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Village tax levy remains constant

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

A detailed tax report revealed real property – consisting mainly of residential housing – slid by nearly \$718,000 in taxable value for Cass. Please turn to page 15.

Remember Memorial Day observances are on tap Monday

by Mason Doerr
Staff Writer

On May 5, 1868, General John Logan first proclaimed Memorial Day, which was originally referred to as Decoration Day, as a day to recognize fallen soldiers. By 1890, it was recognized by all the northern states, the southern states honored their dead on separate days until after the first world war.

In 1915, after being inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields", Moira Michael, who conceived the idea of wearing red poppies on Memorial Day, wrote the following poem, titled "We Shall Keep the Faith".

*"We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies."*

This year's Cass City Memorial Day parade will commence Monday, May 27, at 10 a.m., beginning with a wreath laying ceremony. Mark Zmierski will be returning to emcee the ceremony once the parade has reached the Elkland Township Cemetery stage.

Although many people are elated

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DESTITUTES FOR A DAY were local high school students from Tuscola County last Saturday. Raising awareness for the homeless was the event's main goal. Students camped outside in cardboard boxes reinforced with duct-tape and other simple supplies.

Tuscola teens "homeless" for a night at courthouse

by Mason Doerr
Staff Writer

To help raise awareness for homelessness, a group of area students spent a night in a destitute's shoes.

Tuscola County's Future Youth Involvement (FYI) hosted its tenth annual Cardboard City Sleep-out Saturday on the lawn of the courthouse in Caro.

The event, which helps raise money for organizations in Tuscola County that provide services to the homeless, is an overnight event where students build their own makeshift cardboard home with limited supplies and sleep in them overnight.

Cass City High School has 6 FYI members that were a part of this

cause.

"I think it shows people where the homeless live," said Erika Martin, business donation chair. "I don't think it's really apparent to people that there are homeless people in Tuscola County and this kind of thing brings that to light."

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Once the event is finished, the students begin deciding where their raised money will be donated to help the highest number of those in need.

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Campbell lease still alive, well for clinic

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The group of Thumb dentists who approached Cass City School officials with an offer to lease and purchase the former Campbell Elementary building is still interested, but they've probably lost out on a \$100,000 grant due to delays in finalizing the deal.

That's according to Cass City dentist Dr. Nicholas Nahernak, who addressed the Cass City Board of Education during its regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The school board last month approved a motion on a split vote not to sell the former school, but to stick by its offer for a 3-year lease to the dental group at a cost of \$500 per month. The agreement includes an option to purchase the building for \$85,000, but the board retained the right to not sell the building at the end of the lease.

Nahernak Monday reiterated his group's position, saying their proposed non-profit Thumb Area Dental Clinic, composed of about 2 dozen Thumb dentists, has been interested in utilizing a portion of the Campbell building to establish a clinic to serve Medicaid patients. Currently, he said, for-profit dental practices won't see those patients because Medicaid reimburses them only \$20 for a visit. Medicaid, meanwhile, is paying an estimated \$2,400 for these patients when they show up at a hospital emergency room, he said.

At the same time, Nahernak noted, a group in northern Michigan has expressed interest in setting up a similar clinic locally. However, he said, they're asking the counties for hundreds of thousands of dollars — tax dollars — to do so.

"I couldn't fathom our money going to that," he said. "Nobody here (Thumb Area Dental Clinic) is going to make a profit on this thing."

"Our intent is still to lease and get it going. This is something good for the community," added Nahernak, who said 2 key ingredients are still

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Residents pay tribute to Dr. Donahue, hospital

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You'd be hard pressed to find a physician who had a greater impact on a community than Dr. H.T. Donahue had on Cass City over the span of his 60-year medical career.

Dr. Donahue made a name for himself not with astounding medical breakthroughs or flashy new surgical procedures, but with a compassionate ear for his patients and a

willingness to devote long hours to his practice — both at Hills and Dales General Hospital and during his many house calls over the decades.

Inflexible business hours and strict payment plans were both strangers to this gentle physician, a true-blue U-M Wolverine who could often be found farming when he wasn't doctoring — and was comfortable in a suit in both venues — and whose appearance in the hospital's ER

parking lot in his signature blue Cadillac back in the day drew sighs of relief from the nurses on duty.

Nearly 100 area residents paid tribute to Donahue, along with Hills and Dales General Hospital's 53 years of history in the community, during a special ceremony last Wednesday at the Cass City hospital.

Hills and Dales President and CEO

Mike Falatko referred to Dr. Donahue as being among the founding fathers of the hospital, having been among the major supporters of the fundraising efforts that led to the hospital's construction and opening in August 1960.

That campaign was kicked off in the mid-1950s when Meredith Auten, a well-known banker in Cass

City at the time, decided the community needed a modern hospital, and he took it upon himself to initiate a drive to raise \$500,000 in order to leverage another \$500,000 in funding through the Hospital Survey and Construction Act (also known as the Hill-Burton Act).

"You think about 1960, raising a

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Motorist who led police on chase faces charges

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Kingston man who led troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro on a high-speed chase in Wells and Dayton townships now faces a string of charges in connection with the May 12 incident.

Jeremy T. Powell, 41, has been arraigned on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, fleeing a police officer, 2 counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, and one count of driving while his license was suspended.

Powell's bond was set at \$5,000. A preliminary examination is to be scheduled in the case.

The incident unfolded at about 8:20 p.m. when troopers attempted to stop a vehicle for traveling 99 miles per hour on Hurds Corner Road near Rossman Road.

The suspect vehicle was southbound and approached the intersection of M-46, and the driver failed to stop at the stop sign, continuing eastbound at a high rate of speed, according to a news release issued by the post. The release noted troopers were behind the suspect vehicle with their emergency lights and siren activated.

Troopers said Powell lost control as he approached Plain Road and entered the north ditch, but he was able to get out of the ditch and took off westbound on M-46, again at a high rate of speed.

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Jeremy Powell



AREA RESIDENTS (from left) Roger Marshall, Greg Biddinger, Hills and Dales General Hospital Chief Operating Officer Jean Anthony, Dr. Surendra Raythatha (Dr. Ray) and Richard "Dick" Donahue share memories of the late Dr. H.T. Donahue, whose resume included U-M wrestling championships and farming as well as a 60-year career as a physician in the Thumb.

Timko honored for service

Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) recently announced that 25 students from Northwood University were awarded for their dedication and commitment to community service during the 17th annual Outstanding Student Service Awards in East Lansing.

Among those honored was Krysta Timko, a senior from Cass City. Each year MCC awards students, from member colleges and universities across the state, for their outstanding commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Three types of awards are given,

including the Heart and Soul Award, which was presented to Timko and several other students. The Heart and Soul Award recognizes undergraduate and graduate students for their time, effort and personal commitment to their communities through service.

Briolat receives scholarship

The Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) recently announced the recipients of this year's MCGA scholarships totaling \$9,500. In all, 15 students will receive the grants. Among those, 7 are high school students, including Alyssa Briolat, Ubyly.

"We received many scholarship applications and were very impressed by the high caliber of the students applying," said Ed Breitmeyer, MCGA Scholarship Committee chairman. "Serving on the MCGA Scholarship Committee is very rewarding. We get the chance to meet the students who are the

future of agriculture and this country. The only downside is deciding which ones will receive scholarships." "These students will be recognized at the MCGA annual meeting in January 2014. Hopefully, that will encourage them to become more involved with the MCGA on a local, state and national level," Breitmeyer said. "The MCGA Board of Directors looks at this scholarship program as a way to give back to our members while promoting higher education and leadership opportunities for young adults."

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Jordan Kain

Owen-Gage announces student of the month

Jordan Kain has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for May.

Kain was a member of the basketball and football teams all 4 years of high school. Kain received all-conference awards in football and served as a captain for the football team his senior year. He also was a member of the baseball team his junior year. As a freshman, he was chosen to represent his class for snowball.

He is the son of Denise Pavlichek of Sebawaing. His future plans are to attend the Michigan Career and Technical Institute of Kalamazoo to pursue a career in computer maintenance.

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Answers to May 15, 2013

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In Our OPINION...

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Remember those who have served

Memorial Day has increasingly become a holiday weekend devoted to family gatherings, trips to the beach, barbecues and fireworks, with some folks giving very little thought to the men and women who have died while serving their country.

We're proud to say, however, that a host of citizens in Cass City and in our surrounding communities still give Memorial Day the respect it deserves.



Sure, our families enjoy outings, camp fires and cookouts over the holiday weekend, but there is a sense of deep appreciation that coincides with what the members of our armed services — specifically those who have paid the ultimate price — stand for: patriotism, honor, dedication and sacrifice.

In the Cass City community, folks still remember to remove their hats when they

recite the Pledge of Allegiance or hear the first note of the Star Spangled Banner.

You can see that same demonstration of patriotism in each and every one of the more than 600 flags volunteers with the Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society place on the graves of veterans resting at Elkland Township Cemetery a week prior to the Memorial Day holiday. You can also see it in the faces of members of Cass City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3644 as they set up their impressive "Avenue of Flags" in honor of their comrades.

These folks aren't teenagers, and yet regardless of age, they go about placing this tribute with a sense of purpose. And respect.

Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service — a practice that continues in the Thumb as area residents gather at cemeteries in Elkland, Novesta and Grant townships, among others.

Memorial Day typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, and we wish all area residents a safe holiday weekend.

We also encourage everyone, in their own way, to take a moment to remember the many servicemen and women who are not here today because of their sacrifice for the freedoms the rest of us enjoy to this day.

It's the very least we can do. It's the right and honorable thing to do.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

I'll do it later

"Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today." Thomas Jefferson

Yeah right. I've been meaning to write a column about procrastination — I just never got around to it. Besides, I'm not sure even Thomas Jefferson could abide by his own words 100 percent of the time. Most of us have succumbed to the sin of avoiding that which needs to be done at least once or twice.

I'm even betting many of us can relate to a slight modification to Jefferson's words, quipped by Mark Twain: "Never put off till tomorrow what can be done the day after tomorrow."

Pro-cras-ti-na-tion. The noun requires a full five syllables to get its point across. I've read entire sentences that were shorter. I suppose some sort of poetic symbolism exists in the fact that the word itself seems lazy and never-ending — similar to ignoring a task for days and days, or floating down the Mississippi with Huck Finn.

Procrastination is the act of doing one thing — such as napping or checking Facebook — in order to avoid something else you know you should be doing instead. Conquering the beast involves not only finishing what you start, but starting in the first place. And starting is often the hardest part.

That's because procrastination sneaks up on you. You don't wake up one morning and decide to ignore certain tasks. You just do (or don't do, if we are seeking accuracy). I call this unplanned procrastination. If left unchecked it can last upwards of nine months — or more.

My front door needs painting. The wood is chipping and peeling. I bought a can of green semi-gloss over a year ago. Every weekend, when I think about painting, the weather isn't right, or I can't find the paintbrush, or the kids have a game or I've got other important things to do — like organizing the pencil drawer. By the time I've exhausted my arsenal of avoidance techniques, the sun is setting and I decide I might as well wait until tomorrow. Or next week. Or next month.

Some people avoid procrastination like the plague or a bad cliché. I call these folks anticratinators. They see no value in a do-it-later, normal guy mentality. They are filled with fortitude and an intentional work ethic. They never hit the snooze alarm and often use the phrase, "The early bird catches the worm." Their front doors never chip or peel.

I am not one of these people. I avoid many things. But, because I am a glass-half-full kind of gal, I embrace my procrastinational tendencies and seek to use them to my advantage. I guess you could say I am a pro-procrastinator. Through years of careful implementation, I understand proper use of the technique can propel one into action. When you spend a substantial amount of energy avoiding one task, you may actually get a lot of other stuff done in the meantime.

All procrastination rationalization aside, I know my front door isn't going to paint itself. My son is graduating from high school this year and we'll host an open house whereby friends and family will have occasion to

walk through the entryway that is currently chipping and peeling. In situations such as this, when a deadline looms, the motivation for procrastination decreases exponentially in relation to the date of impending doom. In other words: There's no time like the present.

Now, where did I put the paintbrush?

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, playwright and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication." You can read more columns at the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Huron County Sheriff's Department is offering a boater safety course Tuesday and Wednesday, June 18 and 19, from 4 to 8 p.m. on both nights. The class will be held in Bad Axe at the sheriff's department. Students must attend both classes.

There is no fee for the course, but students must pre-register by Tuesday, June 11, by calling the sheriff's department's records department at (989) 269-6500. Students will also have to pick up the study materials at least one week prior to the start of the class.

Students should be at least 12 years old or will be 12 years old this boating season to earn their boater certificate.

The 10th annual Elkland Township Fire Department golf outing was held over the weekend at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City. Spokesman Nick Moyer said the event was a huge success and that the local fire and rescue operation raised between \$8,000 and \$9,000 dollars. The funds, says Moyer, will be used mostly for the department's student scholarships and to purchase life saving equipment.

Helping with the fundraising efforts was Thumb farmer Randy Vollmar, who pledged \$1,000 to the cause, the biggest donation revealed before the start of the tourney.

After 41 years of service, Don Miller is retiring from the Cass City Police Department. He began his career in Cass City April 10, 1972, and was promoted to sergeant Jan. 30, 1987.

Miller has served as the department's firearms instructor and armorer since 1987. He'll be sorely missed, according to Chief of Police Craig Haynes, who said he's very happy for Miller as he begins a well-deserved new chapter in his life.

His retirement date is June 24.

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce is introducing a fundraiser/beautification program utilizing flower planters, rubbish cans, picnic tables and park benches. The money raised will assist with chamber activities, and a percentage of the proceeds will go directly to parks and recreation activities. To learn more, call (989) 872-4618.

Please remember the Chronicle office will close Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Deadlines will remain unchanged, with display advertising and news items preferred by the close of business Friday. However, please note that newsstands and subscriber copies will be delivered a day later than usual next week.

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Spoonfuls of Plenty FREE Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Ravenous Reader's, noon, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thursday, May 23

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Thumb TEA Party, 6 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City. Guest speaker: Pastor Todd Gould on the first, second, and tenth, amendments. For more information, call Norma Wallace at (989) 872-2657.

Friday, May 24

Al-Anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 912-0546.

Saturday, May 25

Closed AA meeting, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Uby Rd., Argyle. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church). For more information, contact Mandy at (989) 975-0544.

Thumb Dance Club, 7-11 p.m., Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., Sandusky. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission: \$5 (members), \$6 (non-members). For more information, call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

Monday, May 27

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Tuesday, May 28

Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

Internet scam costs Huron Co. victim \$2,000 payment

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson is warning area residents to be extremely careful when making purchases via the Internet following an investigation into a PayPal Internet scam that cost a Pigeon area resident roughly \$2,000.

"It involved the sale of an automobile on eBay, which was supposed to be paid for through a PayPal account, as was indicated on PayPal stationery," Hanson explained. "The suspect apparently convinced the victim to send nearly \$2,000 through Western Union to an alleged transportation service, for vehicle transportation expenses. These transportation expenses were supposed to be reimbursed with the original payment arranged through PayPal.

"Once the \$2,000 was (delivered by) Western Union, the victim lost all contact with the suspect," the sheriff continued. "As it turned out, the victim contacted PayPal and was advised the account was bogus. Western Union further advised they had no way of telling where the transportation money had been received.

"In this incident, some warning signs were taken for granted because Internet buying and selling have become common practice," Hanson said.

"The victim was led to believe the buyer was on a work contract where phone signal wasn't possible and Internet was the only way of com-

munication. Plus, the purchase was for a family member with a fast approaching birthday, and PayPal was guaranteeing the payment," he added. "Unfortunately, this all wasn't true and more verification into the validity of the buyer should have been done.

"Although some may argue, there is no completely safe way to sell or buy online unless the sale is completed face to face, represented by proper documentation and paid for in cash," Hanson said. "Always be leery of entering into a sale transaction where you have to send or pay money to complete it. Fortunately, the victim was not scammed out (of) the automobile that is valued at over \$35,000."

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

The following people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on various criminal charges:

•Neal J. Ellis, 28, Millington, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of assault or assault and battery Jan. 8 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Mason A. Lyons, 23, Vassar, was sentenced to 330 days in the county jail following his plea of guilty to being in possession of a weapon in a jail June 10 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$698.

•Dennis M. Briolat, 43, Unionville, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while impaired and possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle June 29 in Elmwood Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,766.

•Sasha M. Soldan, 21, Cass City, pleaded guilty to a charge of delivery/manufacture of marijuana Feb. 15 in Cass City.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at

\$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Danielle L. McTaggart, 24, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of larceny in a building and stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder March 1 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Franklin J. Doyle, 31, Vassar, was sentenced to 111 days in jail following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana Dec. 12 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$625.

•Brian K. Davis, 51, Lapeer, pleaded guilty to a possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Oct. 7 in Akron Township.

The plea was taken under advise-

ment by the court, which continued bond at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Kelly L. McTaggart, 55, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon March 1 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Donovan J. Selby, 39, Sebewaing, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Jan. 26 in Akron Township.

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Mental Illness and the Perception of Violence
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Through education and awareness we can eliminate the stigma and the perception of mental health that individuals and society may have. People do not realize that a person's mental health is just as important as their physical health. Based on a survey conducted from 2001 to 2003, that reflected the entire adult population of the United States, one in four adults have been diagnosed with a mental health disorder in any given year - equivalent to 57.7 million people in the United States.
The primary source of knowledge regarding mental illness is the mass media where people with mental health disorders are often portrayed as dangerous or potentially dangerous. Unfortunately, most media sources have the wrong perception of mental illness; therefore placing a stigma on mental health issues as a whole. Individuals with a mental health disorder are no more likely than a member of the general population to commit a crime or a violent act. Across the nation, violent acts committed by individuals with mental illness represent a small fraction of crimes, yet are frequently sensationalized by the media. Research also shows, people with a mental health disorder are far more likely to be victims of violence than perpetrators. Researchers at North Carolina State University and Duke University found that people diagnosed with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or psychosis are actually 2 1/2 times more likely to be attacked, sexually assaulted or mugged than the general population. Research has also shows that the vast majority of people who commit violent acts/crimes do not suffer from a mental health disorder. Individuals with a disability or a mental illness are generally more at risk of violence geared directly toward them. Violence and abuse against anyone is not acceptable.
Public perceptions between mental illness and violence are central to the stigma and discrimination individuals may feel. Individuals that may be in crisis are skeptical of friends or relatives who offer assistance because of the stigma associated with mental illness which may delay treatment. Many individuals suffer in silence rather than risk the discrimination or ridicule from family, friends and the general public if they seek help. Stigma has varying degrees that affect all areas of life from housing to employment to establishing relationships. Worst of all stigma may result in the person internalizing negative attitudes about themselves.
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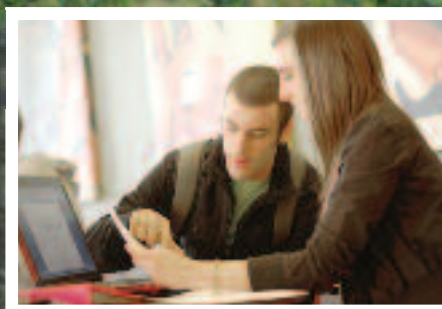
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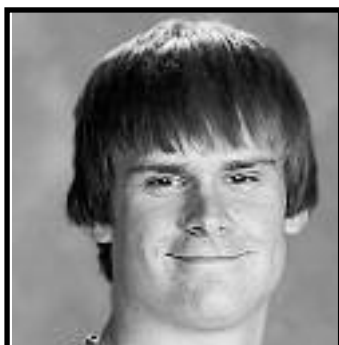
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