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In Memory of Steve Kampfshulte, teacher extraordinaire

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing writer

On May 25, 2023, Steve Kampfshulte passed away at the age of 61, leaving behind his wife Brenda, children Caroline, Andrew, and Nicholas, and grandchild Eloise. However, the klatsch of loved ones gathered around “Kamp”, as so many called him, does not stop with the concentric circles of family, friends, and neighbors. To do a proper retrospective on Kamp’s life, it would require years of research, as the students he affected, while teaching social studies at Lowell High School, are multitudinous and dispersed around the globe. One such student tried to fly back to Lowell from Australia to see him before his passing. To keep the memorial timely, this article covers the unique perspectives of Kamp’s close friends and colleagues Clay VanderWarf, Cari Slot, and Landon Graham.

Clay VanderWarf

Fellow social studies teacher, Clay VanderWarf, spent the lion’s share of his time with Kamp. When teacher, Jack Ogle, retired in 2005, VanderWarf and Kamp began to share an office together, and perhaps

more importantly, the two shared a wall. Their two classrooms were separated by a thin partition, and VanderWarf heard the majority of Kamp’s lectures through his wall. Kamp was passionate and boisterous, and if he had a point he wanted to get across, he was not afraid to jump on the table to do so. VanderWarf’s class might be taking a test, and Kamp would be pounding on the wall—wham, wham, wham—to make an important point on his white board, all the while shouting some detail about a World War II soldier’s experience.

“That’s where I first got to experience his energy,” VanderWarf said. “He was a showman with the class, and that’s what kept kids highly interested in it.”

Kamp and VanderWarf were known for their peripatetics about the hallways of the high school, walking about together during the last hour of each day. The two would check in on office personnel or administrators, peek-in on other active classrooms, and show their care for the students of the school, regardless of whether or not they ever attended any

of the social studies classes the two taught. After Kamp retired in 2022, VanderWarf took those walks alone. “I would have kids come up to me and say, ‘How are you doing?’ ‘Are you OK?’

‘You look so lonely without Kamp walking with you’,” VanderWarf said.

Just prior to Kamp’s death, VanderWarf and a number of Kamp’s colleagues, were notified by

his wife, Brenda, that time was short. “If you want to see him, you need to show

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War on love at council meeting

By Justin Tiemeyer
Contributing writer

The Lowell City Council met on Monday, June 5, 2023 for a 70-minute

meeting, consisting of 30 minutes of planned agenda items, preceded by 40 minutes of public comment. Following a presentation

by the National Weather Service, detailing over 100 years of precipitation and snowfall reporting in Lowell, conversation turned to a battle over who controls the concept of love in reference to the third annual Lowell Pride celebration, which took place the previous Saturday.

The Langdons represented Bible Believers Church, an organization run by their family and responsible for roadside evangelism on Wednesday nights, in front of the Shell Station. Members of the church admitted to wearing body cameras to Pride in

Shannon Hanley celebrates the success of Lowell Pride 2023 and dismisses protests as a brief disturbance, resolved with the help of Lowell Police.

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Lowell GSRP faces transportation issues

By Justin Tiemeyer
contributing writer

The Great Start Readiness Program, or GSRP, is a state-funded preschool program for four-year-olds who meet certain risk factors associated with long-term educational failure. Qualifiers include low-income, disabilities, and developmental delays, among other factors. Bushnell Elementary currently has three GSRP classrooms, and that number may increase in the future. Not only is Bushnell’s GSRP program an important educational opportunity for children who may struggle without it, but it gives parents

needed childcare so they can keep their jobs and put away money for their children’s futures. All of this creates a pipeline from educational success to career success that affects children, families, and the state’s economy, but some people have difficulty accessing GSRP because of bussing issues.

The Bushnell Elementary campus features kindergarten and first grade classes supported by Lowell Area Schools and preschool supported by the Kent

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Intermediate School District GSRP program. To get an idea of the bussing issue, an example may prove handy. If a family has a six-year-old enrolled in Bushnell's kindergarten program, and a four-year-old enrolled in a GSRP preschool class at the same school, a school bus may pick the six-year-old up at the end of the child's driveway, but the four-year-old living at the same house would have to be driven to school by a parent or other approved adult. For a number of families, this makes important GSRP educational resources inaccessible.

During the 2023 fiscal year, GSRP was awarded \$10 million in state aid for transportation, which is distributed according to funding requests throughout all of the state's intermediate school districts (ISDs). Ashley Karsten is the director of early childhood at Kent ISD. "We are expecting an increase in transportation spending next year," Karsten said.

On an episode of Michigan Radio's Stateside original broadcast on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, Dr. Hadassah McKnight, the director of Child Star Development in Detroit, explained that her program has transportation for GSRP students, and yet the GSRP program at Bushnell Elementary does not. Karsten explained that bussing issues are decided at the local school district level, or in this case ,Lowell Area Schools (LAS). When asked why LAS might choose not to bus GSRP students, Karsten said, "I'm guessing that's a space issue."

Erin Walters is the principal at Bushnell Elementary. She showed sympathy for families who cannot take advantage of GSRP because of bussing concerns. "Believe me, I wish we could provide bussing for our GSRP

students," Walters said. "The GSRP bussing to Bushnell was removed due to a lack of drivers for Lowell Area Schools and not having enough seating for the elementary students."

Complaints regarding GSRP bussing issues are not the only transportation concerns Lowell parents have raised with LAS. In the past, parents could rely on bussing for many extracurricular and sporting events, but now they are forced to transport their own children, which is not feasible for all families. Nate Fowler, the superintendent at LAS, explained that the bussing issue is bigger than extracurriculars and preschool shortages. "We were running at capacity," Fowler said, "so if a driver did have to miss for an illness or caring for a family member, we got to the point where we needed to shut-down bus routes."

Fowler noted the district's need for three or four more bus drivers and as many substitute bus drivers as possible. At first glance, this does not seem like much. However, taking into consideration the lengthy processes involved with licensure and certification each applicant would need to complete, it becomes a Herculean effort. Ideally, Fowler would love to fill these positions with already-licensed community members who took a break for a couple of years or recently moved from another county, but candidates meeting these qualifications ahead of time are few and far between. Fowler did note that the district is willing to pay for training and that there are qualified drivers on staff who prepare new drivers for testing.

A common talking point among frustrated parents is that LAS cannot

recruit and retain the help it needs because Forest Hills offers drivers more money per hour, thereby, undercutting the local staffing pool. Fowler dismissed this differential in pay as a significant deterrent to success. "We've recently settled a new contract with our drivers. There are opportunities in that contract for our drivers to earn more than they have previously," Fowler said. "Forest Hills did offer an increase, but even with that, they're still running into these same problems with filling their runs."

Fowler noted that the challenge of filling bussing positions is an issue across the state, not just for Lowell. These jobs used to be filled with retired folks looking to supplement their social security checks, or part-time job seekers with another primary source of income, but many applicants now are looking for full-time employment with benefits. The expectations of potential employees have changed, but funding for public school transportation has largely remained the same. Districts seeking more money for bussing often have to jump through a number of bureaucratic hoops, and some options



Lowell Area Schools has the buses but lacks a sufficient number of drivers to increase transportation capacity to accommodate four-year-olds attending the GSRP program at Bushnell Elementary.

are gated behind the popular vote of citizens in the school district, many of whom do not have children, and therefore, do not have a stake in the funding concerns.

Despite issues with transportation, Fowler does not want GSRP families to feel like they are not valued by LAS. "GSRP is an important part of our overall, early childhood program," Fowler said. "We have a successful district program, we have GSRP, and we work closely with

the YMCA. We value those community partnerships for early childhood in Lowell. [Extending transportation to GSRP students] is something that we want to do. We just need to be able to increase our capacity so that we can."

Lowell Area Schools is actively hiring bus drivers and substitute bus drivers. Though the training and licensing process can take time, the district has committed financial and coaching resources to

make it a bit easier. With more drivers, buses are less likely to reach capacity with the traditional needs of K-12 students, opening-up seats for younger learners looking to get a head start through Bushnell's GSRP program. This means that children who could not have attended this vital resource have an opportunity at getting a leg-up on the rest of their lives, and all of this can be facilitated with the help of a handful of bus drivers.

college news

Nearly 4,600 graduates received degrees from Iowa State University this spring. Graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies were held May 11-13 at Hilton Coliseum. Included in the graduates were: Thomas Mitchell, of Alto, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Cum Laude; and Samuel Schwierking, of Lowell, Bachelor of Science,

Industrial Engineering, Cum Laude.

Shelby Wilcox, of Lowell, earned a place on the Michigan State University's Dean's List for Spring Semester 2023.

Saint Mary College has released their Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester. Included on the list are: Paige Hahn, Molly Mullet

and Molly Puglessi, all of Ada. To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

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The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.:Karsten Kirkendall, of Lowell, College of Engineering.

Students from Ada are: George Cobb, School of Business; Maggie Hayes, College of Letters and Science; Alexis

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order to record how the crowd responded to the church’s accusations of filth, unrighteousness, and wickedness. Prefacing that he does this because he loves people, Pastor Joshua Langdon, further disparaged the Pride organization with claims of illegal public activities. Langdon has handed-over evidence of these alleged activities to the Lowell police.

In opposition to the Langdons were Lowell Pride, the Lowell City Council, and public comment speakers not affiliated with the Bible Believers Church. Shannon Hanley is a board member for Lowell Pride. She reduced the actions of the anti-Pride protesters to a

minor inconvenience that, with the help of the Lowell Police, was resolved in a way that did not affect the core mission of Pride. “There was a wealth of acceptance and connection,” Hanley said. “It is in that connection and community that we create change.”

Pride board member, Chelsey Liu, on the other hand, expressed a feeling of discouragement regarding the actions of the Langdons and company. “My community showed up because they thought we were providing a safe place where they can be themselves,” Liu said, “and I take on the responsibility that I failed them, because some are going to be used in these protestors’ disgusting

propaganda.”

Lowell Pride is deeply important for Liu, who finally felt comfortable coming out in Lowell because of previous events. Following her comment, she made a plea to the Bible Believers Church members in the audience: “We just want to be able to exist.”

The love presented by Bible Believers Church is a goal, something that can only be achieved by a specific interpretation of correct belief and correct practice. Pastor Charles Michael Langdon used the public comment podium as a pulpit to accuse pro-Pride Christians of creating a Jesus other than the Jesus of the Bible.

For Lowell Pride, love was presented as a means, as well as an end. If universal love is ever to be achieved, whether in the context of a church service, public gathering, or in the privacy of one’s home, the case was made that it must also apply to the LGBTQ+ community.

Resident, Perry Beachum, who had only intended to speak on the topic of water rationing, drew a distinction between these two practices of love. “I get upset with [the Bible Believers Church] when I’m driving downtown, and I’m being screamed at. ‘You’re going to hell.’ I don’t



Council member, Leah Groves, states that children should witness peaceful protest, but adults should not have the power to dictate who these children are.

appreciate that,” Beachum said. He then broke down in tears and said, “I believe that God loves everybody, and I’ll leave it at that.”

Joshua Langdon made a generalized claim that people running Pride events, who he referred to as “this crowd of people”, bring in private security to keep police out of public events. However, the Lowell Police Department was present at Lowell Pride, and private security does not have the power or jurisdiction to keep police from an event on public property.

LGBTQ+ youth are more than four times as likely to attempt suicide than their peers, and studies show that this is not because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, but because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society. This number is

cut significantly in LGBTQ+ youth who are affirmed by their family, school, or local community, and have access to mental health care.

“We each have the power to choose what fuels our love,” council member, Leah Groves ,stated after the conclusion of public comment. Community members on social media challenged Groves this past week, claiming that her views regarding Pride may not be supported by the rest of the City Council. Council member, Marty Chambers, and Mayor Mike DeVore went on record showing their support for Groves and Pride. “I appreciate Leah stepping up and saying what she says,” Chambers said. “I got her back, and I’ll always have her back. If you don’t think she’s doing a good job, well, you’re wrong.”

As for scheduled business, the council approved a master-plan update, a new compensation plan, a road closure for the River Trail Triathlon, and decisions regarding janitorial and cleaning services. The Lowell City Council meets the first and third Monday of each month, barring Monday holidays, which often delay the meeting until the following Tuesday. This means the next council meeting will take place on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Those interested in watching the June 5th meeting can find it on the City of Lowell YouTube channel, @cityoflowell. The agenda can be found at the City of Lowell home page, lowellmi.gov.



Pastor Joshua Langdon of Bible Believers Church spoke of illegal public activities at the Lowell Pride event.



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Worth the Popcorn?

By Bill Lee

At last, almost 10 years later... *Whiplash*

Starring: Miles Teller and J.K. Simmons
Director: Damien Chazelle
Writer: Damien Chazelle
Release: 2014

I admit that I am a bit of a movie snob. Presently, there is not much in the movie theaters right now that really interests me. Playing at the Ada-Lowell Cinema 5 are: *Transformers: Rise of the Beast*, *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*, *The Boogeyman*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3*. Do they show movies in theaters that make an audience “think” anymore? Not too much, as they don’t make enough money. I have nothing

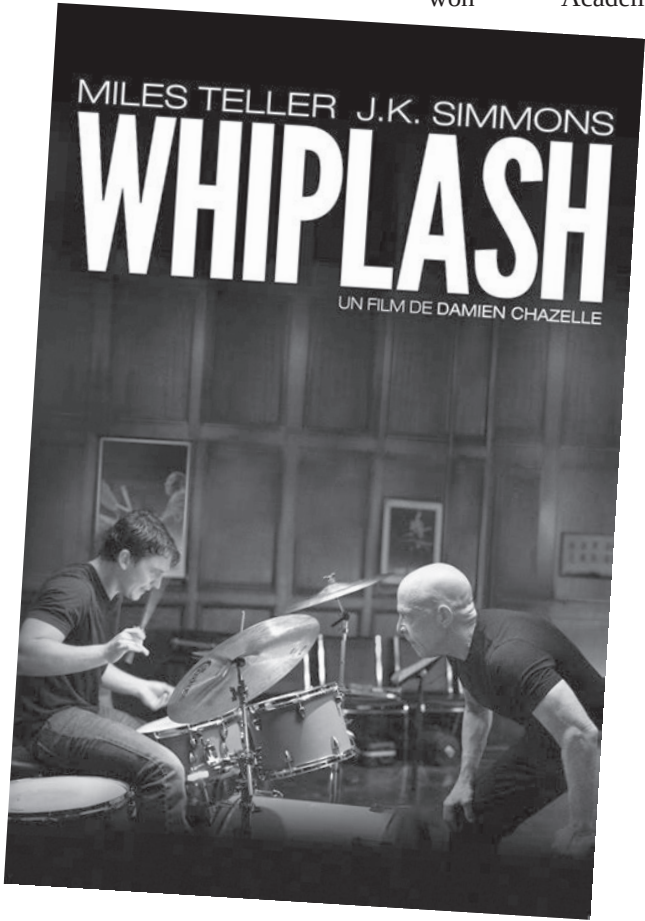
against these entertaining blockbuster action-packed type movies, but can I have something, every now and again, with a human being involved? Anyhow, I digress, I know.
So when I had the opportunity to see a movie that has been escaping me for almost ten years, I had to jump at the chance to watch it. On a recent flight, I scrolled through the movies, A-Z, with little excitement... saw it, saw it, nah, maybe, nah, saw it, *Whiplash*! Directed and written by Damien Chazelle, *Whiplash* was released in 2014, when he was only 29 years old. Chazelle went on to make *La La Land* in 2016, and

recently, *Babylon*, in 2022. Chazelle is only 38 years old!
The story of *Whiplash*, named after a famous jazz song, follows Andrew (played by Miles Teller), a jazz drummer protégé and freshman at the fictional Shaffer Conservatory of Music in New York City. The movie opens with Andrew practicing in a dark room, playing a solo. He sees a shadow in the door and recognizes Fletcher, a legendary music teacher, of mythical proportions, at Shaffer. “Do you know who I am?” asks Fletcher. Andrew has most certainly heard of him. Fletcher instructs Andrew to play double-time, and a minute into his jam, he looks up to see that Fletcher has left.
Let the mind games begin. We come to find out that Fletcher is relentless when it comes to administering mental and physical abuse in his instructional-style with his students. A possible genius as a teacher, he gets the utmost best from his students, and this has allowed him to escape

disciplinary action for many years. Fletcher’s rules in class are fastidious, at best, and downright primitive, at worst. Slapping, humiliating, and manipulating his students are just some of the ways he weeds out the weak to find “the next Buddy Rich or Charlie Parker.”
Andrew shows incredible potential as an awe-inspiring, young jazz drummer, while Fletcher unleashes his worst at him to see if he can motivate Andrew to reach the highest level. There is joy and heartbreak throughout Andrew’s journey. Fletcher’s cutthroat mantra is revealed in a meeting with Andrew, after Fletcher has been fired from the school for his abusive practices. Fletcher says, “There are no two words in the English language more harmful than ‘Good Job.’” It is a metaphor for Fletcher’s teaching philosophy.
The movie entertains many questions and conflicts that artists must endure: “Does one need to go through the worst to become the best?” We have seen other biopics on musical legends, like Ray Charles, Johnny Cash, and James Brown, which would answer yes to that question. Or does a musical genius always have to be troubled, depressed and die young, like Jim Morrison, Jimmy Hendrix, Janis Joplin, and Kurt Cobain? The legendary jazz saxophonist, Charlie Parker, himself, referenced many times in *Whiplash*, died of a drug and alcohol-induced heart attack at the

age of 34. Can true artists have a life outside their art? Andrew has to make that decision, as he knows he can’t focus on his music and have an adoring girlfriend at the same time.
More than just posing these questions to its audience, *Whiplash* is an incredibly-crafted film. If you are a fan of music,

The music itself – from Andrew’s drumming to the student and professional ensembles – is beautiful to listen to. The choreography of the film by Sharone Meir, the way it cuts from musician to musician and instrument to instrument at rapid speed, sometimes is frenetic but perfect. When all said and done, *Whiplash* won Academy



you will probably love this film. Jazz enthusiasts have criticized the film for its misrepresentation of the form, but general fans of music, will appreciate its sights, sounds, and the story itself. The relationship between student (Andrew) and teacher (Fletcher) is riveting, thanks to the remarkable acting of Miles Teller and J.K. Simmons.

Awards for best Supporting Actor (Simmons), Best Film Editing, Best Sound Mixing, and was nominated for Best Picture and Screenplay.
Just as watching *The Blues Brothers* led me to listen to the blues, over 40 years ago, *Whiplash* inspired me to You Tube names like, Buddy Rich, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis and other legendary jazz artists. It has been a good rabbit hole to fall into! If you want to take a break from your same old summer blockbuster, I challenge you to give *Whiplash* a try. Even this cheapskate now thinks it’s worth the \$2.99 rental fee. I give *Whiplash* 4 and ½ out of 5 popcorn kernels.



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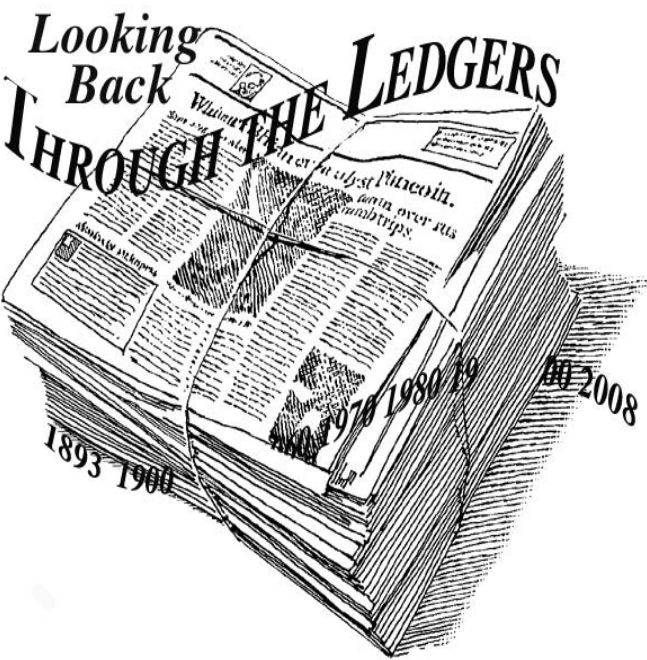
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viewpoint



150 years ago The Lowell Journal June 11, 1873

There is a proper time for all things, but the proper time for horse racing is not on Sunday. We regret that this has been permitted on the Lowell track.

The printing of postal cards has been suspended because the card-board is not equal to contract requirements.

Martin Ballinger drove a team beneath a tree, near Williamsburg, Ind., on Thursday evening, during a heavy thunderstorm. The lightning struck the tree, and instantly killed him, his horses and dog.

125 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 16, 1898

While driving home from this village last Tuesday evening, James L. Hart was set upon by two men, one of whom stopped his horse, while the other pulled him from his buggy and choking him into insensibility, robbed him of \$36 and his pension voucher. The robbers escaped into the bushes.

Fine showers have been frequent lately and vegetation is fairly booming.

Isaac Filkins marked out 16 acres of corn ground in 3 hours, 15 minutes. Who is next?

The road officers, of Vergennes, were trying a new grader in front of Richard McGee's farm, before purchasing.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 14, 1923

Norman E. Borgerson has been recommended for Postmaster at Lowell for the term beginning July 23.

The barn on the Frank Rottener farm, one mile south of Sweet's church and 1/2 mile east, was burned to ashes Tuesday noon and a baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Burns, 18 months old, was terribly burned on face, hands and legs.

An opinion, reversing the circuit court order in favor the plaintiff, has been obtained from the Supreme Court by Atty. R. L. Newham, council for the defendants in the suite, which C.H. Runciman, receiver of the McCords Co-operative association, brought against Duane Brown and 33 other defendants reading in the vicinity of McCords.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 17, 1948

Construction of the 1948 Showboat was started this week under the direction of construction engineer, Elmer G. Schaefer. Lafayette Ave., extending 2 blocks north from Main, will be closed to traffic while work is in progress. The old Showboat, which had rendered valiant service for several years, was badly damaged in last spring's flood. The new craft will be 85 feet long, with a 30 foot beam.

The Kent County 4-H and F.F.A. Fair at Lowell is August 18-19-20 and promises to be even larger and better than last year's record.

King Milling is awarding a 25-lb. bag of flour weekly, and cash prizes at the end of the year for the best recipes using flour.

A new auditorium is needed. 1,000 crowded into the high school gym for graduation, but 300 more had to be turned away.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Suburban Life June 14, 1973

The new Shell Station at Main and Hudson is almost complete. The Avery family's new book, *Slow Me Down, Lord*, is released at the Avery Studios in Au Train.

441 Lowell voters turn down a county community college.

Lowell firemen were called to the Pickett and Scheuer gravel pit on Bowes Road, early Tuesday morning, when fire broke out in a "monster of a piece of equipment," according to Chief Frank Baker. One of the huge tires on a 'Michigan' loader apparently became overheated.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 17, 1998

M-21 milling is delaying because asphalt mix formula does not meet state specs.

Richard Church and Valerie Hendrickson take top honors in the fourth annual Cherry Creek Classic.

Donald Gerard was honored with the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award at the Lowell Schools Board of Education meeting.

Lowell Schools Superintendent, Bert Blake, begins to restructure roles of administrative staff in order to save the district money. There is a projected deficit spending for the 1998-99 school year, somewhere between \$300-\$400,000.

College News, continued

Hunting, College of Letters and Science; Remington Ingraham, School of Educatio and Brooke Miller, Col of Agricultural & Life Sci.

Students who achieve at a high-level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

A total of 12,791 students, enrolled during Fall Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama, were named to the dean's list, with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list, with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). These driven students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges and schools.

Northern Michigan University has announced the Dean's List for the Winter 2023 semester. The following students qualified with a grade point average of 4.00: Meghan Meyer and Ostergren of Ada. Marlie Fowler and Emma Schmidt of Lowell.

The following students in your area qualified with a grade point average of 3.50-3.99: Kilee Boone, Andrew Breay, Jay Gootjes, Ethan Hale, Kelsey Hill, Taylor Kenyon, Amanda Lemmeyer, Jacob Lenderink

The UA Dean's and President's Lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full-course load. The 2022 fall lists include the following students: Justin Heaton of Alto was named to the Deans List; Jackson MacNaughton of Lowell was named to the Presidents List and Derek Mohr of Lowell was named to the Presidents List.

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ABCs of Lowell history

The ABCs of Lowell History is back for another round. This popular series explores a wide variety of topics in Lowell area history in weekly online articles. *Items submitted by the Lowell Area Historical Museum.*

D is for Darwin Dickson

Darwin Dickson was born on his family’s farm in Vergennes Township, on the northeast side of today’s Vergennes and Cumberland intersection, on August 3, 1895.

Darwin was the third generation of the Dickson family in Lowell. He was the son of Phillip and Blanche Gott Dickson. His grandparents were Edward and Harriet Ball Dickson. Harriet was the daughter of Jarred and Mary Loge Ball.

Darwin grew up in Lowell and moved to Twin Falls County, Idaho, and was working on a dairy farm, when the World War I broke out. Darwin became one of thousands who served in this war. He left on July 22, 1918, from Brooklyn, NY, headed for Europe on the ship, Nevasa. He served as a Private in Co I. of the 337th Infantry.

A few months later, Darwin died of pneumonia at the military hospital in Sancerre, France, on October 5, 1918, and was buried there in the city cemetery.

On January 6, 1921 *The Lowell Ledger* announced that Dickson was the first of the boys who died during the war to be brought home for

burial. Dickson was disinterred on 11-5-1920 for preparation and shipment. His remains arrived at the port at St. Nazaire, France on November 8, 1920. From there he was shipped to Hoboken, New Jersey, arriving on December 15, 1920. From there the remains were shipped on January 3, 1921, to Phillip Dickson, Lowell, and received at Lowell on January 4, 1921, by O.J. Yeiter, the undertaker.

The funeral ceremony was scheduled for Friday, January 7, 1921. Walter Kropf, Commander of the Charles W. Clark Post No. 152 of the American Legion, declared that “every honor and respect that can be conferred should be executed at this time.”

Services were held at City Hall with the Rev. E.R. Cochrun officiating. All Lowell businesses closed for the funeral and all flags were at half-mast. The body and mourners were escorted to City Hall by the American Legion members, all in uniform. A large audience was present, including several veterans of the Civil War. The music was furnished by Orrin Sterkins and Mrs. Clarence Speaker, with R. D. Stocking on the piano. As the procession passed



Darwin Dickson, 1917.

the high school building, the entire student body, from the fourth grade up, numbering several hundred, was lined up in front, stretching for blocks and standing at attention. It was described as “a beautiful tribute and a splendid token of loyalty.” He was laid to rest at Oakwood cemetery with military honors.

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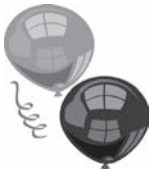
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Midjourney advances threaten to replace artists with AI

By Justin Tiemeyer
contributing writer

On March 16, 2023, photographs began to circulate depicting Vladimir Putin, in an orange prisoner jumpsuit, standing trial for war crimes. Four days later, New York City police officers were seen arresting Donald Trump. Neither of these events actually took place, despite pictorial evidence to the contrary. Both were fabricated by Bellingcat founder, Eliot Higgins, using an artificial intelligence program called Midjourney, which uses natural language descriptions to generate images. Fair and balanced, Higgins also generated fake images of Putin and President Joe Biden hugging, like old friends. “The Trump arrest image was really just casually showing both, how good and bad, Midjourney was at rendering real scenes,” Higgins wrote in an email.

Just months ago, someone interested in creating art, using generative artificial intelligence, would have to scour hobbyist Discord servers and travel to complicated Github sites. Those unable to gain access to server resources would tax both the processing power and storage space of their personal computers in order to create strange, sketchy images. This was before the popularization of hosted services like Stable Diffusion, Midjourney, and DALL-E 2, where users pay a nominal fee to access a trained algorithm, server resources, and a simple interface.

Anyone who has spent a couple of hours fiddling with AI art knows there are some clear limitations. The most common complaint is that algorithms have issues creating convincing

depictions of hands, but they also have issues with tusks, multiple subjects interacting, hands interacting with faces, multiple subjects on stools, and depicting the same character across multiple images. Because of these issues, many have become convinced that art created by artificial intelligence is non-threatening. The competition, they claim, is not a Picasso, Monet, or a Rembrandt, but an oafish, bumbling, uninspired set of codes. Naughty Dog senior character artist, Del Walker, disagrees.

“Just a heads-up,” Walker tweeted the same day as the Putin images were posted. “Midjourney’s AI can now do hands correctly. Be extra critical of any political imagery (especially photography) you see online that is trying to incite a reaction.”

Walker posted pictures of a realistic woman wearing elaborate, flowing garments, a series of four convincing hand photos, and a smiling image of actor Ron Perlman with two thumbs up, all of which were generated using advancements in Midjourney AI, rolled out just prior to the Tweet. In the comments section, people were quick to point out faults in the images, from missing fingers to shredded dress shirts.

“Stating ‘Oh, I can see this is AI. Look at the fabric’ is really missing the point here,” Walker responded. “Your parents will glance at this stuff, and the propaganda will succeed if you don’t help them... This AI photography has only existed for like, 4 months. In 2 years, it will be indistinguishable.”

In most social media

circles, you can find at least one person tinkering around with generative AI. For many in Lowell, that person is Bruce Doll, a retired programmer and analyst who runs a photography business, called Images of Vision. Doll recently posted an essay about Lowell’s historical showboat, generated using an AI writing assistant called simplified.com, to the Lowell MI Community Chatter Facebook group. “Some facts were true,” Doll said. “Some, not really. Some, not even close.”

Lowell Ledger readers

may remember a similar article written by ChatGPT, titled “The State v Loomis Case: Sentencing Bias and Artificial Intelligence” in the March 29, 2023 issue.

Doll also posted before and after photographs demonstrating what people can do using Adobe Photoshop Firefly Generative AI, which is currently undergoing public beta testing. In one photo, Doll removed a cage backdrop from a photograph of a monkey using the prompt “monkey on branch in jungle.” “I started looking at it when I

was at the zoo,” Doll said. “I hate having zoo pictures look like you’re at the zoo. You have a beautiful animal shot, but you have a cage in the background.”

Doll noted that he’s been able to change the backgrounds in his photographs for years, but he used to spend hours on a picture to make it look just right. Now, with Photoshop AI, he can do it in moments. Doll has a long view when it comes to the conversation

AI,
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An AI-generated photograph of Vladimir Putin on trial for war crimes. Note that Putin’s face is depicted in higher definition than the officers, in front of and behind him, and that his visage is uneven, potato-like, and unconvincing, except at a distance.

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NOTICE DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS AND REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

DATE: Thursday, June 29, 2023
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Kent County Drain Commissioner’s Office
775 Ball Ave, NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
QUESTIONS: (616) 632-7910

The Kent County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Apportionments and Review of Drainage District Boundaries on the above date, time, and location. The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the tentative apportionments of benefit for each parcel and municipality within the drainage districts. Maps of the proposed drainage district boundary revisions can be found on the Drain Commissioner’s website at: https://www.accesskent.com/Departments/DrainCommissioner/meeting_notices.htm

A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the drainage districts, as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor for the drains, is as follows:

Drain	Municipalities	Portions of Sections Added	Portions of Sections Removed
WOODS	BOWNE TOWNSHIP	1, 12	1,12

The Drain Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions to the boundaries or apportionments where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the drains will also be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioner’s Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Comments on the apportionment of benefits and drainage district boundaries may be submitted to the Drain Commissioner in writing before the date of the Day of Review to 775 Ball Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, or electronically to drinfo@kentcountymi.gov . Comments may also be submitted in writing or verbally at the Day of Review. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the Day of Review to ensure consideration.

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Fallasburg Village Celebration V2.0

By Cliff Yankovich
contributing writer

You and yours are invited to experience a day of family fun, with a decidedly historical twist, at the Fallasburg Village Celebration on Saturday, July 29th, from 11 am to 5 pm. Bruce Doll, vice-president of the Fallasburg Historical Society, explained that this year’s event will be even better than the first effort held last year. “Our inaugural event went very well. It was a learning experience for us,” Doll related. “Some things worked great, others we needed to take what we did last year and make it better for this year.”

questions. Starting up at the schoolhouse, you will find the area non-profits, the family games (three-legged-race, board walk, hula hoops, and more), the pioneer trailer and the Civil War reenactorss from the Third Michigan, Company F.

Bruce went on to talk about new things to see and do. “We will be adding old fashioned disk golf, throwing a tin (not metal) can lid into a fishnet,” Doll said. “Inside the schoolhouse will be a short class like they were taught in the old days. Also in the school will be pioneer games for all.” It is worth noting that the

First, the food will be in front of the Tower Museum. There will be tables under the trees to enjoy your meal. The \$5 hot dog meals will be back, and FHS are adding \$5 walking tacos this year. Just a few steps from the food area is the new demonstration/activity area in front of the historic Tower Barn. Demonstrations will include Timber framing, glass blowing, forging, ice cream making, hit and miss engines, weaving, pygmy goats, mini-horses, and more.

In a great combination of history and art, there will be open air artists around the village recording the day’s activities the old-fashioned

front of the Misner house will be a specialty car show including Model A’s. Next to and behind the Misner house will be the first Fallasburg Celebration Car & Truck Show. This show is open for cars made in or prior to 1980. The cost to enter your car is just \$5 and there will be trophies, dash plaques and door prizes. Towards the end of the celebration there will be a rumble where the cars will make some noise as they leave.

On top of everything to see and eat, your ears will be treated to music this year from two mini stages, one at the schoolhouse and one near the Tower Farm. There will be eight different performers that will be spread out on the two stages throughout the day. This might be a good time to remind you that all of the entertainment, arts, crafts, music, and learning will only set you back a five dollar bill to park. What a great return on your investment.

We asked Bruce what his favorite part of the celebration was. “Personally, I really like the whole process of putting the Celebration together. Lots of meetings, phone calls, emails and face-to-face meetings.” he replied. “I really like the way individuals and businesses have stepped up to support the Celebration; we have over 40 sponsors this year!” He went on to remind us to check their website and Facebook page for the list of sponsors and make sure to visit and support them.

After listening to the wide variety of things available for people of all ages, we had to ask if the FHS had enough people to help put everything together for the big day. Doll and the other members of the Society would love to have more people involved. They would welcome the help of more volunteers. There is also room for more artisans to sell any handmade, high quality arts and crafts. There is still room for more non-profit groups to set up. All of the information and sign up sheets are available online. You can find out more at www.fallasburg.org



Photo courtesy of Ginny Velting.



Photo courtesy of Kate Nelson.

Many things will remain the same. The road in the park will be closed to traffic so everyone will be able to walk around the village safely. Parking will be just \$5 per car. For those of you who cringe at paying for parking, (including this reporter), take comfort in the fact that the parking fee is a fundraiser that will help fund everything the FHS does to preserve the Village. All of the museums will be open with docents in them to answer your

schoolhouse now has the modern benefit of heat and air conditioning. This step was taken primarily to help preserve the building by providing a consistent climate, but visitors benefit with a respite from the heat.

Marbles will be played outside. (Hmm, marbles are “historic” now? What message does that send to yours truly, who at one time had an impressive collection of marbles?) You will find a lot of new addition this year by the Tower Farm.

way – not with phone cameras, but by painting and drawing the goings on by hand. Just down the street will be the new artisan market, managed by Ability Weavers. There you will find high quality, hand made products for sale. Some of the artisans will be demonstrating their talents as well.

Inside the Fallas House Museum will feature weaving demonstrations. On the other side of the Fallas house will be the mini horses. Just behind the Fallas house you will find the tractor show. As you walk down the street to the Fallasburg Covered Bridge, you will pass several historic homes. On the other side of the bridge, we will have fly fishing demonstrations and lessons.

Back in the village, in

or on their Facebook page. On a practical note, the Covered Bridge Road will be closed from the bridge to Montcalm, where the entrance to the parking lot will be. To get to the village, take Fallasburg Park Drive NE off Lincoln Lake, continue through the park (do not take Covered Bridge Road), turn right on McPherson, then turn right on Covered Bridge Rd NE.

Doll concluded by saying, “From all of us at the Fallasburg Historical Society we invite everyone to come out to the celebration and have some good old fashioned fun!”



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Kampfshulte, continued

up tonight,” she said. “He wants to talk to you right now.”

The man, who had interrupted every session of VanderWarf’s classes for nearly 20 years, was quiet and difficult to decipher in his final hours, speaking through a tracheostomy, with the help of his daughter as translator. The volume and the power had changed, but some things never did with Kamp. The man who was known for keeping in touch with colleagues outside of work, throwing parties, and meeting for dinners was once again holding court with his friends in a small room at Blodgett. VanderWarf noted that they had an opportunity to have their final words and go out, on a good note.

Cari Slot

Cari Slot could talk about Kamp all day, if allowed, and there still would not be enough time

Kamp was the caring adult outside of the traditional family unit, who showed an interest in their lives and kept them from traversing a difficult path. For others, they became lawyers, teachers, and all sorts of other occupations, directly related to what they learned in AP government class, under the tutelage of Kamp.

Slot, who retired from Lowell on the same day as Kamp, is one of the many people who got to know the teacher as a real human being. “For me, as a person, he was one of my best, dearest friends,” Slot said. “He was more than a mentor. I can’t even put into words what he was.”

Slot recounted at Kamp’s memorial that she got to know Kamp during Friday get-togethers on the “deckhousen.” Slot lived close to the high school, and the deckhousen was Kamp’s name for her porch. There,

magnitudinous could never be stifled or snuffed out; Kamp could only continue on, in some other form. Perhaps, he lives on in the careers and relationships of those he influenced, and perhaps, he is simply bigger than the words we have for him. “I’m having a very hard time accepting a world without Kampfshulte,” Slot said. “It doesn’t seem possible. He will always be with us.”

Landon Graham

For Landon Graham, Kamp’s passing came with a heavy lift. Not only was his former teacher, turned colleague, gone, leaving a weight on his heart, but somebody had to take on Kamp’s AP government classes. By the time Kamp passed, AP government enrollment had boomed, and enough seniors were interested, that the high school ran four classes. In other words, one-in-six graduating seniors, in a rural high school, attended an advanced college level course in government, a statistic that seems impossible under anyone else.

In truth, Graham took over for AP government one year prior to Kamp’s death, when the latter had just retired, and Kamp made sure he was prepared. Kamp encouraged Graham, assured him that he could do it, provided his entire playbook for the class, and worked with him for hours to make sure Graham felt empowered, and the class could be held to the same stunningly high standard. This has been, after all, a class that started careers for many Lowell graduates.

From Graham’s perspective, the path he traveled to get here feels random. He stumbled into Kamp’s world history class as a junior in the late 90s, followed by his government class as a senior. Graham could not even shake his teacher by heading off to college, because Kamp was an adjunct professor at Aquinas when Graham attended. “I was not a good student. I was average at best,” Graham said. “Whenever you would go to Kamp’s class, he was electric. He would walk into the class, and his personality would just hook you.”

When Graham returned to teach social studies at Lowell, he figured Kamp



Steve Kampfshulte and Clay VanderWarf walking the halls at Lowell High School. Photo: 2007-2008 Lowell High School Yearbook.

had probably already moved on to something else. He was not prepared to see this monolithic figure as his colleague of many years, and still less prepared to take over his classes following his retirement and subsequent death. “It’s like following Michael Jordan,” Graham said. “It’s a no-win situation.”

Graham did not want this story to be about him, and yet there is a story hidden within his experience. Throughout his time with Kamp, first as a student, then as a colleague, and finally as his successor, Graham was put into uncomfortable situations doing difficult things he really did not want to do, and yet, he never failed to get the job done. This was the Kamp in him. “Kamp was a pretty no nonsense kind of guy,” Graham said.

“If there’s a job to do, you do it. I didn’t want to try and fill Kamp’s shoes, but the department needed it, and that’s what we do at Lowell.”

Graham has taken over Kamp’s AP government classes, Jamieson Irwin runs the Model UN now, and the Europe trip ended a decade ago. Though so many were influenced by Kamp at Lowell High School, and far beyond, nobody has the same personality, and nobody ever will. Kamp had the power to reach people and help them connect with who they truly were inside. He helped them feel, not only at home, but powerful, in their own shoes. It is a rare kind of leadership and teaching style that few have ever mastered; it requires honesty, purity of intention,

love, and unwavering dedication, but the dividends it pays are immeasurable. In its storied history, the Lowell community has seen very few figures like Steve Kampfshulte. Ivan Blough comes to mind, but not many others do, and that is not to say that there is a fault in the rest of us. Talking to those who loved Kamp and knew him the best, he almost seems like a constant in a moral universe, and not just a constant pounding on VanderWarf’s wall. He was a force required for life to flourish and kindness to thrive, an avatar of the best and boldest impulses in the hearts of his community. Kamp remains, as Slot was clear to enumerate, in the present tense. Though he has passed, Steve Kampfshulte is.



or art to capture the man, but Slot is interested in trying. As the yearbook advisor, Slot became used to collecting and curating information, so the constant notes she has received about Kamp, since his passing, have been heart warming, not overwhelming. Slot was the one who mentioned the former student from Australia, hopping on a plane and just barely missing out on seeing Kamp before he passed. “He inspired so many people, and he had faith in so many people,” Slot said. “A student once told me, ‘I’d be in jail right now if it wasn’t for Kamp, because he saw something in me’.”

This was a common occurrence at Lowell High School. For some students,

everybody was referenced by their nicknames, some simple German names, others taken from *Animal House*, and still others taken from *The Simpsons*. The students got to know Kamp best during his Europe trip, where he invited students and teachers to take a tour of England, France, Germany, Italy, and Austria. Slot recounted the work they put into the trip together, the perfect harmony of their presentations at each site, and the fact that Kamp’s World War II route was so influential that the travel company built a specific trip around his itinerary.

During the interview, Slot repeatedly lapsed into the present tense— “He loves to laugh,” “He loves to enjoy life” —as if a life so



Kampfshulte kicking back in his classroom. Photo: 1991 Lowell High School Yearbook.

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SPORTS

Boys volleyball completes journey, takes home state title

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

After a runner-up finish last year, the Lowell boys volleyball team finished the job by battling back from a first-set loss, beating South Christian 3-1 in the state finals and winning the program’s first state championship.

The Red Arrow team is a part of the growing sport in the state of Michigan, and the culmination of the season happened in early June at Calvin College. The program was started by current Lowell girls volleyball Head Coach, Jordan Drake, and is currently coached by one of the program’s first alumni players, Drew Davidson.

It was the two-seed that took the early lead 25-21, in a battle of one versus two in the state, as the South Christian Sailors opened

up with the one-set lead. It didn’t faze the Red Arrows. “Our goal was to stay level-headed and continue to play our game. We knew we were the better team, more experienced, and we just had to break their momentum and get things rolling our way,” senior outside hitter, Jacob Davidson said.

At 8-8 in set two, Lowell started to roll off the serve of Mason Wade, where Lowell took advantage of a few Sailor unforced errors to make it 13-8. Setter Max Davidson served for set point, which Lowell got on a forced South Christian error, to make the sets tied at one-all. “It was crucial for us to shut down their outside and middle hitters. We worked as a team to make that happen,” said junior outside hitter, Gavin Barber.

In the critical third set, South Christian seemed to be in command at 16-13, in a best of five; of course, the winner of the third set would only need one more set to finish off the match. Jacob Davidson got a kill, followed by a serving ace from his cousin Max. It was part of a 7-1 run that saw Lowell take control of the set. Barber would get the kill to finish off the third set 25-20. Lowell would go on to comfortably win the fourth set, with the winning point bringing the scoreline to 25-21.

“Bringing home the first state title is something I have wanted for the last three years. Our team worked really hard! I don’t think it has set in that we were the first to bring home the gold,” Barber concluded. His teammate Jacob Davidson



The Lowell boys volleyball team took top honors in the state tournament. Photo courtesy of Lowell Boys Volleyball facebook page.

agreed. “It was quite the honor being able to lead the team through the ups and downs of our season. With the sport of boy’s volleyball exploding in size, I was most proud of getting publicity

for our team, and hopefully exciting our community, and even kids who might want to play volleyball someday,” he concluded.

Additionally, over the last week, Jacob Davidson

and Nick Williams each earned First Team All-State honors, while Max Davidson and Gavin Barber earned second Team All-State honors.

Lacrosse Cinderella-run ends in semifinals

By Justin Scott
contributing writer

When you’ve pulled off four straight upsets in a row, including three straight against top ten teams, it earns you respect. On Wednesday night in the Division 2 boys lacrosse semifinals, Forest Hills Central, the top-ranked team in the state had every ounce of respect for the Red Arrows. They knew the team opposite of them was playing with confidence, heart, and an underdog chip on their shoulder. They could beat anyone. They had proven that.

The Rangers played

hard and when they seized momentum, they didn’t sub-out players; they didn’t slow down their offense, they just scored. With that, the Rangers came out on top 17-5, over the Red Arrows in the state semifinal.

“Nobody likes getting beat like that, but it happens. We were outmatched today no doubt.” offensive coach, Bill Lee, said after the game, as the players were down on one knee after a hard-fought loss. “There’s something about sports that brings out magic, and it’s magical that we’re even here right now.”

The Cinderella-run

Lowell went on, the 27th-ranked team out of 64 in Division 2, had upset wins over No. 25 Caledonia, No. 8 Byron Center, No. 3 East Grand Rapids, and No. 5 Dearborn Divine Child, but the Rangers, who would go on to beat Detroit Country Day in the state finals, a notch above the rest at No. 1, were just too good.

“When I stepped in as program director, I had a goal that we would win a regional championship, and you guys went beyond that; you have checked off every box I could have dreamed of,” Paul Lixie told the team after the game.



Coach Buckius addresses the team, following the state semifinal.



Jackson Roudabush gave Lowell an early lead against FHC.

Lowell started off in decent shape, trailing 4-2, with sloppy play on both ends. Jackson Roudabush and Andrew Rogers had the early Lowell goals. The Red Arrows would get their offense set, in perfect position, but were a final pass away from scoring multiple times. To beat FHC, Lowell had to play perfectly and hope the Rangers didn’t bring their A-game; easier said than done. As the first half came to a close though, FHC found their game, and unleashed an unrelenting run of goals through the end of the third quarter, eleven straight, to take a

commanding 15-2 lead.

With the game out of reach in the fourth quarter, the Lowell crowd, in large numbers, stayed throughout the game, and as Lowell pulled a few goals back at the end, they celebrated as if they were still in it. That included a goal by Colten Barney, a JV pullup who scored his first varsity goal. Following the final whistle, fans applauded the team for their run and were acknowledged by the players and coaching staff. The final was 18-5. Tevin VanderBoon had 14 saves in goal.

“Look at that crowd

out there, that’s the largest crowd Lowell lacrosse has ever played in front of,” Austin Buckius, Lowell’s head coach, and a former player himself, told the team. “I’m proud of all of you for the hard work you’ve put in; this wouldn’t have been possible without the buy-in from you guys.”

Lowell ended the season at 12-10, notching their first regional championship, first quarterfinal win, first semifinal appearance, and a Cinderella-run that had us all believing.

Red Arrow

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SPORTS

Crew earns medals at Meijer State Games

By Justin Scott
contributing writer

Rowing returned to the Meijer State Games, after a lengthy COVID related delay, and it came back strong with plenty of action along the Grand River. It was the last event of the season for the Lowell Crew Club, who had 11 of their 18 members participating, and the club saw plenty of success with

eight rowers bringing home medals, and several earning more than one. Forest Hills Northern, Forest Hills Eastern, Lowell, Crystal Lake, Northview, and plenty of other clubs and individuals, participated off the dock, hosted by the Grand Rapids Rowing Club. As the white cottonwood seeds fell from the sky, like snow on

the river, racers from the schools and clubs competed for medals in the Meijer State Games of Michigan, a multi-sport, Olympic-style event that welcomes all athletes, regardless of age or ability. It is one of the few sports to take place prior to the Meijer State Games opening ceremonies. In the mixed junior 4x, Max Stoner, Connor



The boat rowed by Mara Carbines gets into position.



The group celebrates a successful day on the water.

Patrick de Voest closes golf career at states

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

You could've picked from any of Lowell golf's three top seniors; Drew Veldman, Cam Sluss or Patrick de Voest, and either one would've been well deserving of a spot at the state tournament. However, it was de Voest who had the best round and regionals,



Patrick de Voest concluded his golf career at the state tournament.

and went on to represent the Red Arrows at The Fortress, out in Frankenmuth. With rounds of 87 and 80, respectively, de Voest finished tied-66th in the field, concluding a decorated career for the class of 2023, in boys golf. "It was a great experience and I was honored to represent Lowell. The first day, I would be lying if I said I wasn't nervous, and I think that definitely got to me. I was worrying and was trying to be too perfect and not accepting the mistakes that happen on the golf course," de Voest said of day one at The Fortress. Day two marked a seven-stroke improvement for de Voest, overcoming the nerves and playing much better golf at the Division 2 state tournament. "I really stayed patient with my swing and was hitting

a lot of greens. It was wild seeing the best players in the state, go at it for two days, and an experience I will cherish forever," de Voest concluded. The winner of the individual tournament was Lorenzo Pinili, from Bloomfield Brother Rice, who shot an absurd eight under par on day one. The Michigan State signee added a two-under par, 70 to the scorecard on Saturday for a 10 under cumulative round and running away with medalist honors. Pinili's scoring wasn't enough for the Warriors though, who lost a 10-stroke day one lead to Grand Rapids Christian, who won the state championship. Lowell saw plenty of the Eagles this year in conference play and 18-hole non-conference tournaments. de Voest, who is planning on going to school for teaching, will be playing golf for Grand Rapids Community College starting this fall.

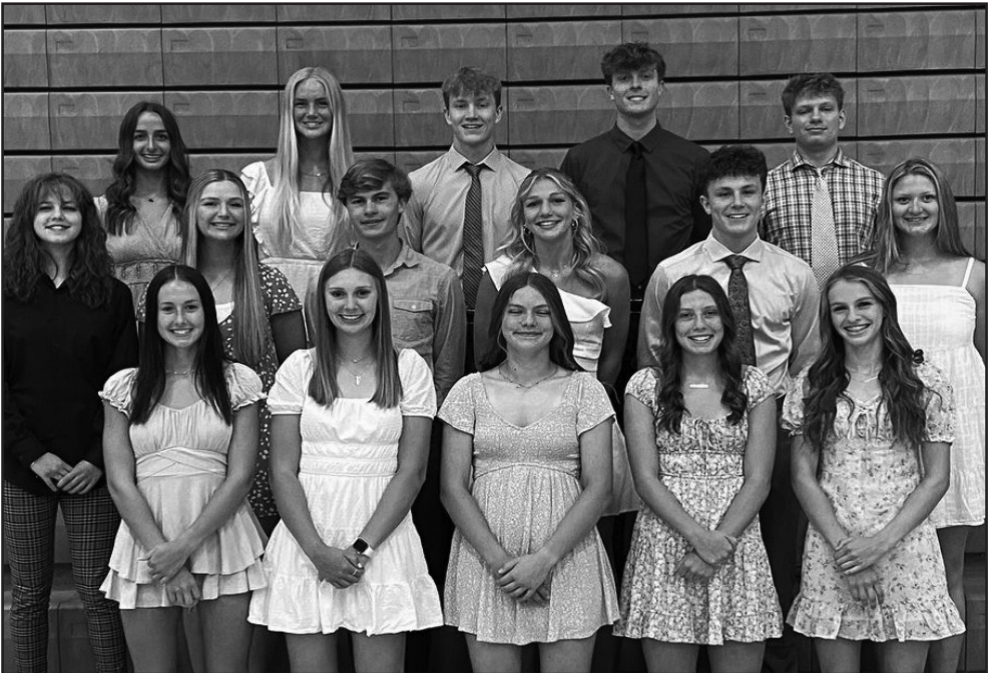
Rapson, Gwen Hoke, and Brooke Shellenbarger would get third place by just five seconds. In the men's doubles, Connor Rapson and Patrick Hoke took third place. Rapson also added a third medal in a singles race and was given the club's "Red Arrow Award". There's plenty of work that has to be done to make a crew event possible. Loading boats on and off trailers, docking and undocking in the water, as well as maintenance, but for the rowers, it's all

about getting to go out and compete on the river and getting to have fun on the water, whether individually or with teammates. Freshman, Gabs Stodola, took second in the women's junior lightweight. In the women's junior singles, Mara Carbines placed second and Brooke Shellenbarger placed third, with Shellenbarger edging-out the boat rowed by Grand Rapids Rowing Club by less than two hundredths of a second. Gabe Selover and Patrick Hoke each medaled

in the men's open singles. This was the last event of the season for the club, who will look forward to their end-of-year festivities and their upcoming Learn to Row camp.



Congratulations to Lowell's 2023 All-Conference athletes



Connor Lixie, boys lacrosse; Andrew Rogers, boys lacrosse; Maeve Dougherty, girls lacrosse; Aubree Lee, soccer, RJ Wagamo, soccer; Isabel German, track; Leah Krieger, track; Annika Sandman, track; Katrina Sandman, track; Aubriegh Oswald, track; Ramsey Ponchaud, track; Isaac Graham, track; Levi Mills, track; Benjamin Bromley, track; Kaylee Royer, tennis; Katie Hofman, softball, Courtney Witten, softball; Taylor Clark, softball; Hope Rummelt, softball and Peyton Teachworth, baseball.

obituaries

MERKLINGER

Barbara Ann Merklinger, age 87 of Lowell, passed away Thursday, June 8, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Grace Wright; brother, William Wright; and baby girl, Terry Lee. Barb is survived by her husband of 67 years, Orville Merklinger; children, Beverly (Norman) Adcock, Dale (Karen) Merklinger, Dean (Kelly Stanger) Merklinger; grandchildren, Jason (Kris) Adcock, Shannan (George) Graham, Karley Merklinger, Cody Merklinger, Blaze Stanger; great grandchildren, Amya Adcock, Brayden, Liam, and Madi Graham, Courtney Roberts; siblings-in-law, Carl Merklinger, Art (Sandy) Merklinger, Carol Merklinger; and many nieces and nephews. Barb enjoyed bird watching, admiring the flower gardens built by her husband, shopping, sewing, and crafting. Barb served the Lowell community as a bus driver for over 20 years for the Lowell Area Schools. She will be remembered as a loving, caring, compassionate person. Private family services will be held. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Faith Hospice in Barb's honor, 2100 Raybrook SE Suite 300 Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



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WIELAND

Ayleen Wieland, age 98, formerly of Freeport, passed away on June 4, 2023. She enjoyed playing bingo, Polka music, watching her sons play softball and putting together jigsaw puzzles. Ayleen is lovingly remembered by her sons, Terry (Cindy) Wieland of Lowell, Bob (Pam) Wieland of Caledonia, Rich Wieland of Alto and Diane (Don) Geese of Holland; 11 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren. Funeral service was held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at the Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Alto. Interment Bowne Mennonite Cemetery. Memorials can be given in Ayleen's name to Hospice of Holland. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.koopsfc.com for the Wieland family.



Lowell Women's Club, 2023, Woman of the Year

The Lowell Women's Club has announced Lowell resident, Jackie Brower Tousley, as their 2023 Woman of the Year. Described as a lifelong learner, Tousley began her school career at Wilkerson School, a one-room schoolhouse near her childhood home, north of town. She moved on to attend other Lowell Schools, graduating from LHS, where she was on the debate team and participated with the Future Teachers organization. After earning her teaching degree through GRCC and MSU, Tousley returned to Lowell Schools as a teacher, educating hundreds of second and third grade children, in her more than 40-year-long career.

While working as a "soda jerk" at Lippert's/Christensen's Drug Store, prior to becoming a teacher, Tousley met the love of her life, Paul Tousley, a pharmacist there. They married in 1973. Over the years, Jackie and Paul put to use a lot of skills unrelated to their chosen professions, as they tackled many home repair and remodeling projects in Lowell, as well as in the greater Grand Rapids area. Working alongside Paul, Jackie was no stranger to hammers, saws, drills and more. They "flipped" a house or two before it was fashionable... certainly before HGTV!

During this busy time, Jackie and Paul welcomed two beautiful children into their lives, first their son, Rich and then their daughter, Kara. While the children were young, in 1986, the family joined the First Congregational Church of Lowell. Over the years Jackie and Paul each served on a variety of boards and committees, while also volunteering for whatever needed doing. Rich and Kara became active as



Pictured left to right are: Kara Bykerk, Cassidy Bykerk, Garry Bykerk, Jackie Tousley, Landon Bykerk, Alyce Hole, John Brower, Jill Johnston and Kim Lum

church youth, taking trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in northern Minnesota, the Lakota Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and other shorter educational and service-related trips. Like their parents, they served others in many ways, and still do today.

After Paul's death, following a battle with melanoma, Jackie, a strong woman, surrounded by many friends and family members, carried on, continuing to raise their children, teach school and serve others in her community. Daughter Kara shared her pride in her "amazing" mom, describing her as "a fierce supporter of many," helping with FROM's Backpack/School Supplies project, Lowell's Open Table, fundraisers for causes such as Relay for Life, LLS, CROP Walk and more. After retirement, Jackie organized a Homework Club at Cherry Creek, where members and friends of her church helped students weekly, after school.

Kim Lum, a long-time teaching partner of Jackie's, described her as "giving

and caring, always putting others before herself and a wonderful example of one who lives the Golden Rule." Friends, and often co-workers, since 1977, Kim said she learned much from Jackie over the years.

Following her retirement from teaching, Jackie joined Lowell Women's Club, putting her heart and soul into volunteering. In her first year she helped with the nominating committee. Since then, Jackie has served as treasurer, keeping the LWC books well-organized and accurate. She has also helped organize special events and fundraisers, such as Girls Night Out, the Burrito Sale, Christmas through Lowell Crafts and more. She is a perennial soup-maker for the LWC Christmas through Lowell luncheon and makes jam for LWC's popular jam basket sales each year. Last year's plant sale had her digging, dividing, potting and selling a wide-variety of perennials, alongside other volunteers. She has been instrumental in bringing many educational and fun activities and presentations to monthly meetings.

She has also sponsored student members year-after-year. Her daughter, Kara, says that Jackie "lights up" when talking about Lowell Women's Club. Lori Ingraham, out-going president, had this to say about Jackie's contributions, "During my tenure as president, I have found her to be thoughtful, kind, dedicated, responsible, and essential to the Board."

Kara, her husband, Garry, and children, Landon and Cassidy, live locally and joined-in, surprising Jackie at LWC May Meeting. Jackie's Aunt Alice, sister Jill and brother John, along with her close friend and long-time teaching partner Kim, were also in on the surprise. Rich, wife Jo, and sons Nate and James live in New York and were unable to attend.

Ingraham closed her comments with, "If you share a friendship with Jackie, consider yourself lucky! You know that, as a friend, she is always there to listen and help in whatever way she can. She is a real stand-out and well-deserving of this honor as LWC Woman of the Year!"

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~ The Metz Fire

by Martha Hayden

The Fire
Following a wet spring in 1908, the summer in the eastern side of northern Michigan’s lower peninsula had been dry. On October 15th, rampant winds caused a random spark to start a tragic fire. The blaze had started in Millersburg and grew quickly. The flames burnt northward for 31 miles until it reached Lake Huron. At Hammond Bay, the fire had appeared to be dying-out when suddenly, the wind

the railroad tracks. John and his family doused quilts and spread them over their roof hoping to save their home. Some of John’s five children begged to board the train, which had been sent to evacuate the Metz residents. John refused.

John’s daughter, Augusta later said, “It seemed hard to see everyone going away in the cars, while we were staying behind. But father said, ‘No



drenched quilts and wrapped each child, with instructions to bury cans of bread and butter out in the field. This was to ensure the family would have something to eat, if they managed to escape the blaze.

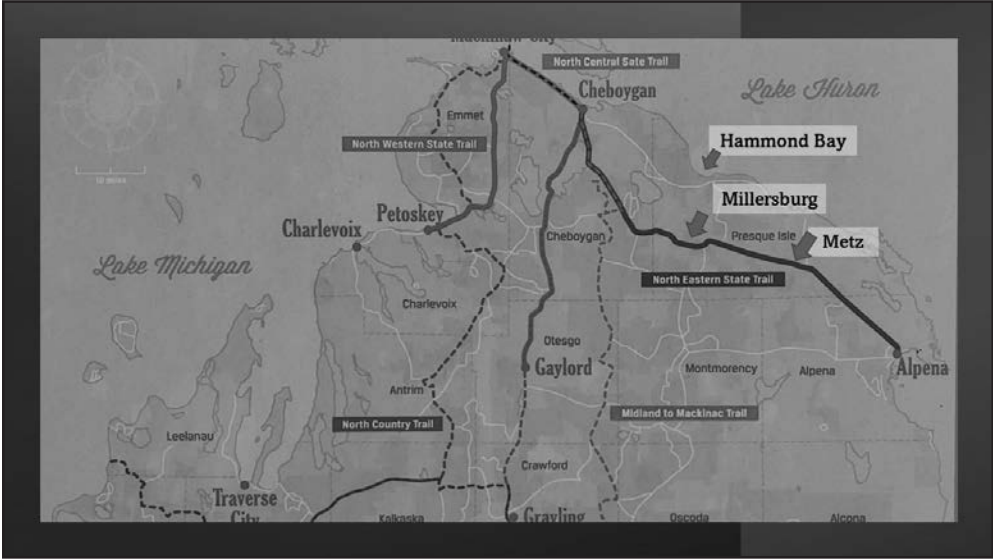
John continued to fight the fire, but soon joined his offspring in the field. They all survived the blaze!

Adolph, a pre-teen

George Cicero
As the fire raged toward Metz, George Cicero, a railroad employee, assisted his wife, Lizzie, and their children into an open gondola car: Margaret (7), George Jr. (5) and Gerlen (2). Two mothers climbed aboard; each had three small children. Several others took time to load furniture, household goods and even a cash register.

in the gondola car, only ashes remained of the three mothers and their nine children. Heartbreakingly, George Cicero would never see his wife, Lizzy, and their three children: Margaret, George, Jr. and Gerlen. Tragically, thirty-seven people lost their lives that October day. 700 people were suddenly homeless, as 134 dwellings had been destroyed.

Metz’s families, along with donations of goods. A commendable undertaking after only two weeks as the National Director. News of this tragedy spread quickly throughout the state. The wealthy community members of Grosse Pointe were quick to respond. Many sent their rarely worn evening gowns and fine hats. These garments were probably



John Zimmerman, his five children and nine other survivors took-up residence in the clapboard shack, following the Metz fire. Photo Credit: Presque Isle Historical Museum

changed, pushing the blaze southward toward the town of Metz, where nearly 700 people called ‘home.’ Receiving telegraph messages, the Detroit-Mackinac Railroad quickly sent a train to Metz so families could be evacuated.

John Zimmerman Family
The Zimmerman household was 25 feet from

children, if we’re going to burn, we’ll burn right here on our own place. We’re safer here, anyway, than we would be out in the woods on the cars.” Augusta continued her tale. “But alas, father said it was no use. The wind blew so hard we could scarcely hold on to the things that we carried out from the house.” Augusta had shared that their dad took the

son, had released the cows and horses from the barn. He also had pulled out their stash of lumber. These boards were used to build a lean-to shelter the following day. Then walls were added to the structure, so the Zimmermans and other survivors, with the sum of 15 souls, would have a warmer place to stay as winter weather crept, stealthily, toward the area.

With his family safe, George turned his attention to the rail station. He sent telegraph updates with his last being, “I can send no more. This building is all afire.” George ran to the next town surviving the inferno, hoping to soon be reunited with his wife and children.

The Detroit Mackinac Rescue Train
It was reported that

Burials
Earnest Theme, the pastor, wrote, “Sunday, I buried, at one funeral service, ten members of our church family, who died in the fire. It was a strange worship service, which I conducted with a loudly sobbing congregation, alongside my church in ashes conducted over open graves. I’ve never experienced such despair

the finest ever worn by the farming community members of Metz.

Metz Reflection
These people’s stories of tragedy and triumph are now part of me. I felt their devastation and their hope. Let’s all learn from the past, be willing to help others and focus on those who have endured such difficulty, yet, continued to move forward through grief.



The warped tracks caused the train to derail. Sadly, most of the passengers perished. Photo Credit: Presque Isle Historical Museum



Photo Credit: Presque Isle Historical Museum

about 40 people, mostly women and children, had boarded the rescue train. As the rescue locomotive rounded this bend, fire engulfed the carriages from both sides. Cedar posts burned along one flank, and the hemlock-shingle company was ablaze, along the other border. The heat was so intense that the tracks had melted, causing the train to derail. Some fled the train cars, but were badly burnt. The following day, survivors came to inspect the derailment. There,

in my whole life. At first, I could not begin. I leaned against a lonely-standing fence post and wept. Perhaps, for the first time, since I was a child.”

Relief Sent – Earnest P. Bickness
Only 14 days before the horrific fire, Ernest P. Bicknell had been appointed as the National Director of Relief Operations for the Red Cross. Bicknell, along with D&M Railroad and Red Cross President, J.D. Hawks, oversaw the construction of 165 shacks, as housing for

Resources
Presque Isle County Historical Museum <https://pichmuseum.org/the-metz-fire/>
The Detroit News Metz Fire’s 100th Anniversary <https://www.metzfire.com/Survival.htm>

FUN PAGE

SUDOKU

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

Level: Advanced

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!

Guess Who?

I am a rapper and actor born in California on June 15, 1969. I performed at parties hosted by Dr. Dre while in high school. I am ranked as one of MTV's greatest MCs of all time for my work in a legendary rap group.

Answer: Ice Cube

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62						63					64			

SUN & SAND WORD SEARCH

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N	K	F	C	M	Y	U	O	L	N	Z	F	R	S	F	A	O	U	I	D
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O	D	R	G	N	I	M	M	I	W	S	S	L	C	H	U	T	E	A	R
B	N	Y	C	D	K	L	C	D	N	S	K	L	U	A	F	Z	L	X	T
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E	N	S	R	S	C	H	N	Z	Z	T	H	G	I	R	B	A	N	W	G
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R	O	D	M	U	H	O	C	E	A	N	N	U	S	X	Y	D	S	Z	L
B	O	L	I	S	R	G	A	L	T	I	W	E	A	F	E	A	E	G	Y
E	C	I	A	Y	C	O	A	S	T	A	L	O	I	L	R	E	W	E	P
K	G	R	D	M	A	F	U	H	O	M	S	X	L	H	R	S	U	U	N
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- Puzzle solutions on page 13
- SUN & SAND WORD SEARCH
- BASKET
BEACH
BOARDWALK
BREEZY
- BRIGHT
COASTAL
CRASHING
FOAM
LAUGHTER
MARINE
OCEAN
- RELAXATION
RIPTIDE
SAIL
SANDCASTLE
SANDY
SEAWEED
SUNGLASSES
- SURFING
SWIMMING
SWIMSUIT
TAN
UMBRELLA
UNDERTOW

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the sea.

S H F I

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Answer: Fish

- CLUES ACROSS
1. In a place to sleep
5. Chemical compound (abbr.)
8. A way to fish
11. Classic Linklater film “___ and Confused”
13. Legume
14. Indonesian island
15. Smooth, creamy substance
16. Arctic
17. Wood sorrels
18. Defied
20. Cattle
21. Tableland
22. Honorably retired and retaining one's title
25. Repossession
30. Danced
31. Adult males
32. A type of section
33. Type of Japanese animation
38. Satisfaction
41. Fit
43. “Ain’t No Sunshine” singer
45. Failure
47. Israeli city
49. French river
50. Cavalry-sword
55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
56. Liquefied natural gas
57. Afflicted
59. Electronic counter-countermeasures
60. Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Large body of water
63. ___kosh, near Lake Winnebago
64. Impudence
- CLUES DOWN
1. Payroll firm
2. Unit of transmission
3. Rockers Better Than ___
4. Bambi is one
5. Highest parts of something
6. Correct behavior
7. Batty
8. Cyprinid fishes
9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
12. American rocker Snider
14. W. African language
19. Symbol to mark for removal
23. ___ Squad
24. Resident
25. Federal savings bank
26. Paddle
27. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
28. One point south of due east
29. Winter melon
34. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
35. Anger
36. Central European river
37. First responders
39. Spanish noble
40. Persons with absence of skin pigment
41. Defunct airline
42. Small island (British)
44. The extent of something from beginning to end
45. Capital of Bangladesh
46. Dutch cheese
47. Imitates
48. A contest of speed
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. UNLV's are Runnin’
58. Criticize

AI continued

regarding artificial intelligence. “Is AI going to eliminate jobs?” Doll asked. “Probably, but there’s lots of things that have eliminated jobs.”

Doll worked at the New York Institute of Technology Computer Graphics Lab from the mid-1970s through to the early 1990s. His boss, Ed Catmull, went on to co-found Pixar and make it the company it is today. While working at the Graphics Lab, Doll used the most advanced computer graphics in the world, housed in a VAX mainframe, costing millions of dollars. Fast forward to today, and the MAC personal computer sitting on Doll’s desk is much more powerful than the state-of-the-art beast he used in the 70s. Doll also worked for a distribution company responsible for putting 40-50 million phone books in the hands of users, and now phone books are

largely a thing of the past. In this context, generative AI is just another thing that people need to learn how to use and develop reasonable laws surrounding.

Legislation has been slow, but the US Copyright Office has already issued a ruling that an algorithm cannot copyright its work, nor can someone using the algorithm copyright the resulting art without proving sufficient creativity and originality. However, just because AI art cannot be copyrighted does not mean that people cannot make a profit off of its creation, which has many artists up in arms. Sites like Etsy, Redbubble, and Society6 make it easy for users to make money off of their AI art, even though some of that art uses protected, copyrighted images as its source.

“People need to realize that change is coming,” Doll

said. “It always has been coming. It’s just that now the change seems bigger. When the first cell phone came out,

it was like, ‘Wow, that’s pretty cool.’ Now, your cell phone is your life.”

In many situations, the



An original photograph of a monkey by Bruce Doll. Note the caged backdrop, a personal pet peeve of Doll’s in reference to his zoo photography.



In this image, the monkey from Bruce Doll’s original photo has been preserved, but the background has been replaced using the text prompt, “monkey on branch in jungle” in the Beta version of Adobe Photoshop Firefly Generative AI.

law will change to protect human beings from artificial intelligence. In others, it is going to come down to communities policing content. In the independent, tabletop, roleplaying-game community, many social media users will unfriend or block people associated with AI art, because they know artist peers who have contemplated suicide now that their sole means of making a living is threatened. The disturbing truth is that many of the changes Doll has described, are genies that are not easily put back into the bottle, meaning that the only option, however destructive it may be to some communities, is to adapt.



An AI-generated photograph of actor Ron Perlman demonstrating Midjourney’s ability to accurately represent hands in fabricated images. Note, however, the unrealistic interaction between Perlman’s turtle neck/hoodie, his necklace, and the zipper running up the front of his shirt.

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