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Sun shines on Rose City's Snow Box Derby



Photo by Laura Bender

BY LAURA BENDER

In the balmy 47-degree weather, Alex Broihier climbed on playground equipment at Rose City Park as he waited for the annual Snow Box Derby to begin.

Behind him, on the north facing hill, members of the Knights of Columbus patted shovelfuls of snow into grassy bare spots to make sled runs. By 1 p.m., six entrants stood at the top of the hill

next to their colorful, homemade sleds. They were ready.

For at least 25 years, Richard Dooley and the Knights of Columbus #8948 from Holy

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L-R, Sherrie and Jim Bristol and their daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Rick Palm.

MSPA honors Jim Bristol

BY LAURA BENDER

The Michigan Sheep Producers Association (MSPA) is the unified voice for the Michigan sheep industry. Each year, members gather for a three-day "Shepherds Weekend" which includes educational presentations, a banquet, business meetings and a youth program. At this year's event, held in Lansing in early January, the MSPA presented Jim Bristol, a West Branch sheep

farmer, with the "Service to the Sheep Industry Award." This award recognizes an individual whose career has made a positive impact on the industry.

Jim and his wife, Sherrie, own Great Lakes Lamb. Together with their daughter, Elaine, and son-in-law, Rick Palm, work tirelessly on and off the farm to benefit not only their own family but to help

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New business offers custom gift ideas

BY LAURA BENDER

Are you a Dog Mom looking for a mug with your best friend's picture? Is your business in need of advertising koozies? Would fellow members enjoy an item emblazoned with your organization's name and logo? Looking for personalized favors for a wedding or banquet?

313 Designs: Custom Designed Gifts & More will hold its Grand Opening on Tuesday, Feb. 13, in downtown West Branch at 313 W. Houghton Ave. The Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the occasion with a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m.

Kelsey and Rob DeGentenaar, lifelong West Branch residents, are excited about their new business, but this is not their first venture. They also own Rob and Bigs Moving Company. Married for six years, they met 10 years ago at Ogemaw Heights High School. Prior to the birth of their daughter, Madison, now 15 months old, Kelsey worked with Rob as both a member of the moving crew and as office



Rob and Kelsey with daughter, Madison

manager. She also had a side business making epoxy tumblers. Kelsey is eager to return to work, this time as proprietor of a business that continues to engage her creative abilities.

"When I graduated from high school, I wanted to be a nurse, but three years working in the field changed my mind," Kelsey said. Her advice to those graduating soon, "It's important to not be discouraged when the plans you had in high school are not what actually happens."

Kelsey hopes 313 Designs will fulfill the community's need for personalized items available quickly. How quickly?

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Currently, Kelsey offers personalization of glassware, mugs, tumblers, earrings,

coasters, keychains and koozies, with more to come. Her father, Rich Heavlin, owner of Moonlight Graphics, will offer personalized clothing in the shop. Stop in for the Grand Opening at 9 a.m. Feb. 13 to see what 313 Designs can do for you. For more information or to place an order, call 989 343-5032, email 313designswb@gmail.com, visit online at <https://www.facebook.com/313designswb> or in person at 313 W. Houghton Ave. Ste. A, West Branch.

AT&T here to serve you

BY MICHAEL BUSCH

Buying a phone or choosing a service plan can be vexing in an era when digital technology is named after Viking kings (Harald "Bluetooth" Gormsson) or has strange sounding letters and numbers (Wi-Fi 6). For many, shopping for a phone is simply frustrating.

Fortunately, West Branch AT&T store manager, Brenton Weiss, knows the ins and outs of smartphones when it comes to helping customers. With a graduate school background in psychology and training by AT&T, he knows that explaining the technology and solving problems comes before sales.

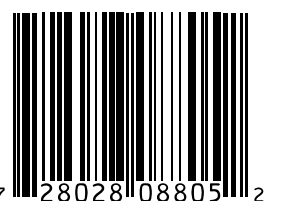
"Often you'll read in reviews that most stores who sell cell phones are all about selling, selling, selling," Weiss said. "I like knowing that we're going above and beyond and trying to ensure that everybody leaves happy with their device."

Weiss continued, "Everybody who comes in with an issue, leaves with it resolved if possible because at the end of the day,

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Brenton Weiss, AT&T store manager, will help you solve your phone issues.



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Ongoing

Mondays – Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary meet the third Monday, 5 p.m. at the VFW/American Legion Post 496 E. Houghton Ave. in West Branch. Call 989-473-3416.

Mondays – Rose City Lions Club meets the second and fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin in the Rose City Park. Call Ed 989-387-0609.

Mondays – (Second of each month) Coalition of Hope 9 a.m. Meeting virtually. Suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. Call 989-345-5571.

Monday – (Third of each month) Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Society 12:30 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 E. Houghton Ave., West Branch. Call 989-701-2525.

Tuesdays – Kiwanis Club of West Branch meets at noon at China Inn, 601 W. Houghton Ave. in West Branch. Call 989-345-0978.

Tuesdays – Rose City Area Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., April through November, except August. Meet at the Rose City Lions Club Cabin. Call Cathy 989-345-5659.

Tuesdays – T.O.P.S. (Take Off

Pounds Sensibly) weigh in at 1-1:30 p.m., meeting starts at 1:30-2 p.m. Ogemaw Hills Free Clinic, 2106 S. Gray Rd. in West Branch. Call Robin 989-343-0592.

Tuesdays – (First of each month) West Branch Creative Arts Association meeting, 7 p.m. located at 124 N. Fourth St. in West Branch. Call 989-345-1451.

Tuesdays – (First of each month) West Branch Area Retail Merchants Association meeting, 6 p.m. Held at the West Branch City Police Department. Call 989-345-5226.

Tuesdays – (Second of each month) Christian Motorcycle Association 6 p.m. for food and fellowship, 7 p.m. business meeting at G's Pizzeria, 200 W. Houghton Ave. in West Branch. Call Gary 989-343-9876.

Tuesdays – (Fourth of each month) Rifle River Quilt Guild 9:30 a.m. at the K of C Hall, 601 Columbus Dr. in West Branch. The meeting will be followed by a Show and Tell, mini-classes, quilting tips, demos and time to sew. Bring your sewing machine, a project and your lunch. Any level of quilter is welcome. Call Diane 989-345-7206.

Tuesdays – (First and third of each month) Cardinal Opti-

mist Club of Skidway Lake. First Tuesday 6 p.m. at the St. Stephens Catholic Church Hall, 2811 E. Greenwood Rd. in Skidway Lake. Third Tuesday 6 p.m. at Café International, 4761 Sage Lake Rd. in Prescott. Call Janet 989-387-2640.

Tuesdays – (Second of each month) Survivors of Suicide Support Group 6:30 p.m. Call Vicki 989-510-0911 or info@coalitionofhope.net for location. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-8255 or text 741741.

Tuesdays – (Fourth of each month) Ogemaw County Democratic Party meeting 5 p.m. at Buccilli's Pizza in downtown West Branch. Call Ken 989-345-1066.

Tuesdays – (Fourth of each month) Ogemaw County Republican Party meeting 5:30 p.m. at G's Pizzeria in downtown West Branch. Call Kristine 989-343-5120.

Tuesday – (Last of each month) Diabetes Support Group 1-2 p.m. Medical Arts Center, diabetes education conference room. Call 989-343-3276.

Wednesdays – West Branch Area Business and Professional Women's Organization meets the second Wednesday of the

month at 5:30 p.m. Different locations each month. Call 989-745-4067 for information.

Wednesdays – (First of each month) Veterans coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Held at the Ogemaw County Commission on Aging, 1528 S. M-33 in West Branch. Call 989-345-3010.

Wednesdays – (First and third) Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m. Faith Alive Church, 2945 Hansen Rd. in West Branch. Open to the entire community. Call 989-345-5440.

Thursdays – (First and third of each month) Newborn Parent Support Group 6-7:30 p.m. My-Michigan Health - West Branch in the executive dining room. Call 800-999-3199.

Thursdays – Northern Blend Sweet Adelines meets every week 7 p.m. at Logan Township Hall, 4507 E. M-55, Prescott. Call Ellen 989-345-0978.

Thursdays – (Second and fourth) Sit & Knit, 1 p.m. Knitting, needlework, and friendship. Whatever you craft. Ogemaw Commission on Aging, 1528 S. M-33 in West Branch. Call Alicia 989-345-3010, ext. 201.

Thursdays – (Third of each month) Rose City/Lupton Chamber of Commerce meets

at 6:30 p.m. at the Rose City Council Chambers. Call Carl 989-473-3268.

Thursdays – Optimist Club of West Branch meets at 7 a.m. at the Loggers Depot in West Branch. Call 989-942-6608.

Thursdays - The Ogemaw County Fair board meets the first Thursday of each month in the main building at the fairgrounds. Call 989-345-5393.

March

16 - West Branch Optimist 15th Annual Camel Races. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Post time 6:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and set-ups - BYOB. For more information contact Chuck at 989-942-6608.

April

13 - Art Walk & Wine Tasting. 5-8 p.m. Downtown West Branch. Sponsored by West Branch Area Merchants. Call 989-345-5226.

20 - West Branch Area Chamber of Commerce Winter Ball at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Networking 5:30 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. For more information contact Heather at 989-345-2821.

To place your event in the Community Happenings, email information to kathy@superior-news.com

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Nikki Szymkowski



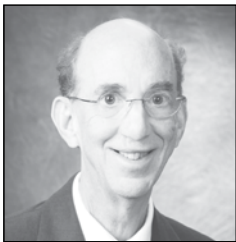
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"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." —Proverbs 3:5

From 1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." From Psalm 34:17, "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles." And from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Trusting in God's wisdom is a fundamental aspect of our walk with Him. It is a conscious decision to believe that God's wisdom is superior to our own understanding and that His plans for us are always for our good, even when they don't align with our own desires or expectations. This trust is not a passive acceptance, but an active engagement with God, seeking His wisdom in every situation and decision we face.

The wisdom of God is not like human wisdom. It is not limited or flawed. It is perfect, all-encompassing, and timeless. It sees the end from the beginning and understands all the intricate details that we cannot see. When we trust in God's wisdom, we acknowledge that His perspective is infinitely greater than ours. We admit that our understanding is limited and that we need His divine insight to navigate through life.

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Bristol

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others also be successful.

Sherrie said, "It's a true honor to be recognized by peers, and last night was a special moment for us to see Jim named as the Michigan Sheep Producers Association Service to the Industry award winner. We truly love helping others grow and learn in the sheep business. Being involved in organizations alongside farmer friends is an enjoyable experience for our family."

Jim began raising sheep as a 10-year-old Michigan 4-H'er. As he grew in knowledge, so did his dedication to the industry. Noted by his peers for his tireless mentoring, and his work improving techniques for production, management, shearing, fencing, pasturing, and wool handling, he truly merits his award.

In presenting it, colleague Isaac Matchett said, "As a shearer he not only trained myself and others but also took us on his jobs, provided equipment when needed, provided transportation to contests and exposure to the shearing industry. As a producer, in traveling with Jim, we had the opportunity to see and explore many of the great sheep farms in this state and meet many other producers. We gained a network of connections and got to share experiences and learn from one

another."

Jim is a board member of Mid-States Wool Growers Cooperative Association and has served as chairman of the American Sheep Industry (ASI) Wool Council. Jim and Sherrie are active members of the Michigan Sheep Producers Association and the Michigan Farm Bureau. Sherrie is the "right-hand man" on the farm, tending to the animals, helping harvest the crops and developing lamb recipes. She also works full time as a registered nurse.

Jim said, "We are very fortunate to be involved in a business that allows us to spend time with family as we work. We're two generations farming on land purchased by three generations. Our family appreciates the opportunity to care for this land and our animals, and we'd like the next generations to have the same opportunity. By taking care of our environment, we improve the chances of agriculture continuing in our beautiful country."

For more information about Great Lakes Lamb call Jim and Sherrie at 989-685-3045, email them at bristols@greatlakeslamb.com or Rick and Elaine at palms@greatlakeslamb.com or visit <https://greatlakeslamb.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/greatlakeslamb>.

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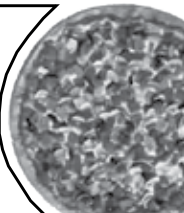
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Fifteen train cars of cattle biggest consignment in state history (April 29, 1954)

BY SALLY A. REA

Some 644 "native" cattle of the plains of Eastern Colorado and the western Kansas are becoming acquainted with the lush green grass of the plains of Ogemaw County.

The "natives" are many "short yearlings" steers that arrived at Standish after a long four-day train trip from Fort Dodge, Kan., and now are being fattened for the fall sale on the 6,500-acre Prescott Ranch, in Prescott, Mich.

These cattle are valued at approximately \$65,000 when they arrived at Standish, Mich.



SALLY REA

The 15-car train is believed to be the largest single shipment of livestock ever delivered into Michigan. It wasn't cheap for the shipping of the cattle. It was approximately \$4,000 plus another \$225 was spent for the feed for the cattle for their journey.

The cattle left Fort Dodge, Kan., Saturday around noon. Under livestock shipping regulations, the cattle

could not be left for more than 36 hours in the train cars. The steers were unloaded, watered and fed at Fort Madison, Iowa, and again at Calumet City, Ill. The cattle were

averaging 500 pounds in weight when they were shipped, and they will probably gain a few pounds in their shipment.

Awaiting their arrival of the trainload of steers at Standish, were two large tractors and semi-trailers provided by Lughill Bros., Archbold O., livestock commission brokers and packers, who took care of the transaction. These trailers were capable of hauling 45 of the 500-pound steers. A smaller trailer and two stake trucks provided by the Prescott Ranch, completed the unloading and transporting of the cattle to the ranch, a distance of 25 miles. Wednesday the herd was treated by the veterinary at once.

It was mentioned that they had to make this a business if they are going to come out on top.

"By carrying on our ranching and stock raising in this manner we are only proving my contention that the future of Northeastern Michigan, as far as agriculture is concerned, lies in full utilization of cutover grazing land," Senator Prescott stated.

Feeder cattle received at the Prescott Ranch this spring will be ready for the market by Sept. 15 and they will all be sold by Oct. 15. They will have gained approximately 50 percent in weight, making 750 pounds. This gain is entirely from grass, no grain being fed.

Many of the animals go to herds in southern Michigan counties, such as Lenawee, Hillsdale and Monroe, where they are fattened for the market. Last year (1953) one Monroe stock farm took 400 head.

Senator Charles T. Prescott of Prescott, who represents the 28th Senatorial District consisting of 10 counties and Central Michigan, is one of the founders and has served as president of the Northeastern Hereford Calf Association since its organization more than 10 years ago. This organization has done much to bring a recognition of the good returns from utilization on grazing lands in the area.

From the desk of Gail Hughey Superintendent West Branch-Rose City Schools *Strong Schools Build Strong Communities*

Strong schools are foundational elements for building strong communities. Schools and communities collaborate to produce the best environment for youth to learn and grow. The success of one often relies on the strength and support of the other. Collaboration between schools and our communities can push each to improve through increased involvement and boosting pride in our surroundings.

Our schools are centers of educational excellence, providing students with quality learning experiences. Well-educated individuals are more likely to contribute positively to their communities, both economically and socially.

Engaging our communities can

involve parents and guardians more actively in their children's education. When parents are involved, students tend to perform



GAIL HUGHEY

better academically, have improved behavior, and attend school more regularly.

If you find yourself looking for ideas to get out of the house this winter, think about our schools. Schools can serve as hubs for community activities and events. Check each school's page on our website for specific events. Here are a few highlights from the West Branch-Rose City Area Schools:

March is National Reading Month and is celebrated across the school district. Watch the website for family activities at each building, beginning at the very end of February to kick-off

the celebrations. Join the fun and read with us!

Our Ogemaw Heights Theatrical Troupe has tickets on sale now for the spring musical, "Singing in the Rain," March 13-16. Come see the show in our high school auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets cost \$12.

Winter sports are still in full swing. Sporting events will continue through the month of February with district contests beginning in March. Check the athletic page on our WBRC website to see a detailed calendar. Go Falcons!

Volunteer opportunities are also available. Thank you to the many Rose City and West Branch parents and community members already volunteering. Please contact the school offices to find out more or call 989-343-2001.

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Kiwanis CORNER

**BY DENNY SHUMWAY
KIWANIS OF
WEST BRANCH**

This year Kiwanis ran the Red Bucket campaign for Salvation Army. Ogemaw County raised \$47,200 dollars which was given to Matthew Rowland, Service Extension Director. All the money stays in Ogemaw County to help those in need. We applaud all those that helped in this campaign.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the China Inn. Anyone interested in learning about our organization is welcome to attend. If you would like to be a guest speaker to show us what you do, call Jolin at 989-873-4532.

**AKTION CLUB
OF WEST BRANCH**

The Aktion Club continues to collect bottles and cans. You can call 315-725-1199 and make arrangements for pick up or drop off locations.

We are in the process of making greeting cards, which we will be selling at our bake sales. Please support us. All monies help kids and organizations locally.

Those with special needs interested in joining our club, come on the second Wednesday of the month at

noon to the United Methodist Church on the corner of Fairview and State Roads.

We are looking forward to continuing to help others in 2024.

**OGEMAW COUNTY
FOOD PANTRY**

Looking for donations of food or money to help us with the influx of families. We had over 115 families last month, which continues to take a toll on our finances. We will take donations every Wednesday of the month from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Thank you for your assistance. We are located in the garage behind the Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 E. Houghton Ave., PO Box 543, West Branch. We want to thank those that have donated. If bad weather, call ahead at 315-725-1199 to see if we are open. Meijer Store is helping us from January to March 30 with a donation you can make when you go through the checkout. For every \$10 you donate they will double it. Thank you.

**FOOD TRUCK
OF WEST BRANCH**

The monthly Food Truck held once a month also Needs your help. Our next truck is coming on Feb. 16, 2024. They need to raise money now to keep the trucks coming. Please sponsor a truck, contact Lisa Curnow at 989-345-0381.

Letter to the editor policy



The *Superior News* encourages all readers to submit letters to the editor for possible publication. Please limit letters to 200 words or less.

The author must include a daytime phone number as they will

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Letters can be submitted via email to news@superior-news.com or by traditional mail to P.O. Box 603, West Branch, MI 48661.

Snow Box contenders

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Photos by Laura Bender

Family Catholic Church have provided area children with this fun-filled way to escape the winter doldrums. Sleds must be made of cardboard and held together with duct or packing tape. No wood, metal, or plastic can be used. This year's entries

included an Army jeep, Sonic the Cat, an aquarium whose driver wore a shark costume, a patchwork quilt, and a bathtub complete with rubber duckies and white balloon bubbles.

Race winners:
7-10 yrs. Hannah Lumley

11-13 yrs. Alex Broihier
14-17 yrs. Chloe Lumley

Awards:
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Income/ Investments/ Retirement

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- Closing statements for any real estate purchased or sold
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Education

- Education scholarships and fellowships
- Records of tuition and other higher education expenses, and Form 1098-T
- Student loan interest paid (Form 1098-E)

Itemized Deductions

- Form 1098
- Mortgage interest, real estate tax (if not reported on a 1098) and personal property tax records
- Prior year state/local income tax paid (see hrblock.com if you have sales tax records for large purchases)
- Records of cash amounts donated to houses of worship, schools and other charitable organizations
- Records of non-cash charitable donations
- Records of miles driven for charitable purposes
- Records of any property lost or damaged due to natural disaster or theft

Healthcare

- Form 1095-A, if you enrolled in an insured plan through the Marketplace (Exchange)
- Marketplace exemption certificate if you applied for and received an exemption from the Marketplace (Exchange)
- Form 1095-B or Form 1095-C, if you have insurance through a private plan or employer plan
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Wednesdays - (Second of each month) Sunrise Side Beekeepers, 7 p.m. at Eagle Pointe Plaza in Hale. Anyone interested in honeybees is welcome. Call Gail 734-775-3703.

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February

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All meals include coffee, tea or milk and, served at noon. Suggested donation, 60 plus is \$3, under 60 is \$7.50. Call before 10:30 a.m. to make reservations. Hale 989-728-4251 or Sand Lake 989-469-9361.

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OBITUARIES

Carol Louise Card

April 3, 1948 – Jan. 23, 2024

Carol Louise Card, age 75, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, with her family by her side. She was born on April 3, 1948, in Holly, Mich., to Bernard and Sylvia (Neubecker) Card.

Carol graduated from Rose City High School in 1966. She enjoyed caring for the neighborhood children, leading Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, bowling, gardening, and planning events of family and friends. She was the face of Kid's Workshop at Home Depot for many years and



CAROL LOUISE CARD

a huge support for the Veterans of Ogemaw County.

Anyone who crossed paths with Carol received a smile and a reminder that on Monday she was marvelous, Tuesday she was terrific, Wednesday she was wonderful, Thursday she was thankful, Friday she was fantastic, Saturday she was satisfactory, and Sunday she was super!

She is survived by her children, Kendall (Melissa) Hayes of Indianapolis, Ind., Gwenda Hayes of East Tawas, Benjamin (Karen) Hayes of East

Tawas, and Jennifer (Matthew) Moore of Austin, Texas; grandchildren Wren (Colin), Robyn, Abdel-Kader (Jackie), Jacob (Megan), Peyton (Van), Sherman, and Mallaki; brothers Roger (Margo) Card, Jim (Janice) Card, and Jack (Kimberly) Card; sisters-in-law Kathy Green and Jean Card; many nieces and nephews that will forever remember their "favorite Aunt Carol."

She is preceded in death by her parents; son Glen Schuyler Hayes, and brother, Kim Card.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held later this year.

Charles Norman Rau

Jan. 12, 1939 - Jan. 29, 2024

Charles Norman Rau, age 85, passed away on Monday, Jan. 29, 2024, at his home in West Branch, surrounded by his family. He was born on Jan. 12, 1939, in West Branch, to William and Esther (Bragg) Rau. He lived in West Branch his entire life.

Charlie married Betty Schmitt on May 26, 1962, in West Branch and cherished their time together until her passing in December 2022. They enjoyed their winters in Florida and always worked side by side. They were known to pick up cans and bottles while out riding on their golfcart or side by side in the neighborhood.

Charlie was a hard worker who dedicated his life to various professions. He drove trucks for Osceola Refinery, worked in construction for Clemens Construction, and owned Charlie's Overhead Door. Additionally, he was a hobby farmer and a member of the Knights of Columbus #2022 and



CHARLES NORMAN RAU

St. Joseph Catholic Church in West Branch.

In his free time, Charlie enjoyed hunting, gardening, canning, cooking, playing cards, and spending quality time with his great-grandchildren. He had a mischievous side and was known for his playful pranks.

Charlie is survived by his loving children, Denise (Steve) Simmons, Dennis (Linda) Rau, and Debra (George) Searfoss; grandchildren, Greg (Lyndsay) Simmons, Scott Simmons, Jason (Courtney) Simmons, Lynn (Sean) Bonner, William (Jaime) Rau, Nathan (Annalise) Rau, Trista (Pat) Gibson, Samantha (Dustin) Thompson, Kenny LaBean, Justin (Katie) Diehl, Marissa (Jesse) Jordan, and Charlize Searfoss; 19 great-grandchildren; sisters, Helen (John) Baker and Alice Chemeaux; in-laws, Ronald "Tobe" (Joyce) Schmitt, Gloria Schmitt, Jeanette Schmitt, and Bernard DeRosa; and many

nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Betty; grandson Kevin Simmons, and his siblings, Leon (Evelyn) Rau, Robert (Doris) (Donna) Rau, Bethel Byrne, Keith (Mavis) Rau, and Marie (Junior) Clemens. He was also preceded in death by his in-laws, Richard "Dean" Schmitt, Aileen DeRosa, Robert (Alice) Bragg, Robert Schmitt, Jerry Schmitt, Albert (Mary) Miles, and Jackie Schmitt.

A visitation was held at Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in West Branch on Jan. 31. The funeral mass took place on Feb. 1 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in West Branch. Father Nicholas Cooper officiated and burial followed at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Arrangements were handled by Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in West Branch. www.steuernolmclaren.com.

AT&T

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there's a lot of people who don't necessarily understand technology in their hand. If we're able to help, if we can't fix it for them on the spot and get them pointed in the right direction, then we did our job."

Weiss stressed that "customer service is the number one priority." A look at Facebook reviews for the West Branch AT&T outlet shows overwhelming satisfaction with the service customers received since the store opened last October.

When customers become frustrated or impatient with their phone, his studies in psychology come in handy. "I like understanding people and I like understanding basically how to come to a place where people can just show each other a good amount of respect and understand each other — and have empathy."

Along with empathy, Weiss matches the best phone for each customer. "The biggest difference between me and most other training managers is I only want our sales people to build a package that makes sense for the customer. We want our customers to be happy and come back, which means, at the end of the day, we're going to build a package that just makes sense for their needs and what they'll actually use."

One feature of AT&T's service in Ogemaw County is its coverage of rural areas and subsequent data speeds.

"I'm able to show a network speed test. Customers with a rival company's phone "might

get lucky to get 15 megabits per second on their network speed, whereas we can push 65."

As for coverage, he said, "I've tested out all the phone carriers myself. I noticed there are some spots where a (competitor) does better, but the majority of the time AT&T works better. A prime example would be the Ogemaw County fairgrounds. I noticed that AT&T has significantly better service there."

Aside from customer service, Weiss is planning for future growth of the AT&T brand in the West Branch area. The age of his customers is skewing toward younger customers.

He observed that the "West Branch demographic is actually changing slowly. It's becoming more young families who are here. So being able to target the youth, growing up, getting ready to get their own plan, being able to show our support in the community, showing that we're a business with family values, that's big."

One strategy for reaching out to a younger demographic is sponsoring the Dragon Dead Productions' Super Shogun Wrestling event held at the West Branch Outlet, Weiss said, "It's a family event, so kids are out there loving it and us helping to support them while we did. It's something nice for the kids to be able to go enjoy."

The AT&T Store in West Branch is located at 2909 Cook Rd. For more information about smartphones, service plans, and store hours, see <https://www.ATT.com>.

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Location: OHSC Clubhouse- Frank Alley Trail head, 2846 N. Fairview Rd, West Branch MI (at Rose City Road). Officially starts at 10 a.m., ends at 4 p.m.

Cost: Free - family focused event. Free vintage snowmobile registration, parking and visitor entry.

We have a non-judged static show display of over 300 antique and vintage snowmobiles from Michigan's amazing winter past. Mid-day we have a short memorial ceremony honoring members that have passed away in the last year, along with a crowd-judged "vintage snowmobile clothing fashion show." Everyone is welcome to get dressed in their best and gaudiest old sled clothing and participate. We have a guided trail ride for the vintage sleds that starts about 1:30 p.m. - it includes an amazing "old sled parade" around the grounds before we head out on the fantastic trails of our Ogemaw Hills for a guided ride in the hills and curves that surround us.

This is a family focused event, with a heated club house, hot coffee and cocoa – along with our world famous "rake dogs" – all provided by the club for donations. We have a huge campfire going on all day and the stories around that are amazing. This event is our club's yearly fundraiser so we can continue to support our great West Branch, Rose City, and Ogemaw Hills area. We provide a college scholarship, donate to the local food bank and support many other locally specific causes.

We have an annual Snowmobile Raffle - tickets are available online and at the event. The winner is drawn that day (need not be present to win). This year the winner gets a pristine blue 2014 Polaris 120cc youth snowmobile that is all but brand new. There is a cash option if the winner doesn't want to be the best parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.

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Yesterday Years... Ogemaw County History

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Schubert's Market

BY INEZ SCHUBERT

The store was originally owned by Mr. Shaffner. Harry Schubert worked for Mr. Shaffer for 10 years and then purchased the store. In the early years Stratus was an employee. Dan Hobohm's grandfather, G. Hobohm, had a small bakery in the basement. The baked goods were sold in a case in the store.

Harry ran the store for 30 years. In those

days they did their own butchering and killed their own fowl. Upon his death Russ and Bob ran the store. Then Bob operated the store until his death in 1982.

The store sold to Cecil Hyde as a meat market. The building is now J&P Ink and thread.

Taken from "100 Voices through 100 Years" on page 81.



In front of Schubert's Market with Ed Reetz's oxen.

Earl Fox address mystery

BY PAM FOX HILTS

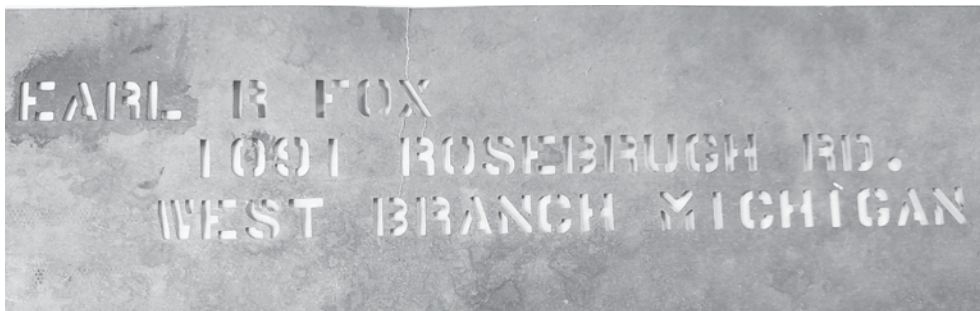
Going through family relics is like going down memory lane. Finding this gem was no exception while bringing up a little area history.

This stencil has my dad's name but the address says Rosebrugh Road and he always lived on Morrison Road and all of us kids grew up there.

We do know many area roads were named after the first settlers as they came to Ogemaw County.

Mystery solved as the names of roads were changed to honor area men who were killed during WWII. Rosebrugh Road became Morrison Road honoring Clarence Morrison and part of Rifle River Trail became Gerald Miller Road honoring Gerald Miller, both men killed during war time serving our country. There may be other area road names changed for the same reason.

There are still Morrisons and Millers as well as Rosebrughs still living on these said roads.



POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST



May 19, 1957 - Boy Scouts & Explorers of Prescott. Boy Scouts: First row L. to R. Kenneth Shepard, Eugene Burtoh, Gary Gillings, Danny Connors, Robert Lentner, James Dunn, Larry Bergquist, Gary Sparling, Dick Sztanyo, Merlin Kaiser, Lloyd Prescott, Jim Gawne and Eddie Myers. Explorers: Back row L. to R. Leonard Cole, Douglas Thomas, Rex Gibson, Larry Gawne, Kenny Lawrence, Norman Tester and Kay Martin.



This post card is from 1905 and the group of ladies are members of the 13th Club. Does anyone know anything about them? Contact Sally Rea at 989-343-0177.

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CITY OF ROSE CITY REGULAR MEETING December 19, 2023 Mayor Jeremy Card called the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Rose City to order at 6:17 p.m. on December 19, 2023. Present: Daniel McQuarrie, Kristina Danforth, Scott Hamel, Christopher Hebert, Absent: Jenny Bentley- excused, Brent Hinkley- excused Others present: Clerk Cindy Rosebrugh, Treasurer Carol Lee Butler, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Hurley, DPW Supervisor Chase Wiltse, County Commissioner Roger Mayhew, Brandi Coleman, Claudia Miller, Chuck Faulkner, Amy Hensel A Motion made by Ms. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Hamel to approve the Agenda. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made Mr. Hamel and seconded by Ms. Danforth to approve the Minutes for the December 5, 2023 Regular Rose City Council Meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Ms. Danforth and seconded Mr. Hamel to pay bills as presented, in the amounts of \$15,995.83 from the Common Cash Account, and \$2,935.35 from the Sewer Account. Ayes: Daniel McQuarrie, Kristina Danforth, Scott Hamel, Chris Hebert. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kristina Danforth gave a Library Report. Roger Mayhew gave a County Commissioner's Report. Claudia gave an Audit Report. Chase Wiltse gave a DPW Report. Carol gave a Treasurer's Report. A Motion made by Ms. Danforth and seconded by Mr. McQuarrie to pay up to \$1341 to Great Lakes Technology for Wifi internet connection. Ayes: Chris Hebert, Scott Hamel, Kristina Danforth, Daniel McQuarrie. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Ms. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Hamel to approve the purchase and installation of a camera for the ballot box. Ayes: Chris Hebert, Scott Hamel, Kristina Danforth, Daniel McQuarrie. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Ms. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Hamel to accept Cindy Rosebrugh's letter of resignation as City Clerk. Ayes: Daniel McQuarrie, Kristina Danforth, Scott Hamel, Chris Hebert. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Ms. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Hebert to appoint Jennifer Hurley as City Clerk beginning January 2, 2024. Ayes: Chris Hebert, Scott Hamel, Kristina Danforth, Daniel McQuarrie. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Mr. Hamel and seconded by Mr. Hebert to remove Jeramie Brookins and Cindy Rosebrugh and add Kristina Danforth and Jennifer Hurley as signors on the accounts at Huron Community Bank beginning January 2, 2024. Ayes: Daniel McQuarrie, Kristina Danforth, Scott Hamel, Chris Hebert. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Mr. Hamel and seconded by Mr. Hebert to remove Jeramie Brookins and Cindy Rosebrugh and add Kristina Danforth and Jennifer Hurley as signors on the accounts at Mercantile Bank beginning January 2, 2024. Ayes: Chris Hebert, Scott Hamel, Kristina Danforth, Daniel McQuarrie. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Mayor gave his comments. The Council discussed the budget amendment. A Motion made by Ms. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Hebert to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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CITY OF ROSE CITY REGULAR MEETING January 16, 2024 Mayor Jeremy Card called the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Rose City to order at 6:07 p.m. on January 16, 2024. Present: Daniel McQuarrie, Christopher Hebert, Scott Hamel, Brent Hinkley. Absent: Jenny Bentley- excused, Kristina Danforth- excused Others present: Clerk Jennifer Hurley, Treasurer Carol Lee Butler, DPW Supervisor Chase Wiltse, County Commissioner Roger Mayhew, April Kangas, Nicole Pennell, Theresa Erickson, Amy Hensel, Nicole Mayhew, Jodi Mayhew. A Motion made by Mr. Hinkley and seconded by Mr. Hebert to approve the Agenda. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Mr. Hamel and seconded by Mr. Hinkley to approve the Minutes for the December 19, 2023 Regular Rose City Council Meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Mr. Hinkley and seconded by Mr. Hebert to pay bills as presented, in the amounts of \$9661.94 from the Common Cash Account, and \$1161.27 from the Sewer Account. Ayes: Daniel McQuarrie, Christopher Hebert, Scott Hamel, Brent Hinkley. Nays: None. Motion carried. Scott gave the Election Committee Report. A Motion made by Mr. Hinkley and seconded by Mr. Hebert to except the Election workers. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Brent Hinkley gave a Fireboard Report. Theresa Erickson gave a EDC Report. Jodi Mayhew approached the council on building a Sled Box for the city park. Chase Wiltse gave a DPW Report. Carol gave a Treasurer's Report. A Motion was made by Mr. Hinkley and seconded by Mr. Hamel to pay \$1200.00 to the EDC for Annual Contribution. Ayes: Brent Hinkley, Christopher Hebert, Scott Hamel, Daniel McQuarrie. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Mr. Hinkley and seconded by Mr. Hebert to approve the Sewer Rate Amendment of Ordinance # 24-01-16 with changes. Ayes: Daniel McQuarrie, Scott Hamel, Christopher Hebert, Brent Hinkley. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Mr. Hinkley and seconded by Mr. Hamel to apply for the Loons Grant. A Motion made by Mr. Hinkley and seconded by Mr. Hamel to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

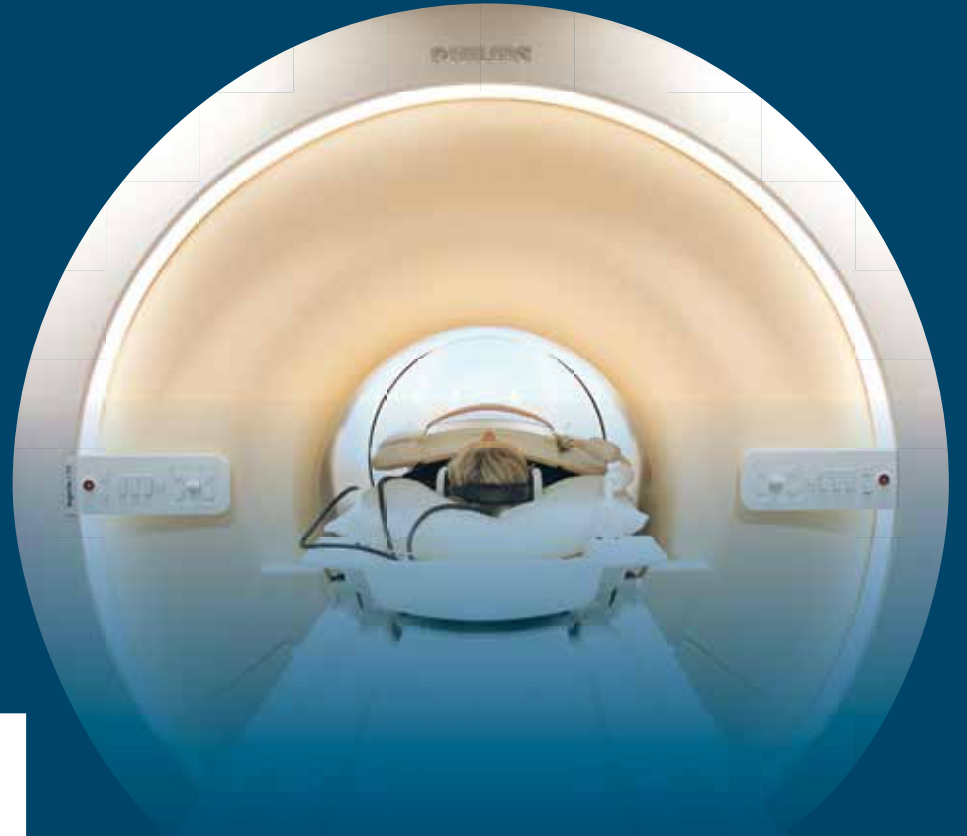
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