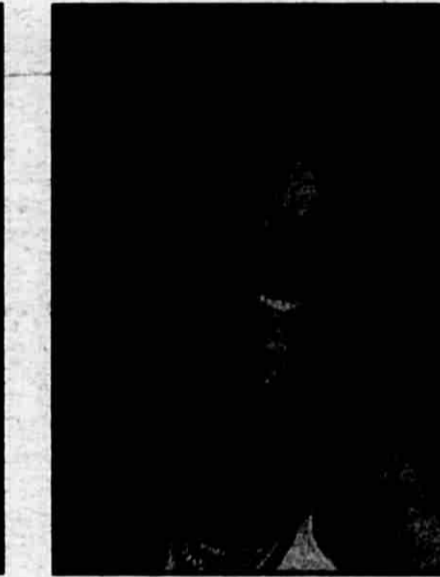
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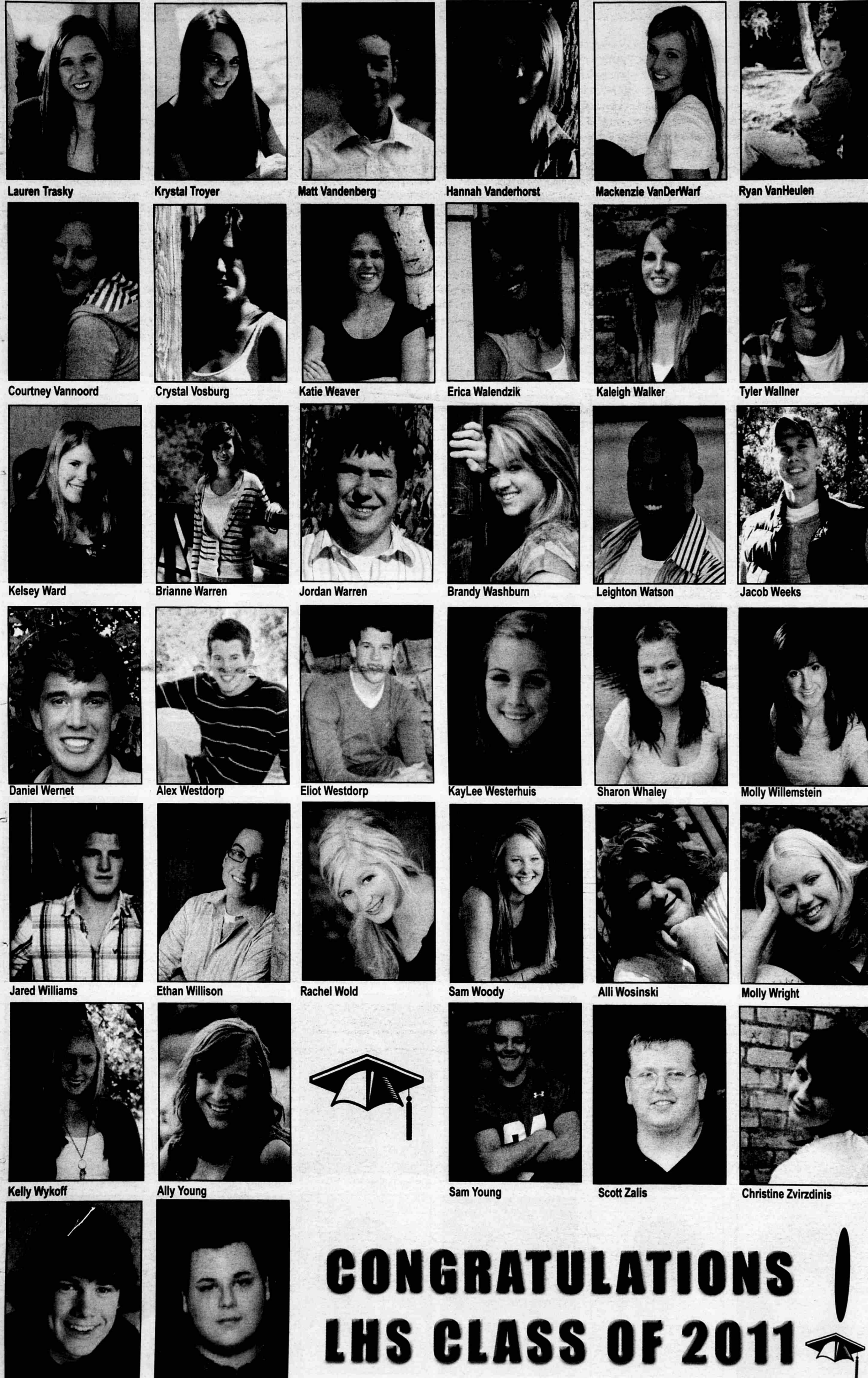


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**Robert Becker** The Lowell Bus Drivers Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, Aquinas College 2011 St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Blake Bergy** The Alto Lions Scholarship

**Tyler Bitterman** Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, First Congregational United Church of Christ Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Daniel Blake** Ohio Technical College Scholarship, SKILLS USA Scholarship, Ford/AAA Scholarship

**Sarah Bockay** Aquinas College 2011 St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Award

**Griffin Brenk** The Ilene Roth LESPA Dependent Scholarship, The Thomas Wilcox Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Rotary Club of Lowell Hahn Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award, Central Michigan University Academic Excellence Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Ashleigh Buckius** Central Michigan University Multicultural Advancement Scholarship

**Whitney Bunn** Englehardt Scholarship, Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship, The Lowell Education Association Senior Leadership Scholarship, Michigan Blood Excellence Award

**Noah Burt** Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence

**Jill Cailhan** The Ilene Roth LESPA Dependent Scholarship, First Congregational United Church of Christ Scholarship

**Bradley Canfield** Grand Valley State University Trotter Tri-County Scholarship

**MacKenzie Carlson** Northern Michigan University ROTC Scholarship

**Mia Carvajal** Northern Michigan University Recognition Award

**Rebecca Chamberlain** Aquinas College 2011 St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Award

**Chelsea Comdure** First Congregational United Church of Christ Scholarship

**Timothy Creighton** Oakland University Academic Achievement Award, Oakland University Geographic Region Award, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, Northern Michigan University Recognition Award

**Nicholas Crook** Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Dayna Crumback** Kathie Quada Memorial Scholarship, Siena Heights University Dean Scholarship, Siena Heights University Lacrosse Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Brooke Curtis** OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

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**Elliott Drain** Aquinas College 2011 Monsignor Bukowski Scholarship Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Kaitlin Drudy** Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Emma Duvernay** Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship

**Taryn Endres** The Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship

**Heather Ferris** Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence

**Aaron Fetzer** The Wynjtes Medical Scholarship, Oakland University Presidential Scholarship, Oakland University Geographic Region Award, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Grand Valley State University Award of Distinction Faculty Scholarship, Grand Rapids Press Superstar Senior

**Ellen Fitzpatrick** Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship, First Congregational United Church of Christ Scholarship

**Taylor Flanagan** Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, Hope College Alumni Honors Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Daniel Fleet** The James Edward Hale Scholarship, The Gary Rivers Scholarship, Englehardt Scholarship, LHS Male Athlete of the Year, Olivet College Presidential Scholarship, Olivet College Excellence Award, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Maxwell Forton** The Margaret Court Memorial Scholarship, Englehardt Scholarship, Thebes Players Education Scholarship, Michigan Blood Scholarship

**Hannah Geelhoed** OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Nicholas Getz** Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Gabrielle Hause** Northern Michigan University Recognition Award

**Blake Hayes** Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, The Byrne Family Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award

**Andrea Herrera** Ferris State University Ferris Achievement Scholarship, Ferris State University Ferris Achievement Resident Hall Bonus - 2 Scholarship

**Martin Hewitt** Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Commended National Merit Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Grand Rapids Press Superstar Senior Nominee

**Kallie Holzhueter** Lowell High School Academic Boosters Scholarship, Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship, Burger King Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Grand Valley State University Award of Distinction Faculty Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Claire Hopkins** Oakland University Recognition Award, Oakland University Geographic Region Award, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Matthew Houston** The Bob Perry Memorial Scholarship, Rotary Club of Lowell King & Marie Doyle Family Scholarship, Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship, Wabash College Presidential Scholarship, Southern Illinois University Carbonate Academic Scholarship for Freshmen, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award

**Craig Huber** Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Presidential Scholarship

**Jalen Humphreys** Rachel Penning Award, Oakland University Geographic Region Award

**Erik Ingebretson** Hope College Reformed Church Honors Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Emily Jelsma** The Cherry Creek Classic 5K Cross Country Scholarship, The Babe & Evelyn Wingeier Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Central Michigan University Leader Advancement Scholarship

**Jillian Johnson** Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Arabian Horse Association Scholarship

**Shannon Johnston** Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence

**Marina Jones** The Lowell Bus Drivers Scholarship, Kuyper College Provost Kuyper Achievement Award

**Jessica Kansman** Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship

**Kevin Kapteyn** Calvin College Calvin Honors Scholarship, Calvin College Heart and Mind Scholarship

**Alyssa Kargi** Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Lowell Education Association Senior Leadership Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Evan Kohtz** First Congregational United Church of Christ Scholarship, Michigan Blood Excellence Award

**Sarah Kramer** Northern Michigan University Outstanding Achievement Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Maggie Lancaster** Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Jack Frost Memorial Scholarship, First Congregational United Church of Christ Scholarship

**Jessica Lewis** Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Jasmine Lentz** Stephen F. Idema Memorial Scholarship

**Rebecca Lorentz** Lowell Women's Club Scholarship

**Bryleigh Loughlin** Englehardt Scholarship, Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Lowell Education Association Roger Kroff Education Award, National Association of Secondary School Principals Principal's Leadership Award, Congressional Medal of Merit, Western Michigan University Dean's Scholarship, Northern Michigan University Scholars Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Taylor Mankel** Davenport University President's Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship

**Katherine Maycroft** Aquinas College 2011 St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Award

**Conor McCarey** Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award, Central Michigan University Academic Excellence Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Nicholas McKay** Northwest Missouri State University Tower Scholarship, Northwest Missouri State University Midwest Student Exchange Program, Northwest Missouri State University Out-of-State Achievement Scholarship

**Monica McRae** Rotary Club of Lowell Dorothy J. & Clinton J. Christoff Scholarship, First Congregational United Church of Christ Scholarship

**Paige McVey** Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Ashley Metternick** Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Jacob Meyer** Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Brittney Milton** Northern Michigan University Recognition Award

**Shelby Mitchell** Lowell High School Academic Boosters Scholarship

**Tyler Mitchell** The Andrew Benedict Memorial Scholarship, Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Scholarship

**Megan Montgomery** Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Northwood University Presidential Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Mariah Moore** The Earl Posthumus Memorial Alto Lions Scholarship

**Summer Moore** The Margaret McMahon Scholarship, The Sue Burt Scholarship, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, The University of Michigan Club of Grand Rapids Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Sarah Mundwiler** Michigan State University Englehardt Scholarship

**Hunter Nelson** Michigan Blood Excellence Award

**Kyleigh Newman** Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship

**Jonathon Nichols** Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence

**Kimberly Noall** OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Emily Oberlin** OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Brandy Parrish** Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award

**Troy Petersen** Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Grand Valley State University Award of Distinction Faculty Scholarship

**Kaylie Petroelje** The Mandy Tichelaar Scholarship, Balding-Ionia Lodge #355 Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**William Plummer** Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Brynlee Pomper** Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, The Lowell Education Association Dependent Scholarship, Rotary Club of Lowell King & Marie Doyle Family Scholarship, Valparaiso University Presidential Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award

**Nathan Propst** The Ilene Roth LESPA Dependent Scholarship

**Courtney Race** Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Scholarship

**Paige Rash** Davenport Gold Scholarship

**Brianna Richardson** First Congregational United Church of Christ Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Morgan Rogalke** Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Wade Schlosser** The Ernie Blasher Scholarship

**Courtney Schmidt** The Wynjtes Medical Scholarship, 2010 Michigan State University Outstanding Junior Award, LHS Female Athlete of the Year, Hope College Presidential Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Grand Rapids Press Superstar Senior

**William Schmidt** Michigan Blood Donor for Life Award

**Caleb Schultz** Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Anna Scudder** The Tara Beran Spirit Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Kate Scudder** Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Grand Rapids Area Golf Alumni Scholarship

**Shelby Snyder** Aquinas College 2011 Presidential Leadership Scholarship Award, Michigan Blood Excellence Award

**Samuel Steed** The Carrol (Chris) and Helen Burch Memorial Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Conner Swift** Ray Quada Memorial Scholarship, Aquinas College 2011 Presidential Leadership Scholarship Award

**Olivia Taber** Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship

**Kathryn Tackmann** First Congregational United Church of Christ Scholarship

**Kelsey Taylor** Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship

**Shannon Thesen** Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Chapter 251 Scholarship

**Danielle Thomas** Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence

**Katherine Tompkins** Grand Valley State University Award of Distinction Faculty Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award

**Kelly Trapp** Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Presidential Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Grand Valley State University Award of Distinction Presidential Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Grand Rapids Press Superstar Senior Nominee

**Krystal Troyer** The Hayden Family Scholarship, The C.H. Runciman Scholarship, First Congregational United Church of Christ Scholarship, Burger King Employee Scholarship





obituaries

DORAN

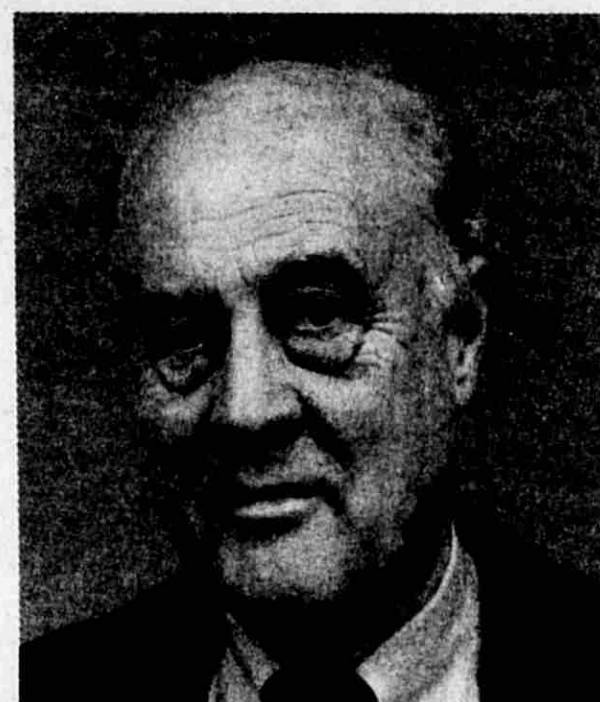
Thomas Peter Doran, age 71, of Round Lake in Grattan Township, passed away on June 1, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Frank and Marjorie Doran; sons, Raymond and Corwin Doran; sister, Sue Savage of CA; and daughter-in-law, Kathleen Doran. He is survived by three sons, Phillip (Jeanette) Doran, Charles Doran, Thomas (Joleen) Doran; sisters, Kit (George) Rykse, Anne (Joe) Biando, Margaret M. Gregory; brother, John P. Doran; grandchildren, Shawn, Terry, and Todd Doran, Amber Lynn, Elliott Doran, Thomas, Jaidia, and Tiah Doran; great-grandchild Damien Elliott; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.



Tom was a multitasking person who could fix anything. He was a gifted woodworker. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Mark Peacock of St. Patrick Church officiating. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the St. Mary's Dr. Frank Doran Foundation, 200 Jefferson Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

SMALLIGAN

Donald Henry Smalligan Sr, born August 24, 1924, in Grand Rapids, to Henry and Bertha (Bosma) Smalligan, passed from this life on Sunday, June 5, 2011. Don is survived by his wife, Catherine (Smedes); children, Cristine, Donald Jr (Mary Kenyon), James (Kristie Van Dyken), Beth (Jeph McFall), Lorain (Ted Bergin), Jack (Carolyn Brock); grandchildren, Lewis, Alena, Nathan, Ryan, Jamie, Meghan, Emily, Connor and Jeremy; great-granddaughter, Ellie; brother, Bill (Eleanor) Smalligan; sister-in-law, Grace Smalligan; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Carl; nephew, Bill; and infant son, David. Don joined the US Navy in 1942. He served as an officer on an LST in the Pacific during World War II. In 1948 he married Catherine and graduated from the University of Michigan with an MBA. After some years in business in the Detroit area and Lee's Summit, Missouri, Don returned to the University of Michigan to study social work. He obtained his MSW in 1957. Don moved back to Grand Rapids in 1958, where he initially worked as a school social worker for the Kent Intermediate School District. In 1963 he was appointed assistant superintendent for special education and in 1966 became director of the area learning center. In 1968 he began teaching at Calvin College and was instrumental in setting up the social work program within the sociology department. A key part of his work at Calvin was the creation of a fieldwork placement program. Between 1972 and 1987, Don set up placements for hundreds of students in 87 agencies and departments across Kent County and beyond. Don had great enthusiasm for all his social work and particularly loved working with his students and colleagues at Calvin. His voluntary community service was extensive. He served on committees of many human service and social justice organizations and worked directly with those in need. As one of the charter members of Church of the Servant, he was able to use his knowledge of Grand Rapids to help develop their urban mission work. For Don, loving one's neighbors and loving God were essentially linked. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 10, from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm, at Zaagman Memorial Chapel. The memorial service will be held at Church of the Servant, 3835 Burton SE, on Saturday at 11:30 am, which will be followed by a light lunch. The family welcomes all who knew Don to join them in celebrating his life. The family would ask that donations be given, in lieu of flowers, to Baxter Community Center, 935 Baxter St, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 or Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, 2850 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49560.



STILES

Stephen G. Stiles, age 39, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly May 31, 2011. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Lacie. He is survived by his children, Samantha, Harley, Marissa, Heaven, Laney; parents, Terri Stewart, Robert Stiles; stepfather, Mike Stewart; siblings, April Underly Stiles, John Stiles, Betty Vanostendorp, Michelle Stiles, Jeana Stiles, Melissa Stiles, Bobby Stiles, Mackenzie Stiles, Alex Stiles; grandmothers, Betty Lacie and Jean Stiles; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Rev. John VanderWall officiating. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Lowell. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to help Steve's family with expenses.

In loving memory of ALYN FLETCHER June 7, 2010

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Wife, Gladys and family



LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 11-190368-DE

Estate of THELMA MARIE ADAMS. Date of birth: 12/23/1920.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Thelma Marie Adams, who lived at 4062 Miramar Ave. NE, Plainfield Twp., Michigan, died 03/30/2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 11-190353-GA

In the matter of JACKIE MUSIC-PITTSCH. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Kevin Pitsch whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on July 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW,

that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Eilyn J. Keur, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Daniel Blauw (P37283) 1515 Michigan NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616-336-5098

Eilyn J. Keur 3121 Wildridge NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525 616-363-7114

Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of Emily Pierce for the appointment of a guardian for Jackie Music-Pitsch.

John D. Flynn (P27413) 1275 Hawthorne Hills SE Ada, MI 49301 616-897-6632

Emily Pierce 121 Franklin SE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 616-248-1335

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GARAGE SALE - Thurs., June 16 thru Sat., June 18, 9-5 p.m. Dresser, misc. housewares, pictures, toys, games, books, baby items, clothes; mens, womens, kids (NB thru 10-12). 3535 Bewell.

THE MOTHER LODE SALE - June 10 & 11, 9-5 p.m. Simplifying our life. If we haven't used it in the last year it's going! Ice shantys to furniture, home interior decorations to name brand kids & adult clothes. 7081 Snow Ave, Alto. 68th & Snow Ave. E. of Campau Lake.

CLEAR MEADOW NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALES - Thurs. - Sat., June 9-11, 9 a.m. - ? Off 52nd St. between Whitneyville & Snow. Lots of baby & children's items including clothes.

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ANTIQUES - Architectural pieces, Longaberger baskets, vintage & shabby chic items, queen canopy bed & much more. Thurs. & Fri., June 9 & 10, 9-5 p.m. 1520 Cumberland, Lowell.

misc.

RELAY FOR LIFE - Dog wash & bake sale, Sat., June 18, 1-3 p.m. at Grand River Veterinarian, 661 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All proceeds go to Relay For Life.

DANCING ON THE RIVERFRONT LOWELL - Every Sunday - Country night, 5-7 p.m. Beginning June 12. Theme nights on Wednesdays beginning June 15 with Country Night. Donations accepted. For more info contact softonthefeeet entertainment@yahoo.com

SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family style ham & scalloped potato dinner on Wed., June 8, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$9, Children 6-12 are \$3 and 5 & under free. Take out dinners also available.

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A big thank you to my family for the wonderful birthday open house. It was a day filled with family, friends and great memories. Thank you to everyone who was there, sent cards or called. This day will long be remembered. Carolyn Jane Blough

Community Calendar

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are ran on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

MOMS IN TOUCH INTERNATIONAL - Thursdays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Friendship Country Chapel, 10200 Grand River Ave. Moms & grandmas come pray for our kids & schools. Contact Missy at 308-7920 or jakooistra@comcast.net with any questions.

RUFF READERS REGISTRATION BEGINS - June 16. Sign up to read with a West Michigan Therapy Dog & handler. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

ORIGAMI - Each Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. Learn the ancient art of paper folding. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell. 897-8600. www.gildasclub.org/pinkarrow

CANCER - KIDS & TWEEN TALK GROUP - First & third Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m. A committed group for children in first - eighth grade on a cancer journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

GRIEF - NEW MEMBER MEETING - Call the clubhouse to schedule your introductory meeting for grief support groups. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

TEEN GROUP - CANCER AND GRIEF - First & third Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m. A committed group for teens in ninth - twelfth grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities & discussion. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

FLAT RIVER WOOD CARVERS - meets every Wed. 2-4 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council. New carvers welcome.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11

and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

FREE ADDICTIONS PROGRAM - every Friday, 7 p.m. at Bible Believers Church, 404 N. Hudson St., Lowell. For more information call 616-485-2385.

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NOOGIELAND - Tuesdays 5:30-7 p.m. Supervised play for children kindergarten or younger. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600. www.gildasclub.org/pinkarrow

LOWELL AREA PRAYER & HEALING ROOMS - located in the FROM building, 11535 Fulton Street, most Monday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Christian Scripture based. No cost or fees, no appointment necessary, confidentiality respected.

TOTS PLAYGROUP - Meets every Tues., Wed. & Thurs. at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell. 8:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. Meeting at Alto Elementary, 6150 Bancroft, Alto on Thursdays at 10 a.m. For more info contact Lori at TOTS, 987-2532.

KENT COUNTY NARFEE GROUP - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore for time, 616-784-6716.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE ORDINANCE 2011-1

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board adopted Ordinance 2011-1, amending various sections of the Zoning Ordinance, at their regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2011 at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI. The Ordinance amendments are summarized below:

In Chapter 3, the Flat River District, Section 201.307 (B), (b) and (c) adds the wording "and a building permit" for river access stairs and boardwalks, which is required by building code. In the Industrial District, Section 201.309 (E) (1) changes "202.005 (e)" to "(d)" to correct a reference letter error. In the Private Road Ordinance, Section 202.004 (f), removes the word "residential" in the last sentence and in section 201.005 (d), changes reference letter of "subsection (d)" to "(c)" in middle of paragraph for reference letter correction.

The complete ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. These amendments take effect on the 8th day after publication.

Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

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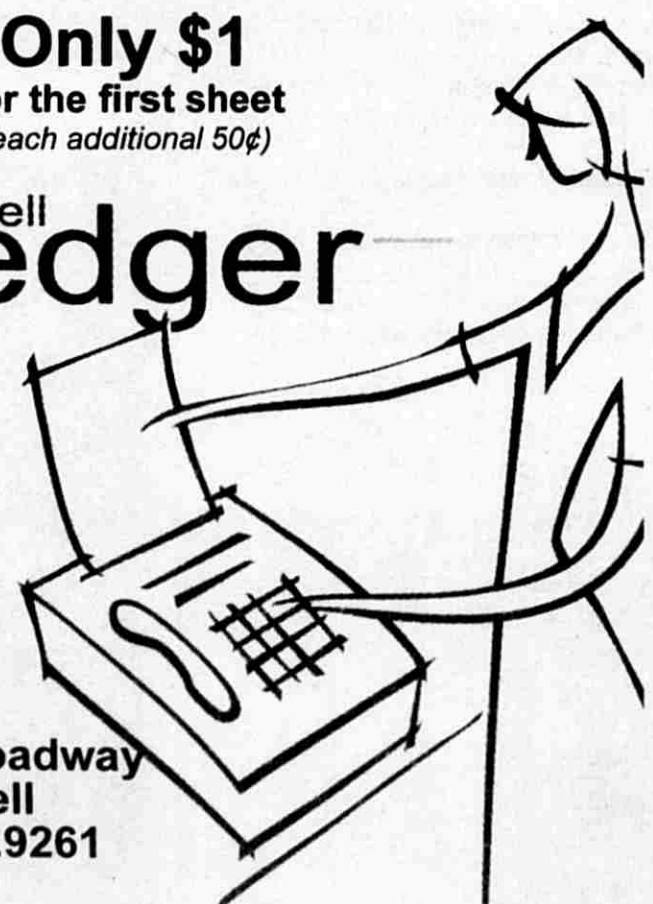
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It's a good idea to closely scrutinize any stocks you inherited. Do they represent

management teams, good track records and competitive products or services? Or, as

is sometimes the case, did your benefactor simply keep these stocks because he or she had some type of attachment to them? You'll want to own quality stocks for the right reasons.

Risk tolerance — An inherited stock may be either too aggressive or too conservative for your preferences. If the stock doesn't fit within your risk tolerance, sell it and buy an investment that does.

Taxes — When you inherit stocks, they are generally valued at their market value on the day your benefactor died, not the date of the original purchase. For example, if you inherit stock that your father bought for \$20 a share, and it's worth \$75 a share on the day he dies, your "cost basis" would be \$75 a share. If you sell the stock right away, you'll likely owe little or no income taxes. If the price of the inherited stock goes up before you sell it, you'll pay capital gains tax on the difference between \$75 and the sale price, at a maximum rate of 15 percent (at least for 2011 and 2012).

no matter how long you've held the stock. This is advantageous for you; typically, if you sell an appreciated stock that you've held less than a year, you'd have to pay capital gains taxes at your normal income tax rate.

If you inherit stocks as part of a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you'll probably have to pay taxes on withdrawals at your income tax rate. However, you may be able to spread withdrawals over your lifetime, which could result in more tax-deferred growth and a greater income stream. And if you inherit a Roth IRA, you won't have to pay income taxes on any withdrawals, provided the Roth IRA account has been open for at least five years.

If you need help in determining what to do with inherited stocks, consult with your financial advisor and tax professional. After all, you are acquiring an important asset — and you want to make this asset work for you.

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Thank you Bareman's Dairy for donating ice cream to the high school blood drive this year!

Congratulations to Lowell girls' varsity tennis team. You all played with tremendous heart. And shame on The Ledger for not reporting on the team.

I was just reading the article on the farmers' market and it doesn't even state when the market opens. It seems to me that The Ledger leaves out the most important details.

Editor's note: For those that missed it - the first paragraph states, "The Farmers' Market, with new market masters Dave and Betty Deans, opens this Thursday"... followed, in the third paragraph by "...The revamped market will have new hours, from 12:30 pm to 6 pm."

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JUNE 1 - JUNE 7

- 'Dr. Death' Jack Kevorkian dies at 83. The retired pathologist, who captured the world's attention as he helped ailing people commit suicide, passed away in a Detroit hospital.
- Federal grand jury indicts John Edward. The case USA vs John Edwards contains six counts, including conspiracy, four counts of illegal campaign contributions and one count of false statements.
- Baghdad - Five American troops, serving as advisors to Iraqi security police in eastern Baghdad, are killed Monday when rockets slam into the compound where they live. Their deaths were the largest single-day loss of life for American forces in two years.
- Oslo Norway - About 42 million people are forced to flee their homes because of natural disasters around the world in 2010, more than double the number during the previous year.
- A massive wildfire in eastern Arizona, forcing the evacuation of several mountain communities, has grown to 301 square miles.

# Art Attack promises a fun-filled night in support of the arts in Lowell

By Emma Palova

The annual Art Attack fundraiser will party in support of the arts council and arts in the Lowell area.

The event will be held at the Foreman Building at the fairgrounds on June 17 from 6 pm to 10 pm. Lowell Fusion Experience with Wendy Tenney and jazz pianist Bob Van Stee will provide the music. Fusion will present a 12-student performance with pop hits.

There will be silent and live auctions with items, such as slate topped walnut and cherry wood end table by Bob Gronevelt/Riverwoods Furniture based

in Lowell, pottery by artist Betsy Ratzsch of Betsy Ratzsch Pottery of Ada and rustic maple rocker with rattan seat and back by artist Dan Mayhew of Lowell.

For a complete list of auction items go to [www.lowellartscouncil.org](http://www.lowellartscouncil.org).

Cater Cat will put on a pig roast with all the fixings and picnic cake desserts. A cash bar and soft drinks, along with games, will round out the offerings. Sue Clay and Laura Leasure will be heading up the games.

The arts council changed the time of the

fundraiser from August to June due to cooler weather. Also this year, the River Revelry fundraiser will not be held.

"Our focus is on this fundraiser," said director Lorain Smalligan.

The arts council is hoping for a turnout of 200 people and the fundraising goal is \$10,000 to \$15,000.

"We want to have a great fun party," said Smalligan.

The music will play from 6 pm to 7:15 pm. A major announcement is scheduled for 7:15 pm.

Free membership and gift are available by going to [June-17.org](http://June-17.org).

Existing members may too be eligible by updating their information.

The tickets are \$40 for councilmembers, \$45 for general public and \$50 for all after June 10. A table for eight is \$320.

The business sponsors are Family Dentistry of Lowell, King Milling Co., Root Lowell Manufacturing, Cascade Landscape and Design, and J.B. Harrison Ins.

Pottery by artist Betsy Ratzsch of Betsy Ratzsch Pottery (Ada).



**DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2011 meeting as presented.

Motion to approve the accounts payables as presented.

Motion to approve the 2010-2011 budget amendments as presented.

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 2011-2012 Operating Budget as presented.  
 Yea: 4 (LaPonsie, Schrauben, Ellison and Hodges) Nay: 1. (Altoft) Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Motion to recommend approval of the application for temporary authorization to the Liquor Control Commission from West Michigan Environmental Action Council for their Grand River Water Festival on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26, 2011.

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

Motion to establish a public hearing for Monday, June 20, 2011 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemptions Certificate (P.A. 198) on real and personal property for King Milling Company (115 S. Broadway).

By consensus, the Council will allow Patricia Dietz to operate a mobile cart selling smoothies upon providing a signed waiver and \$2,000,000 insurance naming the City of Lowell as additional insured as well as times, dates and specific location of operation.

Motion to award contract to the low bid from Benders, Hendricks, Stuit for liability insurance.  
 Yea: 4. (Altoft, Schrauben, Ellison and Hodges). Nay: 1. (LaPonsie) Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the resolution retaining compensation for the Board of Light and Power Boardmembers.

Motion to request the Michigan Department of Transportation use the 1/2" diameter stainless steel unpainted rods on the downtown bridge railing.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2011.

Completes minutes will be available after approved on June 20, 2011 on the City's web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us) or at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

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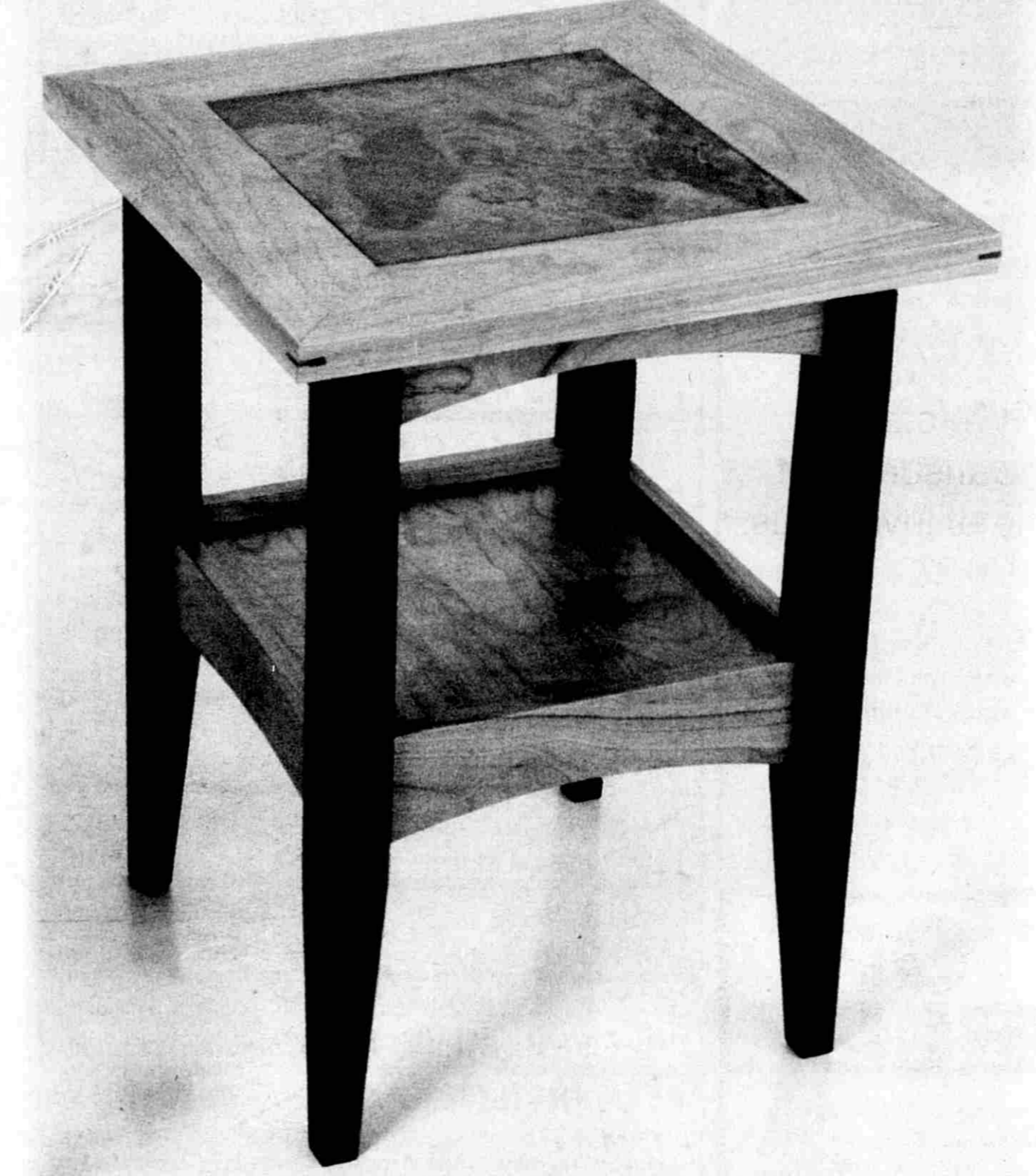
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regular scheduled meeting of Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

King Milling (applicant) has petitioned for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) on real and personal property (located at 115 South Broadway). The applicant qualifies for twelve years of abatement for improvements of \$11,373,000 in facilities and machinery.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting at City Hall, 301 East Main Street or appear in person.

Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk



Slate topped walnut and cherry wood end table by Bob Gronevelt/Riverwoods Furniture (Lowell).

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**Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes**

The Board of Education of the Lowell Area Schools will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of 0.0000 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2011.

The hearing will be held on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. at Lowell Area Schools Administration Offices, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI, 49331.

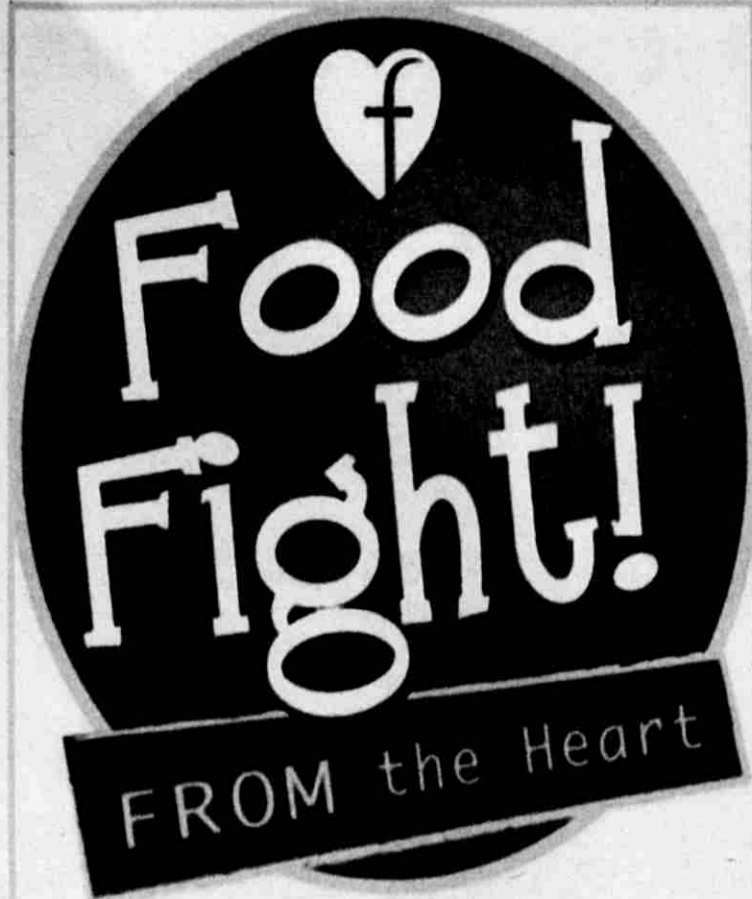
The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 0.00% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by -2.09% over the preceding years operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

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