

## Lowell school board treasurer Blough not running for reelection

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by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Gary Blough, the Lowell Area Schools board of education treasurer since 2010, has decided not to run for reelection this November.

Blough was born and raised in Lowell, has been a farmer most of his life and worked as a rural mail carrier for more than 30 years.

“It was May of 2010 when I was first elected, and I am surprised how fast it went,” Blough said. “I retired from [the US Postal Service] in 2009, and that was when I decided to run for the board. I had more free time at that point, and I felt like I should do some community service, so I decided to run for the school board.”

For various reasons, Blough said he decided after the last school board election that this would be his final term.

“Four years ago, superintendent Greg Pratt asked me to run again, and I said, ‘Okay, I’ll do it one more time and that’s it,’” Blough said. “So four years ago I made the decision that it would be my last term. It had nothing to do with any

of the things that are going on, although that kind of puts the icing on the cake! But no, I wasn’t going to run for reelection anyway, and I made that choice four years ago. The primary reason is because I have no kids in school anymore and it’s going to be four or five years before my grandson starts school, so I said, ‘You know what? Let’s let somebody that has kids, or at least grandkids, in school be on the board.’ And I’m kind of looking forward to not having to worry about going to evening meetings anymore! It’s going to be bittersweet. I definitely enjoyed it over the last 12 years, even the last year with the recall and everything going on.”

He pointed to the Middle School renovations and the addition of a new facility as the board accomplishments he was most proud of during his tenure.

“The biggest thing was getting the bond issue passed in 2019 and our new Middle School well on its way to being completed.

Another thing was the Yeiter Learning Center that opened up a couple years ago. That was a big, big deal and a big, big change for us.”

Blough said the recent unsuccessful recall was misdirected against the local board, because most of the decisions those involved in the recall were upset about are made in Lansing or Washington DC.

“[The recall] really made me a better board member,” Blough said. “It did get me more on my toes again, so it wasn’t a bad thing, in my opinion. [...] One of the biggest challenges is that too much comes down from the state and the national level. We don’t have a lot of things that we can actually decide ourselves. There are so many things that are like, ‘You have to do this! You have to do that! You don’t have a choice!’ That is kind of the frustration of being a local board member. They’ve taken a lot of decisions away from us and put them at the state level so our legislators are making all the choices for us. Some parents are



Gary Blough

frustrated too, because our hands are tied. As far as a lot of things with curriculum and stuff, we have to incorporate it because if we don’t, we don’t get state funding. They think we can do things, and we can do some, but a lot of stuff they demand is stuff that they need to take up with their legislators, not with the

school board.”  
The school board’s next regular meeting will take place in the Runciman Building, 300 High St., at 7 pm on Monday, April 11. They also have a work session scheduled for the same location at 6 pm on Monday, April 25.

## Lowell announces changes in police dept.

Last Friday, the city of Lowell announced changes in the Lowell Police Department, including the promotion of detective Gordy Lauren to sergeant.

In his new leadership role, Lauren will be responsible for supervising patrol officers and other members of the police department in the performance of their duties. He will also handle administrative matters and personnel issues, take a lead role in training and performance evaluations and help keep the department up-to-date on regulatory and other changes.

Lauren joined the Lowell Police Department in 2009 as a patrol officer. He has served as a detective for six years.

“I’m pleased to promote Gordy into this new leadership role,” said chief Chris Hurst. “He has been an exemplary officer with us for more than a decade

and is well-deserving of this promotion.”

Lauren replaces Scot VanSolkema, who was demoted to patrol officer after an internal investigation following 2021 trespassing and other complaints from Forest Hills Central High School that resulted in criminal charges being filed. As a result of the investigation, VanSolkema was also suspended without pay for 14 days, which equates to a month’s time for the department. He faces an additional month suspension and is unable to reapply for the sergeant position for four years.

The investigative report read, in part, that “the efficient operation of this department depends on close relationships with the public brought out through trust in our officers.” Yet VanSolkema’s “actions jeopardize that trust” and his “repeated lapses of



Sgt. Gordy Lauren, left. Patrol officer Scot VanSolkema, right.

judgment and indifference to lawful directives have reflected poorly on [him] and this Department.”

“I fully support our chief’s decision on this matter,” said Lowell city manager Michael

Burns. “Scot served on the executive team for the Lowell Police Department and, as a leader, was held to a higher standard that he repeatedly failed to recognize. His actions have been embarrassing and

done a serious disservice to his badge and to our department.”

VanSolkema joined the department in 2004 and had served as sergeant since 2020.

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# Term limits ballot proposal and two more get canvasser approval

The language behind the Voters for Transparency and Term Limits constitutional amendment was approved during the Board of Canvassers meeting on Wednesday, March 23 after a prolonged discussion.

No one had any objections to the transparency section of the proposal, the fight came over language that would be presented to the signers of the petition. Lawyers and citizens argued that the constitutional amendment proposed would repeal the 1992 term limits, not amend them as proposal supporters claimed.

“Never have so few applied this much lipstick to a pig,” said attorney Kurt O’Keefe.

The fight over the language took up most of the afternoon with both sides insisting the language they would be using would be the correct language.

After several hours the board created a summary of the petition that stated the proposal would “replace the current term limits for state representative and state senator with a 12-year-total limit in any combination between the House and Senate, with exception that someone elected to the Senate in 2022 can be

elected the number of times allowed when the person became a candidate.”

In the end both sides felt like they didn’t get everything they wanted in the summary, but it was chalked up as a win by both sides.

“This was a battle for a purpose,” said Patrick Anderson. “Citizens need to be informed that the current term-limits would be replaced under this proposal.”

The Constitutional ballot initiative would change term limits and transparency in Michigan. It would allow members of the legislature who haven’t already served 14 years to serve up to 12 years in one legislative chamber, rather than six years in the House and eight years in the Senate.

“After three decades, it’s time to update Michigan’s term limits law so it better serves our needs today, and this proposal does that,” said Rich Studley, co-chair of Voters for Transparency and Term Limits.

Scott Tillman, the national field director for US Term Limits, said he believes with the way the language was changed in the summary that people would see through the attempt to reverse term limits in

Michigan.

“This is a trick. We know it is a trick. They know it is a trick. They had to sweeten it up with transparency,” Tillman said.

Josh Pugh, spokesperson for Voters for Transparency and Term Limits, said Michigan and Idaho are the only two states that don’t require state government leaders to file financial disclosures.

“It’s time for Michigan to join 48 other states that require state lawmakers and state officers to disclose their finances,” said Mark Gaffney, co-chair of Voters for Transparency and Term Limits.

O’Keefe said he thought transparency was a great thing, but he questioned the transparency of a campaign that received \$5 million from unknown sources.

“Transparency for thee, but none for me,” O’Keefe said.

Pugh said he was excited to get the petitions on the street in the next day or two after the language is changed to meet the Board of Canvassers’ approved summary.

“We are going to be all over the state over the next few weeks and months and we’re looking forward to hearing from people about this proposal,” Pugh said.

Tillman said he believes the canvas will be run with them not mentioning the term limits because they didn’t get the language they wanted in the summary.

“People like term limits,” Tillman said. “It is going to be a dishonest campaign, because they lost their language.”

The Board of State Canvassers also approved the language last Wednesday on two ballot initiatives that were stalled because of the size of lettering on a union label,

which became the subject of a Michigan Supreme Court decision.

The Raise the Wage petitions will be able to move forward and start gathering signatures after the language was approved, but the Reproductive Freedom for All petition was passed on a condition that a word be removed.

The abortion petition was changed after another objection from attorney Eric Doster, who initially objected to the union logo. The objection involved what

he called a “typo” to the proposed petition.

“Some of this last-minute gamesmanship gets under my skin,” board member Anthony Daunt said.

Attorney Mark Brewer said the petitions were crafted so the union labels were changed to be eight-point type, “just in case” the Supreme Court decision did not go their way.

The board approved the condition with board member Jeanette Bradshaw voting no.

## Who, when and how are people getting their refunds from the MCCA?

by Christopher Goggins  
exclusive agent, Allstate

If you are hearing the buzz going around the state about the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association refunding money to us Michiganders, you are probably expecting to receive some timely funds here as we launch into the spring season. There have been many questions surrounding the logistics of how these funds are to arrive and, as you can imagine, much skepticism and apprehension about who qualifies and how it will be received. Hopefully, I can help to clear this up.

First, who gets the funds? The refunds will be sent to the named insured, who is the first person listed on

the policy. Both currently insured and formerly insured will receive funds. Vehicles must have had, at minimum, PLPD as of 12:59 pm ET on Oct. 31, 2021 to qualify.

When will the funds arrive? Most of the carriers have yet to receive all of the money from the MCCA, but the projected deadline is for all carriers to have received the money by May 9, 2022.

What about motorcycles, RVs and classic cars? If a vehicle is deemed a historic vehicle, the refund amount will be \$80. Motorcycles and RVs will receive the full \$400, as long as they were covered by a policy that meets the minimum insurance requirements for operating on Michigan roads as of 12:59 pm ET on Oct. 31, 2021.

How are the funds going

to be received? Most of us will get checks sent directly in the mail. Others, however, will be receiving their funds via direct deposit into their checking or savings account. So, for example, if one has five cars, a motor home, three classic cars and a motorcycle, they can expect to receive \$3,040.

Such a historic event for us in Michigan! Whether it’s at the pump, at the store, or wherever you spend your money, it pays to have your vehicle insured. If you have further questions and would like to reach out, my email is [cgoggins@allstate.com](mailto:cgoggins@allstate.com) and phone number is 616-213-3121. The agency is located in Lowell at 505 W. Main.

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# National Honor Society induction ceremony at LHS

by Herman Weststrate, Jr.  
Lowell VFW Post 8303 commander

The Lowell chapter of the National Honor Society's induction ceremony took place on Monday, March 21.

Nearly 40 Lowell High School students were inducted, including eight seniors, 15 juniors and 16 sophomores.

The sophomores inducted were Teige Bredin, Antonio Casarez, Mason Fuentes, Kieryn Gruizenga, Samantha Hayes, Aubree Lee, Nicholas Lothian, Abigail McDonald, Ellery Ostrander, Ashley Powell, Jackson Schaedig, Jake Schmidt, Ella Todd, Faith Van Duinen and Matilyn Vogel.

The juniors inducted

were Ryan Baker, Ian Berrington, Evan Blazo, Eleanora Clark, Samantha Conrad, Riley Curnow, Dawson Douma, Alexis Lamoreaux, Augustus McDonald, McKenzie Munson, Aubreigh Oswald, Ramsey Ponchaud, Hope Rummelt, Steven Skinner and Hunter Stepanovich.

The seniors inducted were Amber Backing, Alexis Hofmann, Samuel Kaminski, Eliot Raimer, Carlee Rogers, Joseph Swanson, Mia Tavarone and Samuel VandenHout.

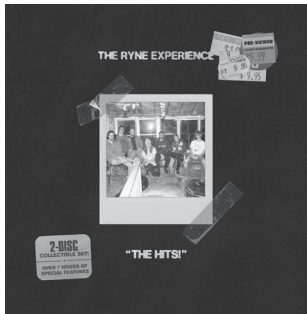
One of these students, Mason Fuentes, has been very helpful with projection and sound board operations at

Evergreen Church on Settlewood Dr. SE. west of Lowell. Fuentes has also been helpful at the Lowell Veterans Center in cleanup operations after restoration this past winter.

The photo was taken on Monday evening, March 21, after the induction ceremony. From left are Herman Weststrate Jr., Mason's grandma Alice Kinyon, Mason Fuentes, his grandpa Jerry Kinyon (Vietnam Veteran 1st Cavalry Military Police central highlands 1970-1971) and on the far right is American Legion Post 152 Commander Richard Thomas (USAF Vietnam Era retired).



# LowellArts gallery concerts return in April and May



**Ryne and the Incredible String Band will perform "The Hits" on Saturday, April 2.**

LowellArts began the gallery concert series in 2017. During the shows, audiences are treated to a unique, immersive art experience by listening to music in the setting of a gallery exhibition. In 2019, 12 concerts were presented between January and May. After a long pause in presenting live concerts indoors, LowellArts gallery concerts are back.

The series kicked off on Saturday, March 26, with the Fusion Rock Orchestra, a student-led ensemble that rocks all styles of music you may not have experienced before from a classical

orchestra. The concert series will continue with six more concerts in April and May, including Ryne and the Incredible String Band on April 2, the Bruce Matthews Band on April 3, the Adams Family Band on April 9, Dixon's Violin on April 10, the Wild Honey Collective on April 16 and Soul Access on May 15.

Ryne and the Incredible String Band features Ryne Clarke on lead vocals and guitar, Mitchell Evink on cello, Charity Gerig on viola, David Reed Ophoff on guitar and Natalie Paiz on violin. Singer/songwriter Ryne Clarke joins forces with classically-trained string players to bring you songs from his catalog, with the lush sounds of an orchestra. Ryne and the Incredible String Band will be performing his latest album "The Hits" in full at the concert, and tickets include a CD of the album.

Michigan-based singer/songwriter Bruce Matthews

invites listeners on a deeply personal, story-filled journey of joy, brokenness, redemption and celebration. Bruce has three albums out, with the latest his 2021 release "What You Leave Behind," and he was named the LowellArts August 2021 Featured Artist of the Month. His band includes Matthews on lead vocals and acoustic guitar, Jack Befus on stand-up bass, Sheila DeGroot on vocals and keys, Tony Muka on vocals and mandolin and Alison Myers on vocals, flute, whistle and bodhrain.

Enjoy a nostalgic journey through the popular music era of the 50s & 60s with the Adams Family Band. Their crowd-pleasing repertoire includes sounds from folk and doo-wop through classic rock hits. You'll hear intricate vocal harmonies that only close relatives can create. Jerry Adams and his son Brian are on vocals/acoustic guitar and Jerry's sister, Cindy Adams Kropf, adds the final touch

to the vocal trio. Rounding out the group is Cindy's husband, Dale Kropf, on bass and background vocals. The strength of their instrumentals complements their strong vocals. This band has that special something that you see with people who've spent many good times in each other's company.

The world's premier visionary violinist, Dixon's life mission is to inspire people. He has done so across North America, including giving four TED talks/performances over ten years at Burning Man and Electric Forest, plus radio, TV and film appearances. A former technology leader and symphony violinist, Dixon walked away from a distinguished career to follow his dream full-time, and invented a whole new music genre. Dixon now improvises on a five-string electric violin with a looping system he developed to create a live one-man

symphony, guided by his remarkable personal story of life transformation.

Influenced by artists such as The Avett Brothers, the Byrds and Bob Dylan, these four musicians made good use of their time during the summer of 2020 to form their indie folk rock band, the Wild Honey Collective. Band members include Timmy Rodriguez, Tommy McCord, Danielle Gyger and Dan O'Brien. The Wild Honey Collective released their self-titled debut album in 2021 and have plans for a second album to be released in the summer of 2022.

Soul Access, a West Michigan band of veteran professionals, delights audiences with unique arrangements of classic jazz, blues, soul and R&B

standards, plus new originals by keyboardist Roger MacNaughton. Warm vocal interpretations provided by Tami Hjelm are wedded with the smooth tones of well-known saxophonist Jon Montgomery and kickin' bass by Charlie Hoats. For a unique twist, the group is joined by uber-versatile violinist, Susan Mora. Soul Access generates a live music experience enjoyed by audiences and performers alike.

All concerts are held at LowellArts, 223 W. Main, and tickets can be purchased online, in person or by calling 616-897-8545. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [lowellartsmi.org/gallery-concerts](http://lowellartsmi.org/gallery-concerts).



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- Ordinance 01-2022, being the Water Shortage Response Plan Ordinance, designed to regulate the use of public water when existing water supply sources are inadequate to meet demands for water.
- Ordinance 02-2022, being the Outdoor Event Ordinance, designed to regulate certain outdoor events in the Township which are open to the public.

The adopted ordinances are available for review at the office of the Township Clerk, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600. The ordinances are also available on the Township Web Site at [www.lowelltpw.org](http://www.lowelltpw.org).

Monica Burt, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

# Judge rules that Snyder and other Flint criminal defendants can't plead the Fifth Amendment

US District Judge Judith Levy ruled that five Flint water crisis criminal defendants, including former Gov. Rick Snyder, cannot plead the Fifth Amendment during an ongoing civil litigation trial.

The judge denied the five defendants' request to quash a trial subpoena on Monday, March 21, which means they must appear at the civil trial against two engineering companies that provided consulting services to the city during the Flint water crisis.

"Because movants are under criminal indictment for the very conduct at issue in this civil case, there is no question that they would ordinarily be entitled to their silence," Levy's 21-page order reads. "Each of the movants voluntarily testified during the deposition phase of this case, and now wishes to invoke the privilege against self-incrimination on the same subject matter. They cannot do so."

Levy's order means those five - who wanted blanket immunity from

questioning during the civil trial - must appear at trial and answer questions from their depositions, which were given in 2020. The judge will hold a hearing on March 25 outside the jury's presence to determine how to handle specific objections to questions the engineering firms - Veolia North America and Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam - may ask outside the deposition, which could lead to further risk of self-incrimination.

"The Fifth Amendment protects the innocent, like Mr. Croft, when facing

unwarranted criminal charges and we will continue to vigorously advocate to protect his constitutionally guaranteed rights in the future, including at the hearing scheduled for later this week before Judge Levy on this issue," said Alexander Rusek, who represents former Flint Public Works director Howard Croft.

Jason Brown, a spokesman for Snyder's legal team, echoed Rusek's sentiments, saying they look forward to the Friday hearing.

"There is another easy solution here," Brown said. "The Attorney General should drop the misdemeanor charges against Gov. Snyder with prejudice and he will be happy to testify on behalf of the state and taxpayers. As he has proven time and again, he is willing and able to help."

Messages seeking comment from attorneys representing the other criminal defendants were not returned Monday.

In addition to Snyder and Croft, aide Richard Baird and former emergency managers Darnell Earley and Gerald Ambrose previously

gave detailed deposition testimony without invoking their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Their attorneys told Levy they gave deposition testimony because they believed the statute of limitations had expired and Baird's attorney argued that they had been told by former Attorney General Bill Schuette's special prosecution team that Baird was not a target for criminal prosecution.

However, under current Attorney General Dana Nessel, a team led by Solicitor General Fadwa Hammoud restarted the criminal investigation, which resulted in indictments against the five defendants. Those indictments were revealed publicly in January 2021.

Levy concluded that an assurance from Schuette's team does not provide Baird immunity or outlast the special prosecutor's tenure.

Snyder and Croft each face two misdemeanor charges of willful neglect of duty, while Ambrose and Earley face multiple counts of misconduct in office, which carries a penalty of up to five years in prison.

Baird faces the heaviest penalties, including

extortion and perjury, which are 20 and 15-year felonies, respectively. He also is charged with misconduct in office and obstruction of justice, which are both five-year felonies.

The civil trial, on behalf of four Flint children alleging



Rick Snyder

injuries from consuming the toxic Flint River water, began Feb. 15 with four days of jury selection followed by opening arguments on Feb. 28 and testimony beginning the next day. The trial is expected to take between four and five months.

Plaintiffs' attorneys claim VNA and LAN were negligent in advising the city, while the engineering firms deny blame and noted in court documents that they plan to challenge whether the children were injured as alleged.

Civil claims against Snyder, other state officials and Flint employees were resolved in a historic \$626.25 million settlement, which Levy gave final approval in November.

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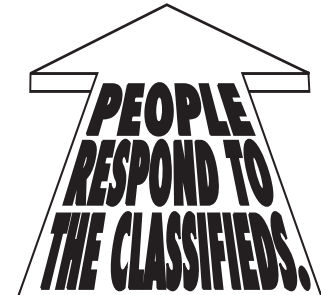
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# viewpoint



## 125 years ago Lowell Ledger April 2, 1897

This edition of the Lowell Ledger is missing.

## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 6, 1922

With only one ticket in the Lowell township election and Walter Blakeslee running on slips against Charles McIntyre for office of highway Commissioner, but 382 votes were cast, and the result in that contest is not yet settled. The election board was divided in its opinion, but the majority decided that McIntyre was elected by 7 majority.

A Detroit manufacturer claims that the income tax will drive industries from Michigan. Will that be worse than driving farmers from their farms and home owners out of their homes? The income tax properly applied would tax man for what they have and not simply what they have that shows. It is a just proposition and should win.

Grand Rapids has voted to return to the "time saving" nuisance. The welfare and convenience of the farming community do not mean much there. Smaller towns will do well to heed the wishes of the tillers of the soil, who many times have come to Lowell on God's own time and found our business places closed.

## 75 years The Lowell Ledger April 3, 1947

Residents of Lowell will see American air power in full battle dress sometime Saturday, April 5, when bomber and fighter aircraft of the Strategic Air Command, including formations of war-famed B29 "Superforts" and P51 "Mustangs" of the 15th Air Force, will soar in combat formation over the village on a full-scale training maneuver.

The new Lowell Bakery will open this week Friday morning at 214 E. Main street reports Joseph Novitsky and James Jeluso, the proprietors. The bakery starts off with modern equipment, including a large gas oven. Both the salesroom and the baking department are newly painted in blue and white with wide showcases for merchandise. Delicious, oven-fresh bread, rolls, cakes, pies, doughnuts, cookies, etc., will be baked every day.

The handwriting of this nation has degenerated to "scrawling, scribbling, and chicken tracks." So say educators after a survey of the writing over the country, and they add that poor writing does not make for clear

thinking. The recommendation is that penmanship be taught as a separate subject in the public schools.

## 50 years The Lowell Ledger April 6, 1972

The Lowell City Council Monday night recognized the error of their ways in trying to buy vehicles and equipment at the lowest possible price and agreed to keep all purchases possible with local businessmen. The first test of this policy came on the purchase of a 1971 model riding lawn mower, which was offered to the city by their distributors of the mowers for \$1,000. The council voted to purchase the same mower from a local dealer for a \$50 mark up.

Johnny Carson of the "Tonight Show" shook his head. "I've never heard anything like that in my life. That's incredible!" Carson was referring to the unusual talent of John Twomey, who appeared on the late-night program last Tuesday, with a rather enchanting act: playing music with his hands. Twomey, a Grand Rapids attorney, was a hit when he appeared nightly during the 1971 performance of the Lowell Showboat.

About \$200 in damages were incurred to the building occupied by Art's TV Shop on East Main Street, when culprits battered a large hole in the back wall to gain entry into the building Monday night. The building, also occupied by Peg Bedell's Jewelry Shop, was ransacked, with the unwelcomed guests getting away with a lot of goodies.

## 25 years The Lowell Ledger April 2, 1997

Lowell was one of 18 schools in Kent County School district to be notified Monday morning that the strawberries they had served to children may have been contaminated with hepatitis A. "The Kent County Health Department was in contact with all the schools on Monday determining if they had received and served strawberries," said Kent County Health Department's community relations coordinator Mike Mullet. "All but two of the schools had received and served the strawberries."

With the completion of the Cherry Creek Elementary re-roofing project, the school district's 1990 bond balance will be depleted. J & L Roofing, of Grand Rapids, has been contracted to replace the existing Cherry Creek roof with a reinforced polypropylene.

A struggle to find a parking spot and a short wait in line has never stopped Ball's Softee Crème patrons from visiting one of Lowell's favorite summer hot spots. The construction of an 18-space parking lot at 513 E. Main will alleviate the parking problems. However, the lines may just continue to grow.

## outdoors

### spring turkey

Dave Stegehuis

Wild turkeys are native to Michigan, but by the early 1900's they had disappeared due to over harvesting and habitat loss. In the mid 50's game managers trapped Eastern wild turkeys and released them in a few suitable habitat areas, and it worked. Today turkeys are found in all lower peninsula counties and many in the U/P. These unique birds are hunted during a spring season and in the fall. Hunters harvest about 30,000 birds each year. Turkeys offer a quality hunting opportunity for hunters across the state. State and federal land as well as private land open to public hunting put birds in easy reach. There are four areas called Turkey Tracts where the Department of Natural Resources manages specifically for wild turkeys.

Some hunters walk and call to locate birds, then set up and attempt to call a bird into range. Stationary blinds work where turkeys regularly frequent an area. Turkey decoys may fool a wise old gobbler.

Spring turkeys can be called in using several types of calls. Box calls are easy to use. Pot calls mimic a variety of vocalizations. A mouth call leaves hands free for shotgun or bow handling. A crow or owl call is used

to elicit a response from a gobbler to determine its location.

Hunting with a partner relies on teamwork to get close to a wild turkey. One person calls while the other prepares for the shot. Turkey hunting provides a great opportunity to mentor beginning hunters. Family members, including children, can share a great experience outdoors.

Wild turkeys are challenging to hunt. A big tom strutting in from a distance will definitely get one's heart rate up. The birds are extremely wary and have keen eyesight. If they could smell like a deer, few would turn up on the dinner table. Toms seeking hens in the springtime tend to make mistakes favoring the hunter. Spring turkey hunting occurs at a time when mild weather and emerging vegetation make for an enjoyable time to be out and about in field and forest.

Considering the availability of birds, pleasant weather, and the challenge of the hunt, folks considering getting into hunting will find turkey hunting a good place to start. Information on game habits, hunting techniques and gear are found in books, online, and best of all from an experienced partner. Good hunting.

## 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:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence. We do not publish anonymous letters, and names will be withheld at the editor's discretion for compelling reasons only.
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of businesses will not be accepted.
- Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest, which will be determined by the editor.
- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
- In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per month.
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 Deadline is noon on Mondays

# HEALTH

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## - colorectal cancer screening

March is Colorectal Cancer awareness month. It's not a topic that most patients want to address with us at their wellness visit, but definitely one of the most important topics as this screening can easily save a life. The U.S. Preventative Services Task Force recommends to begin screening for colon cancer at age 50 in most individuals, but for some screening should begin earlier. Earlier screening should begin in those with family history of colon cancer or polyps, or with personal history of inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's or Ulcerative Colitis. Screening is then typically continued until age 75.

Below are the multiple screening tests approved to evaluate for colon cancer:

- Colonoscopy every 10 years;
- Stool DNA test every three years;
- Fecal immunochemical test

annually;  
• Fecal occult blood test annually;  
• Computed tomography colonography every five years;

• Flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years.

Colon polyps and cancer do not always cause symptoms, especially early on, which is why it is so important to screen. If you do have symptoms of colon cancer, they may include rectal bleeding, abdominal pain that does not go away, and unexplained weight loss.

To prevent colon cancer, aim to eat a diet low in animal fat, high in fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Get regular exercise and maintain a healthy body weight. Limit alcohol intake and avoid smoking. If you are 50 or older, or have risk factors for colon cancer, please schedule an appointment to discuss colon screening.

# weddings

## Barron - Laux

Aaron Laux and Krystle Barron were joined together in marriage on March 17, 2022 in Cancun, Mexico witnessed by their children, Cristian, Keegan, Bronson and Bennett Laux; along with their parents, Heidi and Paul Barron of Ada and Donna and Gary Laux of Lowell; as well as family and friends.



Krystle and Aaron Laux and family.

# ABCs of Lowell history

The ABC's of Lowell History was introduced in 2020 as a way to share some of the many fascinating stories from Lowell's past. It was initiated in part by the pandemic shutdown which led the Museum to seek alternative ways to share local history with the community. The series will continue with a fourth round of the alphabet.

## V is for Vic's Auto Service & Supply

Victor L. Clemenz was born into a large family

in 1912. His parents were Edward Clemenz and Elizabeth Althaus Clemenz.

He worked as a mechanic's apprentice in a local garage. He then went on to complete the Motor Institute of America's training courses. He worked for A.H. Stormzand and McQueen Motor Company. In 1937 He married Gladys Rickert. She had attended Davenport Business College and worked as a legal secretary for a law firm. Together they started "Vic's Auto Service

& Supply" in 1941 and bought the one-stall Sinclair Oil service station at the corner of Main and Center Streets. He made multiple additions, and even sold used cars. Gladys handled the accounting.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked, Vic joined many other young men and enlisted in the armed services. During his physical examination the doctor found that Vic had a heart murmur and declared him unfit for military service.

As time passed, Vic became the first aftermarket

parts supplier in town. When a few of the local high school boys came by his shop, not only did he sell them the parts, but he lent them his tools to work on their own cars at his shop and taught them what to do. Later he would find out one of these young men went on to open his own garage.

In 1964, after serving the town of Lowell as a mechanic for 36 years, Vic passed away at the young age of 52 from melanoma.

Many years after Vic's passing, the doctor who had declared Vic unfit for military service confided in his widow Gladys, "Vic never had a heart murmur. He was too valuable to the town and I wasn't going to let him go!"

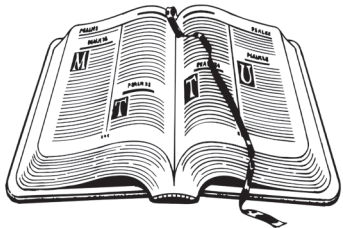
When he died in 1964, his wife carried on the business without the used car sales. In 1966, the business was taken over by their son-in-law, Rex L. Dowling. In 1970 the parts, machinery, office furnishings and showcases were auctioned off. Gladys rented out the building and it is still owned by family today.



# college news

Kalamazoo College student Sierra Hieshetter earned Honors Day recognition on Friday, November 5, during Family Weekend. Hieshetter earned the Enlightened Leadership Award.

# area churches



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# happy birthday



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Deb Maxim, Erin Wade, Delores Ellison, Laurinda Horsley, Patrick Drake.

**MARCH 31**  
Katelynn Fonger, Jennifer McCaul, Ben Lobbezoo, Tera Raab, Rudy Smith, Michaela Blough.

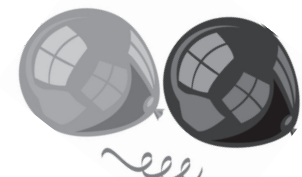
**APRIL 1**  
Christopher Vollink, Denny McClure, Kurt Wernet.

**APRIL 2**  
Kyle Geldersma, Ron Metternick, Alec Newhouse, Chris Rittersdorf, Blake Bergy, Nicole Wilcox, Alex Hazard.

**APRIL 3**  
Hayleigh Borton, Jamie Barnes, Darwin Lambert.

**APRIL 4**  
Troy Pethers, Nick Corbeil, Janet Kelley.

**APRIL 5**  
Doug Klahn, Alexandra Moore.





## The Restless Viking

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### ~ A nun murdered

by Martha Hayden

#### The Discovery

The bones of Sister Mary Janina (Ya-nina) were unearthed from the basement cellar of Holy Rosary Catholic church in late 1918. It had been 11 years since the nun had gone missing. Father Edward Podlaszewski was the new priest who wanted to build a stylish church on the site. He had heard rumors from Bishop Edward Kozlowski and asked the sexton, Jacob Flees, to assist him on the late fall night. With lanterns and a potato fork in hand, the pair crept to the dirt floor under the wooden clapboard structure in the November duskiness.

Father Edward had planned to construct a Roman style brick church with thirteen stained glass windows which he had ordered from Franz Xavier Zettler, a well known Vatican artist. These pieces of artwork were being carefully stored under sawdust in Munich, Germany. As World War I had just ended, it was not safe to ship them yet. The vision of this new church was Father Edward's pride. He needed to be sure the area was clear before construction could begin. If the construction crews (or worse the parishioners) discovered a body it would be scandalous.

The lanterns dispensed an eerie glow as Jacob lifted nun's bones into a wooden crate. He discovered the remains of a fetus cradled in Sister Janina's skeleton. Father Edward told Jacob to secretly bury the crate under the large cross in the cemetery. Scandal was to be avoided at all costs. Jacob Flees kept his silence. He didn't even tell his wife, Mary.



This is the only known photograph of her found in her prayer book. "Isadore's Secret" by Mardi Link

This tight knit Polish community had immigrated to the United States due to overpopulation, desire for land and enthusiastic letters from their relatives. Milwaukee, Wisconsin had been a large influx of Polish immigrants who were being racially excluded from employment and loans. So a Catholic group had banded together and traveled across Lake Michigan from their settlement in Milwaukee to homestead in the "pink" of lower Michigan. The Polish American Insurance Company, Polish National Alliance and the Polish Union created financial and moral support. These businesses and their Catholic faith provided the stability that the community thrived on. Their allegiance to one another was unwavering. No one would imagine upsetting their parish with unneeded worry.

However, Father Edward confided in Sister Superior Hillaria, the head teacher of the school, and Sister Gastone the assistant Felician nun.

A week or so later Father Edward was called to the Miller home. Martha, the teenage daughter who worked as a housekeeper at Holy Rosary church, was pregnant. Stubbornly Martha wouldn't reveal with whom she had shared relations. Father Edward agreed to keep this quiet

and take Martha to St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor where she

could stay until the baby was born and given up for adoption. He promised to transport her back home after six weeks.

On January 24, 1919 on Martha's return trip with Father Edward, he confided about Sister Janina being found. Martha remembered hearing about the nun who had liked to sing while she walked through the woods. Sister Janina's outgoing personality was unusual for a lady of faith. When the nun had disappeared many had thought Sister had secretly left the church. Martha had heard these rumors and assumed that Sister hadn't felt comfortable in their close knit, conservative community.

After spending six weeks on her own, giving birth to her baby and releasing her to an unknown family Martha felt more confident in herself and soon confessed to her dad, Joseph Miller. Martha finally admitted that Father Edward was the father of her baby. Martha continued and told her dad about Sister Janina's bones being found under the church. Joseph Miller immediately met with the sheriff.

Father Edward was sent away to St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit where he would face his trial in front of Catholic leaders. As punishment, he was sent to a small church in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains in Kentucky for 30 days. Then, he was moved to Warszawa district in Cleveland, Ohio to work under Father Marion J. Orzechowski and serve the parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Father Andrew Bieniawski and his housekeeper, Stanislaw "Stella" Lipczynska, were brought north from Manistee for questioning. (A four hour drive) The cohort pair had served at Holy Rosary along with Sister Janina, Sister Angelina and Sister Josephine. Father Andrew had been reassigned after Sister Janina's disappearance in 1907. Stella had decided to follow Father Andrew to his new church and continue her employment.

#### The Disappearance

It was Friday, August 23, 1907, baking day, in the village of Isadore. Settlers had a job assigned for each day of the week: washing, ironing, mending, churning, baking and cleaning. Father Andrew, his sister, Susan, and Gruba, the chore boy, were heading out to go fishing at Carp Lake (now named Lake Leelanau).

The three Sisters who taught at the school had decided to stay at the church over the summer instead of returning to the Felician Home for Nuns in Detroit. Each had tuberculosis and enjoyed the northern Michigan air napping each afternoon. Sister Angelina and Sister Josephine were older than Sister Superior, Sister Janina. Sister Janina had said she needed to retrieve the paper flower decorations from the cellar below the church. Then she planned to rest in her cell. (room)

Sister Mary Janina was the third child born to Jan and Josephine Mezek. After having two boys, Frank and Emil, the baby girl was named for her mother, Josephine Mezek. They immigrated from Poland to the United States in the late 1800's. Unfortunately the children were orphaned when Josephine was just nine years old. She was sent to live with the Felician nuns in Detroit. (I was unable to find records of her older brothers Frank and Emil). Josephine learned to play the piano and sang well. She was vivacious and energetic. She took her religious vows and the name Sister Mary Janina in 1901 when she was 18 years old. Sister Janina had arrived at Holy Rosary in August of 1906 serving as the leader of the school of two hundred students. At this country school many students would board during the winter months. The families held a strong respect for the education their children were receiving. I marvel at these nuns who came willingly with very little training and did their best.

On that Friday morning, Stella the housekeeper, had baking to tend to and didn't have patience for needless decorations. Stella often scoffed about Sister Janina to parishioners, "That one is no good as a nun. Her duties go unfinished." Stella was upset by Dr. Fralick and Father Andrew attending to Sister Janina in her room . . . ALONE. That is NOT allowed for a nun, being alone with a man. It was unheard of in Stella's eyes. Stella regularly confided her feelings with some ladies in the parish. ("Isadore's Secret")

#### The Search

Sisters Angelina and Josephine couldn't locate Sister Janina after they rose from their nap. Sister Janina had left her rosary (prayer beads) and her prayer book on her windowsill. She had always carried these items with her.

With concern the sisters started the first of many searches for Sister Janina. Sometimes she liked to hike in the woods and around the swamp. She loved to sing, too, while she

strolled. When Father Andrew and his fishing group returned another more organized search began. Many searches followed. Father Andrew paid for enhanced searches using a bloodhound and a clairvoyant.

The clairvoyant described a home in Glen Lake where she believed Sister was being held. The Empire sheriff searched the house and nothing was found.

A week after Sister Janina's disappearance, Sheriff Kinnucan joined the search. There was speculation that Sister Janina had left. A strange buggy had been seen in the area on the 23rd.

#### The Arrest (1918)

After being escorted from Manistee to Leland for questioning, Father Andrew's fishing excursion freed him from arrest. However, Stella's lack of alibi and her professed attitude about Sister Janina resulted in her imprisonment. Stanislaw "Stella" Lipczynska was taken to jail in Leland.

Sheriff Kinnucan had confiscated Stella's rosary which upset her as it was her link to faith. In court Stella reported that the Sheriff Kinnucan asked if she'd like to see Sister Janina? With hope believing that Sister had come back, Stella agreed. Then he brought her to a dark room lit with candles. On the table laid Sister Janina's bones. Her skull had been hung with the jaw moving. A voice repeated, "You killed me. You killed me."

A Polish speaking female detective, Mary Tylicka, was put in the cell with Stella posing as an arrested criminal to try to befriend Stella and have her confess. Tylicka submitted the following statement claiming Stella had confessed, "First I stunned her. Then I went out into the garden and got a spade. I dug a hole under the church, dragged the body to the hole and put it in. As I was trying to cover the head, it would always rise up. I threw two or three shovels of dirt on the head, but each time it rose up. Then I took the backside of the spade and knocked the Sister three times on the head with all my might." ("Isadore's Secret")

On May 4th, 1919 Howard Campbell and Peter Glassmire, attorneys from Manistee arrived (after a four hour drive) to prepare Stella's defense. The clerk informed the attorneys Sheriff Kinnucan and Judge Marin Brown were out of town and the clerk couldn't give them admittance to their client.

The attorneys observed Stella through the barred windows. She was repeating prayers, rolling on the floor, making noises that didn't sound human. The two demanded that Stella required medical attention. "I assure you that the prisoner is getting all the care and attention necessary" said Mr. Anderson, the clerk.

Stella was sent to Ann Arbor for a psychological evaluation. After two weeks the doctor claimed that Stella had been faking this "insane" behavior and was fit to stand trial.

#### The Trial

On July 29th, 1919 the Leland courtroom's 100 seats were filled like cord wood. This included reporters from Chicago and New York as well as statewide representation. Stella's attorney requested a change of venue, but was denied by the judge. The jury was sequestered in a local motel.

Mary, Stella's daughter, sobbed throughout the proceedings. She had come back from Milwaukee where she lived with her husband John Flees. John had grown up in Isadore, met Mary and the two had been married in 1910.

Some villagers testified about Stella's harsh, abrasive personality. In an article by Elizabeth Edwards written in 2001 a local, Michaeline Pleva, who was a young student at the school spoke of Stella, "Kids kept away from her. They didn't go to the rectory unless she called for them." The trial took place when Michaeline Pleva was in eighth grade.

Mary Gatzke, a parishioner, had testified about Stella, "She said the priest was no priest. He was no more than a man with wives. She called Janina a slut."

A letter arrived saying, "Sister Mary Janina was not abducted or murdered. She was simply tired of her job and slipped quietly away." It was signed, "Protestant Pup" Handwriting experts were called in and evaluated the writing sample. It was deemed that Dr. Fralick had written the note. Judge Martin Brown didn't allow the letter into evidence. This evidence clearly demonstrated that Dr. Fralick appeared to be guilty. Many speculated that he had gotten Sister pregnant. He could have botched an abortion resulting in Sister's death. Perhaps, Dr. Fralick had killed her, buried her on a farm then moved her body to the church basement. However, this suspicion was never brought before the jury resulting in Stella being tried for the death of Sister Janina.

The bones were laid out on a table in the courtroom. Doctors were called to testify evaluating the fracture in the skull. Dr. Fralick (who cared for Sister Janina behind closed doors) and Dr. Slepica of Suttons Bay claimed the skull fracture was the cause of death. A pathologist from Chicago was called and claimed that the fracture occurred postmortem.

At the trial the Felician Sisters asked the judge if they

# Cold day brings large crowds to Lowell Expo

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

It was freezing cold outside on Saturday, March 26, so it was the perfect time to check out the 2022 Lowell Expo, held at Lowell High School this year after a two year COVID break.

“It’s always good at the Expo when the weather is lousy outside,” said Dr. Jim Reagan. “If it’s 65 or 70, you don’t get as many people to come out.”

“We are having a great time at the Expo,” said Kurt Lardie, manager of the Alto and Englehardt Branches of the Kent District Library. “There are a lot of great people and a lot of new people who are not familiar with what the library offers, all of the new things that are beyond books, all of our e-resources. Everybody thinks the library is just books! So it’s going great. Expo is always a great time.”

“It’s awesome. I’m so

glad to be back in the gym after three years,” said Lori Spoelstra of the travel agency Adventures by Lori. “It’s been wonderful seeing our clients face-to-face and meeting all of our new clients. It’s been very well attended and I think it’s been really good. I think people are ready to come out and get involved in the community again.”

“There’s a pretty good turnout,” said Evert Bek of Arctic Heating and Cooling. “Last year it was busy and the year before there wasn’t any Expo, so considering the circumstances it’s pretty good. There is a steady flow.”

“It’s hard being a parent of a service person, but we’re very proud and honored that our children are serving,” said Debbie Rasmussen of Blue Star Mothers. “When your kid is up at Ferris or MSU, even if they’re in Ohio, you could drive

there, or you can call them on the phone. My son was in Afghanistan, and I didn’t know where he was or what he was doing half the time. One of our moms, right now her son is ‘on vacation,’ and that means he’s not where he’s supposed to be. Because they’re serving or have served, we do lots of things to help our service people, to help each other and to help veterans. It’s a difficult job, but it’s important and it’s something that we’re honored to do. We do things to support the veterans and the troops that are serving right now. We send care packages, we do a Thanksgiving dinner at the veterans’ home in November, we do the Lowell and Ionia parades in Christmas time and we started a 9/11 parade in Lakeview that we’ve done every year for the last five years. We just do whatever we can do to help support each other, the mothers of our service people, because this experience is not the same for everybody.”

The Lowell Area Fire Department’s attention was split between the Expo, their pancake breakfast and watching out for emergencies.

“It’s going well, the turnout is very nice,” said Erik Kelly of the Lowell Area Fire Department. “We started off with our pancake breakfast at the station, we have a crew up here doing this and we have our tender here and our medic unit for people to look at.”

Morgan Rouse and Anna Kircheis, some of this year’s Kent County Youth Fair royalty, greeted passerby at their booth, which included a life-sized, mooing, plastic cow.

“It’s good, there’s a nice crowd and we’re getting a lot of attention,” Kircheis



Representatives from Betten Baker brought a couple brand new vehicles to the 2022 Expo.

said.

“It’s going good and it’s been very busy, a good turnout,” said Marty Chambers of Red Barn Market. Chambers was raffling off some Lowell Bucks and had a large display with many of the food products that are for sale at his store. “A lot of people here started their morning off at the pancake breakfast, and now they’re up here. Our booth is giving away \$120 in Lowell Bucks. We’ll have three winners, and you can enter to win lots of different things. We brought a display of the variety of foods that we have. We have a lot of Michigan-made products, like Cherry Republic, Wild Thyme, Al Dente pasta, Schuil coffee, McDonald’s seafoam candy, all local honey and maple syrups, we have old-fashioned candies, we have a Brach’s display and we have hard candies made in Whitehall, Michigan.”



Tina Cadwallader and Alan Rumbaugh from the Fallsburg Historical Society.



Dr. Jim Reagan



Sandra Graham and Kurt Lardie of the Kent District Library’s Lowell and Alto branches.

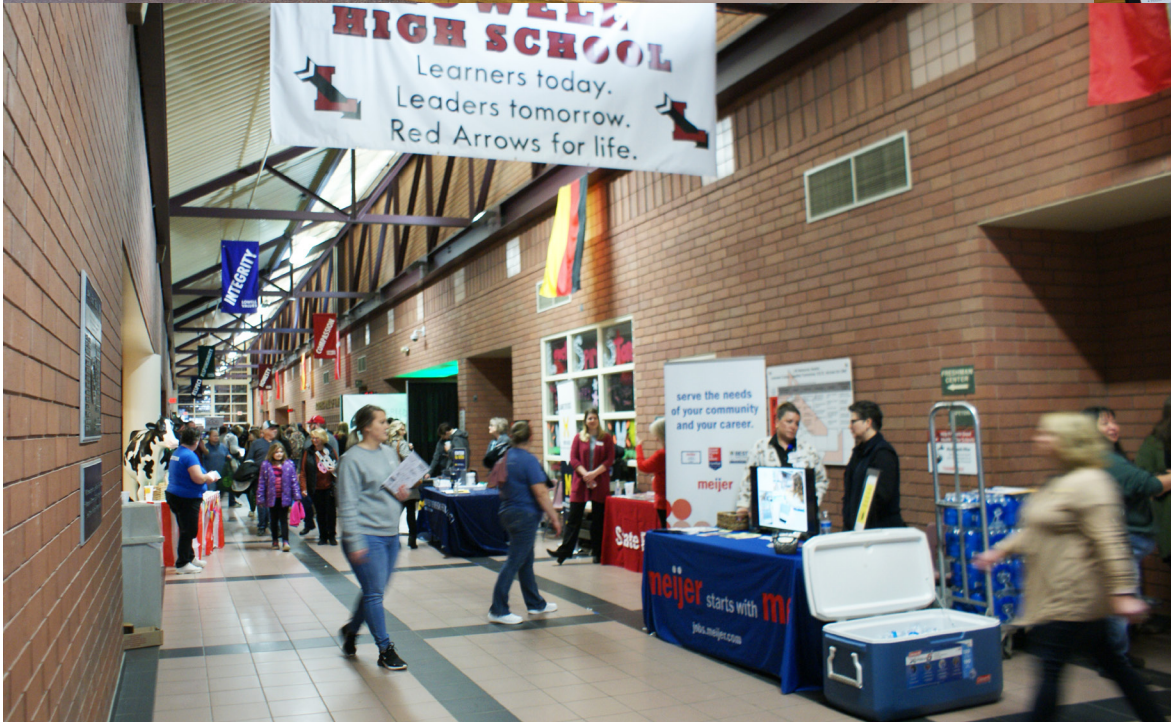


Boy Scouts





# More Expo photos



Red Arrow

- LACROSSE

## SPORTS

## Season off to strong start for LHS boys lacrosse

by Justin Scott  
Sports Reporter

Despite being in a new stadium, Lowell lacrosse was quickly able to settle in as they trounced Northview by a score of 18-3 last Thursday in their season opener.

"The new stadium helps the lacrosse team by being able to host more home games. Not having to worry about and finding ways to play through some unfair field conditions," Lowell boys lacrosse head coach Austin Buckius said of the new stadium.

In past seasons when conditions at Bob Perry Field were unplayable, Lowell would have to travel to places like Davenport University to play home games.

Sam Kaminski started off winning the first ever competitive face-off in the new stadium and the game was underway.

"On the defensive side of the ball Kaminski and Gage Snarski are key players for us. Offensively

we have Owen Carpenter and Spencer Guppy who will be important players," Buckius added.

It was a back and forth battle through the first quarter as Carpenter put two in and Andrew Rogers the third Lowell goal as LHS led 3-2 after one quarter of play.

Early in the second, Northview tied it at three apiece, but that would be the last of the scoring the Wildcats would be able to salvage.

Lowell rattled off the next 15 goals for a decisive 18-3 victory to start the season. One of the goalscorers, freshman Caden Cone, is new to the team and has a bright future ahead according to coaches.

"I am mostly looking forward to seeing Caden play out of all our new players. He's young but very talented and shows a very good understanding of the game," Buckius added.

Getting on the scoresheet the rest of the game was Cone, Rogers,

Connor Lixie, Carpenter, Weston Godbold, CJ Steinebach and Guppy.

Lowell has to do plenty of traveling this year with games in Traverse City, Reeths-Puffer, and Vicksburg this season. One game circled on the calendar is May 7 against Jenison.

"The one game I'm really looking forward to this year is our military game we are having on May 7. I think it will be a really awesome game because our players will get to play in honor of either an active or veteran military personnel," noted Buckius.

The program got a head start on that by honoring Jenny Balabuch, a member of the Michigan Air National Guard, during halftime on Thursday.

Lowell took on East Kentwood on Tuesday at home before being off for a couple weeks for Spring Break. Next game is at Hudsonville on April 12.

## Softball falls to Wyoming in season opener last week

by Justin Scott  
Sports Reporter

A common theme for Lowell spring sports this season is that new facilities await them for games, a huge move particularly for the softball and baseball programs who no longer have to travel to Cherry Creek for games. The softball field at Lowell High School, now ready for play, made its debut last Friday as Lowell fell to Wyoming 10-4.

"The new field is done and we are excited to play on it. The previous field was

not ideally located and hard for people to get to so I am hoping that this will allow us to get larger crowds to stop in and watch the girls play," said Lowell softball head coach Blu Conrad.

The team is hoping to get things done in the classroom and on the field by earning academic all-state honors and winning the OK White conference. To do the latter, Lowell will have to beat defending champions Byron Center, a season series that players certainly circled on the schedule. Other games on the schedule include conference series, the annual Mandy Tichelaar Softball Invitational, invitationals at East Kentwood and Byron Center, and three non-conference games this week against Cedar Springs (2) and Lakewood.

"I am anxious to see sophomore Sammie Hayes and freshman Megan Lillie contribute to the varsity

team. Sammie is going to step right in and be our leadoff hitter to get our offense going, along with playing a strong second base and getting some innings in pitching. Megan is going to be a key part of our pitching staff and I am confident that she will be successful at this level," Conrad said.

Of the returning players, senior captain Macy Huver will be leading the way for Lowell in the pitcher's circle. Juniors Courtney Witten, Taylor Clark, Haylie Beers and sophomore Kamie Venema are all all-conference and all-district players returning that should lead the Lowell batting this season.

Following this week's games, Lowell is next in action on April 13 hosting Northview for a doubleheader at the new softball stadium starting at 4:15.

## Girls lacrosse begins season



Lowell and Caledonia got the girls lacrosse season started at the LHS North Athletic Complex last Wednesday. Caledonia won 21-3.

## Tennis fights through cold start to season

by Justin Scott  
Sports Reporter

If you don't like the weather in Michigan, just wait a day. That's the saying that goes around, but unfortunately for the girls tennis team it's just a cold start to the tennis season. The good news is that Lowell only has three matches before taking a couple weeks off for spring break.

This year, the team will have some major senior firepower to lead them on the courts.

"We have a total of nine seniors out of 14 girls on this year's team! I don't think I've ever had that many seniors on one team. We have some solid players returning this year. Brooke Knottnerus is an All-Conference first singles player returning at that position again this year. Lexi Royer is moving up a spot to second singles for her senior season. Last year's conference and regionals runner-up Lane Kelley will be playing third singles for us this year and we're looking for another solid season from her. She's a very consistent player," Lowell head coach Chris Phillips said of his top three singles players.

The team defeated Wyoming at Lamar Park last week in their season debut match. Despite the cold temperatures, Lowell was able to get the non-conference match in.

"We have one freshman on the team, Kaylee Royer, who will be playing doubles for us and I'm really looking forward to seeing her play this year. She loves the sport and works hard

at improving," Phillips added.

The team is hoping to have fun, improve, and come out with a winning record throughout the season.

"I'm sure I say this every year, but the one match we always look forward to is Northview. You could say we use it as a measuring

stick to see how well of a season we had. We are always very even with them. Some years we win and some years they do. I feel confident this season that we will beat them." With similar school profiles, Lowell and Northview often find themselves pretty even with each other. Historically, Lowell has a 532-452-18 record against Northview across all sports and has competed against the Wildcats the second most of any school.

New this year for the team are brand new tennis courts which the boys were able to

enjoy this past fall, and now the girls get their chance.

"We are so excited about the new complex. The boys played on it this past fall and it was great, but now it's even better with the addition of the covered area. It will be really nice to get out of the sun on those hot days. The playing surfaces are perfect and being able to walk between the ends of the courts has been a huge help when watching matches," Coach Phillips concluded.

Weather permitting Lowell has matches at home against Jenison on Monday and Cedar Springs on Wednesday this week.



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# SPORTS



## Girls soccer kicks off spring season

by Justin Scott  
Sports Reporter

Under the guidance of new head coach, Joe Woodruff, the Lowell Red Arrows varsity girls soccer team got their season underway last week against Caledonia and Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg.

Woodruff, who played soccer at Aquinas and has been an assistant with the program since 2018, is starting his first season as the Lowell girls head coach after Dan Lipon stepped away from the program at the end of last season. Lipon is still the head coach of the boys program.

In last week's games, Lowell fell in early season tests to the OK Red's Caledonia 2-1 then at home lost 2-0 to Middleville TK. Both early season games were impacted by less than ideal spring weather with temperatures for Friday's game against Middleville TK in the upper 30's with wind and light rain.

The game against Middleville TK was one Lowell fans, players and coaches had circled on the schedule. It was the first game ever for the girls program at the new North

Athletic Complex. The turf stadium is a big boost for both the lacrosse and soccer programs, who no longer have to deal with natural grass issues that were often difficult to manage coming off winter at Bob Perry Field.

Lowell will look to their four captains for leadership on the field this year.

"We are a young team as we are only returning three seniors. Our three seniors are captains Madison Borrelli, Jennie Underwood, and Lilly Kooistra and our fourth captain is junior, Emily Ake," added Coach Woodruff.

In the dreary weather it was Middleville TK who got on the board first after a first half with few chances, scoring just before halftime. They tacked on one more goal in the second half for the victory. The Trojans have a strong team this year, already having a 3-2 win against Grand Rapids Christian under their belt as well.

Against Caledonia, sophomore goalkeeper Aubree Lee tallied 13 saves

for LHS in the 2-1 loss on the road.

"We are building a foundation of success with a program-centric mentality and enriching a positive culture that encourages players to work hard, be a good teammate, and have fun. We have a lot of young players that will contribute significant minutes on varsity this year and they will continue to develop their skills and build their confidence against formidable opponents. We have a roster of five coaches in the program that bring a lot of experience, enthusiasm, and leadership that will continue to be impactful on the girls soccer program for years to come," Woodruff said of the roster this year.

Following spring break, Lowell jumps right into conference play with a match against Greenville on April 13. On the schedule outside of the OK White, Lowell has non-conference matches with Grandville, Jenison, Cedar Springs, and Kenowa Hills.

"We play in the OK-White Conference which is arguably one of the



Lowell looks to defend a corner in their match against Middleville TK.

best conferences in the state for soccer. Every game will be a challenge and we look forward to all our opponents," added Woodruff.

Lowell hosted Forest Hills Eastern on Monday before hitting the spring break holiday.

Over the weekend, the program hosted a silent auction after the Lowell Expo at The Old Theater on Main Street. The social

event allowed fans and families to meet and greet with one another and the coaching staff. Items in the auction included packages from many businesses around Lowell. Proceeds went to the girls team for gear, equipment, team and community events, youth programs and camps.

On the field, coaches are looking forward to continuing to build the Lowell Soccer program.

"Ultimately, we want to grow and enhance the game and level of play in the community and have our LHS student-athletes be role models for young kids in Lowell. We will continue to push for this as a program with the plan of having success at the high school level," Coach Woodruff concluded.

## Golfers look forward to bright season

by Justin Scott  
Sport Reporter

It won't be long until the Lowell boys golf team is ready to tee it up in the 2022 spring sports season, but the boys will have to wait until after spring break for competition to begin. April starts are normal for boys golfers in Michigan to give golf courses time to thaw out and be competition ready.

This year, Lowell is led by a large contingent of returning players including juniors Patrick de Voest, Cameron Sluss, and Drew Veldman. Ty Knottnerus and Adam Swanson are the team's two seniors.

On the schedule this year include the always competitive OK conference jamborees, but this year a former PGA course highlights the schedule.

"We have an exciting event on May 2 as we get to play in a tournament at Warwick Hills Country Club," Lowell boys golf head coach Tom Koert said of the schedule. "This

exclusive golf course once hosted the PGA Tour event called The Buick Open for over 20 years. We are excited to get such an



opportunity to play where many notable professionals have played."

The last winner of the Buick Open, which ended following loss of sponsor GM in 2009, was Tiger Woods. Grand Blanc is the

host school for the event on May 2.

Two new additions to the team are Trevor Mead and Nicholas Lothian. Both sophomores, they will give the team's starting five some depth. "Their main role is to give us two very good players for the following two years," Coach Koert added.

The team's goals for the season include going for a top-two finish in the challenging OK White Conference, as well as to qualify as a team for the MHSAA State Finals. The last boys team to qualify for state from Lowell was in the fall of 1990.

"We are a good team but we must play to our capabilities and not to projections. In my 18 seasons, this is the best team I've had the pleasure to be a part of," Coach Koert concluded. Koert coached at NorthPointe Christian prior to starting at LHS.

The team has kept in golfing shape by visiting Coach Koert's winter

golfing facility where he has helped teach golf for 17 winters. Over the years it has played host to both college and high school programs as full indoor facilities in the area are few and far in between. A large putting green and a short game area along with three hitting bays helps keep the team keep their swings during the offseason.

"This is where we get to learn all aspects of the game and it's why we have a bright future now. I have a program for the Lowell girls team and in conjunction with coach Josh Bruwer, their future is a bright one too," Coach said.

The season starts on April 13 after Spring break at the Kent County Classic.

# obituaries

## CUNNINGHAM

Joan Marie (Anderson) Cunningham, age 71 years of Grand Rapids, passed from life Sunday, March 6, 2022, at her home, following a lengthy illness with her daughter and granddaughter by her side. She was born in Grand Rapids on December 31, 1950 to the late Marvin



L. Anderson and Carol Cline Anderson and raised on her family's farm on Kissing Rock Ave. Lowell. She was predeceased by her sisters, Christy in 1996 and Kay in 2018. Joan graduated with the Class of 1970 from Lowell High School and was employed as Unit Secretary at Blodgett Memorial Hospital for several years. She is survived by her husband, Fred Cunningham;

daughter, Amy Anderson; grandsons, Jonathan, Jaden, Jacob; and granddaughter, Alyssa. She is also survived by siblings, Keith Anderson of Holland, twin sister, June VanWingen of Grand Rapids; Julie Heydenburg of Sparta and Linda DesJarden, Pam Anderson, Tim Anderson, Joel Anderson, Richard Anderson, all of Lowell; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. The family would like to extend special appreciation and gratitude to Debbie Smith, Joan's caregiver and trusted friend. A memorial service was held Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the Christian Fellowship Assembly 9930 46th St. Allendale, MI 49401, at 1 o'clock p.m. Interment has taken place at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell.

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## GOOS

Michael Goos, age 52 of Lowell, passed away on the morning of March 7, 2022 after a 12 year battle with cancer. He was a very kind and loving soul who will be missed by many. Mike leaves behind his wife, Malinda Goos; sons, Jacob and Nicholas; parents, Bob and Pat Goos, Paul and Sandie Knapp, and Rebecca and Tim Sneller. He is also survived by his brothers, Brian (Nikki) Goos and Jess Santos; sister, Sonya Santos; nieces and nephews, and many good friends. Love you forever, until we meet



again...There will be a party to celebrate Mike's life on Saturday, April 30 from 1:00 to 5:00 at the enclosed building at Wabasis Park. All are welcome.

## HARTLEY

Douglas Phillip Hartley, age 85, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 20, 2022. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Velma; children, Laurie (Richard) DeVries, Mark (Kimberly) Hartley, Leesa (Thomas) Lintemuth; grandchildren, Carolyn (James) Hofstee, Andrea (Patrick) Jordan, Mark Hartley, Douglas Hartley, David (Elisa) Lintemuth, Roman (Elizabeth) Lintemuth; 7 great-grandchildren; brothers, Steven Hartley, Jack (Sharon) Hartley, Larry (Janett) Hartley; and several nieces and nephews. Doug was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. Everyone that met him loved him. He was a great role model and touched many people's lives. He will be missed dearly but he has been given the ultimate reward and is now in heaven with his Heavenly Father. Rest In Peace and we will see you again. Private family services were held with burial at Bailey Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary Christian Reform Church of Lowell, 1151 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.



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## SPORTS



## Baseball beats Wyoming to start year

by Justin Scott  
Sports Reporter

A no-hitter to start the year was the result of Lowell's first varsity baseball game, a 19-2 victory over the Wyoming Wolves on Friday in non-conference action.

A seven-run third inning helped with Blake Bennett, Morgan North, Aidan McWayne and Eric Bryce contributing RBIs in the inning. The win was a boost for Lowell who has a loaded schedule this season.

"Our schedule is very competitive. Our OK White league is littered with some really good talent and our non-league games are strong as well. We cannot be looking ahead, if we don't focus on the next out, things

could swing really fast. This season will take great focus along with the support of one another," head coach Juston Miller said of the schedule for the upcoming season.

The victory over Wyoming kicks off a busy schedule that will stretch through early June when MHSAA districts start, and hopefully for the Red Arrows, beyond that.

"What you accomplish in the season is a direct result of what level of relentless energy you put into our off-season training. 38 games in roughly eight weeks, you better be ready from the first pitch in high school baseball. Our goal is to always take care of the next

play, and we will earn the win," added Miller.

Pitchers Kyler Spike and Zach Hayes threw a combined no-hitter in the mercy shortened four inning game.

Bryce led Lowell varsity Red Arrows with two hits in four at bats. The Red Arrows stole nine bases during the game. McWayne led the way with two.

Both McWayne and Bryce are among a core of seniors that will lead the team this season. "We have a strong group of seniors who all hope to contribute. They were a part of a 24-15 team last year that finished second place in the conference," Miller said.

Key Seniors and 2021

### Statistics

Blake Bennett .276  
Eric Bryce .240  
Jaxson Carlisle .339  
Zach Hayes .241  
Aidan McWayne ERA 3.104 Innings Pitched 38.1  
Morgan North .258  
Kyler Spike ERA 1.817 Innings Pitched 34.2

Of the non-seniors, coaches are extremely excited to see what junior Peyton Teachworth can do this season. "It will be fun to see how Peyton will play this year, out playing for the whole season on varsity. As a sophomore last season he came up from the JV posting a .419 batting average and threw 30.2 innings for us with a 3.196 era.

This week Lowell was scheduled to play their first game at home at their new baseball stadium at the high school. If the weather holds, Lowell will play West Catholic on Wednesday. If postponed, Lowell will pick it up after spring break by hosting Rockford on April 11.

"We feel very fortunate to have the field at the high school. The atmosphere of being on campus is great. We are working hard to adjust as the field at the high school faces the correct direction now, so players must learn to play it accordingly. We hope now that by moving up to the high school, we will have two nice fields available to

our players," Coach Miller noted of the move.

After nearly 20 years coaching at the Cherry Creek field, Miller and alumni will always have fond memories of the old playing field.

"Cherry Creek will always be special to me, I have been competing down there with our Red Arrows since 2005. It is very enjoyable to think of all the memories, along with spending many hours after games and with practice down there. I thank Mr. Bancroft and the entire Bancroft family for the opportunity to call that field home," Miller concluded.

## Crew team bouncing back and ready to hit the river

by Justin Scott  
Sports Reporter

In the city where the Grand and Flat Rivers meet it is only natural that the Lowell Crew team has found success here for nearly twenty years. This year's high school team returns two captains, Branch Nietling and Mara Carbines, who will help lead the team this year.

"Both of them have relentless dedication and love for the sport. They're making major gains on their times in practice and push great energy into the sport," team representative Dawn Carbines told the Ledger.

This season will be the last for longtime coach David Cadwallader who is in his 15th season with the

Lowell Crew team. Other coaches include Sam Stoner, Jeff Carbines and Erika Caddick. The club hopes to send him out on a high.

This year's squad has 13 team members. Two new rowers really impressing early on are Harper Postema and Patrick Hoke. The club is rebounding from the difficulty with the pandemic as well as natural disaster. A storm last year took out nine of the team's boats with high winds causing plenty of damage, but the good news is all were replaced and are currently being touched up right now. That, along with new team uniforms has morale on the team high.

"Our dream is to build the team to 50 kids next year and have much more

community/business support much like this Club did 10 years ago. We're in the process of repainting our Crew trailer and we'd love some fancy sponsors to list on it!"

It will be the first time in eight years the club has been able to get new uniforms

Each year, the team gets

a chance to row in indoor competition early before being able to move to the river. This year, the team is looking forward to the state championship regatta at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids on May 14th and well as the Wy-Hi Regatta in Detroit on May 7th.

In a sport dominated by

schools like East Grand Rapids, Lowell is looking to continue to grow the program, and eventually hopes to build a new boathouse on Grand River.

"We want to put Lowell Red Arrows back on the Crew Map, compete well and have fun. Our student-athletes are working on

pulling harder (using every muscle) and not rushing their slides. Most of all, they're working to be in complete sync with each other and bond as a team," Carbines concluded.

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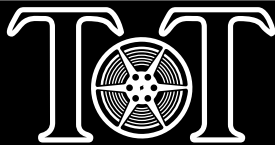
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Lowell Area Schools has received a donation of \$2,000 for elementary school library books from the Friends of the Englehardt Library organization.

The gift will be evenly divided among the four LAS elementary school libraries to enhance book selections to encourage literacy. "We are very grateful for this generous donation and thankful the ongoing support from the wonderful Lowell community. It is difficult to balance purchasing new book titles that are released along with replacing worn out or lost copies of well-loved books with a limited budget every year. This donation will help us greatly to provide more quality literature for our young students to build a lifelong love of books," said Christine Beachler, Director of Library Services.




Bev Anderson, Co-President of Friends of the Englehardt Library, Christine Beachler, Director of Library Services, LAS, Nate Fowler, Superintendent, LAS, and Denice Barker, Board Member of Friends of the Englehardt Library.




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# FUN PAGE

## SUDOKU

	9	8	3	2				
							9	
	3	7						2
							5	
	4	3		6		2		9
7			1		8		4	3
4				1			3	
	6			4	5			1
			6					

Level: Intermediate

### 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!

# AGRICULTURE WORD SEARCH

U I N L F R U I T K B F W U O W A N O E  
 K L V O W N E Z I A M B I B I D R P R S  
 S P S U I U G N S B N T I E A O I R W U  
 D U R H P T B P R A T K S U H M I A M O  
 M D O E I F A V E G E T A B L E Y T W H  
 H I Z E S A Z T L C M L F B C B I C R N  
 B V S P C E W I N G E K B L L R R P T E  
 I I F H G A R C U E Y K G U E O E S B E  
 S Z E Y M D B V Z U M Z B Z T L I T D R  
 W D R N B V M R A Y W R I P Y G S E I G  
 Y S L O N R U L E T F L E D P F I L O L  
 R I O L O I Y R W H I I O F F P P F L S  
 E M H N G T A M I T O O A Y N N M A P E  
 S H W M Y S S L R P W T N H B W O E I W  
 R A S B N F Z E N B E D N U C R P L D V  
 U M V I I C F H L T Y R U C A P S U L E  
 N B A G E R M I N A T E A W F H U O D P  
 B R E Y B K Y N T R S B L C R Y O G M U  
 G L H M Z E D U L E B U V V T T W G V B  
 I C E C N A N I M O D T S R B E U W A U

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

### AGRICULTURE WORD SEARCH

ANNUAL  
AWN  
BIENNIAL  
BULB

CAPSULE  
DIPLOID  
DOMINANCE  
FERMENTATION  
FERTILIZER  
FRUIT  
GERMINATE

GRAINS  
GREENHOUSE  
HERBACEOUS  
HUSK  
LEAFLETS  
MAIZE  
NURSERY

PRESERVATION  
RIPE  
ROOTS  
TUBER  
VEGETABLE  
WOODY

## Guess Who?

I am a comedienne born in New York on March 21, 1962. In high school, I was homecoming and prom queen. I had a successful comedy career before becoming a film actress and television talk show host.

Answer: Rosie O'Donnell

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to agriculture.

R F A S R E M

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Answer: Farmers

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12
13						14					15		
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66					67					68			

### CLUES ACROSS

- Hillsides
- A way to ingest
- Large number
- Southeastern Minnesota city
- Cronies
- Having sufficient skill, knowledge
- Supplements with difficulty
- Former VP nominee Palin
- Cambodian monetary unit
- Where coaches work
- Secret political clique
- A type of lute
- Tan
- Empire State
- Where golfers begin
- For each
- Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines
- Bird genus
- Popular Dave Matthews Band song
- Domesticates
- "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- Asian antelope
- One who takes apart
- Kin
- Dresses
- Says something about you

- Doctor of Education
- One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- Overcharge
- Sailboats
- Indian musical patterns
- Predisposition to a condition
- Share a common boundary with
- Wide
- Skin disease
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- Source of the Blue Nile
- Instrument
- Red deer
- Unidentified flying object
- Bar or preclude

### CLUES DOWN

- Flying insects
- Strong alcoholic spirit
- Old
- Moves in slowly
- Symbol for tin
- Having certain appendages
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Type of hormone (abbr.)
- One with an unjustified mistrust
- Hebrew calendar month
- Pure

- LSU football coach
- Unbroken views
- Fathers
- Part of a race
- Hairstyle
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Body art
- Amounts of time
- Designed chairs
- Sensational dramatic piece
- Arrangement of steps
- Classifies
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- Young child
- Oh, no!
- Astronomical period of about 18 years
- Not or
- Poke fun at
- Consisting of roots
- "\_\_ Humbug!"
- A way to remove
- A confusion of voices and other sounds
- Keyed instrument
- Varnishes
- Unpleasantly sticky substance
- Unable to hear
- A short erect tail
- Indicates interest
- Flow or leak through
- British thermal unit
- Iron

# Restless Viking, continued

could have a moment with Sister Janina, after all she never received last rights or a proper service. With a nod from the judge the Sisters encircled the table of bones and recited prayers.

Stella was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

## Appeal

In 1920 the Michigan Supreme Court reviewed Stella's case. The letter from the "Protestant Pup" had never been entered into evidence, so the ruling was upheld.

Father Andrew Bieniawski championed Stella. In 1927 Father Andrew appealed to outgoing Governor Alex Groesbeck. The Governor paroled Stella, releasing her. She moved to Milwaukee, where her daughter Mary lived, and became a housekeeper for the Felician order of nuns. Stella died in 1961 at 92 years old.

## A Play and A Movie

In 1965 Milan Stitt heard the story about a love affair between a priest and nun and the murdered nun's bones found in the basement of the church from his wife, Ali, who grew up the northern Michigan. Without ever visiting or researching the rumors, he wrote the play "The Runner Stumbles." Milan created a fictional account of the story developing conflict by showing the priest's reverence for a revengeful God while the nun, Sister Rita, viewed our creator as loving. The copy of the script that I was able to obtain had a copyright date of 1971.

In 1976 the play was featured on Broadway for six months at Little Theatre (currently named the Helen Hayes)



**Stanislaw "Stella" Lipczynski was the housekeeper.** Photo Credit: "Isadore's Secret" by Mardi Link

The play was presented in Mexico as "Love and Crime in the House of God." In Germany the title was "Privileged Communication." In Spain it was called "Beyond Love."

In 1979 Dick VanDyke starred in the TV movie, "A Runner Stumbles." This reopened painful wounds for the members of Holy Rosary. It created public interest where those affiliated with the church had moved on and had put their focus on being the "souls of the world."

I, too, had heard whispering of this story in the 1970's. We had spent our summers in Lake Leelanau where my mother grew up. I have always been curious about this event. What caught my heart was the people of Isadore and the Holy Rosary Parish. They are devout and genuine in their compassion and commitment to their faith and to each other.

On December 12, 1923 Bishop Kelly blessed the new brick church built on a foundation of field stones. Devoted parishioners had hauled these massive boulders from their farmland on which to raise their church. Atop the hill on the corner of South Shomberg and East Gatzke roads the thirteen stained glass windows caught the sunlight as church members prayed during the blessing.

In Holy Rosary's history book it is proudly reported that from 1892 to 1999 (when it closed) the school had educated hundreds of children with many students accepting their call for religious life: forty nuns and nine priests. Growing up Roman Catholic, there was an unwritten family "suggestion" that one girl should become a nun and one boy should join the priesthood. My mother came from a family of ten and

my father a family of eight. To nurture this unwritten church suggestion several of my aunts and uncles had been sent to Catholic boarding school with the hope of sparking an interest in a commitment to religious life. My six uncles on my mother's side attended St. Joe's Seminary in Grand Rapids. My dad's sister did accept the calling, but later left her order and married. Aunt Genevieve continued to work in the church as a teacher and music director.

In the "Holy Rosary Parish History Book", Sister Janina's disappearance is never mentioned. Locals refer to the incident as, "The Tragedy." My cousins, Mike and Deb (Popa) Bunek are members and on the parish council. I called with questions and they welcomed the idea of me joining them at their parish picnic. Usually Holy Rosary holds a chicken dinner fundraiser and raffle, but with COVID 19, they decided to restrict attendance to parishioners only. The parish council planned a pig roast (two hogs), side dishes and homemade pie, followed by the raffle prize drawing. I was hoping to get a chance to talk with locals about "The Tragedy," however, I was in for a life lesson I will forever cherish.

Accordion Polka music set a festive tone as I walked up to Holy Rosary Church last weekend (July 26, 2020) Children twirled in the grass. "B - 9". . . Bingo numbers were being called beneath a nearby tent. I decided to stop inside the church to see the stained glass windows before meeting up with Deb and Mike. I wanted to take some photographs of these uniquely constructed pieces of art created in the early 1900's.

As I opened the door, I saw the priest, Father Donald Libby, facing the altar with his back to the socially distanced congregation. I hadn't expected mass to be happening. I had been watching outdoor mass online which was held on their porch. Swallowing my surprise as polka tunes danced in the air, I whispered to the usher, "May I sit down?" He answered with a quick nod. As I moved through the doorway, I realized Father was speaking in Latin. The congregation (30 people) were answering in Latin as well. I slid into a pew in the back. I observed the crowd carefully to know when it was time to stand, sit and kneel. The two altar boys moved in a fluid, synchronized manner as Father prayed, consecrating the bread. Their genuine devotion was entrancing. Goosebumps rose as a woman in the balcony began to sing a hymn in Latin and Father distributed the host (communion bread) to kneeling parishioners along the front of the church. This was a place of pure reverence. As the church members genuflected (going down on one knee and making the sign of the cross with their right hand) and quietly left, I stayed enjoying the atmosphere.

The stained glass windows are stunning! They show the story of the rosary featuring Mary and Jesus. In ancient Europe, stained glass windows displayed the gospel teachings in a time when many couldn't read or didn't have access to books. The windows were not only grand pieces of artwork but also taught the lessons of God's word.

The glass artwork was made by the Royal Bavarian Stained Glass Manufactory in Munich, Germany founded by Franz Xavier Zettler. Instead of using little pieces of colored glass, they started a new method. Artists painted the glass in a Gothic style with shading and perspective then fired the pieces in a kiln. The colors would adhere to the glass. The parish had ordered thirteen windows at \$1,500 each. Upon delivery they received \$2,500 pieces. There are many rumors why they had gotten an upgrade. Possibly a church in Europe had ordered the windows but was demolished in the war. Another possibility was that the windows had been put in storage from a current church which was demolished during a WWI bombing. These stained glass displays tell their own story.

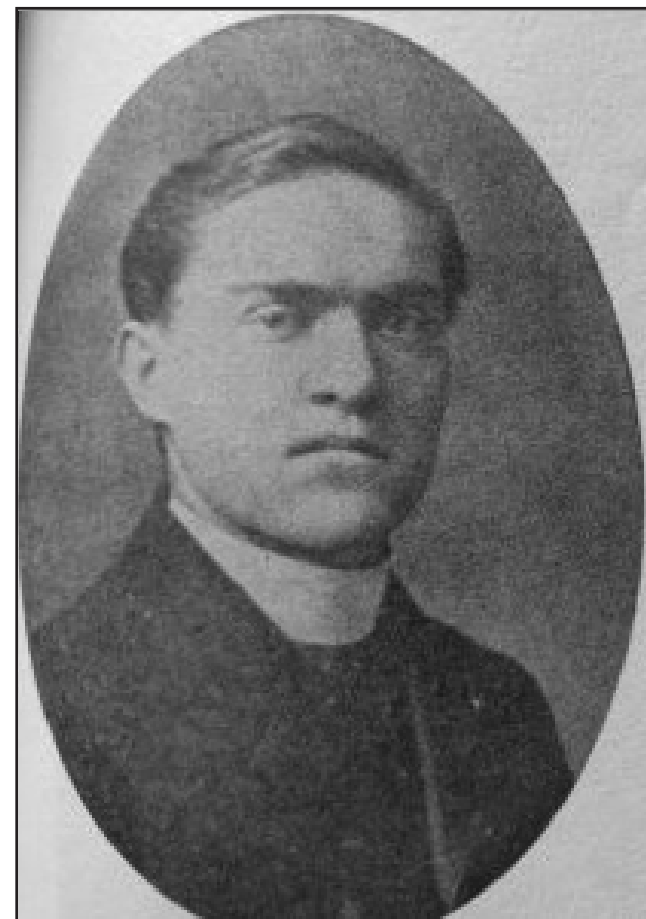
I located my cousins Deb and Mike. We caught up on our recent family adventures and reminisced about our numerous and memorable family reunions. Deb shared about her faith. "God has given us everything. We need to look at how we can serve Him. It's not about how I 'feel' in church. It's about what I can do for God." So often people focus on themselves and their own needs and wishes instead of looking outward to do for others. It's a great perspective to put into practice. So, digging up the story of Sister Janina needed to be left buried. I needed to be present and look to the future, not dwell in the past.

A white haired, "experienced" lady walked over with her cane. Deb introduced Eunice Lamie. "You can remember my name by saying, 'You Nice.'" She pointed out. I quickly learned that she knew my mother, Marcia, and the Bunek siblings. She and my grandparents shared relatives on the French side. Best yet, she remembered my grandmother, Martha, and loved that I was named after her.

As Father Libby walked by, Deb offered to introduce me. When we caught up to him I complimented him on his genuine devotion and leadership. I appreciated being part of

the mass in Latin. It had been awe-inspiring. I explained that I'd been watching mass online and have enjoyed his photos from his trips to Rome.

Father Donald Libby grew up in the Grand Rapids area (Northview Wildcats) attending the Methodist church with his family. He openly shared that when he was 18, his mother passed and he started to search for meaning. He attended



**Father Edward Podlaszewski (1912).** Photo from "Isadore's Secret" by Mardi Link

Catholic mass (with his girlfriend) and was struck by the intensity of the consecration. (The sacrament of turning the bread and wine into Christ's body and blood.) He knew he needed to be a priest.

In a "MyNorth" article in 2015, Father Libby recalled how he had been asked to serve Christmas Eve mass at Holy Rosary in 2007. He had said that his eyes were drawn the windows especially the nativity scene. (Mary and Joseph holding baby Jesus) In 2009 Father Libby was assigned to Holy Rosary which he said was a dream come true. With a smile and a hop in his step, Father was off to work retrieving items for the picnic.

At the end of the picnic everyone pitched in to clean up, young and old alike. Then, it was time for the raffle drawing of 34 items including monetary donations in memory of former members. Many familiar names were called out by Father Libby: Pleva, Peplinski, Popa, Mikowski and Fleis. (In the book by Mardi Link, it was spelled, "Flees.")

Institutions, such as the Roman Catholic Church, have often struggled as they cope with the choices of a few individuals, while the majority of people are hard working and dedicated. Years ago, it was common practice for these issues (murder and unwed pregnancy) to be dealt with quietly, unlike today where our culture goes in the complete opposite direction using social media.

Sister Mary Janina's murder and the tactics used to have Stella found guilty as well as Father Edward's acts causing a teenage pregnancy are despicable and deserving of punishment. Focusing on the negative only produces negativity. Where putting one's emphasis on the positive can be lifting. As Deb says, "God has given us everything. We need to be thinking about what we can do for Him."

The people of Holy Rosary are authentic and devoted. The church is bustling with a faithful and steadfast community. Life is about moving forward and making the future the best it can be by using the tools God has given us.

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