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## Wege Wittenbach Center names new director

by Emma Palova

Meggan Johnson of Grand Rapids has been named the new director of the Wege Wittenbach Center. Johnson, originally of

Iowa, has most recently worked as a regulatory specialist for Universal Forest Products. Prior to that, Johnson worked as guest programs coordinator for John Ball Zoo.

In Iowa, she worked as a science educator at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. Johnson has a degree in biology and she loves environmental education.

"I want to build on educational opportunities here, showcase Lowell schools," she said, "and promote the message of the Wege Foundation about land conservancy."

Johnson wants to encourage non-traditional group such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, churches and YMCA to participate in the center's programming.

"We have to appreciate what we have and co-exist with our environment," she said. "We need to lead healthy and well-rounded lives."

Johnson, who fills a void left by retired director Steve Mueller also known as Ranger Steve, encourages

residents to stop by the center to check out the trails and the community garden.

The center boasts beautiful pine, hardwood forests and prairie habitats.

"You can enjoy everything here for free,"

she said. "It's prime time for butterflies."

Johnson plans to continue the programming at the center started by Mueller and adding more.

"Here we have free enjoyment for the entire

family," she said. "Kids bring your parents out, be their tour guides."

The center will also be open on weekends. Johnson plans on writing a regular column in the Lowell Ledger.



Meggan Johnson is the new director of Wege Wittenbach Center (WWC).



Kathy Doyle, volunteer, picks ripe tomatoes from the community gardens at the WWC.

## Tea party celebrates summer and friendship one last time



The 10th annual tea party put on by Dot Lacic in

Lowell Township was also the last one. Lacic's friends and family enjoyed the gathering last week while munching on crab salad and pineapple.

"It's a nice gathering," said Albertine Haggai. "I admire the hostess."

The signature mark of the gathering is the mannequin Niva always set up by the road to lead the guests to the party.

Following are the names of the participants: Kathy Madlin, Shirley Hanes, Eleanore Hull, Shirley Lysdahl, Marie Graham, Edith Hanes, Mary Flynn, Sandi VeenKamp, Hilda Steerzack, Dorothy

House, Albertine Haggai, Joyce Schrem, Dot Lacic Margaret Scholten, Kathleen with daughter Adeline Harrigan, Pride Hanes, Brower of Pentwater.



Will Winkle and Bill Lysdahl adjust the mannequin by the road to lead guests to the party.

## DDA may extend boundaries to finance RV park

by Emma Palova

Lowell may have an RV park south of town in the flood plain area known as Rogers property, owned by the city.

The Downtown Development Authority

Thursday discussed the potential extension of DDA boundaries to include the property located southeast of town.

"It will have no effect on the tax roll," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

If the DDA boundaries

are extended, funding for the project would be available through the tax increment financing authority. A public hearing on the issue will be held the fourth Thursday in September.

In related business, the

DDA discussed the paving of the alley between the post office and Larkins, as well as paving of the museum parking lot. The total cost for both projects is \$9,250. The bid was awarded to Asphalt Superior.

Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden also discussed the closing of the alley on the west side. If closed off, the alley would be widened and more parking space created.

However, this would only be possible with the approval of the post office.

"We would gain 16-foot wide alley," said DesJarden. "We're waiting for approval from the post office."

# Obituaries



**WIERENGA**  
William F. Wierenga, Jr. aged 77 of Lowell passed away Sunday, August 31, 2008 to join his beloved wife of 53 years, Betty Lou who died June 1st of this year, whom he missed deeply; and his parents, William F. Sr. and Gertrude Wierenga. He is survived by his children: Sue Lethcho, William (Joanne) Wierenga, and Sharon (Scott) Chambers; brothers and sisters, Jack (Jean) Wierenga, George (Shirley) Wierenga.

Jerry (Connie) Wierenga and Betty Fongers; eight grandchildren, Chelsea, Emily, Katie Chambers, Tommy (Brenda) Greenlee, Michael Greenlee, Brian (Letitia) Wierenga, Beth (Ken) Junglas and Greg Wierenga; two great grandsons, Zachary Wierenga and Charles Greenlee. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, September 4, at Ada Community Reformed Church, 7239 Thornapple River with Julie VanderVeen-VanTil, officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or Ada Community Reformed Church.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 08-185,615-DE

Estate of ALBINA R. KOWALKOWSKI deceased

Date of birth: 3/21/1909

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Estate of JERRY WINKHART deceased

Date of birth: 5/29/1947

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JERRY WINKHART, who lived at 445 Russwood St., NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 7/24/2007.

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## Taking ID protection to higher level with online Social Security number check Michigan participating in national verification system

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is taking another significant step to ensure that driver's license and identification card applicants are in the United States legally as she continues her drive to strengthen Michigan's ID requirements.

The Department of State is now using the Social Security Online Verification (SSOLV) system developed by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and the U.S. Social Security Administration. It lets states immediately compare a person's name, date of birth and Social Security number with information in the Social Security Administration's master file.

"Protecting our borders and safeguarding against ID fraud are top priorities," Land said. "Meeting these challenges demands that we use every tool at our disposal. Taking advantage of SSOLV technology complements our ongoing initiative as we work toward the implementation of enhanced driver's licenses and ID cards. That means greater security for our customers, state and nation."

Michigan law now requires legal presence for all driver's license and ID cardholders. First-time applicants must demonstrate legal presence by providing specific documentation, including a valid Social Security number or proof of ineligibility from the Social Security Administration.

Starting immediately, the department will use SSOLV to verify Social Security numbers in "real time" before issuing driver's licenses or ID cards.

SSOLV is used when an applicant provides the department with a Social Security number for the first time or if a number previously given by an existing license-holder failed to match during the department's "batch" verification process.

Applications cannot be processed if the customer's name on record with the Social Security Administration doesn't match the name on a driver's license or ID card.

While the vast majority of customers are unaffected by the immediate verification, Land urged customers who have changed their names for reasons such as marriage or divorce, to take note of the steps that must be taken prior to applying for a driver's license or ID card.

In addition, people who are considering name changes should be aware that they must visit the Social Security Administration before going to a Secretary of State office. The following steps will help to ensure a smooth transaction:

1. Correct your name with the Social Security Administration. The Web site [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) can help you find a local Social Security office.
2. Allow up to 72 hours before visiting a Secretary of State office so that the Social Security Administration has time to update its database.
3. Bring proof of the name change, such as a certified marriage license or divorce decree, to a Secretary of State office.

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## Free products and free classes offered for smokers trying to quit

There is new help for smokers with free nicotine replacement products available through the Michigan Tobacco Quitline and more free classes available in Lowell. Examples of nicotine replacement products are the patch, the gum and the lozenge.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for smokers. This will help many people overcome their dependence on nicotine," said Jodie Seese, a certified tobacco addiction specialist who facilitates smoking cessation classes. "Nicotine replacement products are safe and proven effective. Combining these products with a class increases your chances of quitting by 70 percent. We're very fortunate to have free classes right here in Lowell particularly at the time when these smoking cessation aids are offered at no charge."

Metro Health sponsors the classes that begin Tuesday, Sept. 9 at Lowell Family Medical Center. Classes begin at 6 p.m. and run for six weeks. Nearly 60 people have been helped since classes began in January 2007. To register call 616-975-0123 or go to [www.tobaccofreepartners.org](http://www.tobaccofreepartners.org).

## Benningfield moves on to tackle new challenges

Sports writer Molly Benningfield, 23, is leaving the Lowell Ledger after one year on staff.

"Molly has done a great job of intermixing with the coaches and covering sports that usually don't get covered," said publisher Jon Jacobs.

Jacobs credited Benningfield for good interaction with the kids and highlighting of the athletes.

"We hope the new reporter will have the same mentality of covering the sports," said Jacobs. "We're not perfect, but we strive to do the best. This is our first year, we've made some mistakes, but the Internet will be a great addition to the Ledger."

Benningfield will be the publishing project manager

you have more resources and more tools available to quit than ever before. As treatment specialists, we know more about this addiction and the medications that improve your chances of quitting."

Seese points to the newly-released Clinical Practice Guidelines for Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence, published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It confirms the need for an individual approach to quitting. What worked for your neighbor or friend, may not be the best option for you.

"This is a highly individualized process and it takes time to learn what works for each smoker. Don't be discouraged that your previous attempts didn't work. The key is to keep trying." For example, many smokers have tried NRTs to quit and reported they didn't work. Most likely, that's because they

didn't use the products correctly, they didn't use enough of the product or use it long enough to work properly.

The free NRTs are available by calling the Michigan Tobacco Quitline. These aids are effective for both smokers and people who use chew tobacco products. The Quitline is 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669), and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Callers will be enrolled in a program that provides up to an eight-week supply of nicotine patches, gum or lozenges. The free program is available to tobacco users who are age 18 years old and over and meet basic health requirements. It is available to all callers regardless of income or insurance status.

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**OUR LOVE SKATE PARK**  
Golf outing to benefit Our Love Skate Park, Sat., Sept. 6 at Tyler Creek at 2 p.m. Call 897-5906 for details.

**FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES**  
Start Tuesday, September 9 at 6 p.m. at the Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 West Main St. Call 616-975-0123 to register or to [www.tobaccofreepartners.org](http://www.tobaccofreepartners.org).

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**  
Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., September 12, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., September 13, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Regular box is \$30 and will last a family of 4 approximately 1 week. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Esther, 897-7395.

**MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSES AND GHOSTLY BEACONS**  
Lowell Area Historical Museum and Friends of the Library will present "Michigan's Lighthouses & Ghostly Beacons" by Dianna Stampfer of Plainwell. Please join us at the Lowell Township Hall September 16 at 7 p.m.

**BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
Bluegrass Music Festival, Sept. 19-21 at Fairgrounds in Lowell. Bands, jamming, camping, vendors, food. Bring the family.

**FROM FOOD PANTRY**  
The food pantry is presently in need of fruit, soup, crackers, paper products and personal care products. In addition, they are collecting school supplies to be given to children of the pantry clients.

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## Bridge replacement project set to start

James Moyer and Garrice Strauch of West Michigan Drilling based in Kalamazoo drilled last week on the west side of the bridge over the Flat River in downtown Lowell. The drilling team took samples of different soil types under the bridge and the approaches.

Project engineer Jennifer Casey of G2 Counseling in Troy said the samples will be used as a guide for the bridge reconstruction project slated to start in 2010. The team drilled down 30 feet into the bed rock.

Al Halbeisen of HH Engineering said the drilling team has been looking at materials under the bridge approaches.

"We wanted to see what's in the soils," he said. "Next week the surveyors will be out to figure out sidewalks and they will be taking elevations."

Some business owners like Brandon Mulnix complained about drainage issues on the bridge.

## DDA discusses amphitheater improvement

by Emma Palova

An eyesore at the end of the Riverwalk, the abandoned amphitheater became the center of discussion at last week's Downtown Development Authority meeting Thursday.

"I will continue to have this on the agenda until it gets resolved," said city manager Dave Pasquale. "It needs to be cleaned up."

However, any future improvements would have to come as a joint project between the schools and the city, since the school district owns a portion of the property.

"We're looking at a joint venture with the schools," said Pasquale. "They don't want to alter the ownership."

The proposed renovation may include terracing of the seating area and turning the amphitheater into a park, sort of an extension of the Riverwalk.

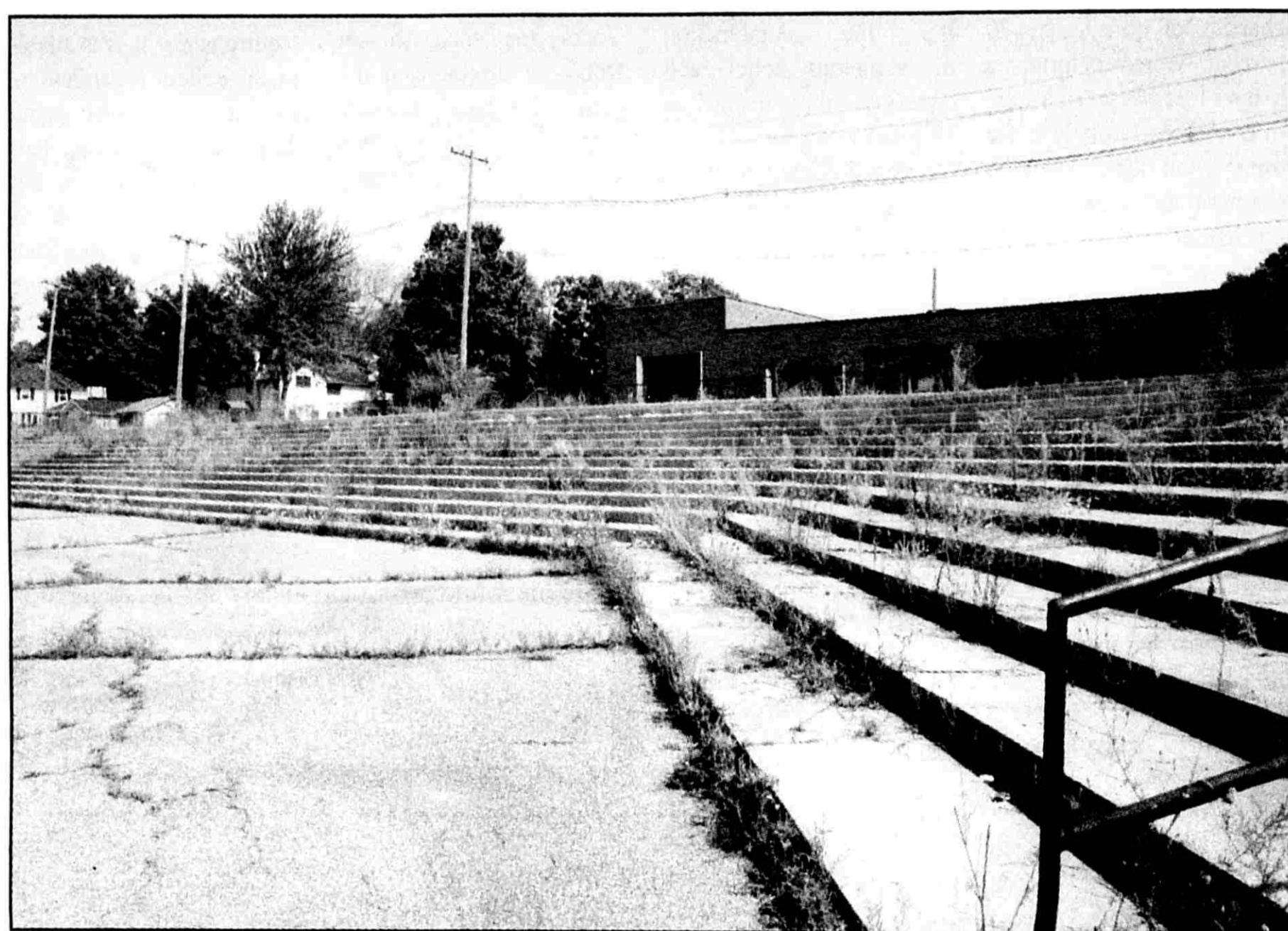
Design Plus will be conducting studies and preliminary cost estimates, according to Pasquale.

However, some DDA members like Bob Ford were not in favor of the joint projects with the school district.

"I am not excited about that," he said. "The property is useless to them."

Pasquale stressed that something needs to be done with the amphitheater next year.

"It's not a big project," he said. "We have a commitment to clean that area up."



The abandoned amphitheater may become part of the Riverwalk in the future.

# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Flowers, flowers everywhere! That is what it was like at our daughter's wedding in Frankenmuth two weeks ago. And they were beautiful! Daisy Floral did an amazing job for us, including delivery and setup. Their creative cost-saving ideas, beautiful arrangements and quality flowers met our every hope and expectation. We received many compliments from family and friends alike. The young ladies who own and operate Daisy Floral have always said they are consumers first, and they truly mean that. They were gracious and friendly every step of the way, from the first day we sat down to discuss our ideas until the day of the wedding. They treat you like family. The bride and groom were just thrilled with the results. Daisy Floral, you helped make a special occasion even more so.

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rather what was not. We most assuredly cannot condone by passive the Fourth of July celebration, our very first and most important national holiday and replacing it, just one week later, with pomp and ceremony, with one of our own choosing, regardless of reason. I am ashamed of our service organizations, for their support. How soon we forget, particularly in a time of war and depression.

Every year since 1776, when we gained our Independence from the British Crown, until this, 2008, we have traditionally celebrated this national holiday. Now apparently we have chosen to change this. What is the opinion of our historical society? We seem to have misplaced our responsibilities, once again, of stewardship.

Within his letter of rebuttal to this article, in opposition, the president of our Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Cliff Yaukovich, seemed to speak with an ambiguous and forked tongue. In two instances he stated that this was a fundraising event. He then pointed out, quite vehemently, that it was not staged to make money. We must then assume that it was a charitable event. We find this highly commendable, the fact being that any profitability gleaned is to be turned over to charity and aid from the less fortunate populace. This spawns the volunteer, the freely giving of oneself, in support of others. The American way, rich is self satisfaction. I would like to personally congratulate every volunteer who so unselfishly gave.

In the future, we would greatly appreciate the fact that serious consideration would be given to assume that no community special events be scheduled which would directly conflict with our national holidays. In support of yes, but not in opposition. This was a well-planned, -organized and -executed program, as event for charity. Had it been incorporated within our Fourth of July celebration, which we did not have, it would have been a point of pride throughout the community.

Please accept my apology if my verbose opinion was taken out of context, not realizing that it was a charitable event. Within this time of war and depression, we must, as a community, stand united.

Jack Friesner

Dear Editor,

It is now apparent that a recent letter concerning Independence Day and the River Walk Festival ruffled a few feathers and above all, raised some argumentative points. This is good for controversy, spacious concerns, progress and change.

I would like to extend my apology to both the Lowell City Council and the Chamber of Commerce for any degrading remarks I might have expanded upon concerning this event. Words spoken in haste are often taken out of context.

It was not what was done, which is disputed, but



### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 5, 1883

Vegetation has a very unhealthy appearance. No rain in five weeks and unless we get some soon farmers will get discouraged.

The hen that lays over other hens in laying large eggs belongs to Mrs. E. D. Parker. Six specimens were laid on our table that would make a common hen quit the business.

### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 3, 1908

Miss Maude Andrews visited relatives at Muir over Sunday.

Men and teams wanted. See M. W. Morse, Lowell Lumber Co.

Peaches, pears, plums and tomatoes wanted at Lowell Canning factory.

Charlie Fisher returned to Chicago Sunday after spending his vacation with relatives and friends here.

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 7, 1933

According to a dispatch in the daily press, Lowell will benefit substantially from the Michigan public works recovery program, two of its projects having been approved by federal authorities.

A \$35,000 bridge over the Flat River and a \$25,000 bridge over a mill race are included in the projects approved for immediate undertaking, according to the report.

### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 4, 1958

The village council, on Tuesday night, ordered that High Street between Monroe and Washington be made one-way going east. This will be in front of the new Runciman Elementary Building.

Walter Gumsier, Superintendent of Lowell Schools revealed Wednesday afternoon that enrollment in Lowell schools has increased approximately 100 to bring the total to 1,300 students in all grades.

### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 8, 1983

The Lowell Police Department has been without a Sergeant since the retirement of Jim Hutson early this year. That is no longer the case as officer Al Eckman is now Sergeant Al Eckman. The announcement was made by Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons last week. The promotion was effective on August 24.

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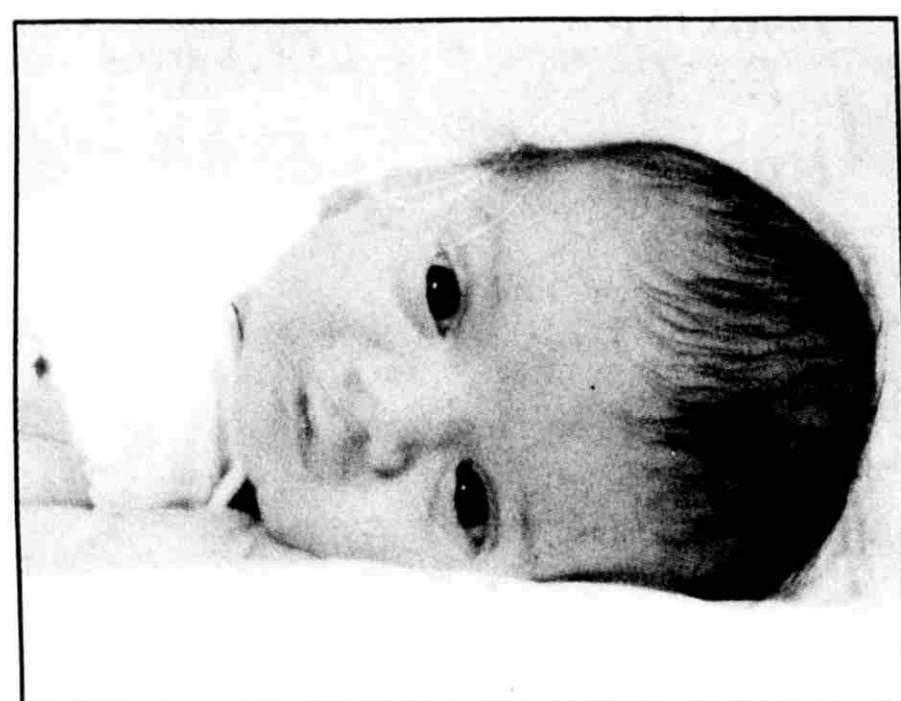
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# New Arrivals

## Stormzand



Miley Rose Stormzand

Nicholas Edward Stormzand and Kendra Ann Rose are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Miley Rose Stormzand. She was born July 3, 2008 at 10:08 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum recently received a signed copy of "The Saga of the Minerva Belle", written by former resident Norman "Buck" Gotschall. His book has been added to the collection of other books penned by Lowell residents. Two additional signed copies are available at the Museum Gift Shop.

Gotschall was a basketball coach, guidance counselor and a teacher of European History at Lowell High School for eight years from 1955-1962. He left Lowell in 1963 for a real estate position in his father's company. In 1986, he bought the Big Bay Lighthouse

on Lake Superior which he converted into a bed and breakfast. Five years later, he sold the lighthouse and invested in the Minerva Belle sailing vessel to begin his nine-year adventure.

Ron and Karen Thomure met this colorful Lowell figure in Big Bay. Karen had won third prize in a raffle sponsored by the Lowell Historical Museum at the "Dinner with the Lincolns" Annual Event in April. The prize included a two night stay at the Big Bay Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast. While there they met the 81-year-old sailor. The author presented the Thomures with the books for the museum.

## Lend A Hand



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### THE LITERACY CENTER OF WEST MICHIGAN NEEDS VOLUNTEER TUTORS

**THE NEED IS URGENT AT THIS TIME**  
The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled information sessions on Tues., Sept. 2 and Thurs., Sept. 4 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the Center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a non-profit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the Council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session on Sept. 2 will be held at the Gaines Township Library located at 421 - 68th Street, SE, Grand Rapids. The session on Sept. 4 will be held at the Grand Rapids Public Library (VanderVeen Center - 4th Floor) located at 111 Library Street, NE, Downtown, Grand Rapids. Please call us at 459-5151 to register.

## Happy Birthday

**SEPTEMBER 3:** Bailey Allen, Fay Johnson.  
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**SEPTEMBER 9:** Sarah Schalow, Amy Cook, Allison Mahovic, Linda Morrison, Charles Gee, Todd Lenneman.

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### Financial Focus

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**IS YOUR MONEY WORKING AS HARD AS YOU DO?**  
It's Labor Day, which, ironically enough, means that many people are taking the day off work. But if you're like most people, you spend most of your days working hard. And if you're going to achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you'll want your money to work hard for you, too.

What can you do to keep your money gainfully employed? Here are a few ideas:

- Invest for growth. Many people make the mistake of investing too conservatively. Of course, the stock market will always fluctuate, and some price drops can seem frightening. Yet if you try to "play it safe" by investing strictly in conservative investments, such as bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs), you could be taking another type of risk: the risk of losing purchasing power. That's because fixed-income investments may not provide a return that keeps up with inflation. To really have your money work for you, then, you should include at least some growth-oriented investments, such as stocks, in your portfolio. You can't eliminate the risk of losing principal, but you may be able to reduce it by purchasing quality stocks and holding them for the long term.

- Don't take "vacations" from investing. If you want your money to continually work hard, don't give it a vacation. Yet that's just what many people do, especially following an event that is commonly perceived as detrimental to the financial markets, such as a war, a corporate or political scandal or a spike in oil prices. But in the past, the markets have always rallied, even after the most disturbing news. And while it's true that past performance is not a guarantee of future results, it's also true that investors who stop investing for a while, as they wait for "things to get

better," generally earn poorer returns than those who have stayed invested, through good times and bad.

- Take the emotion out of investment decisions. It's been said that fear and greed drive the markets. In other words, investors sell stocks when their prices are down because they are afraid of further drops, and they buy more stocks when the prices are high in the hope of earning even more profits. In other words, their emotions cause them to do the opposite of the most famous piece of investment advice: Buy low and sell high. Don't make these mistakes. Your money will work harder for you if you invest it in a careful manner, based on your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance.

- Review your portfolio regularly. To make sure your money is, in fact, working hard, you'll need to check on it from time to time. That's why it's a good idea to have regular portfolio reviews, preferably with an experienced financial advisor. Over time, your needs may change, or your investments themselves may evolve in a way you hadn't anticipated. If these things happen, you may need to make some changes to your portfolio so that you can take advantage of new opportunities.

By following these suggestions, you can help your money work for you in the years and decades ahead. And, as is often the case in life, hard work can bring good results.

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## College News

Michigan State University has released the Dean's List for the summer semester.

Included on the list

is Roya Marie Eshragh of Ada and Brian Jacob Derks from Alto.

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

**PSORIASIS**  
Psoriasis is a skin condition that causes pink or red areas on the skin with thick, silvery scales. The most commonly affected areas are the lower back, elbows, knees, scalp and nails. It's not clear what causes psoriasis, but it runs in families. It most often starts in the late teens. It is not an infection and cannot be spread from person to person.

If you are diagnosed with psoriasis, treatment depends on how widespread the rash is. If it is confined to a small area, topical steroid cream may be all that is needed. If the rash covers a large area, you may need to see a skin specialist who can give you special treatments of medicine. You should keep your skin moist by using over-the-counter creams, such as Eucerin to make the skin less scaly.

Psoriasis may worsen during periods of stress. Doing things to lessen stress (exercise, hobbies) may help prevent worsening of the rash. You should also stop smoking and limit alcohol. Some medicines may trigger psoriasis, so tell your doctor what you are taking. Don't take oral steroids like prednisone without talking to your doctor first.

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# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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## Featured Artist

Don Zenas

By Emma Palova

Versatile, fresh and impressionistic is the work of a former dentist-turned-artist, Don Zenas of South Haven.

His collection 'Visions at Seventy' is now on exhibit at the Franciscan Life Process Center through Sept. 24.

"Making art is the unique experience of working with that medium through which a person can best express their inner selves," said Don Zenas. "For me drawing and painting have always provided that instrument."

As a child, Zenas received a kit of artist-quality watercolors, and that was the key that opened up a lifetime of painting.

"He uses different styles," said art director Kacey Cornwell. "Sometimes almost like Van Gogh, and then his beach scenes."

Self-taught, Zenas has taken numerous workshops and spent many hours in self-directed study through books and museums. He recently added to his repertoire acrylics and oils.

Zenas paints au plein air in Western Michigan and in

the panhandle of Northern Florida. The result of his sessions are breathtaking landscapes such as 'Springtime at Pine Point Pond,' 'Autumn Evening at Oxbow,' and his innumerable

beach scenes and various depictions of pine trees.

He also produces studio paintings and devotes much time to the study and writing of religious icons. Zenas' paintings have been shown

in numerous exhibitions and are represented both in private and corporate collections.

The price of his paintings ranges from \$450 to \$1,000. Most of his icons are a part of various church collections.

For more information call the Franciscan Center at 616-897-7842.



Religious icons are a part of Don Zenas work.



Springtime at Pine Point Pond.

...  
You have sat too long for any good you have been doing. Depart, I say, and let us have done with you. In the name of God, go!

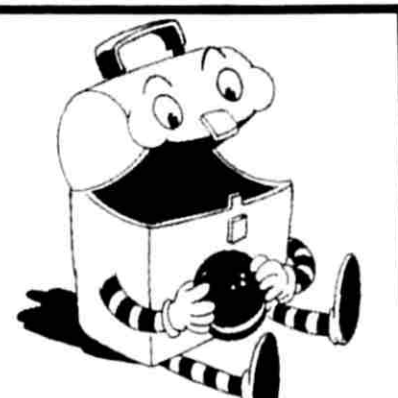
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**WED:** Rotini & Italian meatsauce w/dinner roll (or stacked ham/cheese/bun Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), mini carrots/dip, chilled pineapple, milk.

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# A brave girl from Lowell enjoys a Disney dream vacation wish

16-year-old Ochea of Lowell has struggled with her health most of her young life. She was born with cerebral palsy, which is a group of brain disorders characterized

by seizures and spasticity. Ochea has endured various complications due to her condition and has been hospitalized frequently over the years. She has gone into cardiac arrest and experienced kidney failure. In addition, Ochea has scoliosis. Recently, this brave girl enjoyed a very special break away from her worries for a precious while thanks to

the Kids Wish Network, an organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. Ochea's father, Rodney, learned about the charity after being contacted by one

of Kids Wish Network's professional fundraisers. When asked if he knew of a child who might qualify for a wish, Rodney submitted Ochea's name.

Rodney and Ochea's stepmom, Julie, were thrilled to later learn that Ochea had indeed been approved for a wish. Ochea knew just what she wanted to do: she wanted to go to Disney World.

Kids Wish Network Wish Coordinator, Vanessa Covolo, took care of all the arrangements. She arranged for the family to fly to Orlando and booked hotel accommodations for them at the Royal Plaza Hotel in Downtown Disney.

Soon after arriving in Florida, Ochea and her family headed out to the parks. Vanessa had planned plenty of fun things for Ochea and she didn't waste any time getting started.

During her busy wish trip, Ochea visited the

Animal Kingdom, Universal Studios, Epcot and the Magic Kingdom. Julie said that the highlights for Ochea included seeing the Lion King show at the Animal Kingdom and meeting Mickey Mouse at the Magic Kingdom. "She's always talking about Mickey. We actually went to see him twice!"

In addition to Mickey Mouse, Ochea hobnobbed with some other Disney favorites including Chip and Dale, Pluto, Goofy, Minnie Mouse, Pocahontas, Cinderella and Jiminy Cricket.

Julie said that while Ochea wasn't a big fan of the speedy roller coasters, she did enjoy some of the smaller ones.

On her last night in Orlando, Ochea and her family enjoyed their farewell dinner at the Pirates

*Brave girl, cont'd., pg. 14*

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#### How they SAY it in...

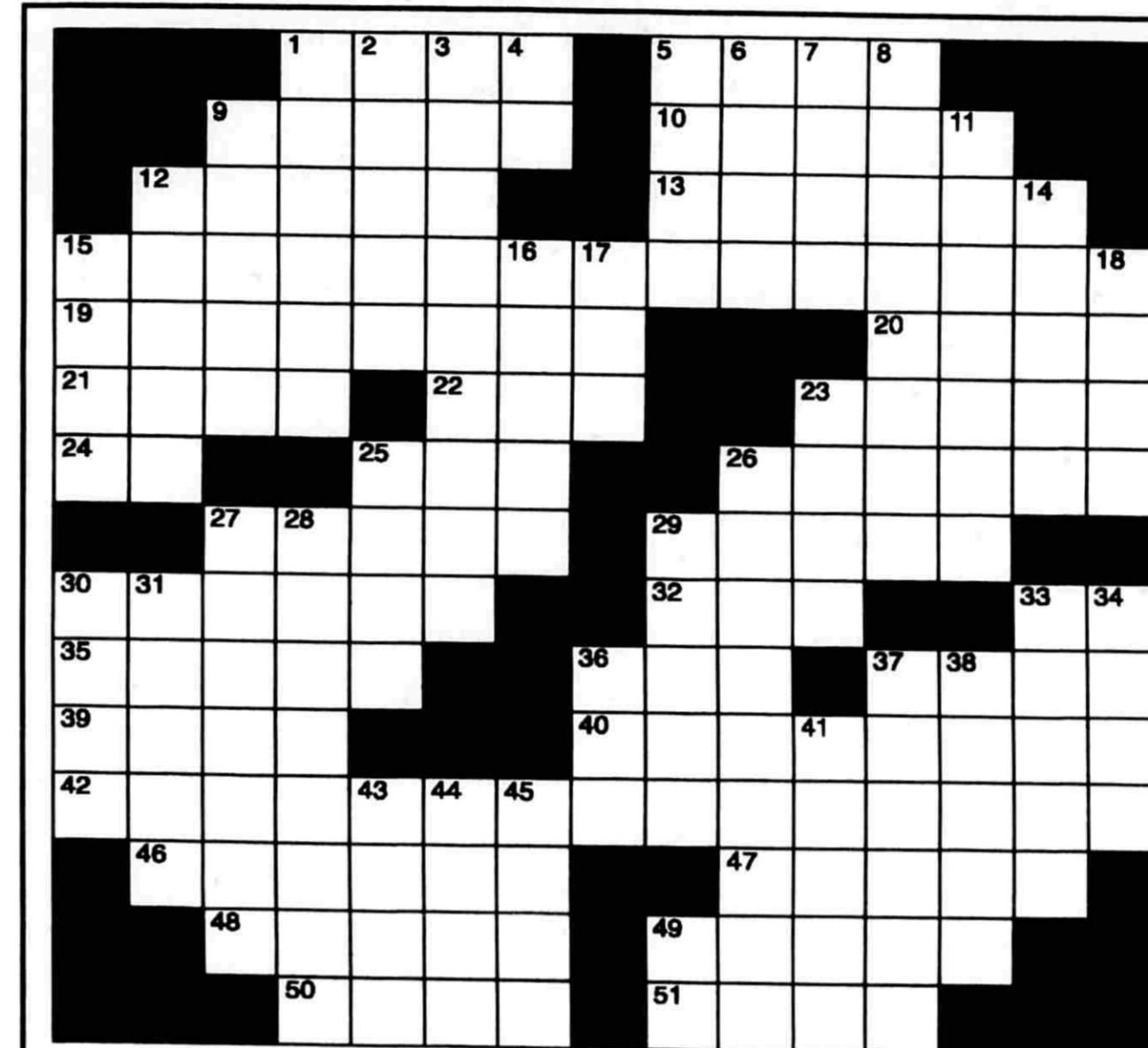
- English: APPLE
- Spanish: MANZANA
- Italian: MELA
- French: POMME
- German: APFEL

### Fruits & Veggies Word Find

Just in time for National 5 A Day Month, see how many related words you can find and circle throughout the puzzle below.

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|-----------|---------|------------|
| APPLES    | FOOD    | MINERALS   |
| BEEFS     | FRUIT   | VEGETABLE  |
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#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Pixies
5. Ph... pictures
9. A closed litter for one passenger
10. Two legged support
12. Small stuffed pastry (Yiddish)
13. An alkene
15. It "brings good things to life"
19. An official list of names
20. Maori hen
21. No variation
22. Organ of equilibrium
23. More secure
24. Common name for #15 across
25. Single Lens Reflex
26. Examine with care
27. Semitic gods
29. Descriptive marker or tag
30. NE French seaport
32. Before
33. 3rd largest oil company
35. Exhorts
36. The cry made by sheep
37. A Spanish river
39. Taste produced by an acid
40. Citizen of Yerevan
42. Sweater making implements
46. Artificial water channel
47. Math of triangles (abbr.)
48. Sea eagles
49. Parisian river
50. The countries of Asia
51. Small amount of residue

#### CLUES DOWN

1. In this place
2. Smells
3. Frillery
4. Tin
5. Ancient Greek coin
6. Clay roofing material
7. Oil cartel
8. Computer programs
9. Burn the edges
11. Inspiring dread
12. Per annoyance
14. "Just do it" shoes
15. Allman, rock star
16. C... away: unclutters
17. Make a mistake
18. What nurses do for patients
23. One point E of SE
25. Drains
26. Parametric quantity
27. Influence by slyness
28. Camera control for light
29. Commit to memory
30. The time of day following sunset
31. Metal shackles
33. Hillsides (Scot.)
34. Coloratura soprano Lily
36. Grocery carryall
37. The conclusion
38. The lowest inner part of a ship's hull
41. Strange and frightening
43. Turner, rock singer
44. Frosts
45. Fit together in a stack
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# BIG TEN TALK

by Mac McPherson

## BERKLEY, CALIFORNIA

Friday afternoon, we boarded the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) and on one of the BART's interior walls was a Cal home football schedule - Michigan State, Colorado State, Arizona State, UCLA and two others, most of which have rich West Coast Football heritage. We knew we were here for a big fight: PAC Ten to host Big Ten. It was a great stage for an opener.

Upon arriving in our hotel room about two miles from the Golden Gate Bridge, I opened up a copy of USA Today. On the front page were Obama & McCain. I quickly moved to the sports section. Page One... a big splash story on the new Rodriguez Era in Ann Arbor and... in the upper right corner, two ESPN kick off times for Saturday, Alabama vs. Clemson and Michigan State at California. The Big Ten out West and Big Ten in National news stories are definitely a measure of the national interest in Big Ten football.

Then at about 3:30, our son called me from the Spartans' team hotel and asked if I knew who McCain picked for his running mate. Yeah, it is safe to say that many Division One football players are interested in

other important matters of the day in addition to their primary focus of football. In fact, to a large degree, football programs that have strong support from families, fans, friends and faith have the potential of cultivating the leadership skills in young athletes and preparing them for both Saturday game day and for leadership roles in life after football.

Late in the game when MSU kept pursuing a comeback against California with 17 points in the 4th quarter, my wife and I cheered aggressively for our Spartans. Behind me another fan said to me, "Mac, relax it's just a game." Well, once the game is over and the final score is settled Cal 38 - MSU 31, it's true that life will go on win or lose. And it's true that when we compare a football game to, for example, what the church advocates as the ultimate purpose in life. In that comparison, yes, football "is just a game."

However, I will defend to my grave that all positive competitive sports are an important part of life's journey and preparation for what is ahead. Striving to win a Big Ten championship is important because football prepares the players and coaches for greater leadership roles later in life and along the way, the short term goal of winning on Saturday keeps those players and coaches accountable for the short term goal...win today. Striving to win today within the rules helps the individuals involved grow and prepare for later in life.

So on Saturday, the moment of cheering in that stands and fighting on the field in Berkeley, Calif. or Ann

Arbor or Indianapolis or State College is more than "just a game." And...it's fun. Big Ten Football is a fun part of the journey of life for players, coaches, fans, friends and families.

**Saturday's Results:**  
On Saturday the highly anticipated game day arrived for American's biggest college sport draw for all divisions...football. In fact, all Big Ten teams opened their season victoriously except Purdue who did not play, MSU, U of M and Illinois.

Other notes: Hoyer threw the ball for over 300 yards for MSU; and in Columbus, the Buckeyes' highly-touted freshman backup quarterback had some PT. Former Spartan Bill McPherson saw some replay and said, "Pryor moves like water. Very fluid. He runs through people like a ghost."

**This Saturday's Preview:**  
State will host Eastern Michigan University at noon on the Big Ten Network. Michigan hosts Miami of Ohio at noon on ESPN2. Indiana hosts Murray State at 7 p.m. on B.T.N. and Purdue's season opener will be hosting Northern Colorado.

**Quote of Week:** "This is really fun. It's pretty nice that State is on the field way out here in California. And I like looking at all the different people that came to today's game." Molly Olin (Molly is 10. She and her dad Doug Olin of Lowell attended the MSU at California Berkley game on Saturday.)

# Red Arrow SPORTS

"WE HAVE AN EXCITING ATTACKING TEAM AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL MOST OF THE GAMES THIS SEASON."

- Soccer coach Paul Legge

## Football team wins fall season-opener in Davison

The Red Arrows won their first game of the season last Thursday in a 42-7 match at Davison.

Coach Noel Dean said Davison was a very qualified opponent last week.

The Arrows trailed in the first quarter as Davison took the early lead 7-0. But Lowell answered back, scoring 21 in the second quarter, 14 in the third and seven in the fourth.

Scoring for the Arrows were Austin Graham, in a two-yard run, Torsten Boss on a 27-yard pass from Kyle

Nichol, Derek Cornish on a 15-yard pass from Nichol, Boss on a 42-yard pass from Nichol, Graham on a two-yard run, and Boss on a 15-yard pass from Nichol.

Lowell led Davison in total team yards by an astounding 258 yards, 437 to 179.

Lowell had 213 passing yards to Davison's 139, and 224 rushing yards to their 40.

Nichol was 10 for 17 in passes completed, while Jake Thompson of Davison was 7 for 20.

Boss had six receptions for 120 yards and Cornish had three for 79 yards. Graham led in rushing attempts with 23 with a total of 110 yards. Nichol had 14 attempts for 78 yards.

**NEXT GAME**  
Friday, Sept. 5  
7 p.m.  
@ Mona Shores

## Soccer is 3-1 for the season

by Molly Benningfield

The Red Arrows have started their season strong, with three wins and a loss. Their most recent win came against Mona Shores last week, with the Arrows winning 2-1.

Ian Beddows and Jerry Adams scored goals for Lowell.

The team also won against Wyoming Park 4-2 last week, with three goals

from Tommy Rodriguez and one from Beddows.

"Things are going well," said coach Paul Legge. "We have an exciting attacking team and have been able to control most of the games this season because of the dynamics of our attack."

Legge said he is optimistic about the season.

"If we can continue to attack the way we have been thus far and improve a bit on the defensive side of the

ball, we should continue to see the same success that we have had to this point in the season," he said.

**NEXT GAME**  
Thursday, Sept. 4  
@ 6:45 p.m.  
Red Arrow Stadium  
vs. Northview

## Girls' cross country team improves times at GR Christian

The girls' cross country team improved many of their times at the Grand Rapids Christian meet last week..

Taylor Marchido led the Arrows with a time of 21:39. Logan Declercq was close behind at 21:40. Haleigh Timmers finished at 24:11. Morgan Marchido at 24:18. Marin Tawney at 24:51. Carissa Paiz at 26:21.

Jessica Lewis at 25:42. Everitt at 26:21, and Leigha Alli Oesch at 29:13. Nicole Boogaard at 28:58.

**NEXT MATCH**  
Wednesday, Sept. 3  
@ 5 p.m.  
OK-White Jamboree  
@ East Grand Rapids  
Boys compete at 4:30 p.m.

## THE BENNING-FIELDER



by molly benningfield

Thanks, Lowell!

This week marks the beginning of my very favorite time of year. It's not quite fall, but the nights are getting cooler (even if the days are as hot as ever). With this season comes fall sports, complete with Friday night football games, soccer under the stadium lights, cross country meets on Saturday mornings, tennis and golf matches in the afternoon, and volleyball in the gym. Each sports season in the high school world is fun and the beginning games and matches mark a great time.

As the daughter of two elementary schoolteachers, I have always enjoyed that "first week of school" feeling. I love it so much that I always seem to mark my life changes on the school year calendar. Last year around this time, I had just started this job in Lowell after graduating from MSU. It was a big change and one that gave me the opportunity to write about something I loved - sports.

And now this September brings another change. This week I will finish my work at the Ledger and pack my bags to head to Chicago for a new job opportunity with the Great Books Foundation and their magazine, The Common Review. It's a weird feeling leaving a place that gave you so many opportunities, but it's the season for a change.

This week's column is to serve as a thank you to the Lowell community - the sports community in particular - for their support and kindness all year. I was nervous to come into such a close-knit group with a school that has certainly excelled in sports across the board. But I think with everyone's help, the Ledger has helped to make the sports section something to be proud of. It's an inspiration to talk to the student athletes as much as it is to talk with the coaches. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time covering each sport throughout the past three seasons and into the summer.

There are a few people who I'd like to give recognition to because of their help this year: Patty Selner, the athletic trainer at the high school and director for Lowell Community Wellness; Betsy Maki, the assistant to the athletic director, and Barry Hoblar, the AD; Dave and Jan Thompson who were always there with a good story idea; and all of the coaches who were helpful and only an e-mail or phone call away. There were many parents, students, coaches and community members who made my time here worthwhile and fun, and I'll always appreciate it.

Go Arrows!

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## Tennis team takes first at Parchment Invitational

**Parchment Invitational**  
The tennis team tied for first place at the Parchment Invitational on Tuesday last week. The Arrows tied with Essexville Garber for the top spot.

"It was a good effort on our part, since last week, they edged us out at the Portland Quad," coach Bonnie Wall said. "In the past, our strength has been our singles, but doubles carried us at Parchment."

The No. 1 team of Chase Canning and Isaac Tawney won all three of their matches in straight sets to take their flight championship. No. 2 doubles

team members Dylan Dues and Evan Wilterink and No. 4 doubles seniors Mike Lazar and Garet Foote were champions, winning all three matches as well.

Lazar and Foote, on varsity from the JV team last year, "are making a strong showing in at No. 4," Wall said.

At No. 3 singles, Josh Spratt took second. At No. 2 singles, Pat Misner took a third place trophy, while No. 4 singles Jack Weeber won the consolation draw.

**Jenison Tournament**  
At Jenison we once again took fourth of the six-team draw, with a top-ranked

Battle Creek Lakeview taking the championship well ahead of the field.

The Arrows were close behind Grandville and Jenison.

At No. 4 doubles, Lazar and Foote took second, losing to the Battle Creek Lakeview team, 6-4, 6-4.

At No. 1 doubles, Canning and Tawney took third after winning two of their three rounds, and losing to the Battle Creek team. At No. 2 doubles, Dues and Wilterink had the same fate, taking third after a two-win match.

The Arrows compete at Northview this afternoon.

## Pink Arrow jersey silent auction ends with bidding party at Pep Talk

by Molly Benningfield

The silent auction for the Pink Arrow jerseys ended with a bang Wednesday, going late into the night to finish bidding.

Final jersey bids are as follows:

1. Friends of Kathy Talus
2. Canfield family
3. Anna Organek Family
4. Curtis Family
5. Bancroft Family
6. City Looks in Honor of Dee Beran
7. Sue Wester Family
8. Kathy Smith and Family
9. Kramer Family
10. Schlosser Family



Pep Talk in downtown Lowell is the place to go for a Pink Arrow t-shirt or for information regarding the event.

The project has generated about \$12,000 in proceeds so far, between the

sale of the jerseys to parents of football players and the silent auction.

T-shirt sales are at 1950 sold so far at Pep Talk in downtown Lowell.

# Open space photo contest entries due soon

Time is growing short for photographers to snap their prize-winners for the second annual photography contest hosted by the Open Space Prevention Council for the Eastern Townships of Kent County. With a theme of "Wetlands and Water", contestants have just a few weeks to find that special view of any water feature in the six township areas before entries are due to be submitted the week of Sept. 22-26. The goal of the contest is to "expand public awareness and understanding of the abundant water and wetland resources found in the eastern townships of Kent County, and enhance

public stewardship of these resources," according to contest rules. Photographers from anywhere and of all ages are encouraged to enter up to three photographs in the contest, but photographs must be taken somewhere within the six townships of the council: Vergennes, Lowell Township, Grattan, Cascade, Cannon or Ada. Entry forms and complete information about the contest can be obtained from each townships website, and should be available in print at local township halls and at many area schools, arts councils and galleries. The Wetlands and

Water contest will open with an artists' reception on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008 at Cascade Township's Wisner Center. After the opening reception, selected photos will hang in all six township halls from Oct. 6 through Friday, Oct. 29. Two prize categories - adult, and youth age 18 and under - are up for grabs. Judges for the contest are photographer Steven Frykholm and water resources expert Bob Day. Frykholm, a graphic artist, and creative director and vice president at Herman Miller, is an award-winning graphic designer and avid nature photographer. Day

is District Representative in Land and Water Management Division for Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). They will judge entries on technical merit, artistic merit, and visual impact in keeping with the contest theme of "Wetlands and Water." The Open Space Preservation Council for the Eastern Townships of Kent County is a cross-jurisdictional volunteer citizen council committed to preserving rural character across multiple adjacent townships. Membership is open to residents of Cascade,

Ada, Grattan, Cannon, Vergennes and Lowell Townships. Its mission is to facilitate proactive measures to preserve private and public open space through cooperation between citizens and township leaders in the eastern townships of Kent County."

For more information about the photo contest, contact Betty Jo Crosby at 616-949-0417 (bjcrosz@comcast.net) or Bonnie Blackledge at 616-204-0085 (BonnieS@cannontwp.org).

## Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Gary Martin received Realtor of the Month in August. This award recognizes Gary for his outstanding success and achievements.

## Brave girl, cont'd. ... From Page 10

Dinner Adventure Theater where patrons watch a live, interactive pirate show

while dining. Ochea and her siblings were invited to be in the show. "That was cool," Julie said. Julie said the entire experience was incredibly special for the whole family. She was also very grateful to Vanessa and Kids Wish Network for making it all possible for Ochea. "That was a big trip to plan. We

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A HEARTFELT THANKS to all who have remembered me in their prayers, thoughts, with cards & flowers. The love & care I have felt is overwhelming. It reminds me what a caring city & community in which we live. Thanks also for all the visits. I feel I am doing well. Chemo & radiation have started & so far so good. I am now ready to fight this battle on my journey & do intend to win! A special thanks to Carla & Ted Stone for the wonderful care I am getting at their home. Thanks to Nancy for coming from Colorado to help with my care & the long hours they both spend in the hospital with me. I am anxious to return to my home in Lowell & return to my duties with the city.

Again thanks to all!  
C. Jeanne Shores,  
Mayor of Lowell

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK** everyone who made our 60th Wedding Anniversary and Virgil's 80th Birthday such a memorable occasion. A special thanks to our children, Joel & Brenda, Sam & Bonnie and our grandchildren for the wonderful Open House and to all for attending and also, thanks to everyone who sent cards, gifts and the phone calls. We will cherish the memories forever.

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**SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - at 3189 Snow Ave. will serve a family style turkey & dressing dinner on Wed., Sept. 10, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$9, children 6-12 are \$3 & children 5 & under are free. Take out dinners also available. All rooms now air conditioned.

**AUCTION** - at Whistle Stop Storage, 12661 Vergennes, Lowell, Sept. 17, 2008 at 10 a.m. Cash only. Entertainment center, computer, computer desk, fans, futon, misc. Unit of Sarah Meyers.



# The Hanger offers fun atmosphere and affordable clothing



by Molly Benningfield

Kristina Laux, the owner of The Hanger, a clothing and accessories store on Main Street in Lowell, wants everyone who comes into her shop to have a fun experience and to leave knowing they had a good time. "I always say it's retail therapy," Laux said.

Recently, I took my mom, aunt and sister into her store to show them how great shopping in Lowell can be. After spending almost a half hour in the store, and walking away with a couple of bags of clothes, it was clear that they all wanted to go back. Laux even offered a free purse to my aunt for spending a certain amount of money, which then prompted her to praise the heavens. Talk about shopping in paradise.

And that's the kind of atmosphere Laux has created. She redesigned the store earlier this year, and

started making the switch to new clothes around the end of February.

"We got new selections and I asked customers what they thought of this, and little by little, we started to make the change," Laux said.

Another change Laux is in the process of making is the use of American-made goods. At least half of her store is from goods made in the U.S. She said it's cheaper to buy stuff overseas, but it's better for the American economy if goods can be made and sold here.

"I want people to know that I'm trying to support the American economy, and also the Lowell area," she said.

Laux said it's been nice setting up shop in Lowell because of how good the residents are about buying local goods and staying in town. "I think every merchant on Main Street is doing pretty well because

the community really supports us. It's nice to shop downtown Lowell's market."

She said the area makes it appealing. "Lowell has everything a big community has, but exactly what a small town offers."

Currently, Laux is preparing for back-to-school goods, which should provide a relief on bank accounts, with every piece under \$40. She said she has a wide selection, and is working on expanding even more, into a larger selection of women's clothing and plus sizes.

It seems as if Laux is in the right area and the right store. "I try to help people, whether it's with dressing them, or making the store shopper-friendly." Laux has a basket of children's toys in the back for parents who want to shop, but still bring their kids.

The Hanger is located at 209 W. Main St. and is open Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Owner Kristina Laux at The Hanger.

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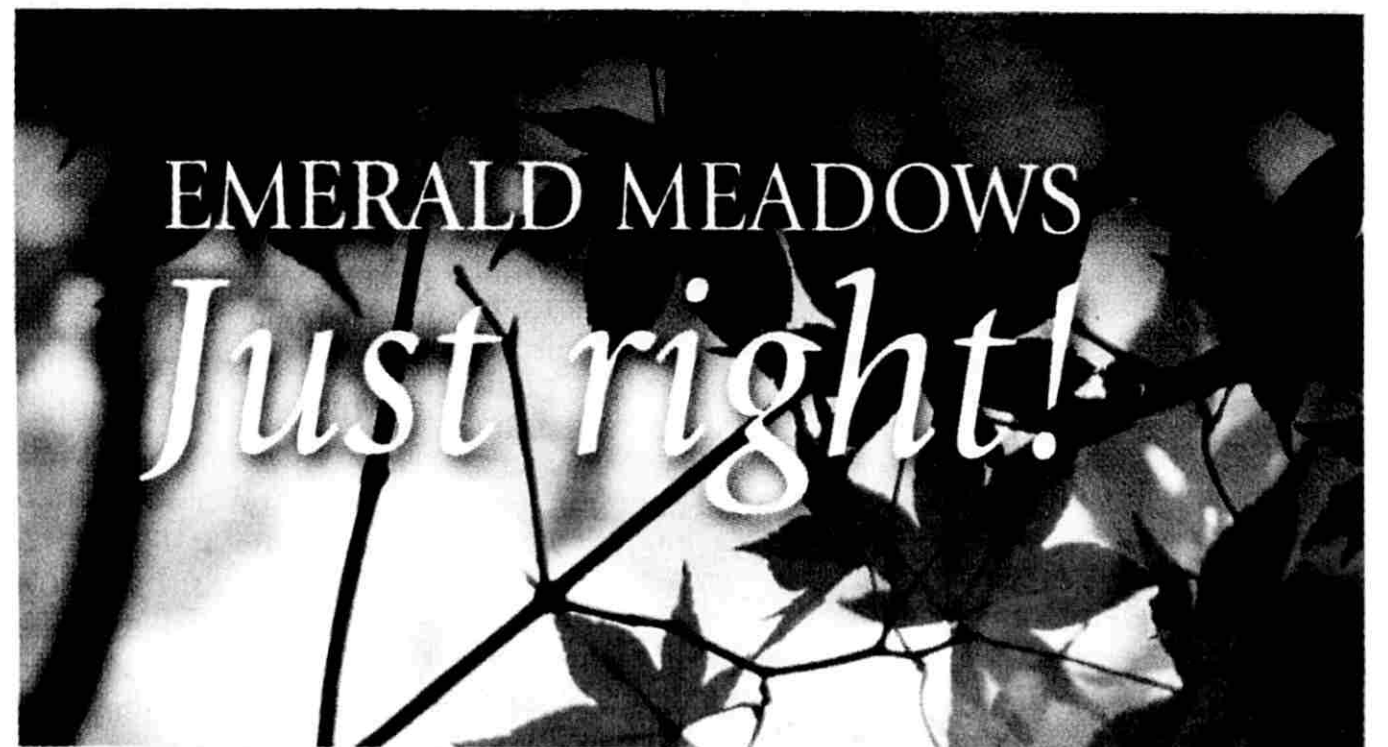
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