



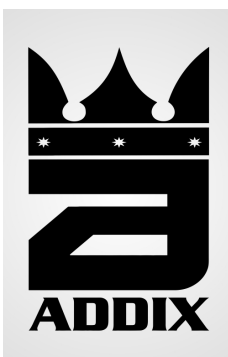
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## Perfect weather last Friday for Pink Arrow Community Day

by Alantha Owen  
contributing reporter

The 2019 Pink Arrow Community Day: West End Reveal was held on Friday, August 23, at the newly-constructed Impact Church. In previous years, the community day has been held at Gilda's Club of Lowell and later, at the Riverwalk. The event has been growing quickly, which led to a partnership with Impact for this year's event.

"The decision was made to move the Pink Arrow Community Day to the West End to reveal all of the new additions to our community! We began planning this day back in February while all of this newness was still underway and far from completion. Most of the greater Lowell area had no idea people were hard at work making this reveal possible. The leadership staff at Impact Church knew their new location on Fulton St. would have their doors open well in advance of our August 23 West End Reveal. Impact was very welcoming and willing to host this year's Pink Arrow Community Day at their spacious location, providing plenty of parking and a great link to the north end park. The health and wellness fair that took place inside Impact was well attended and there were two dozen businesses and health related resources



The 2019 Pink Arrow t-shirts were available for purchase at Community Day last Friday.

available in and outside," said Pink Arrow Organizer, Teresa Beachum.

The day began with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the newly-constructed pedestrian footbridge at Grand River Riverside Park that will connect the north side of the park to the existing south side. Lengths of pink ribbon were given out for people to write the names of loved ones on

a cancer journey and by the end of the day, several ribbons had been dedicated and tied to the bridge.

"The greater Lowell community came together Friday morning for the ribbon-cutting of the bridge and the official reveal of the beautiful expansion over the Grand River, connecting the south park on Grand River Drive to the north park on Bowes Road, allowing foot

traffic over the river. The Yeiter Meeting Cabin was also open and hosted by Lowell Historical Museum staff. The cabin will serve as an educational source, teaching the community about life along the river in this area and how our people & economy depended upon the river for survival and success," said Beachum.

Some expressed concerns about everyone's

ability to see the bridge, due to it being located some distance off the road by foot. In yet another display of community, volunteers shuttled people from the parking lot over the bridge in golf carts throughout the day. "A very special thank you to Mark Mundt and Dale Dawson who volunteered

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The walking bridge over Grand River was officially opened on Fri., August 23 in conjunction with Pnk Arrow Community Day.

## West End reveal

It was a perfect day for the West End Reveal under the blue skies on the west end of town behind Walgreens. Teams participated in the Pink Paddle Pickleball racquet tournament to benefit the Pink Arrow Pride. Among the prizes for the winners were pickles. Golf cart shuttles transported people back and forth between the brand new North Grand Riverfront Park and the Lowell Township Park with an island in between. Spanning the Grand

River is the impressive wooden bridge structure on concrete pillars. Pink ribbons with names were tied to the bridge. Many pedestrians also walked across the beautiful bridge. The West End Reveal was a part of the Pink Arrow Community Day. The Fur Trade Interpretive Cabin, also called Yeiter Meeting Cabin, opened right next to the Corner Stop Ice Cream. A ten-foot-wide paved asphalt trail connects the two parks.

# Corner Stop Ice Cream serves up cool treats

by Emma Palova  
contributing reporter

The Corner Stop Ice Cream concessions stand, inside the North Grand Riverfront Park at 11998 Fulton Street, is a great addition to the west end of town with its location behind Walgreens. It is the

gateway to the park and the racquetball courts, also known as the pickleball courts.

Owners, Jack and Barb Smit, saw the building being built by the Lowell Charter Township and it caught their eye for their new ice cream business.

“We thought it would be a good spot for an ice cream place,” said Barb Smit.

The couple owned an ice cream store for 10 years and a laundromat for 26 years in Saranac.

“We saw better opportunities in Lowell in

this beautiful park,” said Smit.

Their grand opening coincided with the West End Reveal on Friday, Aug. 23 in conjunction with the Pink Arrow Community Day. The ice cream shop and the pickleball courts were busy

with teams sporting the Pink Paddle Pickleball t-shirts.

The Smits officially opened their seasonal business on July 26. The shop is open daily from 11am to 9 pm. It can be open up to nine months a year. The products include: all types of ice cream, hand dipped, cones, sundaes, flurries, shakes, slushies, banana boats and novelties among others such as glaciers, floats, coolers and smoothies.

Unique to this ice cream shop is the Flavor Burst ice cream with its flavory twist in different flavors such as strawberry, orange, green apple, raspberry, butter pecan and cool lemon.

“It’s been great, really good,” Smit said about the business and traffic.

In addition to ice cream the Smits also offer pulled, pork, hot dogs and chips and cheese.

“We want to offer great service and see smiles,” Smit said.

She has been enjoying watching all the activity in the brand new park. The business enjoys a lot of traffic thanks to the proximity of the pickleball courts.

The ice cream shop employs nine part-time employees, mostly family members. Barb manages the ice cream shop on a daily basis.


They are on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Corner-Stop-Ice-Cream-109649723701367/>



Barb Smit serves up a storm at the concessions stand ice cream shop to mother-in-law Donna Smit.



The ice cream team: Jace Smit, Barb Smit, and Desiree Smit.



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# Local sportswear company is making a name for itself nationwide

by Brendan Sanders  
Contributing Reporter

Addix has quickly burst onto the scene as one of the largest growing businesses based out of Lowell.

After starting out 12 years ago as a relatively small screen-printing business in Mt. Pleasant, with thousands of orders and a multitude of products, Addix is making a name for itself across the nation, and especially within Lowell, with a few familiar names at the helm.

Starting at president/majority owner for the company is Steve Dean, who is the brother of Noel and Dave. The three Deans are all part owners of the company. Steve Dean

May of 2018. I came in as an investor/advisor in June 2018. I was basically a paid-for consultant who also invests in the business. Over the course of the last year, I moved from an advisory capacity to becoming the majority owner of Addix Sportswear,” said Dean. “I’ve run football, baseball, wrestling, and softball leagues and I’ve been a buyer of sportswear as the president or leader of those leagues, so I do understand from the buyer’s perspective as well and just what it takes to make that happen. I’ve got some pieces of it. I was one of the co-founders of MYWAY Wrestling, which is a youth wrestling organization that is one of



Steve Dean, president of Addix.



Inside the Addix facility on Grand River Drive.

joined the operation in 2018 and has quickly taken the company to new heights.

“I’ve been with the company a little over a year. I spent most of my life in manufacturing supply chain and logistics. I was asked by my brothers to consider the Addix opportunity in

our big partners, and so it’s interesting after having been of that company back in the early 2000’s to have stepped away from it roughly in 2004. Only to get re-associated with MYWAY as a product supplier for their various events.”

Dean was excited to

take on the project that would help youth sports around the nation.

“I’ve spent most of my life in warehouses, truck terminals, factories, and the focus was on parts and the movement of parts and providing services for storing warehousing and

assembly and getting parts predominantly focused on the auto industry. To be more focused on what’s happening at the youth level across a whole plethora of sports. There’s a shininess to it. It is a lot different than what I was focused on in my past.”

With 46 employees to manage, Deans main job is to keep a focused eye on the future, setting the tone for strategic direction. Managing day-to-day operations, along with the cost to go with it, is also a very important part of the job. Dean must make sure that the company is hitting on all cylinders, which they must with the sheer number of products they sell.

“We offer sportswear for 17 Sports, soon to be 18, as we’re adding rowing to our menu. We’re expanding our product line. We’ve

been in the flag and banner business, but we’ve never really featured that, so we are putting more and more marketing material out there about our ability to make flags and banners for various applications.”

With so many products, Addix has a massive customer base estimated to be at around 15,000 customers. This includes customers concentrated in the mid-west, northeast Atlantic Seaboard, southeast areas such as Georgia, Florida, and as far away as California. They received an estimated 1,500+ orders a quarter. The orders can range from four pieces to much, much larger.

“...A recent order we had from a hockey organization that was 7,000 pieces,” said Dean.

The process of making a product takes quite a few steps. First, Addix gets the design from the customer. This can be done online, thanks to new software that was recently purchased. Once they receive and approve of the design, they print it onto special papers. These papers, with the prints, go through a process called sublimation.

In the process of sublimation, the prints are fed through a heat press or heat transfer machine. There, the paper and ink are subjected to heat above 400 degrees. This turns the ink into a gas that infuses into the fabric that is going through the machine at the same time.

When it comes out the other side, the product

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## Financial Focus

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### Interested in fixed annuities? Beware of common misconceptions

Between your 401(k) or pension, your IRA and Social Security, you hope to have enough to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Yet, you may want, or need, to find other financial resources – one of which might be a fixed annuity, which offers a guaranteed interest rate and can be structured to provide a lifetime income stream. But you may be nervous about investing in annuities because of some negative things you've heard about them. How concerned should you be?

To help answer that question, let's consider some common misconceptions about fixed annuities:

- "I won't be able to touch any of my money if I need some of it before I retire." A fixed annuity is designed to provide you with income during your retirement years. But if you want to withdraw a significant amount of your money before you retire – when your annuity is in what's called the "accumulation phase" – you'll likely face a surrender charge, as well as a 10 percent federal tax penalty. Withdrawals may

also be subject to a market value adjustment. However, to access a small percentage of your allocated funds, you might not encounter any fees. And some annuity contracts allow a 10 percent withdrawal with no penalty.

- "Annuities cost too much." Many annuities are actually low in cost. Be sure to compare the cost against the value of each additional guarantee, feature, and benefit—and only pay for what you need.

- "The interest rate will always be too low to make an annuity worthwhile." A fixed annuity is not designed to provide you with high returns – its key benefit is the guaranteed interest rate and the potential for lifetime income.

- "A deferred annuity isn't worth the wait." If you set up a deferred annuity, it's true that you won't immediately start receiving income. You will, however, be able to factor future expected payments into your retirement plan.

- "When I die, the insurance company keeps my money." If your payout plan includes a beneficiary agreement, your beneficiaries will receive

the remaining amount of money in the contract. Read the terms and conditions listed with an annuity, as they will spell out where the remaining money will go after you pass away.

Of course, even if the above concerns are simply misconceptions, it doesn't mean there are no issues about which you must be aware when considering fixed annuities. For one thing, the safety of your lifetime income stream and guarantees will depend on the claims-paying ability of the insurer that issued the annuity, so you'll want to choose a company that has demonstrated financial strength and stability. One other concern about fixed annuities: They typically don't carry a cost of living adjustment, such as that found in Social Security. You can find annuities that do offer some inflation protection, but this feature can reduce early payments significantly.

If it's appropriate for your situation, a fixed annuity can be a valuable addition to your retirement income. Before purchasing one, though, you'll need to weigh all the potential benefits and issues. But don't be swayed by misconceptions – you'll want to base your decision on facts, rather than fears.

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## NEWSPAPERS Outperform Magazines in Michigan

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More adults in Michigan read a newspaper than local magazines.<sup>1</sup>



Newspapers are the most trusted media source.<sup>2</sup>

Adults, across all generations, identify newspapers as their most trusted source of news and information – ahead of magazines.

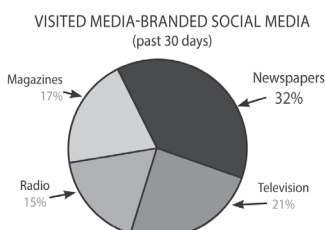
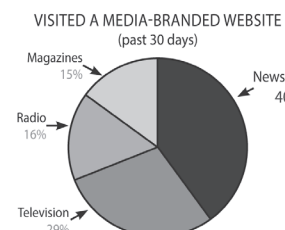
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of adults often purchase products and services as the result of a magazine ad.<sup>4</sup>

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## Back to school with Social Security

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- Links to Social Security webpages
- Talking points
- Quiz questions and answers

It's important for students to understand why Social Security was created and why it is essential to their lives today and in the future. This knowledge and understanding will provide students a strong base on which to build their financial future.

You can access the webpage and toolkit at [www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty/educators.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty/educators.html).

Young workers can also see how Social Security directly relates to them at [www.socialsecurity.gov/people/students](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/students).

Encouraging young plan

people to save now for long-term goals that are decades away can be somewhat difficult. Let them know they have a better chance of realizing their dreams if they start planning and taking action early. And also let them know that they can share this information with friends, both in person and on social media.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

To The Editor:

Everyone should read The Mueller Report. The Department of Justice redacted edition is available from Amazon for \$10.

*Tom Stahr  
Grand Rapids*

Dear Editor,

The highest sanctioned game ever bowled at "Roll-A-Way Lanes" was bowled in 1957 on a Friday night league, and to this day, it has never been matched or beat. To be honest, because of changes in bowling, it

should stand forever in the archives of the bowling alley.

The story goes as follows: In 1957, Ron Winks (21 years old), was asked to substitute for a bowler named Howard Hobbs. So as a substitute in a sanctioned league, he bowled a 299 (just one pin off a perfect 300).

So why can it never be broken? Well, the conditions of bowling at that time were so much different than

today; for instance, the lanes were wooden and today they are the new synthetic, the pins were set by hand by teenagers and today they are automatic pinsetters, and the balls were made of hard rubber (a black beauty) and today they are made of reactive resin. The weight of the pins has also changed. So much has changed in bowling since 1957 that today high scores are much easier to obtain. Even the oil pattern has changed to help

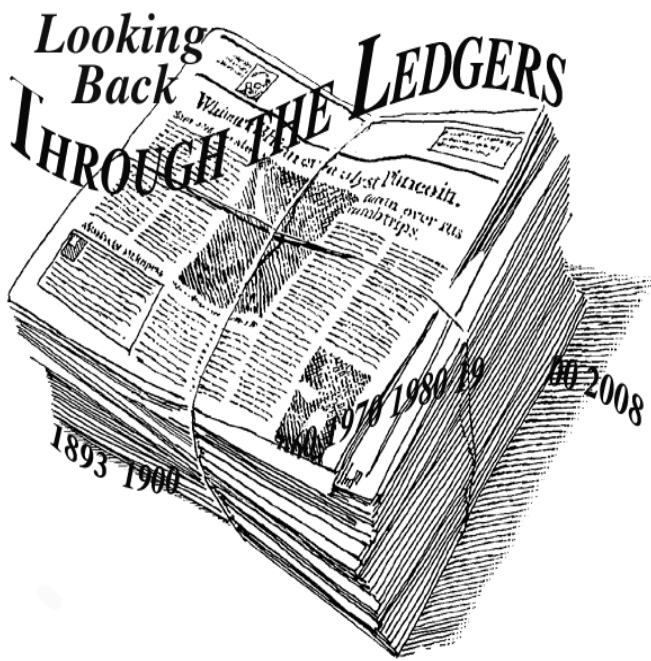
with higher scores. Blocked lanes (oil only down center of lane) were prohibited and today there are numerous oil patterns a bowling alley can use which was created by the use of the flex oiling machine that can be coded to spread oil with 32 different patterns used nationally.

Roll-A-Way Lanes was built in the late 1940's and was called the American Legion Lanes with eight wooden lanes and hand

pinsetters. These conditions changed in 1959 when the automatic pinsetters were installed. The wooden lanes were changed to synthetic plastic in 2016 by Roll-A-Way, and at present, are probably the most level lanes around the area.

For more information, call Roll-A-Way Lanes at 616-897-0001 or bob@rollaway.biz.

*Ray Jones  
Lowell*



### 125 years ago Lowell Ledger September 5, 1894

The village of Davidson, a short distance east of this city, was visited by a destructive fire about 6 o'clock Saturday morning. It destroyed the Davidson flour mill and elevator, also the brick building adjoining, in which was located the postoffice and Moss' grocery store and the Index printing office. The total loss will probably be between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Little Leo Freeman, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Freeman, died of cholera infantum, last Sunday morning, funeral was held at the M. E. Church, Monday at 2 p.m. The family have our deepest sympathy in their time of bereavement.

Reports from all the towns along the south shore to the Wisconsin state line say that all is yet safe, though there are literally hundreds of fires in this vast belt of timber. The dense smoke which has overhung this city for two days has largely disappeared before a brisk south wind.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 28, 1919

Frank T. King and his nephew Edmund Lee had a narrow escape from death when the car the former was driving collided with a telephone pole in Grand Rapids, late last week, wrecking the car and breaking the pole. How the occupants escaped with but minor injuries is a mystery. First reports here were to the effect that Mr. King was fatally injured and served to remind Lowell people how they would miss their old townsman and friend. Late reports are that he is recovering nicely

from the shock and that he will be in Lowell again this week.

President Wilson has appealed to the laboring people of the nation to cease their demands for higher wages, which only serve to add to the highest cost of living and to aggravate present conditions, which have already brought industry face to face with ruin. Final adjustments should await the return of normal conditions when they can be made on terms, fair to all concerned. The President declares his belief that the crest of high prices has been reached and warns that "Demands unwisely made and passionately insisted upon now menace the peace and prosperity of the country." Now that the war on profiteering is well under way, it is to be hoped that the President's appeal and warning will not fall upon unheeding ears.

While removing the plate glass from the White front Tuesday, Peter Printz had a narrow escape, when the large and heavy plate fell and smashed over his head. He escaped with a cut on his arm and John Dawson, who tried to help him, got a severe cut on his thumb.

### 75 years The Lowell Ledger August 31, 1944

Danger of the pollution of shallow wells in Michigan as a result of the drought and lowering of the water table makes it advisable for users to check up on their water supply, reports Dr. W. L. Mallmann, Michigan State college bacteriologist.

Vine Hunter, who has conducted a machine repair and welding shop on Broadway for a number of years, has sold his business to Cecil Brooks, who has moved here from Saginaw. Mr. Brooks states that he has had many years experience in this work.

The travels of a cardboard carton attracted the attention of Dick Fife at Christiansen's this week, when he noticed the Lowell Sprayer name on a box. This carton containing sprayers had been sent to a Chicago oil company who evidently sold the box to a wholesale drug company, who, in turn, shipped the drugs in it to Lowell. Christiansen's will return the box to Chicago to be used again.

### 50 years The Lowell Ledger August 28, 1969

The Lowell Area School Board of Education, sticking to its campaign pledge to hold the line in new operating millage approved last spring, endorsed a proposed school budget calling for an outlay of \$1,623,385 during fiscal 1969-70.

There's a huge tomato plant out Foreman and Cumberland way, and the chances are that it is the biggest vine of its kind in this part of Michigan...if

not the Midwest! This out-sized tomato plant is fast pushing up to eight feet high and is about 13 feet in circumference.

A freak auto accident involving two cars Monday morning on Lincoln Lake Road, north of McPherson Rd. resulted in injuries to the drivers. Both cars were badly damaged. Officers from Kent Co. Sheriff's Department and Lowell Police rushed to the scene. According to police reports, an unidentified mailman had stopped to deliver mail at a roadside mailbox. On the opposite side of the highway was a car driven by Fred Hall of Wayland, who said he was about to make a right turn.

### 25 years The Lowell Ledger August 31, 1994

Two years ago, the Lowell Board of Education approved a music curriculum. It did so with the promise that a piece of equipment would be added once the new high school auditorium was built. The board came through in grand style on its promise as an approved the purchase of a Pleyel grand piano for the new auditorium in the amount of \$18,400 from West Michigan Piano.

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## We love to hear from you!

*The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.*

The requirements are:

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- In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per month.
- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

# HEALTH

With Drs.  
Wayne A. Christenson III,  
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## Looking back, continued

A Lowell girl remains at Butterworth Hospital following an accident at the Alden Nash entrance to the new high school on Thursday. A Lowell juvenile was sitting on a guard rail with two friends late Thursday morning when a car with three male juvenile friends drove by, then stopped and started to back up in an effort to speak to the girls. As the young male was backing up, he lost control and in an effort to stop, skidded into the guard rail, hitting one of the two girls.

### - gout

Gout is a painful inflammatory joint reaction. It is characterized by the sudden onset of intense pain, swelling, and redness, typically of the large toe. It is so tender that even a bedsheet touching it hurts. It can also occur in your hands, wrists, and knees. It can last days to weeks and is often debilitating. Onset is typically abrupt and frequently at night.

Gout occurs due to urate crystals building up in a joint. These crystals form when there is too much uric acid in the blood. This can occur due to decreased excretion of uric acid or increased production in the body.

Many facts can increase the risk of gout, such as: increased alcohol intake, dehydration, certain foods (red meat), medications and medical conditions like hypertension, diabetes, and high cholesterol.

Your doctor may order a blood test or analyze joint fluid, in addition to examining the painful joint.

Treatment consists of anti-inflammatory medications like Motrin or Indocin, and medicines that decrease uric acid production and also improve excretion. Dietary changes and staying well hydrated are also keys to avoid future gout attacks.



### MDHHS awarded \$1.66 million grant to transform health care for Michigan children with epilepsy

Michigan children with epilepsy will see improved outcomes through expanded services funded by a \$1.66 million grant that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has received.

The 4-year-grant for \$416,000 annually from the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal Child and Health Systems Branch will fund the Michigan Pediatric Epilepsy Project.

The focus of the grant is to improve health outcomes for children and youth with epilepsy, especially those in Michigan's rural and medically underserved areas. This grant enables the Michigan Children's Special Health Care Services Division to expand upon current efforts to improve access to specialized pediatric epilepsy services.

"This new funding opportunity provides greater access to comprehensive services for children, youth and their families living with epilepsy," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "By partnering with four of the major epilepsy centers in Michigan - Beaumont Children's hospital, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, and Mercy Health Hauenstein Neurosciences - epilepsy patients and their families will have better access to specialty care and more successful transitions to adult specialists to effectively manage their epilepsy."

More than 13,000 Michigan children up to 17 years old have active epilepsy, and approximately 25 percent of Michigan's youth population resides in rural and underserved areas often have less access to pediatricians, pediatric subspecialists and coordinated care. By increasing access to care, this funding will help positively impact the overall health and well-being of children with epilepsy.

During the next four years, strategies to improve health outcomes among Michigan's children and youth with epilepsy will include widespread implementation of health care transition practices (transitioning from a pediatric to adult provider), adoption of practices to improve collaboration and communication between primary and specialty care providers, expansion of telemedicine, and integration of shared decision-making practices between patients and providers.

In addition to the epilepsy centers, other key partners in the project include the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs; Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan; the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Michigan Primary Care Association; Michigan Public Health Institute; Alcona Health Center; Michigan State University's Child Health Care Clinic, Pediatric Clinic, and Neurology Clinic; Northpointe Pediatrics; the University of Michigan Child Health Evaluation and Research Unit; and the Upper Peninsula Health System Marquette Hospital Neurology Clinic.

For more information about the Michigan Pediatric Epilepsy Project, visit [www.michigan.gov/pediatricpilepsy](http://www.michigan.gov/pediatricpilepsy).

*Note: This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under grant number H98MC26257, Awareness and Access to Care for Children and Youth with Epilepsy, in the amount of \$416,000. The contents are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by HRSA, HHS or the U.S. Government.*

## happy birthday



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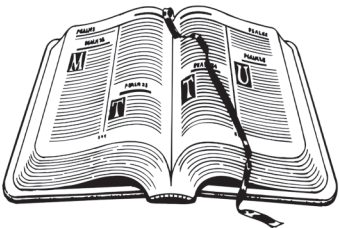
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## Striker Hair Ties

### LMS student makes and sells hair scrunchies

by Emma Palova  
contributing writer

A fashionable scrunchie starts with a piece of fabric 21 inches long, that the maker, Leah Wills, sews together into a tube.

"I've always wanted to become a business owner and make some money," the eighth-grader at Lowell Middle School said. "I needed to find a space to sell my scrunchies."

Leah easily found an outlet for her scrunchies at the Tap House Boutique, now located at 219 E. Main in downtown Lowell, next to North Country Trail Association headquarters.

Leah started last year before the Riverwalk with a table set up in front of the boutique.

"I set up a table with

cookies and scrunchies and it went well," Leah said.

She makes the scrunchies in the basement of their home with her mom, Kendra Wills.

The mom and daughter team buys the fabric at a fabric store, cut it up, pin it together and sew it into a tube.

"We sew the fabric that's already pinned and make the tube," said Leah. "I put the elastic into the tube, which makes the fabric scrunched up, and I tie the elastic together from each side and finally sew the ends together."

It takes about 15 minutes to make a scrunchie, working in a batch of nines.

Although originally designed to be worn in hair, kids and adults wear them also around

their wrists.

Leah likes that the pieces are really scrunchy so she can overlap them up to three times.

The challenge in making scrunchies is to sew the fabric together straight and then go backwards and forward to make them sturdy.

"It's the elastic that scrunches it up," Leah said. "I saw a lot of girls and adults that wear them, and I thought it would be a good idea to have a scrunchie."

With many different designs and colors, the scrunchies sell for \$6 a piece, \$11 for two pieces and \$16 for three pieces. Sold for \$21 on a card for four scrunchies.

Among the favorites are mustard yellow, flannel and gray. Leah's personal favorites are gray, black and brown



scrunchies.

"I want to let everyone know that the scrunchies are right here in Lowell at the Tap House Boutique," Leah said.

Leah donates a \$1 for each pink scrunchie sold to the Pink Arrow Pride.

Leah is planning on getting a spot inside the Tap House Boutique during Christmas Through Lowell this year, set for the hunting weekend on Nov. 15, 16 and 17.

The scrunchies have a bold paper tag "Made in Lowell."

"I am proud of Leah, watching her grow as an entrepreneur, as I love to support local small businesses development in our great town of Lowell," said owner Martha Davis. "We support many small businesses throughout town;

that's what makes our shop more unique, thanks to local artists.

Mom, Kendra Wills, said that it is important for parents to support their kids in pursuing business opportunities even though they might be too young to work for

someone else.

"They have important things that they can contribute," Kendra Wills said. "She's always been curious about how things are made and where they come from."



# PINK ARROW PRIDE

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## PARKING

ALL HIGH SCHOOL EVENT PARKING MUST ENTER AT VERGENNES ENTRANCE.

Lower stadium lot is for Handicap and parking pass only. (must enter off of Alden Nash entrance)



## SHUTTLE PARKING

is available starting at 4:30 p.m. from Cherry Creek Elementary (Foreman St.) AND Lowell Middle School (Foreman St.) pick-up and drop-off area front entrance, parking in rear off Suffolk St. entrance.

Buses will start return trips at the start of the 3rd quarter

## RESTAURANT ROW

- Heidi's Farmstand
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- Keiser's Kitchen
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- The Grist Mill
- Main Street BBQ
- Big Boiler Brewing
- Riverbend



## CONCESSION TICKETS

All concessions - Athletic Boosters and Restaurant Row vendors will be accepting **PINK TICKETS ONLY** in \$1 increments. All items will be clearly priced per number of tickets at each booth. There will be many ticket booths available throughout the stadium. This system will speed the process for fast service.

AT THE GATE BE SURE AND PICK UP YOUR COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM - \$1 minimum donation

## SCHEDULE FOR EVENT DAY

SEPTEMBER 13

\* Approximate times



- 2:30 pm ..... GATES OPEN
- 3:00 pm ..... Boosters Concessions and Restaurant Row Open
- 3:30 pm ..... National Anthem presented
- 3:30 pm ..... LMS & LHS Choir under the direction of Nathan Masterson
- 3:30 pm ..... Volleyball introduction ENWORK and match - Sponsored by Lowell vs. GR Christian
- 3:30 pm ..... Soccer introduction and match - Lowell vs. FHC
- 6:00 pm ..... Survivor and Honor Walk - Songs sung by Nathan Masterson Walk starts at high school main entrance
- 6:35 pm ..... Football Player, Cheerleader and Honoree introduction on field
- 7:00 pm ..... National Anthem presented LHS Choir under the direction of Nathan Masterson
- 7:10 pm ..... PINK ARROW GAME - Lowell Pink Arrows vs. Greenville Yellow Jackets

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  - Thanks! **The LMS & LHS choirs** - for singing the pre-games anthem
  - Thanks! **Dad's Tent Rental**
  - Thanks! **Crystal Flash** - for the Pink Pig Truck
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- Thanks!



Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

# SPORTS

## Lowell volleyball 6-0 to start season

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrows varsity volleyball team picked up where they left last season off on Saturday by sweeping the

Grand Haven Lakeshore Classic.

Lowell finished last season ranked 4th in the state in the final rankings

from the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association. The team only graduated three seniors last year, which

sets the lady Arrows up with another strong team headed into 2019.

During the tournament, Lowell defeated East

Kentwood, Grandville, and Novi in pool play. They followed up with wins over Byron Center and Hudsonville to advance to

the finals. In the finals, LHS swept the hosts (Grand Haven) by a score of 25-20 in the first set and 25-15 in the second set to take home the championship trophy.



The ladies travel to Rockford for the Rockford Rumble on Sat., Sept. 7 with an 8:30 am start time.

### FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

\* Denotes a meet at LHS

**L** 9/4 girls at 4:30 pm & boys at 5:15 pm  
OK White Jamboree #1\*

**BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL**

\* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

9/6 at 7 pm at Rockford  
9/13 at 7 pm Greenville\* (Pink Arrow Game)

**GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**

\* Denotes a home game

**L** 9/7 at 8:30 am Rockford Rumble

**BOYS VARSITY SOCCER**

\* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

9/3 at 6:45 pm Greenville\*  
9/4 at 6:45 pm at Cedar Springs  
9/10 at 6:45 EGR\*

**GIRLS VARSITY GOLF**

\* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course

**L** 9/4 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree #2\*  
9/6 at 8 pm Lakewood Invitational

**BOYS VARSITY TENNIS**

\* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

9/3 at 4:15 pm at Caledonia  
9/4 at 4:15 pm at Cedar Springs  
9/7 at 9 am Caledonia Invitational

**SWIM & DIVE**

**L** 9/12 at 6 pm at GR Union

## Lady harriers compete in two invitationals last week

The lady Arrows cross country team continues to build 2019 by taking runner-up honors behind Forest Hills Easter at the Hesperia Baker Woods Invitational last Tuesday.

Leading the team was senior Audrey Conrad who captured seventh place,

earning All-Hesperian honors. Also scoring for Lowell were: Canaan McKinney who placed tenth with a time of 24:25; Lauren Swain placed 13th with 25:59; Clara Eriksson placed 17th with 26:33 and Theresa Judd, 19th place with a time of 26:58.

Last Saturday, the ladies traveled north to compete in the Benzie Pete Invitational. The meet serviced as a great testing ground as it is historically one of the tougher invites on the calendar and will also be the site of the

MHSAA regional meet in late October.

The Red Arrows were led by Conrad, taking 33rd place, earning medalist honors and also breaking the twenty minute barrier coming in at 19:53. Conrad's time is just six seconds off her 2018 personal record and is currently ranked 12th in the region. Lowell's varsity team was rounded out by Swain with a time of 22:11; McKinney with a time of 22:41; Judd in at 23:29; Alexis Haines with a time of 23:59 and Anna Gaskins in at 25:34.

The ladies get a week off as they open the OK White season at home on September 4.



Lowell Red Arrow varsity cross country team with their second place trophy. Photo courtesy of LHS website.

Red Arrow

- TENNIS

# SPORTS

## Lowell tennis team starts season strong

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

The Lowell varsity boys tennis team will look to take advantage of a good group of tennis players, as this year's tennis season has started up. Last week, the team dominated a dual match with Wyoming, winning by a score of 8-0. The entire match lasted only 45 minutes and the Red Arrows won 96 of the 97 total games played.

Results: First singles Collier Kaufman, second singles Miles Droski, third singles Will DeVoest, fourth singles Ty Knottnerus, first doubles Aiden Kelley and Winton Garrelts, second double Terrick Stewart and Patrick DeVoest, third doubles Alex Kleinedler and Tyler Spinella, and

fourth doubles Max Del Rosario and Connor Kleinedler all won their matches in straight sets.

At the Jenison Quad with Jenison, Byron Center, and Grandville on Saturday, Lowell took fourth. Picking up points were first singles Collier Kaufman, second singles Miles Droski, and third singles Will DeVoest. Each player defeated their Jenison opponent in straight sets.

The team is 2-0 this season in dual meets, having defeated Wyoming and Coopersville. They have home matches this week against Unity Christian and Kenowa Hills.

Last year's team earned all-state academic achievement honors from

the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association, and coach Chris Phillips was named regional coach of the year. Kaufman and DeVoest earned all-conference honors last year as well. With many returning players, the Red Arrows will look to make noise in the always challenging OK White conference, which includes Forest Hills Central and Forest Hills Northern, who both ended up top 11 in the state last year.

**Next week the boys are on the road., taking on Caledonia on Tuesday, Cedar Springs on Wednesday and competing in the Lakewood Invitational on Saturday.**



Lowell first singles player Collier Kaufman.

## Boys cross country team turned in strong performances last week

On Tuesday, the Red Arrows varsity cross country team captured the first place in their division at the Hesperia Invite. Caleb Swart placed first with a time of 17.46. Also scoring were Ben Kinnucan, third place with a time of 18.45; Lucas Cossar placed fourth with a time of 18.48; sixth place was Sawyer Fowler with 19.11 and Nigel Mika placed eighth with a time of 19.30.

Also medaling were: Cole Weston, Jackson Fowler, John Lothian, Zach Swart, Levi Mills, Keegan

Cater and Blake Bennett.

The team earned second place last Saturday at the Benzi Central Invite, earning 106 points. Grand Rapids Christian captured first place with 86 points.

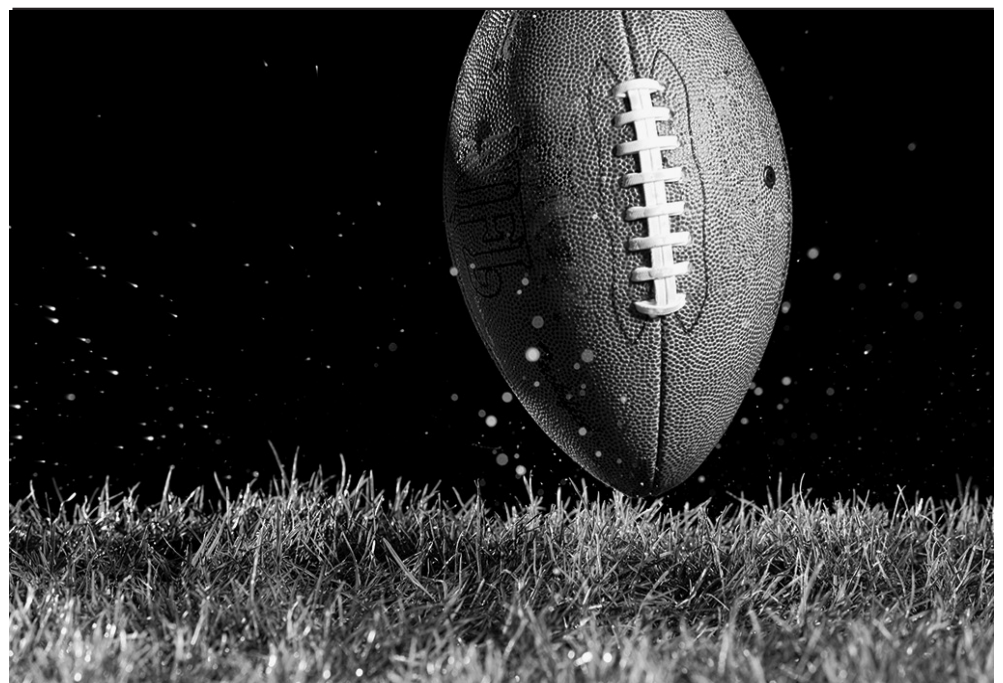
Earning medals were: Caleb Swart who placed third with a time of 16.01; Ben Kinnucan with a time of 16.30 earning 12th place and Lucas Cossar placed 23rd with a time of 16.56; Cole Weston, 34th with a time of 17.17 and Sawyer Fowler, 38th with a time of 17.24. Swart's time established

a new record for the fastest time in Lowell cross country, breaking the 30 year record of 16.10, held by Lowell boys coach, Clay VanderWarf.

The JV boys represented Lowell well by placing second in the JV race. Earning medals in the race were Ben Bromley, fourth with a time of 18.08; John Lothian, seventh with 18.24; Levi Mills, 11th with 18.37; Keegan Cater, 16th with 18.46 and Blake Bennett, 32nd with 19.05.



Lowell opens their home season on Wed., Sept. 4 with the OK White Jamoree. Home meets are held at the LHS campus.



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# obituaries

## HARRINGTON

Iris A. Harrington, age 80 of Hastings, passed away Friday, August 23, 2019. She was born on September 10, 1938 in Caroline, New York. She married Charles Harrington on August 23, 1978. He passed away in 2011. She enjoyed antiquing and photography. She was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association; horses were her passion. Surviving are her son, Scott (Vicki) Eighmey of Sparta, WI; grandchildren, Jessica (Mike) Willis of Lowell, Jerald Eighmey of Sparta, WI, Kendra (Marc) Finch of Sparta, WI; five great-grandchildren; siblings, Rick Dobson of Ithaca, NY, Bruce Lott of Ithaca, NY, Patricia (Bill) Lower of Ithaca, NY, Dawn Greene of Ithaca, NY; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles; three sisters; and special friend, Sharon Whaley. Funeral services will be held at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac on Thursday, August 29 at 1:00 PM with Scott Eighmey officiating. Visitation will be 2 hours prior to the service (11-1). Memorial contributions may be made at [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com)

## MCALLISTER

July 22, 1994 ~ August 21, 2019 (age 25)

Allen John Forrest McAllister has passed from this world to the next. He has gone into the vast silence, leaving his love and music here for those he loved. Allen was preceded in death by his grandfathers, William (Bobby) Smith and James McAllister; and his dog, Dixie. Allen is survived by his father, Timothy P. McAllister and his mother, Lisa M. (Smith) McAllister; his brother, William



R.D. McAllister; his grandmothers, Ruth (Wondergem) Smith and Anita (Shea) McAllister; his aunts, Elizabeth (Leslie) McAllister-Short and Sarah (Jeff) McAllister-Bopp; and his cousin, Lilyana Bopp; as well as many, many other great aunts and uncles and cousins. Allen is also survived by his most especially beloved Aunt Wilma

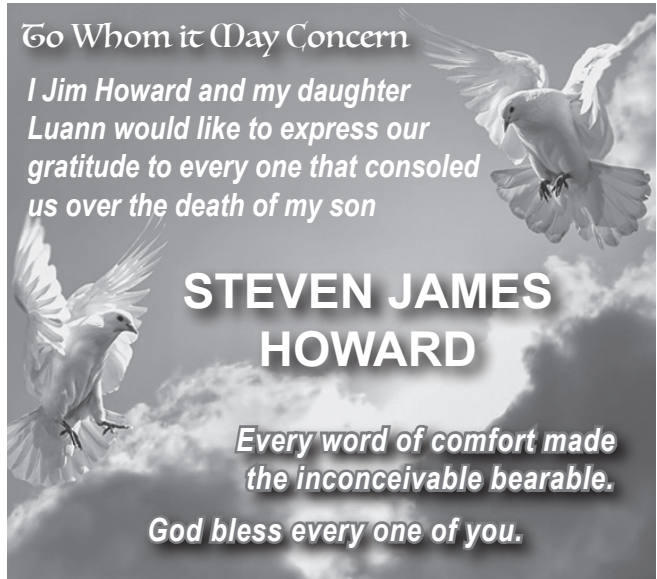
Wondergem, who was a wonderful friend as well. Allen was the member of many bands over the years: Flossy Bliss, Big Sur, Bruce, Ape Not Kill Ape and The Suburban Ants. He leaves behind many friends and bandmates. Allen loved his friends and family, loved the Cubs, loved Chicago, loved music - listening, playing and seeing live shows. He had a wicked sense of humor, an infectious laugh and an inspirational way about him. He could find common ground with everyone he met and would learn from them as much as he taught them. He was brilliant and could distill anything he heard to its essence. He hated bullshit and would always call it out if he saw it. He loved road trips and eating big, crazy meals in diners. He was a hard worker, who always gave his best to everything he did. Allen was many things to many people: a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend. He was the person you could call - day or night - for help and he would be there. He will be missed and loved forever. Allen is free now. There was a Celebration of Allen on Sunday, August 25th.

## RHEYNARD

Marian Veramae (DeRushia) Rheyndard was born on September 4, 1922 to Joseph and Clarissa DeRushia in Battle Creek and crossed over peacefully, in the early morning hours of Thursday, August 22, 2019 at Fountain View Assisted Living, ten days shy of her 97th birthday. She graduated from Battle Creek High School in 1939. She worked as a bank teller until she married Roland Rheyndard in 1941, who spent most of WWII in France as an Army telegrapher. Marian worked for a photography company where she was the only person entrusted to develop rolls of film for the Battle Creek Police Dept. After the war, she and Roland opened their own dry cleaning business in the Battle Creek area. They also became well known as square dance callers and teachers. Marian was very talented as a designer, sewing and knitting many items for family and friends. They had no children of their own, but adopted three poodles which they adored. In the mid 1960's the dry cleaning business burned to the ground and they lost everything. After divorcing, Marian moved to Lowell to be closer to her family. She began a new job at Amway Corp. and worked there for 25 years, retiring as the second oldest employee ever, at age 75. She was a member of the First Congregational UCC of Lowell, and sang in the church choir for many years. She was also a former member of The Order of Eastern Star. She was a wonderful cook and an avid flower gardener at her small home on N. Washington St. In her late 80's, she moved in with her niece and nephew, Nancy and Bill Wood, with two beloved kitties, Scotty and Zena, who is still a live at age 13. After a fall resulting in a broken hip, she was moved to Fountain View Assisted Living. Marian was predeceased by two older brothers, Elwyn DeRushia of Battle Creek and Cecil (Esther) DeRushia of Lowell. She is survived by nieces, Nancy (Bill) Wood, Mary (Herb) Earley; great nephew, Ronald Wood; great nieces, Corrie (Steve) VanRavenswaay, Shannon Hanley and Melissa Hanley; great-great nieces, Jennifer Durkee and Amanda Durkee; and one great-great nephew, Liam Hanley. A memorial service will be held Sunday, September 8 at 11:30 am following the morning church service at First Congregational UCC, 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. with light luncheon to follow.

To Whom it May Concern

I Jim Howard and my daughter Luann would like to express our gratitude to every one that consoled us over the death of my son



STEVEN JAMES HOWARD

Every word of comfort made the inconceivable bearable.

God bless every one of you.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# Treasury: MiABLE funds can help with health, independence and quality of life expenses

Individuals who have a Michigan Achieving a Better Life Experience investment savings account can use those funds to help with health, independence and quality-of-life expenses, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Known as MiABLE for short, the funds saved in 529(A) accounts can be used to off-set the

costs associated with a disability. This may include paying for expenses related to education, housing, transportation, employment training and support, assistive technology, personal support services, health care expenses, financial management and administrative services or other eligible expenses.

“The dollars saved in a MiABLE account can

be used in many different ways,” State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. “For those disabled individuals who need the most flexibility, this is important because they can use their savings or earnings to pay medical bills, school bills, transportation costs or other disability-related expenses.”

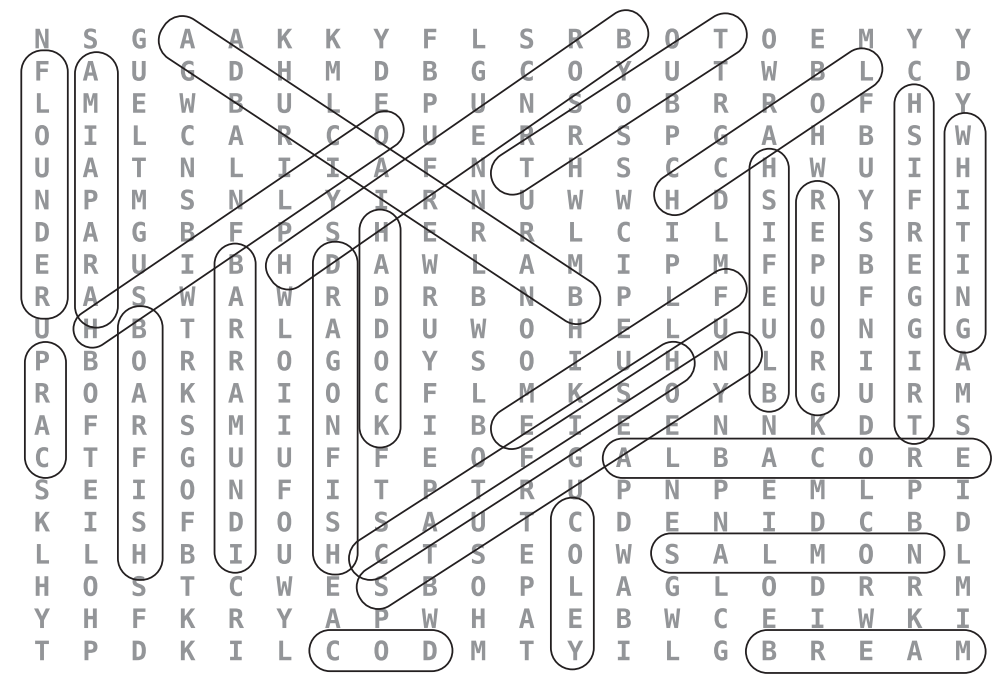
Unlike traditional savings account, MiABLE

savings are not considered when applying for other state or federal benefits, like Social Security Disability Income, Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. Funds from a MiABLE account are not taxed if used for qualified disability-related expenses.

According to the U.S. Census, more than 992,000 people under 65 years old – around 10 percent of Michigan’s population – have a disability.

For more details or to register an account, visit [www.miable.org](http://www.miable.org) or call 844-656-7225.

To raise awareness about MiABLE and encourage additional savings, this month has been proclaimed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer as #AbleToSave Month in Michigan.





# FUN PAGE

## SUDOKO

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Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Puzzle solutions on page 12

# FISH NAMES WORD SEARCH

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 Y H F K R Y A P W H A E B W C E I W K I  
 T P D K I L C O D M T Y I L G B R E A M

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### FISH NAMES WORD SEARCH

ALBACORE  
 ARAPAIMA  
 BARRACUDA  
 BARRAMUNDI

BLUEFISH  
 BOARFISH  
 BONEFISH  
 BREAM  
 CARP  
 CATFISH  
 COD

COLEY  
 DRAGONFISH  
 FLOUNDER  
 FLUKE  
 GROUPE  
 HADDOCK  
 LOACH

OILFISH  
 SALMON  
 STURGEON  
 TRIGGERFISH  
 TROUT  
 WHITING

## Guess Who?

I am an actor born in Spain on August 10, 1960. I once had a promising soccer career before I broke my foot at age 14. Then I began acting, mostly in theater. I am known for many prominent roles, including a master swordsman.

Answer: Antonio Banderas

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fishing.

C A L E T K

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Answer: Tackle

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Job
- Retirement account
- Parent-teacher organizations
- Audibly
- Leavened bread in Indian cooking
- "To \_\_\_ his own"
- Violent disorder
- Not wet
- Worst (French)
- Move with springy steps
- Georgia rockers
- Moved quickly
- Blood proteins
- Return to
- Related to Iran
- The first
- Pearl Jam's debut
- Nocturnal, catlike mammal
- Hymn
- One who engages in arbitrage
- Less bright
- Indian lute
- Discovers
- Weatherman
- Jai \_\_\_, sport
- Spy organization
- Ancient Greek oracles
- Swindles

### CLUES DOWN

- Pack full of clay
- Relating to wings
- Type of bean
- Former MLB commish Bowie
- Short-tailed lemur
- Cheese dish
- To any further extent
- Enzyme
- Taiwan capital
- Extensive landed property
- Remove
- Remove the head
- High IQ group
- Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
- Sportscaster
- Hastily set up
- Midway between northeast and east
- Beloved basketball player Jeremy

- Consumed
- One point east of due south
- Television network
- Allow
- Wife
- Grayish-brown mammal
- Written language for blind people
- Insecticide
- Della \_\_\_, singer
- Cleaned
- Eye membranes
- Past tense of fly
- Anwar \_\_\_, Egyptian statesman
- Currency exchange charge
- Dark stain
- Easily manageable
- One who does not tell the truth
- Soluble ribonucleic acid

# Community Day, continued

their time to drive golf carts over the bridge allowing ALL to enjoy the view of the bridge,” Beachum said.

The park’s brand new pickleball courts were open, and pickleball demonstrations went on throughout the day. The octagonal gaga ball pits were available for younger attendees who wanted to participate in outdoor games at the park.

The health and wellness fair included a blood drive held by Versiti Blood inside

I’m happy to do and will continue to do as long as I am able,” said Rogers. It takes eight donations to reach one gallon.

The Ice Cream CaBus arrived early and gave out free cones to the first 300 people and Huntington Bank provided free popsicles. The Alto Lions Club brought their KidSight mobile vision screening unit. The KDL Bookmobile was there to issue library cards and check out materials from the traveling library on

lined up to purchase this year’s pink arrow t-shirts and vehicles honked in support as they passed by the event on M-21.

A new addition to the Community Day was the Pink Arrow Hair Drive. This project was inspired by a Murray Lake Elementary student, Easton Dressander. Stylists were onsite from 10 am to 2 pm to give free haircuts to anyone wishing to participate. People were also encouraged to bring donations of hair to the drive.

Dana Morehouse and her daughter Ellanore decided to donate their hair to the cause. “I’ve been thinking about it for a while because my hair is ridiculously long. I saw the article posted about it and thought, ‘Perfect, community effort!’ Her [Ellanore’s] hair is long enough and I wanted someone to do it with me and she agreed,” said



Morehouse. The donations far exceeded expectations and will be given to Children With Hair Loss, a national organization that makes wigs for children at no cost.

A 2019 Pink Arrow t-shirt serves as entrance fee for the Pink Arrow games scheduled for Friday, September 13. Shirts are \$15 for standard sizes, \$18 for 3XL, and \$20 for

long-sleeved shirts. Shirts are available at various retailers throughout Lowell. For more information, visit: <http://pinkarrowpride.org/>



of the church, who pledged to give \$10 to Gilda’s Club for every donation received between 10 am and 7 pm. Local Realtor Amanda Rogers celebrated the three-gallon donation milestone with her donation on Friday.



“It’s easy, minimal discomfort and blood can’t be manufactured. Accidents happen and I’m hoping to pay it forward if I or my family ever need that kind of assistance. It’s something

wheels. Spectrum Health’s Betty Ford Breast Cancer Care Services mobile unit was on the east side of the Impact lot, offering walk-in mammograms. There was a steady stream of people

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

### ATTENTION LOWELL TOWNSHIP WATER CUSTOMERS

The Lowell Township Water Department will conduct a hydrant flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will occur August 26th thru August 30th. Some customers will experience low water pressure. If you have any questions, please contact the Township Office during normal business hours.

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## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Board will be held at a regular scheduled meeting on **Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider a special exception use permit as follows:

Gardner Klaasen has submitted an application under section 201.415 “B” to live in an RV during final planning and construction of a permanent home to be built at 10569 Foreman St SE, Lowell. The property is the second parcel east of Parnell on the north side of Foreman St.

The complete application can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671**. Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Township Clerk at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to: [clerk@vergennestwp.org](mailto:clerk@vergennestwp.org)

Heather Hoffman  
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# Addix, continued

goes through an inspection process before going to the cutting table. The cuts are then paired up to the correct size before they are sewn together. Once done, they go through another inspection process before being packed up correctly and shipped out of the factory.

All of this is done under one roof.

“Working in one area offers some pretty distinct advantages because a lot of our competitors are doing the sales and design part of it but then send some of the work offshore so their lead times could be as much as 10 weeks, where we have customers come to us all the time and say they need stuff in six days and just get us your designs, and they’re

just shocked that you can do it all under one roof.”

“A lot of times we follow up with our own research. If we try to understand who these companies are, and often, they’ll take as I mentioned earlier, they’ll take and do the design work. They’ll handle the sale, but then they’re shipping the work offshore. Customers think they might be getting something custom that’s made in the USA, when in fact, you’re getting something that was custom designed in one area, but then all the other things are shipped offshore, where it’s someone else who made it or transfer cut it, assembled and shipped it back here. We have a lot of customers that come to us and they

say, ‘Well, because last year our stuff took us like 10 weeks to get it and we were right up against it, we’re coming to you because even though you might be a little bit more expensive, you guys have your golden turn around, producing products in as low as six days.’ one of the biggest challenges is differentiating yourself in the marketplace from so-called competitors who say they do all these things.”

Addix is part of many leagues across the nation, helping showcase their products to a larger audience. On an event basis, they are affiliated now with over 60 events where they showcase their products and offer Addix gear. Soon it may be much bigger than that with some of the organizations

that they are talking to right now. Because of this, they are always focusing on self-improvement.

“We have a very robust quality lean or continuous improvement program here at Addix. It’s really focused on bringing higher quality products for our customers that have been highly expected and insured for the rigors that many of these uniforms go through.” Dean said.

The largest goal for Addix is their delivery time, of which their goal is to be the fastest, most high-quality product in the business.

“I think that our focus is really in order-to-delivery compression. The idea here is to take your order and we’ll have it to you in

six days. That’s our goal. That’s what we’re working towards. We’re consistently less than 12 days now. We do new orders in 6 days today for customers who call and say, ‘hey, we’re willing to pay you guys to make our order the number one priority at Addix’, and sometimes we do that, we make that work, but we want to consistently be the fastest, best and most cost-effective solution in the business.” Dean said.

“Every day we talk about how we get faster, really compress order to delivery.”

As the company continues to grow, Steve Dean is very appreciative

ethic is second to none.” Dean said. “The creativity, care, to go beyond the expectation to really deliver high-quality products and to make this company better, and I can’t say enough about our people here that are so committed to our customers, and it’s really been a joy to work with people that have as much care and focus as they do in providing a superior product.”

You can learn more about Addix at [www.addixgear.com](http://www.addixgear.com), or by visiting their Facebook page at Addix.

“We’re always a very open door and welcome our



Work in progress inside the Addix facility.

of his employees and the community that the company resides in.

“This is truly coming from the heart; we have great people here. Addix has great people or something to be said for the people that come from the community of Lowell and surrounding communities, and the work

customers in here, we want people to understand what we do and how we do it, and it’s amazing how much insight we gain from them in terms of how we can make things better.” Said Dean. “We’re always open to hearing how we can be a better company.”

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