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A quarter century of collecting things Rookies Sportcards Plus celebrates 25 years in business

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Rookies Sportcards Plus, 106 W. Main, is celebrating their 25th anniversary in business in Lowell soon. Don Reedy Sr., a realtor and sports card collector, opened the store on April 12, 1992. His son Jack Reedy is now the owner and operator of the store, one of the only places to buy comics, cards, toys and games between Grand Rapids and Lansing. Jack and Don worked side by side at the store until Don passed away in 2010.

“My dad was the first realtor in Lowell,” said Jack Reedy. “For health reasons he got out of real estate, he sold out to Greenridge Realty. I had gotten him into sports cards. He always loved sports but never collected sports cards. I got him into it Christmas of 1989 when I got him a bunch of stuff. The last couple years of doing real estate he was getting more into cards, trading, meeting



Rookies owner, Jack Reedy at his storefront on Main Street.

with people, just having fun, trying to lower his stress. He owned this building and had some renters come and go with different things. I think at one point it was a variety store, a health food store, a general food store, a jeweler was here, but then it was vacant. Sports cards were booming in the early 90s, basketball in particular with Shaquille O’Neal’s rookie year, Michael Jordan and all that kind of stuff going on. He opened up the store and started out with three showcases and some tables in the back where people could sort cards. We still have the same showcases.”

Jack, a 1987 LHS graduate, started working at Rookies directly after finishing his college degree.

“I graduated from Calvin College and right away I was with him part time ‘until I found a job,’” Reedy said. “It was busy.

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Three Lowell City Council seats open in November

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The clock is ticking if you want to run for a seat on the city council in the Nov. 7, 2017 election. There are three seats up for grabs on the council, those currently occupied by Greg Canfield, James Hodges and mayor Michael DeVore.

Potential candidates must live in the city of Lowell. The winning applicant will be paid \$100 a year for the duration of their term. City councilors are expected to attend two city council meetings each month and take part in a plethora of other meetings, activities and events.

“Election to the city council is a privilege freely sought by the citizen,” Hodges said in an interview in the March 8, 2017 Lowell Ledger. “It carries with it the responsibility to participate in the council activities and represent the residents of the city. Attendance at the council meetings is critical to fulfilling this responsibility.”

The deadline to fill out a nominating petition is 4 pm on Tuesday, April 25. Petition forms are available from city clerk Susan Ullery at city hall, 301 E. Main St., Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5 pm.

The Strong Schools, Strong Communities proposal seeks residents approval on May 2

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There is an election on Tuesday, May 2 and the single thing on the ballot will be a Kent Intermediate School District millage titled “The Strong Schools, Strong Communities proposal.” If passed, it would mean a small increase in property taxes for a ten year period starting this summer, but increased revenue to educate children.

“One hundred percent of all funds generated by this proposal will go to our local schools to maintain current programs and improve services offered to all our students,” said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Greg Pratt. “The proposed rate of 0.9 will cost the average Kent County homeowner \$6.70 per month.”

Pratt said the millage is the only way schools can generate additional funds.

“By law only Kent ISD can ask voters for a regional enhancement millage and it is the only way to receive additional revenues to meet student needs,” Pratt said. “All revenue from this proposal will be distributed to each local school district on a per pupil basis. This proposal will expand career training and technical course offerings to give our students real life, on-the-job training and a head start on their careers. It will also give students exposure to the world of work and partnerships with business that prepare them for college and careers. Additionally, the proposal gives students living in poverty a good start, and surrounds them

with the support needed to keep them in school.”

The money will not be used for fun extras, but simply to maintain current programs.

“If approved, every penny generated from this proposal will be distributed equally to local districts on a per pupil basis. The Strong Schools, Strong Communities proposal will generate an estimated \$19.9 million for the 20 school districts in our region the first year. Our district will receive about \$803,000 in the first year. Every penny generated from this proposal will be distributed to local school districts to maintain existing programs and improve services offered to

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School proposal, continued

students. All spending will go through an independent financial audit every year with spending disclosed

on a public website to ensure transparency and accountability.

Some of the money could be used for literacy programs.

“We’d like to hire literacy coaches to make sure students read at grade

level by the end of third grade,” Pratt said. “We would also set aside money to add science, technology, engineering and math activities at the high school, and for technology to make sure all students have access equally. Strong schools are the key to attracting families and businesses to West Michigan. It’s

our responsibility as a community to work together to ensure our students have access to a high-quality education that helps them learn, achieve and be college and career ready. We owe it to our kids and grandkids to give them the same opportunities as we did to achieve, succeed and compete for jobs.”



along main street

WRWW BROADCASTING VARSITY BASEBALL

Radio station WRWW will be broadcasting two Lowell varsity baseball games from Seymour, Indiana on Sat., April 8 at 11 am and 1 pm. They can be heard locally on 92.3 FM and worldwide at lowellradio.org

FOOD COMMODITIES

Food Commodities provides Kent County families at or below 200 percent federal poverty level or in need of food. If you or a family you know could use this assistance please have them stop by the food pantry April 13-14, Thurs. 9 am-11 am and 2-4:30 pm and Fri. 10 am - noon (no need to pre-register). Please call 897-8260 with any questions.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

LIFE OF A VOYAGEUR

The Lowell Area Historical Museum presents speaker David Schmid exploring what it was like to be a voyageur in the fur trade on Tues., April 18 at 7 pm at Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE. Schmid’s costumed presentation explores how the voyageurs lived, traveled and participated in the fur trade here in West Michigan and throughout the Great Lakes. Contact the museum with any inquiries, 897-7688 or lplank@lowellmuseum.org

TOTS ALMOST NEW SALE

Curiosity Corner TOTS Almost New Sale is Sat., April 29 from 9 am to 1 pm at Cherry Creek Elementary, 12673 Foreman St. Want to sell child related items? Sign up at www.lowellschools.com/tots-sale

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 2, 2017 Special Election will be conducted Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 11:00 am at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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Council discusses sewers and approves equipment purchase

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, April 3. The council discussed sewers, bought some equipment and nine citizens attended the meeting, which lasted just under 40 minutes.

The council approved resolutions to finance the purchase of \$831,500 worth of equipment over several years; a natural gas compressor for \$605,500, a wheel loader for \$179,000 and a skid steer loader for \$47,000.

“The Lowell Light & Power board did approve this purchase [the natural gas compressor] at their March 9 board meeting,” said Lowell Light & Power general manager Steve Donkersloot. “It’s been budgeted for on a five-year basis going forward in our long range financial plan. We have been leasing a compressor for the last five or six years that only supports running one of our two turbines. I have gotten confirmation from Consumers Energy that we’re always going to be needing a compressor because they don’t have the pressure that we need in Lowell. This compressor that we’re purchasing will allow us to run both turbines, so it is something that we need to move on.”

“It’s five-year financing,” said city

attorney Dick Wendt. “The city went out and asked for proposals from vending institutions. Mercantile Bank at 1.8 percent is a very good interest rate.”

Because King Milling’s construction of some new grain bins will cause changes to the flood plain, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has required the company to provide a compensation cut at another location.

“King Milling is providing a proposal to make a compensation cut of a ridge along the shore at Stoney Lakeside Park,” said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. “This is the same area that was used in a prior project. Approximately 1,500 cubic yards would be removed for this mitigation.”

The council approved the “N. Jefferson St. Resurfacing and Utility Improvement project.” CL Trucking & Excavating was the low bidder at \$447,110.50. The same company did the work on Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Grove and High streets in 2015 and on N. Center and Heffron streets in 2011. Work on this latest project could begin this month.

“The N. Jefferson St. project will include the resurfacing from Avery St. to Fremont St. with select

curb replacement, select water main replacement, select sanitary sewer replacement and limited sidewalk replacement,” Burns said. “The contractor

anticipates a mid-April start, when the weather is good enough to do that.”

A last-minute agenda item was added to the agenda just before the meeting, a

discussion of new water and sewer services at 312 E. Main, 2340 W. Main and “a location on Bowes Road” where Ronda Auto Center plans to open a new tire dealer and auto repair shop.

“Several retail and service business are planning on establishing new businesses within the city of Lowell,” said public works director Rich LaBombard. “Those new business[es] require city water and sanitary services, however those services are not presently available or require repair in order to connect new customers to existing underground utilities. The Department of Public Works requested

quotes from qualified contractors to repair or install new underground utility services at three locations throughout Lowell to provide water and/or sewer.”

Lee’s Trenching Services, a Byron Center company, was the low bidder at \$20,500 and will perform the work.

Lowell city council’s next meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, April 17. They will also have an informal “Coffee with the Council” event at the chamber of commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 until 10 am on Saturday, May 6.



The council financed the purchase of a natural gas compressor for \$605,500, a wheel loader for \$179,000 and a skid steer loader for \$47,000 at their meeting on Monday, April 3. Public works director Rich LaBombard said that some new businesses need to hook up to city water and sewer before they can open.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

A public accuracy test of the voting equipment to be used in the May 2, 2017 Special Election will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 11:00 am at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

Heather Hoffman
Vergennes Township Clerk

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a variance from the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Applicant: James Berger
Address of Variance: 10660 Mazurek Drive, Freeport, Michigan 49325
General Location: North of 108th Street approximately one quarter mile east of Coldwater Avenue
Zoning of Property: R-1, Residential

Variance Request: Section 3.02.B of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance does not allow accessory buildings to be located in the front yard. The applicant is requesting a variance in order to construct an accessory building within the front yard of their lot so the proposed building would be located between the existing house and the front lot line of the private road serving the lot.

The hearing will be held as follows:
WHEN: THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
 ALTO, MI 49302

The application materials are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

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If losing weight is the objective, aim for 10 pounds instead of 50. If you succeed at losing the first 10, celebrate and make a new goal.

Instead of adopting an extreme diet, cut back on one snack a day or incorporate a smoothie as a healthy meal replacement. Use ingredients like fresh fruit, dark leafy greens, flax or chia seeds -- even savory vegetables like beets -- the possibilities are endless.

FUEL UP TO GET FIT

Sticking to fitness goals takes the right fuel. Eating whole foods instead of processed foods will give you more and longer-lasting energy. Plus, a whole-food diet is more simple and sustainable than restrictive calorie counting or elimination diets.



Powering your body with snacks like low-fat yogurt topped with granola, fresh hummus and whole-grain pita, or an apple and peanut butter, will carry your body through a workout and help you feel fuller longer. To make delicious homemade nut butter, throw three cups of roasted, unsalted peanuts or cashews into a high-powered blender like a Vitamix machine and blend for a minute or so. The result is a gooey, good-for-you treat that will provide ample energy for healthy pursuits.

While grocery shopping, stick to the outer perimeter of the store and pick up nutrient-rich and versatile ingredients like avocados, chickpeas, bananas, nuts and spinach, that can stand alone or be mixed into everything from healthy salads to frozen desserts.

INDULGE YOUR SWEET TOOTH

Being healthy and eating whole foods doesn't mean you have to sacrifice your sweet tooth. Before you plunge into a tub of cookie dough, consider other ways to curb cravings. Make your own, customized whole-food ice cream without artificial colors, flavors or preservatives using a blender. Varieties like apple pie and spiced strawberry will delight without guilt.

Or try a simple sorbet: blend two peeled oranges, two tablespoons sugar and four cups of ice. Use a blender with special settings for this purpose, such as the Vitamix Professional Series 750. Its Frozen Dessert program, one of the machine's five pre-programmed settings, allows you to make an easy, healthy dessert in minutes.

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BREAKING NEWS

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF WHAT YOU KNOW

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71% of Michigan citizens polled said that they trust a local newspaper/newspaper website.	19% of those polled would allow for Government-site ONLY posting.
72% of Michigan citizens polled said they found their local newspaper/newspaper website to be more effective than posting on a government website.	Only 19% feel that a Government-only website is effective.

Government websites put government in control of what we know. Citizens need an independent, trustworthy and effective check and balance on the government that's supposed to serve them. Public notices in newspapers provide that.

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State Poll: EPC/NBA, June 2015

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Dave Stegehuis

When the ice disappears from lakes and streams across the state, fishermen need to pay close attention to fish activity. Warm water draws fish to spawning areas where they congregate and become vulnerable to aware fishermen. Timing is important, so it is necessary to regularly check on fish movement so as not to miss the window of opportunity.

Steelhead trout run up streams and rivers traveling from deep run to deep run while seeking shallow water running over a gravel bottom. The fish will dish out a bed which will be home base for several fish for the deration of the spawning process. Most steelhead streams can be fished by wading or from the bank providing world class fishing for anyone willing to make the effort.

Out on Lake Michigan, brown trout head for warm water after a winter deep in the big lake. Trolling the shallow water near shore and river mouths with spoons or crank baits pays off when the browns are in. Smaller boats using planner boards to get baits away from the boat make it less likely to spook fish. Favorable weather conditions allow more fishermen to experience this near shore fishery. Fish can be caught from the beach.

Bluegills are always anxious to move into warm water. The males cruise the shallows seeking out spawning areas to clean up. The beds stand out as light colored circles against dark lake bottoms making it easy to locate fish. A slip bobber set shallow will take fish, but with gills in the shallows it's a good time to break out the fly rod. Gills are territorial and

will hit a foam spider or a sinking fly pattern even if they are not hungry. A slab gill will put a good bend in a fly rod. The fish are particularly vulnerable at this time so be generous about releasing fish.

Suckers run streams in schools. Suckers can be caught with almost any type of rod and reel baited with a gob of worms. They will take a fly. The fish grow to the size of a nice bass and put up a good fight, especially in fast water. Bank fishing for suckers is fun, productive, and a great first time experience for young fishermen.

All of these fish can be caught at any time in season, but the spring runs provide a special opportunity. The key is to pay attention and be ready when opportunity knocks.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal April, 8, 1891

A bushel of potatoes buys 32 pounds of granulated sugar. Down with the republican party and McKinleyism? Not much.

Senator Fridlender, the sqaw man, talks in an aggrieved strain about his squaw wife and says that "he hasn't thrown any dirt." Of course not, he has been buried so far under the filth of his own infamy that he couldn't throw anything. His second wife repudiates him and wont allow him to come back.

Last Thursday night, Devello Waters heard an unusual noise at A. J. Howk's barn and on investigating saw a couple of men run away from there. It is undoubtedly another attempt to steal "Put's" pacing mare, but luckily it failed.

Edmund Lee returned last Thursday from Georgia, where he has been spending the winter looking after his investments in mining and manufacturing.

The Lowell & Hastings Rail Road has been opened for traffic and are now in position to handle both freight and passenger business to and from Grand Rapids, Chicago and all points west; Lansing, Detroit and all points east. Fast time and Union depot changes enable passengers to reach their destinations with comparative ease.

Joseph Miller, a Gd. Rapids carpenter, disappeared a couple of weeks ago, and now the police are watching for him. It is thought that he suicided. He was worth \$20,000.

A Muskegon man went to Whitehall the other day and bought 120 dozen eggs. He hitched his team to an empty freight car while waiting for his train at the depot and when he wasn't looking an engine hauled the freight car away. The wagon was upset and it was necessary to get a snow plow [to] clean the track of broken hen fruit.

There is no danger of Italy making war upon this country, for after taking a sober second thought, she has materially changed the tone of her communications with this country.

The people erected a commodious house near the church for a parsonage, which was completed Jan. 1st, and has since that time been occupied by Elder Finley, who fills the pulpit at the church every Sunday.

A large hotel near the Mineral Springs is nearing completion, intended to accommodate 200 guests. C. F. Holt and Mr French are building new residences on the same grounds.

Dr. Danforth has been confined to his room the last 10 days, suffering from la grippe or pneumonia. He is missed very much by his patients.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 5, 1917

The murder of more Americans on the high seas is offered by German submarine commanders as further confirmation of Imperial Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg's assurance that Germany had no intention of making war on the United States.—New York World.

Wm. Fox of Segwun, who is past 88 years of age, walked in from Ed. Easterbrook's home, about three miles west of Lowell, Monday morning to be an early voter and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hatch.

Along with the threat of high-priced ice for the season soon to open, comes the news that the west shore of Lake Michigan is packed high with drift ice, showing that Nature has done her part, whether man has or not.

The business of Andrews & Scott has so far increased that it now occupies Mr. Andrews' full time. Fred DeWeert has taken his job at the Cutter factory.

John R. Keiser, who has recently been appointed agent in Lowell for Overland and Willys Knight cars, has been stepping lively for the past few days getting things in shape for the opening of his new garage and salesroom. Mr. Keiser has taken a long-time lease of the cement building, one-half block north of Hotel Waverly, owned by Dr. McQueen, and has had it remodelled and fitted up for a salesroom and service station for Overland and Willis Knight cars exclusively. It is the present intention to throw the doors open to the public within a day or two, although the formal opening will not take place until the latter part of next week.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 9, 1942

Below is a strange story involving a University professor, a cat and a choice leg of lamb—a story which never would have been told had it not been that a Mr. Orlow Whitcomb lived in Lowell some half a century ago but who now resides in Leonia, New Jersey, the story being related in a letter received by Harley Maynard and which goes as follows; "We live in a town full of professors (mostly from Columbia University which is just across the Hudson River). Many are the tales

told on these 'absent minded professors' but I heard a good one this week on a Dr. Morgan of the Chemistry Department (a neighbor of the Whitcombs.) He is a dreamy man, absolutely absorbed in his subject. "It seems that the Morgans had a cat that began having fits and had to be chloroformed. After it was dead, Dr. Morgan found the ground so frozen he could not dig a hole to bury it in. He suggested to Mrs. Morgan that she wrap it up and he would take it along and throw it into the river as he went across on the ferry. She laughed about the pink string—the only one she had to use to tie it with. "He went off, became entirely absorbed in a book he was reading and landed at the University with the package, put it on his desk, and as he was leaving, his secretary handed it to him. He had no place to throw it, got on the ferry, met a lot of men and was ashamed to acknowledge what he had or throw it overboard in front of them. So he got onto the train with his package. He put it up in the rack and when he was leaving the train, the conductor ran after him and said 'Here's your package'. "When he arrived at home, his wife said 'What's that?' 'Well it's that darned cat.' She said 'Let me see—it can't be. I tied it with a pink string.' "When they opened it they found a leg of lamb!! "I'd like to see the expression on the face of the person who was expecting a leg of lamb and was presented with a dead cat."

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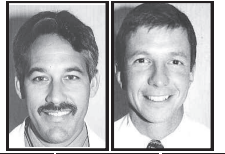
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gout

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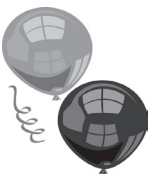
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Rookies, celebrates 25 years, continued

We'd have a couple registers going, it was really rolling. We worked together for about 12 years, dad and I and we just loved it. It was cool because I'm the youngest in the family so my dad went hunting and fishing more with my older brothers and that was my time with dad. I really cherish those times. He had a stroke, so for health reasons he really couldn't work in the store anymore so then I kind of took over. It was different for the first bit. I wasn't used to being the only one, I was used to having my buddy, my dad. It was about having fun for him. He enjoyed opening packs of cards, sorting cards and trading with customers. He collected Barry Sanders and his favorite players. That's what he liked. Early on I took that part over, paying the bills and doing a lot of the ordering, so I really was doing all that kind of stuff by the time my dad left. The hard part was just not having him here as someone to knock ideas off of and stuff."

The store began with

a focus on sports cards but through they years they have added many diverse products to their shelves.

"Through the years we have evolved. I was always into comic books so real early we started bringing comic books in here. That was my interest. My dad was more into sports and sports cards, which he loved. I had a lot of fun with those too, but I had always collected comics, so we started bringing comics in here and getting a steady customer base for that. Games are the other big thing that have really come on strong the last few years. That kind of got its foot in the door with Pokemon and Magic: The Gathering and some of the card games, then naturally progressed to the board games and miniatures. Today what we do is almost equal thirds, whether it's sports cards, comic books or the gaming stuff. We're a little bit of an unusual store that way, fully supporting all three of those. I don't know any other stores around that do all

three of those. There might be a comic book store that has games or a sports cards store that has some games, but to do comics, games and sports cards at once is a little unusual, especially a small store in a small town. Now we do weekly gaming tournaments."

One of their most popular products at Rookies right now are their board games. They aren't your grandma's board games like Candy Land or checkers, the new board games have far more interesting, intricate plots.

"My family and I have all gotten more into board games than ever," Reedy said. "It's good to know about them when you have a store, but we have actually gotten into them. Board games have boomed. They call it 'the golden age of board games' right now. We're still playing games from the Great Depression like Monopoly and all those games that have all been around for years. We finally have new games, new classics. Ticket to Ride,

Settlers of Catan, King of Tokyo, those are all new classics. Great stuff. It's a fun, good family activity. Most of our games aren't games you're going to buy at Meijer or Target. They're unusual games from smaller companies and a lot of them have expansions, which we keep stocked. They've never come out with a chess expansion pack."

One of their biggest events during the year is Free Comic Book Day, which is on Saturday, May 6, this year. Rookies puts up tents and brings in lots of special guests. Don't be shocked if you see Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman wandering around Main St. that day.

"Free Comic Book Day started small for us," Reedy said. "I had a customer who said, 'I've got a Spiderman costume, could I come and wear that?' I said, 'Yeah, that would be sweet!' That started something. It made it fun, it was colorful, it got people's attention, it was fun for the kids and stuff. This year we'll have tents set up

outside again, I'll bring in some comic artists and all the superheroes dressed up to give out hundreds and hundreds of free comics. I like to flood the streets of Lowell with comic books. And there's always a big Marvel movie that comes out and it's going to be Guardians of the Galaxy 2 this year, which is awesome. The bulk of the superheroes are people I know. I'll get like a dozen people together, I provide them with costumes and bring them in here. Through the years it's kind of evolved. Our original Batgirl has moved on, she's gotten married and had kids, then I had a niece who was Batgirl for a couple years, so it's an evolving cast. We've been hosting foreign exchange students the past three years, so usually I get one of them to do it and they have a lot of fun. It gives them a cool memory of coming to the United States. Our first was from Columbia, last year we had Julia from Italy, this year we have Hazel from Ecuador and we have already found a German girl for the next school year."

Reedy said that the store's location is one of the primary reasons for its longevity.

"Lowell and the surrounding area have been

great community, they have supported us," Reedy said. "I appreciate them. People seek us out. After 25 years I have to thank so many long time customers that we've had for years. I've got customers that I've had 25 years ago who are still coming in. Some of my best friends were customers. I have kids who were 12 years old that were customers and I'm friends with them now. I stood up with one in a wedding. I've gone to so many open houses for customers. I like to think I've gotten a lot of people into comics. I've helped kind of spread the gospel of comics because I love comics. It's a great medium. It's really exploded with the Marvel movies, Big Bang Theory, the Walking Dead, Comic-Con, all that stuff is in. When I was a kid it was kind of an underground thing. I had a couple buddies I knew who read comics but it seems like it's a lot more accepted and more mainstream now. A lot of people's first comic came from me and I think that's kind of cool."

On their 25th anniversary, Wednesday, April 12, Rookies Sportcards Plus will celebrate at the store with cake and balloons.

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Lowell Charter Township is soliciting sealed proposals for the North Grand River Riverfront Park - Phase II project. Major items of work include installation of approximately 3,950 square feet of concrete walk, earthwork and site grading, restroom building, pavilion, and restoration.

Sealed proposals will be received by Lowell Charter Township: 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331 until 11:00 a.m., local time, Tuesday, April 18, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract Documents may be obtained beginning 11:00 a.m. local time, April 3, 2017 at the offices of Lowell Charter Township: 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331; Telephone (616) 897-7600. a non-refundable payment of Thirty-Five Dollars. (\$35.00) will be required for each set of Contract Documents.

Contractors shall direct all questions to the project engineer, Dan Fredricks, P.E., of Land & Resource Engineering, (616) 301-7888.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond by a recognized surety in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total of the bid price.

After the time of opening, no bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days.

Lowell Charter Township reserves the right to accept any bid, reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of Lowell Charter Township.

Featured Artist

cathy dykstra

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Flat River Gallery and Framing, 219 W. Main, will present artwork by featured artist Cathy Dykstra from April 1 until May 31. There will be a reception where you can meet and hang out with the artist on April 20.

"I have been interested in art for a long time and dabbled in various art projects over the years,"

Dykstra said. "I totally enjoy the process of creating something, whether it be watercolor, acrylic or oil mediums. It brings a joy, happiness and a balance to me that I hope to inspire in others as well."

This artist is also an art teacher.

"For the last six years I have taught art classes. I

like teaching because I am able to encourage and guide others while I continue to learn and experiment with my own art."

The gallery's regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am until 5 pm. For more information about the featured artist or their other events and collections, find the gallery on Facebook, flatrivergalleryandframing.com, info@flatrivergalleryandframing.com or 616-987-6737.



Janet Y. Johnson: A Tribute Exhibition

From April 1 to July 31, Flat River Gallery and Framing and LowellArts is presenting a celebration of the life and art of Janet Y. Johnson who passed away on Feb. 20, 2017. Johnson will be remembered as an accomplished artist and her legacy includes evidence of her helping to achieve the goal of creating a vibrant hub for the arts in our community.

She was a founding member of LowellArts, a founding member of the co-op gallery Flat River Gallery & Framing and a lifetime member of Grand Valley Artists. She lived in Lowell since 1951. Johnson taught community art classes, was an illustrator for a local supplemental text book company, a graphic artist



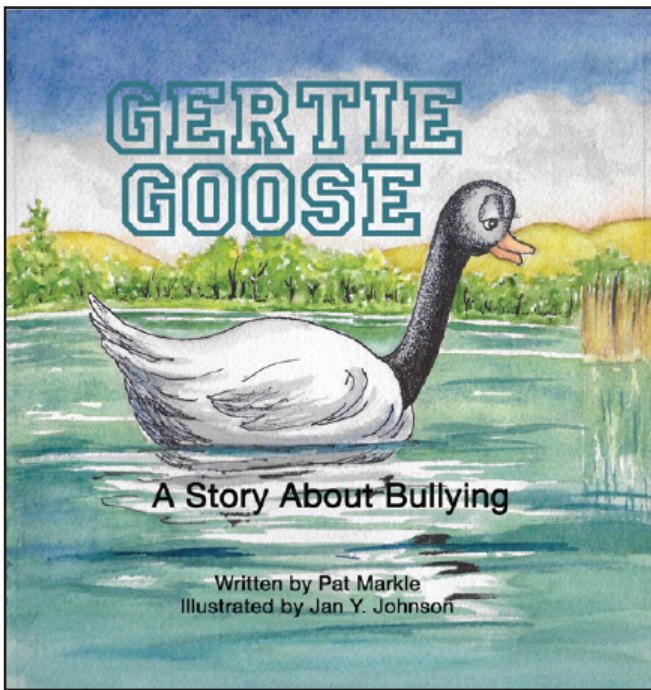
for the newspaper and was a publication designer/art director for Amway Corp. for 22 years.

Her watercolor and acrylic paintings represent a wide-range of subject matter and styles, including plein air, impressionism, abstract, florals, animals and scenery. Johnson's artwork is currently available for sale at Flat River Gallery & Framing, 219 W Main St, right next door to LowellArts. Seventy percent of the proceeds from the

sale of her artwork will go to support the LowellArts Moving to Main Campaign and thirty percent goes to the Flat River Gallery & Framing. Additional artwork will be available for sale at LowellArts during the Tribute Exhibition.

LowellArts is open Tuesday through Friday, 10am to 6pm and Saturday, 10am-5pm.

Flat River Gallery and Framing hours are Tuesday through Friday, 11am-6pm and Saturday, 10am-5pm.



Pictured, Jan Johnson in her studio, the watercolor "Mustang Roundup" and the cover of one of the children's books she co-authored.



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Lowell's first brewery now has 11 beers on tap

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

It has been standing room only at New Union Brewery, 400 W. Main, since Tyler Velting and Ryan Stoecker opened Lowell's first brewery last November. There are currently 11 different kinds of beer on tap and they have some interesting beer experiments in the works.

"It changes from week to week, but right now the most popular beers are the North Country Ale, the Red Arrow Amber, the Midnight Blackberry Wheat and the Big Squeeze Grapefruit Cream Ale," Velting said.

They have two dark beers, Main Street Stout and Dark Roast Porter, which Velting said contains "tons of coffee."

"The Main Street Stout is on nitro," Velting said. "That is kind of like Guinness. It's nitrogen-infused and that's what gives it a creamier flavor."

When they opened last November they found it difficult to keep up with demand and even ran out of growlers and howlers. Now they're all caught up and are able to experiment with different types of hops.

Stoecker said to look for something with rare Galaxy hops this summer. Lately they are getting into barrel aging beers.

"We're starting some more barrel-aged beers," Velting said. We just filled two more barrels today."

"We're going to get four more barrels and stack them on top of there so we can keep the barrel-aged thing rolling," Stoecker said. "We've got a Belgian quadruple in a tank and we're going to put half of that in a barrel. We've got Dark Roast Porter in one barrel, the Flat River Imperial IPA in another and I just filled up one barrel with Millstone IPA today. That's our most recent IPA that we made. We sold out of that one faster than we have any other beer so I made a double batch and put a quarter of it in a barrel."

They are constantly brewing different limited release beers.

"We've got several more different kinds of beer coming up," Velting said. "We're keeping the staples on and then also some new releases for spring and summer."



"We're going to be making a wheat beer and there's a Belgian saison I just made," Stoecker said.

On limited release right now is their Flat

River Imperial, a cloudy, unfiltered IPA with intense hops flavor.

"It's cloudy due to massive amount of dry hopping in the fermenter," Stoecker said. "You dump a ton of hops in the fermenter and you get to a certain point and you're either going to have to filter it or it's a cloudy beer. We prefer

an unfiltered, massively dry hopped beer. Depending on how you filter you can take out some of the good with the bad. Not that there's anything bad in there, it's just cloudy. When you're dry hopping that much of that particular hop, that's how that beer is naturally supposed to be."

They are open Tuesday

through Friday from 3 pm until 10 pm and on Saturday from noon until 11 pm. For designated drivers and kids they offer a couple homemade non-alcoholic drinks: a root beer and a birch beer. To learn more information find them on Facebook, inspect their website unionbeerco.com or call 616-319-7171.





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SPORTS

Baseball pushes through intramural schedule, losing 8-2 to Howell and beating Rockford 5-3

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Still pushing through their early intramural schedule, the Red Arrow varsity baseball team faced Howell at their home opener last Monday. The team then hit the road Wednesday to take on tough local opponent Rockford.

Originally scheduled as a Sunday doubleheader,

the match up with Howell was delayed due to rain and rescheduled for Monday. After a difficult game one for Lowell, the second half of the contest was called early due to lack of light as the inclement weather stole the sun early, leaving Lowell with a difficult 8-2 loss plagued by fielding errors.

Howell grabbed the lead early scoring on a double in the first inning and then capitalized on an Arrow error in the second leading to two runs and adding a third in the inning off a single. Howell kept their game clean moving forward, logging zero errors and adding four more to

the scoreboard. Lowell did produce two runs late leading to an 8-2 final score. Runs were earned by Cooper Perry and Brady Douma who were two of three Red Arrows to log two hits in the game with multi-sport athlete junior Austin Whaley rounding out the trio. Junior Garrett Pratt and senior Jake Wosinski took to the mound for Lowell with Wosinski recording the loss after three innings that produced five hits and four runs for Howell despite six strike outs.

Perry teamed up with Harvard University

baseball commit Nate Stephens in game two of the doubleheader to take an early 2-0 lead with each driving in a run in the first inning. Howell returned to the plate in the second and brought in three to claim a 3-2 lead. With two Red Arrows on base in the bottom of the inning officials called the game due to lack of light leaving the sluggers on base, Pratt on the hill and the gut of their lineup in the dugout stranded.

Wednesday in Rockford Lowell claimed a 5-3 victory with Perry earning

the pitching win and seniors Jarrod Melle and Jack Malone leading offensively with two hits apiece. The Red Arrows opened scoring in the second on a passed ball and a single by Melle. The team added two more in the fourth and one in the sixth leading to the 5-3 win with hits coming from Connor Douma, Perry and Whaley. Perry also earned the win from the hill throwing for four innings. He surrendered four hits and three runs, walked one and struck out five in the game.



Junior Garrett Pratt on the mound in their 8-2 intramural loss.

The team is currently working through spring break with practice being held in Gulf Shores, Alabama and will stop en route for home at the Indiana games in Seymour to take on New Albany High School on Saturday. Back at home they will face their first OK White challenge of the season in Cedar Springs starting with a doubleheader on April 11. First pitch flies at 4:15 pm. The third game in the series will be played on the 13th on the road.



Red Arrow Cooper Perry readies to steal third in the home opener.

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SPORTS

Lowell girls open season 4-0 against Rockford Rams

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Girls soccer opened the season last Tuesday welcoming the Rockford Rams to Red Arrow Stadium. The game ended with a 4-0 victory for the Arrows.

Stocked with six solid seniors, five powerful juniors, four strong sophomores and a pair of emerging freshman, the team boasts a deep bench of talented players. Their combined skills were certainly on display in the match up with four different lady arrows finding the back of the net while senior Bridget Garter fiercely defended the Lowell box to the tune of eight saves and her first shutout of the season.

Senior defender Christy Lyon started the scoring sliding one past the Ram goalie putting the Arrows up 1-0. Junior Darby Dean doubled the lead with a perfect corner kick that landed in goal and gave Lowell a 2-0 lead at the half. Shortly into the second half senior Amber Curtis added a third score to the Red Arrow tally and shortly before the end, after a flurry of activity in front of the net following a corner kick, sophomore Amber Clouse was credited with the night's fourth goal. Dean and freshman Khloe Hayes both recorded assists in the effort.



The Red Arrow girls varsity soccer team celebrates their shutout over Rockford.

The team, now 1-0-1 after tying Caledonia in their season opener, will enjoy respite over spring break and head back to the field on Tuesday April, 11 at East Grand Rapids High School where they will face the Pioneers in exhibition play starting at 6:45 pm.



Sports Summaries

GIRLS TENNIS

Lady Arrow varsity tennis went one and one last week in their first two matches of the season. Monday the ladies opened with an exhibition outing against former OK White conference member Caledonia High School falling 8-0 against the Scots. Wednesday versus Comstock Park, in their home opener, the Red Arrows pulled out a solid 5-3 victory with four doubles teams and one single bringing the wins. Kara Jeffries won solo at third singles, Danielle Barnes and Kambry Kloosterman won at first doubles, Jenna Happie and Ember Fox at second doubles, Sydney VandenHout and Nicole Mooney at third doubles and Maria Hart and Natalie Alverson at fourth doubles.

BOYS LACROSSE

Red Arrow boys varsity lacrosse tore through two road opponents last week kicking off their season schedule with a pair of double digit wins. Monday in Vicksburg Lowell came out strong netting 12-6 by the half. Their driven opponent pushed a tie by the end of the third pushing an overtime period to settle the game but Lowell prevailed 14-13 in the barn burner scoring just over a minute into the extra period. Leading for the squad were Addison Buckins who logged four goals and three assists, Collin Bowers who scored three and assisted two, Brennan Battle who added three to the scoreboard and recorded one assist and Blake McVey who pushed in two goals in the win. Wednesday at Spring Lake the team saw their seniors lead the way to a 17-7 win. Bowers led scoring with seven and two assists, Max Bishop recorded 23 saves in goal and Battle won twenty face offs.

BOYS GOLF

Members of the Lowell boys varsity golf team hit the links last Tuesday in their home opener at Arrowhead Golf Course taking on Kenowa Hills High School. Falling just five strokes short of a win 173-169 with Noah Barnhart shooting best for the Arrows with a 40. Following his performance were teammates Alex Powell and Tyler Karcia who both carded a 44 and Adam Anderson who came in at 45.

RED ARROW ALUMNI

Alma College recently named 2014 Lowell High School alumna Katie Bush their Breakthrough Athlete of the Year after an impressive season on the volleyball court. The former Arrow led her team with 72 blocks in a break-even season that ended 8-8 in conference and 13-14 overall. Bush was a stat leader on the court for the Red Arrows playing three years on the varsity squad.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a variance from the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Applicant: Jerry Corson
Address of Variance: 7809 Morse Lake Avenue SE, Alto, Michigan 49302
General Location: West side of Morse Lake Avenue one-quarter mile south of 76th Street
Zoning of Property: R-2, Low Density Residential
Variance Request: Section 3.02.F.4 of the Bowne Township Zoning allows two accessory buildings on parcels over five acres to have a combined square footage of 2500 sq. ft. One accessory building containing 2,048 sq. ft. is located on the 13.3-acre parcel. The applicant wishes to construct a second accessory building containing 2400 sq. ft. which when combined with the existing accessory building would total 4,448 sq. ft. The applicant is therefore requesting a variance of 1,948 sq. ft. for the second accessory building.

The hearing will be held as follows:
WHEN: THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
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The application materials are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
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obituaries

FASE

Darrell H.M. Fase, AKA "Stinger", age 79 of Lowell Township, passed away Saturday, April 1, 2017, after a 21 month battle with pancreatic cancer. Darrell was preceded in death by his

parents Henry and Maude Fase; sisters Donna Wilcox, Lillian Fryover. He is survived by his wife of 56 years MaryAnn; children Kathleen (Rudy) Proa, Beth (Steve) Hall; sister Dorothy Collins; brother Bruce (Ruth) Fase; brother-in-law Thomas (Shirley) McLenithan; grandchildren Devon, Derek,



Zachary and Audrey. Darrell proudly served in the US Army and was a retired Grand Rapids Firefighter. "Stinger" was a man of the earth learning bee keeping from his father, and together they began their business Fase Apiaries. Hunting and fishing were among his favorite outdoor pastimes. He was a man of strong faith and committed to his church and church family. He was a friend to all who met him and will be dearly missed. Visitation will be held Thursday 2-4:00 pm and 6-8:00 pm at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Rd. S.E., Grand Rapids and one hour prior to the service at the church. Funeral service will be held Friday 1:00 pm at Second Congregational Church, 525 Cheshire Dr. N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505. Rev. David Alicea officiating. Interment Ada Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Second Congregational Church's: Outreach Trust Fund or Heritage Trust Fund, or the Guiding Light Mission, P.O. Box 1703, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-1703.



HALE

Roger Alden Hale, 89, of Lowell, died Wednesday evening, March 29, 2017, at The Palms of Sebring, Sebring, FL. Roger was born in Saranac to Leon and Leona (Scott) Hale and was a resident of Lowell for over 60 years. He had wintered in Florida for many years since retiring. He enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends. He was preceded in death by his first wife, LaVonne and five siblings. He is survived by his wife, Muriel M. Hale; six children, Vicki, Marci, Teresa, Kim, Gerald and Stacey; five step-daughters, Cheryl, Brenda, Julie, Nancy and Tamare; one brother, Lloyd Hale, Hudsonville; 29 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and one great great-granddaughter. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements with Fountain Funeral Home, Avon Park.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR REV. DEAN BAILEY of Lowell
 will be held Saturday, April 8, 2017, 11:00 a.m. at
Alto United Methodist Church, 11365 64th Street, Alto
 Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. prior to the service
 at the church. Rev. Bailey served area churches at Lowell
 First United Methodist Church (1969 - 1979) and Alto and
 Bowne Center United Methodist Churches (2002 - 2014).
 Contributions in memory of Dean may be made to Flat
 River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton Street E, Lowell,
 MI 49331, Alto United Methodist Church or Bowne Center
 United Methodist Church, PO Box 122, Alto, MI 49302.



LEDGER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 5 pm
 Friday: 8 am - Noon
 Closed Sat. & Sun.
P.O. Box 128
Lowell, MI 49331
897-9261

JOHNSON

Roxann (Seese) Johnson 7/23/1963 - 4/1/2017 Grand Rapids, age 53, was granted her angel wings on April 1, 2017, after she lost her battle with cancer. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Roxann had touched in some small way throughout her short, yet very memorable life.



Roxann was a 1981 graduate from Lowell High School. She was an animal lover and avid Harley rider (at 75 degrees or better.) Roxann is survived by her husband Bernard J. Johnson; her mother, Sharyl Seese of Seward, AK (formerly of Lowell); brother, Bill (Jane) Lastoczy; sisters, Beckie Seese and children, Lisa (John) Clarke and children, Shelly (Brian) DeYoung and children; brother-in-law's, Tim (Deb), Steve, Gerard, and Mark Johnson; sister-in-law, Alicia Despres; her God daughter, Robin Passeno (Leslie Passeno); many aunts and uncles, friends, neighbors and their children. Proceeded in death by her father, Bernard A. Seese; brother-in-law, James Johnson; grandparents, Martin and Treva Johnson; and grandmother, Frieda Roth. A celebration of her life will be on April 8, 2017 at Larkins Other Place located at 315 W. Main Street, Lowell, from 12 to 3 pm. A special thank you to Spectrum Hospice and our Hospice nurse Valerie Tidd and all the nurses at Lemmen-Holton Cancer Center. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Lowell Pink Arrow Pride or Kent County Humane Society.

Looking Back, continued

Two ladies, passing through town, paused to read the big sign announcing shows billed at Strand Theatre. There was a play entitled "It Started With Eve" and also some numbers known as "Shorts," so the sign went, "It Started With Eve' and Shorts." One lady repeated what the other read aloud and the other exclaimed fervently, "There you've got it - I always said shorts are to blame for lots of troubles and it should be against the law to wear them.

The Lowell Boy Scouts collected approximately two tons of old magazines, newspapers, wastepaper, rubber, iron and rags in their canvass of the community last Thursday. Seventeen boys helped in the collection with trucks donated by W. A. Roth, C. H. Runciman and W. C. Christiansen. Rev. N. G. Woon and L. E. Johnson supervised the collection and sorting and baling which was done at the Municipal garage.

TA proclamation by the executive office Thursday designated April 17 in the lower peninsula and May 8 in the upper peninsula as Arbor and Bird day in Michigan. The executive office said enormous war-time demand for wood products has focused attention on the importance of Arbor day in the reforestation program and called for state-wide observance.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger April 6, 1967

A liquid called "Mr. Plumber" has been developed and is said to be powerful enough to liquefy the toughest organic matter stopping up a drain. It can liquefy cloth, hair paper & grease and dissolve bones and roots without harming septic tanks or food disposal mechanisms.

At last! A saw that reportedly can be operated in inaccessible places. The saw is flexible and resembles a thin wire. A lug at the end can be unscrewed and the blade pulled through tiny holes in partitions of bulkheads and other difficult areas.

Richard Crowshaw, 22, of Lowell and Dennis Wiggins, 25, of Flint were arrested by Lowell Police on Monday night fighting in the alley. They paid \$54.30 each in Justice Rittenger's court on Tuesday.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 5, 1992

Homework Hotline is a device designed to hone the communication line between schools and parents. It makes forgetting what the assignment was, that much more difficult for students. It makes not knowing when school activities are, less of a problem for parents. Homework Hotline is a voice mail system that provides both students and parents with messages from teachers and principals 24 hours a day. "If it's nine o'clock and a student can't remember if he or she was to do the even or odd number problems on page 91, they dial this number and access which teacher they want through their touch-tone phone," Lowell's Director of Instruction, Jim White said. The Homework Hotline program was developed by Fred Barr of WLHT radio.

If there is to be night light at Recreation Park it will have to come in under a \$23,000 cap set by the City Council Monday night. The softball field lights used at Recreation Park are in unsuitable condition. After review, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that the lights be replaced at Recreation Park. Discussion was given to moving the new lights to Creekside Park, but keeping the present site was selected over Creekside Park because of the better condition of the playing field and that the majority of the softball players favor Recreation Park. It was estimated the total cost of the project would be \$30,000, however, after checking costs Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said the cost would be less than that.

Albion College junior Brenda Grile's literary talents are to be published soon in "The Albion Review," the school's annual literary/interdisciplinary magazine. "The Albion Review." is a student-run journal that publishes original poetry, short fiction, essays, and artwork by Albion College students and faculty.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Lowell High School second trimester Honor Roll

Second trimester term GPA must be a 3.000 or higher to qualify based on final grades

9TH GRADE

Blaze Anes
Anderson Anschutz
Bradley Baas
Brandon Baker
Conner Balabuch
Grace Barber
Neely Bardwell
Justin Barnes
Noah Barnhart
Lexi Barry-Coulier
Kathleen Basinger
Krin Beach
Emma Bennett
Marissa Berg
Jacquelyn Bileth
Isabella Blakely
Ryleigh Blough
Ashley Boehr
Samuel Bonner
Lauren Booth
Gabrielle Brace
Leah Bredwell
Mary Buechler
Zachary Cardis
Brady Chambers
Cameron Cheney
Shelby Chumney
Caleb Clark
Jacob Cleaver
Audrey Conrad
Jennifer Cooper
Lillian Cooper
Jarrett Corder
Lucas Cossar
Savanah Crace
Danica Cupp
Nolan Cusack
Abigail Davis
Olivia DeCator
Logan DeKok
Jaron DeVito
Hannah Diamond
Bernie Diekevers
Ellery Droog
Miles Droski
Delaney Duimstra
Brett Evink
Benjamin Fabiano
Akalia Foreman
James Fotis
Ember Fox
Tristan Fox
Aaron Fox
Molly Frederickson
Aaron Fritsma
Riley Fuller
Anna Gaskin
Brock Gemmell
MaKenzie Givens
Sidney Gordon
Brayden Gould
Thomas Grover
Aubrie Halbert
Madison Halfmann
Braidan Hamilton
Emma Hancock
Jenna Happie
Gabriel Hare
Ashlie Hathaway
Khloe Hayes
Emily Hoeksema
Ronald Hofmann
Roy Hoin
Sophia Hornik
Jacob Hough
Logan Hudson
Craig Hudson
Elliana James
Abraham Jannenga
Willem Jewell
Katelyn Johnson
Adrienne Johnson
Mackenzie Jordan
Jacob Kanoza
Sophia Katsul
Collier Kaufman
Mya Kaywood
Aidan Kelley
Benjamin Kinnucan
Benjamin Klein
Connor Kleinedler
Alexander Kleinedler
Kambry Kloosterman
Connor Kooistra
Kara Korcek
Lucas Kramer
William Kuhns
Brianna Lachowski
Tyler Lange
Jared Lardie
Keegan Laux
Phoebe Looman
Jenavieve Lyon
Karissa Mansfield
Natasha Marsh
Matthew Martin
William Martin
Nolan Mazarka
Dakota McCall
Grady McDonald

Mitchell McMillian
Abigail McMillian
Grace McNaughton
Alyssa Melnik
Meghan Meyer
Nigel Mika
Benjamin Miller
Jada Millhisler
Steven Moore
Graysen Nauta
Koby O'Strander
Ian O'Strander
Zachary Oberlin
Emma Organek
Austin Pallottini
John Patrick
Brennan Pawloski
Dominik Peplinski
Seth Perez
Isiah Perysian
Samantha Peterson
Reina Placer
Alexander Pollock
Sierra Post
Grant Pratt
Colton Prill
Spencer Primeau
Julia Pytlik
Breyden Race
Kaitlyn Rankin
Alexis Reedy
Madeline Revere
Cade Rogers
Paige Romig
Taeghan Ronchetti
Devan Rutz
Abigail Sandborn
Kyla Sanders
Tejeshwar Sandhu
Elianna Sandman
Lark Sawyer
Benjamin Schmidt
John Sherman
Ryan Sikkenga
Tyler Sikkenga
Dylan Smit
Austin Smith
Nolan Smith
Mitchel Snarski
Cade Solomonson
Everardo Soriano Lopez
Ezra Stadt
Donald Staley
Shi Steinberg
Madison Stevens
Hayden Stickney
Caleb Swart
Zachary Swart
Jared Sweet
Sebastian Szymanski
Isabelle Tackmann
Cassandra Thomas
Matelyn Torline
Jayden Turner
Natalie VanDyke
Carson VanNoy
Carson VanVeelen
Malcolm Venema
Elizabeth Vredevelt
Jenner Willard
Zachary Williams
RaeAnne Woody
Jaden Young
Skylar Young
Joshua Yowais
Stephanie Zalis
Kaia Zimmerman

10TH GRADE

Chase Anderson
Nichole Anheuser
Lauren Aud
Danielle Barnes
Joslynn Battle
Zoe Bennett
Kyle Bibbler
Halaina Bladey
Breanda Boersma
Renee Boersma
Mikayla Boersma
Anneke Breuker
Hunter Browning
Eddy Butare
Jeisel Calero Cortez
Connor Cater
Amber Clouse
Eleanor Cooper
Regan Coxon
Gavin Coxon
Morgan Cremer
Tyler Cross
Andrew Davidson
Linnae DeBoer
Sarah DeKam
Conner DeKok
Savanna Dempsey
Jordan Dent
Emily Depew
Mackenzie DeRaad
Ella Dougherty
Michaela Duursma
Sarah Ellsworth
Logan Everhart
Zachary Fabis
Aili Fisher
Laine Fleszar

Kaitlyn Florian
Tristan Fogarty-Thomas
Taegan Folk
Jace Forward
Marlie Fowler
Mitchell Franck
Ava Frederickson
Ethan Furtaw
Nevada Gale
Lin Gallagher
Parker Georgacakes
Charity Gerig
Harlie Gerth-McMullin
Asialin Gill
Austin Gissendanner
Mason Godbold
Melissa Golden
Kohl Goldsmith
Zane Goldsmith
Jailine Gomez-Tellez
Allexis Gonzales
Samantha Graves
Kollen Gruizenga
Gwendolyn Hackett
Kevin Hadley
Emily Haefner
Amaya Hansen
Addie Hart
Ikuko Hashimoto
Shannon Havlik
Jaklyn Hayes
Jackson Helder
Logan Hesche
Carly Hoekstra
Evangeline Hoke
Alyvia Holdridge
Jared Hough
Brett Hudson
Aileen Hussey
Callie Ingram
Ashleigh Jarrard
Olyvia Johnson
Annabelle Johnson
Madison Jordan
Olivia Kamradt
Tyler Kappia
Patrick Kargl
Ethan Kelley
Danielle Kingkaewrungrote
Karsten Kirkendall
Rylee Kovalick
Justyn Kreps
Kelly Kroll
Samantha Kurti
Meghan Landgren
Allyson Lange
Emily Larson
Jeffrey Leach
Anyah Lewis
Paige Lewis
Emily Lothian
McKenzie Lythgoe
Emma Malec
Addison Mallindine
Jovan Marcos
Devon Maxim
Gramm McCormack
Megan Meadows
Madison Melle
Tori Miller
Corah Miller
Brendan Milligan
Karoline Moll
Eric Mooney
Mia Munger
Jada Murlay
Avry Mutschler
Hadyn Nash
Ella Nauta
Khai Nguyen
Nicolas Niemann
Haley Nieuwkoop
Isaiah Ogle
Case Olesko
Grace Ostrander
Camila Padula De Santis
Natalie Paiz
Andrew Parsons
Ignacio Pascual De La Fuente
Katherine Peal
Trevor Petroelje
Brendan Philo
Zackery Post
Ethan Ray
Isabel Remar
Christopher Reynolds
Ivan Reynolds
Mary Ricards
Sydney Riffle
Nathan Roest
Ryan Roest
Leanna Rose
Diana Roth
Andrew Russell
John Russell
Madison Sage
Paula Sanmarti Comella
Shianna Sawdy
Jayme Schlenderer
Robert Schneider
Tyler Senneker
Isabel Serrano Vivancos
Lucas Sherman
Wyatt Shuck
Calvin Simmet

Mason Simmet
Samuel Simmons
Dwayne Simpson Jr
Grace Sinen
Marleigh Skibbe
Ryan Slopsema
Gabriel Smith
Ricco Sobbe
Maggie Spoelstra
Daniel Staup
Joel Steinebach
Kylee Stephens
Brandon Storrs
Nicholas Struckmeyer
Emily Strump
Alex Summerfield
Faith Tava
Xavier Taylor
Alexander Taylor
Jonas Thompson
Philip Thompson
Irene Trierweiler
Jana Trietsch
Mackenzie Uhen
Joshua Underwood
Michael VandenHout
Colin VanderWarf
Nathaniel VanDeWeert
Taylin VanDyke
Sara Visser
Amber Webster
Abigail Wester
Nicholas Weston
Abigail White
Mason Winters
Hope Winters
Anna Zook

11TH GRADE

Madeline Anderson
Paige Anes
Bryan Ashenbremer
Noelle Baker
Collin Baker
Atlas Barrie
Keaton Bell
Hannah Bennett
Jacob Bennett
Jonathan Berklich
Laurel Blakie
Bethany Blattner
Hailey Boggos-Osman
Alexander Brandt
Devin Breen
Olivia Brenner
Zachary Briggs
Amber Brown
Emily Brown
Addison Buckius
Joshua Bush
Ashton Charron
Tayler Chertos
Morgan Chubb
Carson Clark
Kimberly Clouatre
Marlon Coe
Riley Conlan
Alexis Cook
Elizabeth Cooper
Travis Cornell
Madelyne Crace
McKenna Creighton
Logan Cunningham
William Curtiss
Katherine Cussimano
Christian Davis
Cassandra Dean
Darby Dean
Caleb Devereaux
Isabelle Dial
Eric Dimmick
Elijah Dixon
Selena Doty
Brady Douma
Connor Douma
Jonathan Draigh
Katrina Droski
Quinne Duhr
Jarrett Duimstra
Dylan Eggleston
Austin Engle
Ethan Ettinger
Mitchell Evink
Keana Fahrni
Jillian Fidler
Maura Fitzpatrick
Geoffrey Fleenor
Katelyn Flier
Autumn French
Joel Fritsma
George Gonzales
Jacob Gutowski
Joshua Hackstedt
Hannah Halfmann
Joseph Hancock
Jacob Hanson
Garrett Hardman
Brandon Hare
Jenna Harper
Maria Hart
Joshua Havey
Alexis Hiegly
Lindsay Hindley
Hailey Hoevenaar
Mariah Hoogerhyde
Lydia Hull

Morrison Ismond
McKenzie Jack
Peyton Jankowski
Hendrick Jannenga
Cole Jaskolski
Dylan Jernberg
Shelly Johnson
Roman Johnson
Ethan Kaminski
Abigail Kastanek
Fiona Kelly
Haley Kenkel
Mitchell Kerkstra
Akasha Khalsa
Alyssa Klaver
Annelise Kolp
Dawn Kondor
Katherine Kroll
Emily Kropf
David Kruse
Dakota Krzysik
Hunter Krzysik
Elizabeth Kuhns
Laura Lachowski
Alexander Laird
Andrew LeFebre
Joanna Link
Jayce Lixey
Benjamin Lobbezoo
Cassiopeia Longway
Chloe Looman
Courtney Lubbers
Abigail Mangus
Cameron Massel
Caleb Mast
Zachary May
Kelum McDonald
Abigail McDowell
Cody McGee
Gabrielle McRee
Blake McVey
Justin McWayne
Matthew Meyer
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Conner Meyers
Madison Minier
Samuel Misak
Nichole Mitchell
Karina Moore
Karleigh Mrozinski
Matthew Mundwiler
Eden Nethercott
Ryan Noffke
Connor Nugent
Nicole Nugent
Jacob Nugent
Mitchell O'Gorman
Jeffery Oesch
Magenta Oyler
Alexander Patrick
Nicole Paulus
Ryan Pawlowski
Channing Perry
Justin Plunkett
Austin Pollock
Morgan Polsgrove
Macy Potter
Sydney Powell
Garrett Pratt
Natalie Price
Marcel Primeau
Ethan Quiggle
Alec Rankin
Miah Ransom
Kelly Reitsma
William Reynolds
Brianna Roest
Seth Ross
Evan Roth
Roman Rozell
Brendan Sanders
Holton Sawyer
Chloe Schmidt
Drake Seese
Erin Smithee
Lauren Snarski
Kya Sparks
Noah Spencer
Emma Stockreef
Kenneth Stump
Megan Summerfield
Nathaniel Svoboda
Thaddeus Swart
Madeline Taylor
Zachary Tichelaar
Katie Traill
Rena VandenBerg
Vanessa VanderBoon
Bailey VanderMark
Jordan VanOosten
Zachary Vatter
Joshua Virsik
Amelia Vogt
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Justin Wilczewski
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Nathan Yomtoob
Keigan Yuhas
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Hayden Barry-Coulier
Brennan Battle
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Austin Bazen
Matthew Beachler
Johanna Bem
Jeremy Bergin
Delaney Bierlein
Dakota Bileth
Maxwell Bishop
Faith Blakely
Katherine Bodemann
Elijah Boulton
Trevor Bouman
Collin Bowers
Austin Branagan
Maria Briggs
Mitchell Brown
Clayton Brown
Madeline Burt
Stephanie Carlson
Kyle Cater
Samantha Celori
Emma Chapin
Brodrick Chapman
Autumn Chrisman
Colton Churches
Ryne Clarke
Katie Clemenshaw
Paige Clouse
Marreona Coe
Caleb Cole
Austin Comer
Sydney Conard
Riley Coxon
Avery Cunningham
Amber Curtis
Nicholas Dalessandro
Makenzie Daly
Andrew de Voest
Maria DeCator
Paige DeHaan
Bryce Dempsey
Casey Depew
Samuel DeVito
Kyla Dixon
Sydney Dodde
Alexander Dommer
Michael Doyle
Robert Dubisky
Jonah Epema
Brayden Ergang
Devin Falk
Victoria Fezzey
Edward Fisher
Isabelle Fleszar
Rose Ford-Weber
Callie Ford-Weber
Alise Forward
Paige Fosburg
Brady Fox
Cassandra Franklin
Laurel Frederickson
Darby Fuller
Taylor Furtaw
Kamryn Gaines
Bridget Garter
Ciera Gaskin
Bethany Geldersma
Haley Godbold
Parker Grant
Sonja Grasma
Emily Grochowalski
Salem Grody
Madeleine Haines
Megan Hall
Rebecca Hall
Nathan Hawkins
Brianna Haywood
Edward Heikkila
Kollin Hieftje
Taylor Higgins
Olivia Hock
Emily Hock
Shannon Hoekstra
Kamryn Holdridge
Jacob Holmes
Brianna Homrich
Thomas Hubert
Anderson Hudson
Noah Huizinga
Jerrold Humphreys
Bailey Inda
Kara Jeffries
Danton Jernberg
Eric Judd
Kelsie Jurmo
Terese Kane
Jeremy Kargl
Caleb Kaufman
Corah Kaufman
Kaitlin Kelley
Harley Kline-Scheltmeyer
Bretton Kooistra
Adam Korzen
Trevor Labron
Logan Landman
Aidan Lane
Clayton Launer
Zachary Laux
Jeremy Leavell
Geniaya Lewis
Jared Lezan

Isabel Lillie
Kayeleigh Lubbers
Katie Lynn
Christina Lyon
Mallori MacPherson
Sara Majestic
Jack Malone
Makyla Martinez
Angela Mauric
Madison McCormack
Carsen McDonald
Alyssa McIntire
Kenzie McLarty
Alyssa Mears
Jarrod Melle
Tessa Micho
Chase Miller
Kathryn Miller
Kennedy Mitchell
Nicole Mooney
Daniel Moore
Ryan Morris
Benjamin Mullins
Riley Nethercott
Nova Nietling
Benjamin Noffke
Olivia Nurmikko
Hunter Owens
Grace Paiz
Tiana-Marie Peavey
Nicolas Perry
Jayce Perysian
Jasmine Peters
Mary Peterson
Rachel Cole
Tiana Petricevic
Zachary Petroelje
Remington Phillips
Caleb Pickens
Abigail Pickett
Josealyn Pontius
Andrew Poulton
Alexander Powell
Jacob Pratt
Griffen Preston
Lisa Price
Jacquelyn Pytlik
Lillian Quiggle
Keegan Redloske
Mansel Reed
Aiden Remar
Aiden Reynolds
Gina Ricards
Brayden Rickert-Myers
Jillian Riney
Collin Rinks
Megan Ritchie
Samantha Robinson
Alyssa Roest
John Rogalke
Benjamin Rolls
Emily Roth
Alexander Rozell
Samuel Russell
Seth Salinas
Joseph Schaefer
Kaden Schwarz
Carleigh Shalda
Autumn Sheldon
Trevor Sherman
Christina Sherwood
Brenden Simpson
Courtney Simpson
Brevon Slagell
Brandon Smit
Landon Smith
Logan Smith
Benjamin Smith
Connor Smithee
Caleb Sobie
Sage Solomonson
Hana Steinebach
Madison Stephens
Nathan Stephens
Benjamin Stewart
Jonathan Stewart
Bradley Stoffers
Mason Sturgeon
Evan Swanson
Hailey Taylor
Garret Taylor
Jakob Thompson
Patrick Travis
Donald Trierweiler
Steven Tripp
Nickolas Truba
Clayton VandenHout
Sydney VandenHout
James VanDeusen
Trevor VanDyke
Kenneth VanOosten
Nicholas VanTil
John Wade
Lucy Wade
Sara Walters
Corrina Wenger
Zachary Weston
Meghan Whitaker
Lauren White
Nathan Whittum
Kodie Wilcox
Maya Williams
Jacob Wosinski
Kendra Wroten

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: OUTDOOR FUN

ACROSS

- 1. Big Ben's face
- 6. "C'____ la vie!"
- 9. Hefty competitor
- 13. Water-resistant wool cloth
- 14. William F. Cody, ____ Buffalo Bill
- 15. Domenikos Theotokopoulos, a.k.a. El ____
- 16. Food-borne bacteria
- 17. Bro to sis or sis to bro
- 18. Bat dwelling?
- 19. *It lights up the sky
- 21. *S'more cooker
- 23. Turkish title of respect
- 24. Sensational promotion
- 25. *Take a first aid one on a camping trip
- 28. Lover of Aeneas
- 30. *____ and field
- 34. Singular of #26 Down
- 36. Lagerlîfs "The Wonderful Adventures of ____"
- 38. Where there's trouble?
- 40. Ripped
- 41. Labored breaths
- 43. 43,560 square feet
- 44. *Done to get in a race
- 46. Stash in the hold
- 47. Multicolored horse
- 48. Type of car
- 50. Greek Hs
- 52. *Picnic invader
- 53. Make like a cat
- 55. Nuke
- 57. *High ride
- 61. *Requires luring
- 65. Roundish

CROSSWORD

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MARCH 29 - APRIL 4

- The final game of March Madness has been played and the North Carolina Tar Heels have emerged victorious. There remain several missed calls that fans are upset about the refs but, sportsmanship also reigns on the day after. The Zags Silas Melson spoke for the team when he reportedly said, "That's one call. We played a whole 40 minutes of basketball," Melson said. "I'm



not going to start complaining about the referees. North Carolina beat us. They played a great game."

- The National Hockey League has officially declared that NHL players will not be going to Pyeong Chang to represent their countries in men's ice hockey 2018 Winter Olympics.
- Storms sweep through Louisiana, Mississippi killing five.
- Lansing, Michigan has declared that they are a sanctuary city.

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- 35. Financial aid criterion
- 71. Discrimination against seniors
- 37. Dick and Jane's pet
- 72. Soon, to a bard
- 39. *Camping abode
- 73. The day before
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- 49. Teresa of Calcutta, e.g.
- 51. Move sideways
- 54. A variety show
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- 57. French novelist ... mile
- 58. Popular Russian name
- 59. Little bit, in Mexico
- 60. Right to a property
- 61. "Born _____," movie
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Lowell High School students compete in state level competition as part of Business Professionals of America

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

After qualifying in the organizations regional event, ten Lowell High School students recently competed at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids as part of

the Business Professionals of America (BPA) state level competition.

BPA was founded with the mission of preparing young future professionals

for roles in the global marketplace by the cultivation and advancement of leadership and citizenship skills as well as academic and technological ones. Known as the premier career and technical student organization, the program is aimed at students pursuing careers in office administration, information

technology, business management and other related fields. Lowell is one of 1,800 chapters of BPA in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Led at by LHS business and English instructor Dr. Katherine Homer, BPA provides the opportunity for educators in business and technology to offer a hands

on co-curricular experience to their students. This year the career focused young learners had a fantastic showing at the regional BPA competition propelling ten competitors to the three day state competition.

Red Arrow Steven Tripp advanced to state in two competitions. Competing solo he placed

second at the regional in payroll accounting. He was also part of a group of five students to place second in parliamentary procedure. Fellow Lowell students Alexander Brandt, Conner Meyers, Dawn Kondor and Kathryn Miller completed the team. Miller, a three-year participant in the organization, said that the experience has better prepared her for the career challenges ahead, "Throughout the past three years, BPA has allowed me to enhance my leadership skills and become a stronger speaker. It has made me more confident and a stronger person."

Also earning a top finish at the regional event to advance to state were the pair of Ryan Morris and Kamryn Gaines, who presented their economic research project and freshman Nigel Mika placed well enough to move on in the category of extemporaneous speech in his first year of competition. "This is a phenomenal gateway and opportunity to apply myself into the business world," said Mika of the first time experience.

Rounding out the top regional performers were Jovan Marcos and Megan Summerfield who were the only participants to go on to earn top five finishes at the state event. Summerfield placed second in graphic design to qualify and then landed in the fifth position at the event. "I am very blessed that Lowell offers BPA," said Summerfield of her participation. "I've recently decided that I will pursue business in my future and the organization combines my hobby of graphic design with business, so it's a great fit for me. I am so thankful for the opportunity to compete and for the support I've received."

Marcos earned his state spot with top finishes in business meeting concepts and information technology concepts, then placed third at the state event moving him on to the next stage of competition. According to Homer, "All the contestants did an excellent job representing Lowell High School at such an elite event, but a special recognition goes to Megan Summerfield for placing fifth and Jovan Marcos for taking the bronze. Marcos is now eligible to attend the national conference, May 10-14 in Orlando, Florida."

"Throughout the past three years, BPA has allowed me to enhance my leadership skills and become a stronger speaker...."

~ Kathryn Miller



Lowell's successful BPA participants at the recent state competition in Grand Rapids.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES

Notice of Public Hearing Request for Industrial Exemption Certificate

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes will hold a public hearing on April 17, 2017, at or after 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331, telephone (616) 897-5671, to consider a request from Poultry Management Systems, Inc. (PMSI), for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property improvements to the property located at 890 OE Bieri Industrial Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331 in Vergennes Township, Michigan, under the provisions of Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended. The improvements will be located within an Industrial Development District located within the Township of Vergennes, County of Kent, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Land in the Township of Vergennes, County of Kent, State of Michigan, described as:

411634426015 UNIT 3 * O. E. BIERI INDUSTRIAL PARK KENT COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 532 LIBER 5225 PAGE 56 AS AMENDED BY INSTRUMENT NO. 20150825-0074786 & AS AMENDED BY INSTRUMENT NO. 20161227-0113735 SPLIT/COMBINED ON 01/19/2017 FROM 41-16-34-426-003, 41-16-34-426-004; SPLIT/COMBINED ON 02/16/2017 FROM 41-16-34-426-003, 41-16-34-426-004

The property and equipment to which the application relates lies within the above described parcel and itself is described in the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

The applicant, the Township Assessor, representatives of each taxing unit affected that levies ad valorem property taxes within the Township of Vergennes, or any other person may appear at this meeting and give testimony.

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