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HTC's Hellman an International Future Problem Solver



Courtesy photo

HTC's Michael Hellman recently returned from a trip to the University of Wisconsin where he competed in the International Future Problem Solvers.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Looking into the eyes of Holy Trinity Catholic's Michael Hellman and one wonders just what's going on in that young mind.

Hellman recently returned from the International competition of Future Problem Solvers. Hellman finished second in the state competition and earned a trip to the international competition in Wisconsin.

With the second place finish, Hellman was able to go to the competition in what's called the MAGIC teams, which are teams of random qualifiers who are put together to address futuristic problems.

Hellman, just an 8th grader, didn't place in the competition, but in his second year with HTC's

Talented and Gifted instructor Allison Arevalo, advanced this year in the individual contests. He says he can't talk about the topics of the competition because FPS regulations tell participants to keep the information confidential until the following year.

But he said the experience, although awkward at first, showed him what life was going to be like as he moves through his education to a career.

"Anything you end up doing in life is going to require problem solving skills," Hellman said. "This program gives us a chance to use our analytical skills and work through issues that may challenge us professionally."

The answer may seem like something from a junior or senior or even someone at the collegiate

level. But a conversation with Hellman is something more than what you get from a typical junior high student.

Hellman says he wants to go into some field of computer science as a career, but a simple conversation reveals a lot about this young man with high aspirations. His eyes dart about and hands go to work as he's talking about whatever the topic of the day may be.

He said the competition starts at the regional level and then winners advance to state. Individual and team winners at state advance to the international competition. Runners-up are invited to the international competition in a random team competition, called MAGIC teams which stands for Multi-Affil-

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Lilly trial to be handed to jury Friday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The fate of a Fort Madison man accused of aiding and abetting the 2016 armed robbery of the former Fort Madison Bank & Trust's west end, is now in the hands of a jury.

District Court Judge Mary Ann Brown sent the case to the jury at the North Lee County Courthouse in Fort Madison, but not after recessing the trial until Friday morning at 9 a.m. Assistant Iowa Attorney General Andy Prosser and then Burlington public defender Jonathan Stesnaag gave closing arguments starting about 3:15 p.m.



LILLY

Kenneth Lee Lilly, 52, who lives in Fort Madison with his girlfriend Amber Sawyer and the couple's children, is charged with aiding and abetting 1st degree armed robbery. The state contends that Lilly used his maroon GMC suburban to drop off Lafayette Antonio "Tony" Evans on June 29, 2016 and then headed into town.

Lilly told Stesnaag during direct examination, that he was taking Fentanyl, a powerful narcotic, and another pain killer for back issues. Lilly said the drug can make his memory fuzzy. Lilly also talked about going to Rockford, Ill., just hours after the robbery saying he already had plans to go to Rockford to stay with his mother and brother and work on some vehicles. Lilly testified that

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City sets Fall clean up day schedule

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The City of Fort Madison will be conducting City Wide Fall Clean Up on Thursday, October 5; Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7. All Fort Madison residents may bring their refuse to the central location at the City lot at 15th Street & Avenue I between the hours of 7:30 am to 4:30 pm (Oct 5 & Oct 6) and 8:00 am to 3:00 pm (Oct 7). Residents must

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Local News/For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/27/17 - 8:37 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary at 330 Avenue D in the Police Department lobby.
 09/27/17 - 10:28 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 21st Street and Avenue B.
 09/27/17 - 11:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Michael Dale Gelsinger, 35, of Fort Madison, at the jail, on charges of delivery of marijuana Class D x2 and keeping a drug house, aggravate misdemeanor. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 09/27/17 - 12:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jessica Ann Harwood, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 900 block of 15th Street on a warrant for probation violation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 09/27/17 - 1:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the 2100 block of Avenue B in the Police Department lobby.
 09/27/17 - 6:09 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded

to a report of larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue D.
 09/27/17 - 7:51 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Dilon Rodrick Charbonneau, 23, of Fort Madison, at 21st and Avenue C on a charge of domestic abuse assault, simple misdemeanor. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 09/27/17 - 10:27 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested James Robert Best, 37, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue J, on a charge of Public Intoxication, simple misdemeanor. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/27/17 - 9:33 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jordan Siera Brunk, 23, of Kahoka, Mo., on Hwy 27 at the Iowa-Missouri border near St. Francisville, Mo. on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 09/27/17 - 11:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies

arrested Logan Andrew Ramsey, 27, of Kahoka, Mo., at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for 4th degree criminal mischief \$200-\$500. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 09/27/17 - 11:22 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Carlos Tremayne Scruggs, 39, of Burlington, on Hwy 61 at mile marker 22 on a warrant for hold temporary. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 09/27/17 - 3:10 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on the Hwy 61 northeast ramp onto Hwy 2. A vehicle driven by Ayubov Mirazim, 25, of West Park, Fla., struck a vehicle driven by Pamela S. Murphy, 58 of Bushnell, Ill, in the near quarter panel. According to the report, Murphy had the right away in Hwy 2 and Mirazim pulled out and struck the vehicle.
 09/27/17 - 8:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Logan Andrew Ramsey, 27, of Kahoka, Mo., at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for fugitive from justice. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 09/28/17 - 3:18 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Debra Kay Brown, 48, of Burlington, at Wever Junction on a warrant for contempt - fail to pay fine/cost. She was released on bond. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Lilly claims Evans was looking for suicide by cop

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he's a part-time mechanic in his brother's, Brian Lilly's, repair shop in Rockford.

On cross-examination Prosser asked Lilly how the drugs could possibly affect his memory at times during the morning of the robbery as to his whereabouts, but not affect his ability to drive to Rockford two hours later.

Lilly said his body can build up a tolerance to the drug and he also had trouble getting to Rockford.

"Look at the text messages and you'll see one to Amber that said I was having an anxiety attack because I had gotten lost," Lilly told Prosser.

Lilly said he got to Rockford in about 3.5 hours after leaving Fort Madison because he was able to get to an AutoZone where he has a commercial account and purchased parts for a car he would be working on.

Lilly also had told investigators during questioning prior to his arrest in October, that he got up about 10:30 a.m. or 11 on the day of the robbery. The 911 call on the robbery came into police at 10:11 a.m. on the 29th. Video evidence showed Lilly at Casey's and Kempker's starting at 8:39 a.m. purchasing cigarettes, and looking for a part for an extension cord. Lilly had told investigators he was alone during the trips to Casey's and Kempker's but then testified Thursday that his kids were with him.

One surveillance video showed what appeared to be a person in the front passenger seat when he pulled into Casey's. Lilly said that was probably his oldest son.

"So how do you explain saying you were alone, if your children were in the vehicle?" Prosser asked.

"I really don't see my kids as people, they're just in the back seat," Lilly replied.

Lilly said he went back to Casey's a second time to get gas and snacks for the kids for the trip to Rockford that afternoon, but no video evidence was produced of that visit.

Lilly also testified that he thought Evans was suicidal and was attempting suicide by cop. During Stensvaag's questioning, Lilly said he took Evans fishing a couple times to help get his mind off his problems.

"I found him crying on the floor one night saying no one loved him or cared about him and I stayed up with him all night trying to make him laugh," Lilly said.

Prosser asked him why, if Evans was looking for a cop to shoot him, would he turn and run from the cops at one door of the bank and head out the the other door away from police. Lilly just replied that it was his opinion that Evans was suicidal.

Fort Madison Police officers shot and killed Evans as he was trying to escape the bank with a large amount of cash.



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Sports

Crusaders 2nd at W-MU 5k Invite

Hellige takes 3rd; Goldie wins boys junior high run

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Holy Trinity boys varsity cross country team continues its stellar season and Matt Hellige continues to rack up top-5 finishes for the Crusaders.

Hellige had the top time for HTC and took 3rd overall at the meet with a time of 17:31.62. But the Crusaders put four more runners across the line in under 20 minutes to take 2nd place in the team competition.

Blake Crabtree was next for HTC with a time of 18:30.59. Adam Rauenbuehler finished third for the Crusaders and 25th overall with a time of 19:19.87 just under two seconds ahead of Jacob Mohrfeld at 19.21.16 who took the 26th spot overall.

Brant Holtkamp rounded out the scoring for the HTC with a 30th-place finish overall and 29 points for an even 100 for the Crusaders as a team.

Ben Abolt was just behind Holtkamp in 31st and Chandler Rung took 59th place overall.

In the junior varsity match, Wyatt Hellman took 12th overall with a 22:55.57 time and Kyle Scheetz finished 14th with a time of 23:00.85.

In the girls junior high 2-mile run Mary Hellige finished 14th overall with a 15:07.70 and Elliot Dostalek, took 25th place overall at 18:03.05.

For the boys junior high run, Philip Goldie again earned a top time taking 1st place with a 10:55.25 time in the 2-mile run. Mikey DiPrima took 10th overall at 12:21.50 and Michael Hellman finished in 17th place with a 12:34.28. Nick Fullenkamp took 30th place

HTC breezes past Danville in 3

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Despite a sluggish start, Holy Trinity Catholic rolled to a 25-22, 25-10, 25-7 win over visiting Danville on Thursday night in Southeast Iowa Superconference volleyball action.

The Lady Crusaders, now 20-3 on the season, had trouble shaking the Bears in game one, even with an 11-3 lead to start the game. Danville came back and tied the game at 17 and the two teams traded points until HTC was up 23-20. Emily Box got a kill to put the Crusaders up 24-20 but Danville hung around to put up two more points before Holy Trinity was able to put the game away on the next rally.

Junior Emily Box had a team-high eight blocks to lead Holy Trinity. But she said the first game the team just made too many mistakes.

"The first game we just had a lot of mental mistakes and errors. Those are pretty easy to fix. I think the second game we picked it up and played better," Box said.

Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said she'd been waiting for Box to step up defensively with the blocks.

"Box was a force at the net tonight and we haven't seen that in a while, so I think she had some fun with that," Freesmeier said.

She also led the team with 20 kills on 27 attacks on the offensive side of the match. She leads the state in Class 1A with 330 kills on the season, a full 50 ahead of North Tama sophomore Katie Kopriva. Freesmeier agreed that the girls made too many mistakes out of the gate.

"We just made too many errors in that game," she said. "We had four hitting errors in a row and at some point you have to correct that. We didn't control the ball like we like to do and in games 2 and 3 we did."

The Crusaders rolled easier through the second and third sets of the match without much of a stand from Danville.

Senior Maya Rashid, who leads the state in Class 1A with 562 assists on the year after tonight, had 28 assists on the night, eight digs, and was 5 of 6 serving.



HTC's Madison Mohrfeld tries to end a point against Danville in the first set of a 25-22, 25-10, 25-7 win at Shottenkirk Gymnasium.

Senior Samantha Hoenig continued her torrid pace from the serving line going 24 of 24 with 10 aces. Hoenig has a 98.9% serve efficiency on the year and is second in the state in Class 1A on successful serves with 279.

The Crusaders are coming off their 2nd loss of the season to New London at the Superconference finals Saturday at SCC after knocking off Central Lee and West Burlington both 2-0.

Freesmeier said coming into the season she knew New London would have a strong program.

"We're 1-2 with them right now. They have a great program and those are the games you wait for and you find out who

at the end has the will to win," she said. "We fell short Saturday night but it wasn't from a lack of effort and the kids are looking forward to going back out there again."

Box said for the year the Crusaders still have some kinks to work out.

"I think for the year we still have to work at getting better and I hope we can make those changes before it becomes real for all of us in a couple weeks," she said.

The Crusaders will face some of their stiffest competition of the year on Saturday when they travel to Urbandale for an invitational and then head to New London on Thursday to try and even the season series there.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fort Madison Community School District 1930 Avenue M Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 25, 2017

I. The meeting was called to order by President Lamb at 6:02 p.m. Directors Ross, DiPrima, Young, Hotop, Wondra and Hope were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore.

II. Recognition of guests. President Lamb welcomed members of the audience and explained the procedures for the meeting.

III. Reading of Foundation documents. The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the vision, mission and beliefs statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District.

IV. Monthly communications
A. Student Rep report. High School Student Government Representative Sierra Howardson shared information regarding ongoing and upcoming activities at the High School.

B. Curriculum Corner. Kevin Moon gave an update to the Board regarding summer capital improvement projects.

C. "Did You Know?" The "Did You Know?" document was accepted as presented.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. National School Safety Conference. Superintendent Slater, Patrick Lamb and Brent Zirkel shared information from the recent National School Safety Conference that they had attended.

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Young to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a

7-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Young to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the August 21, 2017 regular meeting, the September 11, 2017 work session, financial reports from the monthly balance sheet, revenue summary sheet, expenditure report and activity report; accounts payable for the August weekly warrants, September computer warrants, activity warrants and nutrition fund; resignations from Codi Bunnell as central office secretary, Gina Marsh as bus driver, Kristy Woodley as asst. track

(throwers) coach, Jayson Wulf as JV boys basketball coach, Jeremy Beelman as freshman boys basketball coach, Michelle Spindlow as Middle School associate and Emily Bruxvoort as Lincoln associate; employment of Dana Smith as 8th grade volleyball coach, Dana Smith as Junior class sponsor (1/2), Jeremy Beelman as JV boys basketball coach, Andrew Troxel as asst. track (throwers) coach (1/2) and Sharlynn Upton as Middle School girls track coach; contract modifications for Cathy Hoppman, Lincoln associate, increase in hours and Jan Platt, Richardson associate, increase in hours. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Item

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

1. Consider approval of Title I grant. Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon presented information from the Title I grant application.

It was moved by Wondra and seconded by Young to approve the Title I grant application as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

B. Superintendent

1. Consider approval of lane changes. The Board reviewed the lane changes. It was moved by Wondra and seconded by Young to approve the lane changes as submitted. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of the request for the AP fifth grade archaeological dig trip to Francisville, MO. The Board reviewed the trip request. It was moved by Hotop and seconded by Wondra to approve the AP fifth grade archaeological dig trip request as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of the request for travel from Andy Mitchell to attend the National Athletic Conference in Phoenix, AZ. The Board reviewed the trip request. It was moved by Hotop and seconded by DiPrima to approve the trip request from Andy Mitchell to attend the National Athletic Conference in Phoenix, AZ as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

4. Consider approval of the Middle School Science trip to Florida. The Board reviewed the trip request. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by

Wondra to approve the trip request from Kelly Hackett for the Middle School

Splash into Science trip to Florida as presented. The motion passed on 7-0 voice vote.

5. Consider approval of the request for travel from Bonnie Slee and the FFA students. The Board reviewed the trip request. It was moved by Hotop and seconded by Ross to approve the trip request from Bonnie Slee for the FFA group to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN as

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presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

6. Consider annual Board appointments. The Board reviewed and considered the Annual Board Appointments. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Young to approve the Annual Board Appointments as submitted. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

a. Kim Harmon, Title IIA, Title VI, Title IX, ADA and 504 coordinator

b. Kim Harmon, compliance officer (Step II) of grievance procedure as it relates to discrimination issues

c. Erin Slater, child abuse / harassment alternate investigator

(Level I), AAO / EOE officer

d. Kim Harmon, child abuse / harassment investigator (Level I)

e. Kevin Moon, asbestos coordinator

f. Sandra Elmore, insurance trustee IEBP

g. Reconsideration committee i. Licensed employee – Mary Hellige ii. Media specialist – Michelle Bentler

iii. Administrator – Kim Harmon iv. Community member – Martha Wolf v. High School representative – Mercedee Doty and Nakkia Ross

7. Consider approval of Vicki Stephenson as AEA Representative. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Young to approve Vicki Stephenson as the AEA Representative. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager

1. Consider approval of Disposal Report. The Board reviewed the Disposal Report. It was moved by Wondra and seconded by Diprima to approve the Disposal Report for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of Certified Annual Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017. The Board reviewed the Certified Annual Report. It was moved by Wondra and seconded by DiPrima to approve the Certified Annual Report as presented. The motion passed on 7-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of Special Education Supplement for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017. The Board reviewed the Special Education Supplement. It was moved by Young and seconded by DiPrima to approve the Special Education Supplement and SBRC request for the \$461,308.05 negative balance as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

4. Consider approval of Transportation Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017. The Board reviewed the Transportation Report. It was moved by Wondra and seconded by Young to approve the Transportation Report as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

5. Consider approval of SBRC request – LEP Allowable Cost application. The Board reviewed the SBRC request. It was moved by Wondra and seconded by Young to approve the SBRC request- LEP Allowable Cost application in the amount of \$13,549.23 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

6. Approve Depository Resolution. The Board reviewed the Depository Resolution. It was moved by Young and seconded by Hope to approve the Depository Resolution as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

7. Approve Abstract of Votes – School Board Election. The Board reviewed the Abstract of Votes. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve the Abstract of Votes as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VIII. Selection of temporary chair for organization meeting. Consensus was given for Board Secretary Elmore to perform the duties of temporary chair for the organization meeting.

IX. Adjourn 2016-2017 Board sine die. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

President
Date
Secretary

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WORK SESSION
October 2, 2017
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum

II. Recognition of guests
III. Approve the agenda
IV. Finalize IASB Presentation
V. Adjourn



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From the Front/Weather

Hellman competes on MAGIC team at Wisconsin competition

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iate Global Issues Competition.

Arevalo said the MAGIC teams are engaged in a more diverse and complicated competition because there is no prep time and there is no familiarity with other team members. It's a random collaboration.

"The other teams that are up there are teams that have been competing together for years. His is more of a challenge

because his team didn't compete with each other. So it's a totally different category," she said.

The groups were responsible for identifying solutions out of a group of problems facing the future and then had to categorize the solutions based on several factors like cost, efficiency, applications, etc. to score points based on the realities of the solutions. Hellman said he had

two hours working with his group.

"No. 1, it's very enjoyable to do and it's a little intense at times," Hellman said. "They don't give you much time. At the same time you rattle out a bunch of ideas and no one's going to criticize you because it's all brainstorming. "It interests me because the fields I want to go into require a lot of problem solving. All those places at some point involve the problem solving skills you learn at Future Problem Solvers. You gotta come up with creative ideas."

Arevalo said the competition runs deeper than career preparation.

"They're making careers that Problem Solvers would help you prepare

for. But in life, in general, really what they're doing is looking at problems that seem overwhelming, or many many problems, and picking those problems out," she said. "Just the decision-making process and looking at all the problems is overwhelming but the prioritizing and identifying solutions is something that goes with every aspect of life."

Arevalo said she's new at the program, but she's had a couple teams go to state and she still has a lot to learn about it.

"When you see what the program is, certain kids stand out and I knew Michael would be perfect for this," she said.

Hellman said the random setting of teams is also a valuable part of the competition.

"The first half hour we were doing problems but we were also testing the waters with each other. I was a little shy but I decided to handle it this way. Instead of worrying about what they are going to think, I thought of it like - if this goes well we'll talk with each other and if not, these people live in a completely different state, - so you just put yourself out there," he said.

"I want to do it again for sure but I realized that Future Problem Solvers is a lot bigger than I thought it was. There were easily 5,000 people there. I learned new techniques, but you need to not have everyone focusing on the same thing, halfway through maybe someone starts the planning stage and then halfway through

that someone starts with the action plan."

HTC principal Michael Sheerin said Hellman's success at the convention brings a different kind of prestige to the school.

"I think that Michael brings a special addition to our school," Sheerin said. "Most schools are caught up in athletics and fine arts and they make a lot of noise and get attention, but students like Michael are under utilized. The great thing about this program is it gives students like him and others an avenue to be recognized for the wonderful skills they bring to the school. They really do enrich our program and diversify our school."

"We're very happy Michael's family chooses to send him here and what a great ambassador he is."

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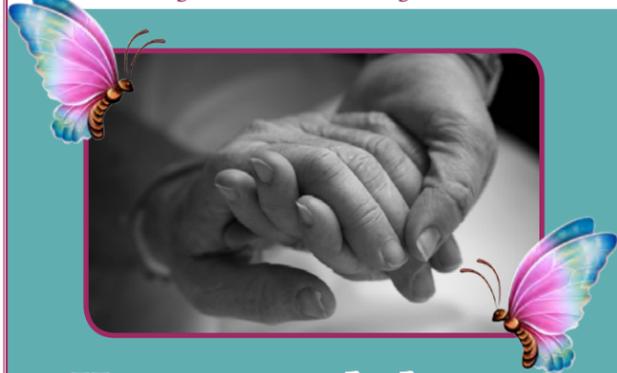
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