

FORMER HONESDALE BOY SAW OMAHA TORNADO

ROBERT G. CROSSLEY, SON OF THOMAS CROSSLEY OF THIS PLACE, WRITES.

Could See Huge Yellow Funnel Shaped Cloud Pass Through City—Less Than Ten Minutes' Duration—Swept Path Three Miles Wide.

The following letter was received a few days ago in compliance to a request sent to Mr. Robert G. Crossley, son of Thomas Crossley, of this place, who is in Omaha, Neb., by The Citizen. It is a vivid and graphic account of the tornado which struck that city on the evening of March 16th, resulting in loss of life and doing millions of dollars of damage to property. In only one other instance has it been equalled in the country.

My Dear Ed:— Complying with your request of the 25th inst., I am pleased to furnish a brief story of the awful catastrophe which visited the city of Omaha and its environs on the evening of March 16th.

At ten minutes to six in the evening, at the close of a sultry day, a tornado struck the city. It had the appearance of a huge yellow funnel shaped cloud and was accompanied by a roar that was terrific. Its speed was so great that in less than ten minutes it had passed completely through the city from southwest to northeast, laying waste a strip six miles long and a quarter of a mile wide and either partially or wholly destroying seventeen hundred homes. Street cars stopped, telephones were out of service and the city was in darkness. Then from the suburb in which I reside we observed the skyline in the north, east and south become red as fire started to complete the work of destruction.

A heavy fall of rain in the wake of the tornado doubtless prevented greater loss of life and property as thirty-five fires were reported in the devastated district within a few minutes and the firemen were unable to get their engines within fighting distance of the flames and stumbled through the wreckage carrying their hose on their shoulders only to find water plugs covered by tons of debris. To add to the horror, victims of the disaster, over the entire storm-swept area, pinned under the wreckage were pleading for rescue before the flames should reach them.

At Fort Omaha, about a mile northwest of the path of the storm, Major Carl F. Hartman, commander in charge, saw the tornado passing over the city, and, without waiting for request or formal orders brought his men, two hundred in number, on the double quick into the storm area. This was the first organized aid to reach the scene. In the meantime volunteers from the surrounding territory were working heroically to rescue the injured and maimed from the wreckage. Lives were freely risked to save lives, homes of rich and poor alike were thrown open to the sufferers. Within an hour's time the hospitals were all filled to overflowing and before day light Monday morning more than one hundred and ten bodies had been taken from the stricken district. The list of dead has since grown to one hundred and thirty-seven and more than three hundred and fifty were seriously injured.

Data carefully compiled by the committee in charge of relief work indicates that 2,200 persons were made homeless, 2,000 houses were wrecked and of this number 650 were totally demolished with an aggregate property loss of \$7,500,000. Cash contributions for the relief work to date amount to \$152,000. Five hundred automobiles, their use donated by their owners, are engaged in conveying supplies and aid to the needy and suffering. One hundred twenty union carpenters to-day donated their services. School buildings were badly damaged, eleven churches were wrecked and three convents partially destroyed. A children's home was almost demolished and several of the children, blown through the windows, were killed.

The work of relief is in charge of a committee of fifty from which has been selected an executive committee of seven. The devastated district was thoroughly canvassed and a record secured of every family together with their immediate needs. Six relief stations were established in various parts of the district and from these stations supplies of all kinds—food, clothing, bedding and furniture have been freely furnished to those needing them.

While a week has elapsed since the tornado the full enormity of the devastation has just begun to be felt. For several days after the storm Omaha as a business centre was paralyzed while friend sought for friend and mourning relatives buried their dead.

Never before has Omaha or Nebraska been visited by so great a calamity. In only one or two instances has it been equalled in the country. Though the full enormity of the loss of life and homes is known, the mourning for lost ones, the grief and despair over wrecked homes and fortunes can only be healed by time. If space would permit unnumbered deeds of heroism could be told, scenes pitiful and heartrending described, conditions of misery, suffering and utter despair, such as I would not believe could exist had I not personally observed them, depicted. The details in all their horror can only be realized by personal observation and once seen will never be forgotten.

Sincerely yours, R. G. CROSSLEY.

RICHARD H. DUSINBERRE TRANSFERRED TO HONESDALE.

Assumed Management of Consolidated Telephone Co. on Monday Succeeds Thomas Gallagher.

Richard H. Dusinberre, of Berwick, has been transferred to Honesdale, succeeding Thomas Gallagher, as superintendent of the Honesdale division of the Consolidated Telephone company. Mr. Dusinberre, for several years, previous to going to Berwick, was local manager of this same telephone company. His return to Honesdale will be welcomed by his numerous friends, who will be glad to have Mr. Dusinberre and his estimable wife with us again.

He is a practical man and one highly qualified for the position which he now holds.

RECEIVED INTERNAL INJURIES.

George Taeubner, teamster for Fred Rickard, while descending Terrace street, Sunday, received internal injuries by being kicked by one of the horses of the team which he was driving. The tongue of the coach became broken and Mr. Taeubner immediately stepped from the seat to prevent other trouble. One of the horses then gently let Mr. Taeubner know where he stood and as a result Taeubner received painful injuries in the chest and internally. Dr. Powell was called and Mr. Taeubner was removed to his home on Church street.

JOSEPH JOBLESKI HELD ON SUSPICION

EVASDES ANSWERING QUESTIONS OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

Clause Greenwaldt, Farmer, of Cherry Ridge, Makes Charges of Assault and Battery—Hearing Held Friday.

Joseph Jobleski, alias Mike Novetch, who was put in the county lock-up Thursday morning, after being brought to Honesdale by Clause Greenwaldt, a farmer living on the Murray farm in Cherry Ridge, was given a hearing before Squire R. A. Smith Friday afternoon. Greenwaldt preferred charges of assault and battery on the man. He claimed that Jobleski came to his farm Thursday morning and thinking there was no one at home, proceeded to let the cows and horses out of the barn. Greenwaldt's daughter, Gusie, aged nineteen years of age, told the man to stop, but instead of stopping the man picked up a big club and came at the girl. Miss Greenwaldt ran and the Polander followed for a distance of about sixty rods. Just then the father of the girl arrived and started after the Polander. A chase of about half a mile brought him up to the man who suddenly stopped and tried to pick up a club but before he could do so, Greenwaldt was upon him. Two blows on the head of the Polander made him submissive and he quietly followed Greenwaldt to the house where the latter hitched up and brought the man here.

Jobleski said he was from Scranton and came to Wayne county for work, having come all the way on foot. At first he had to have an interpreter but afterwards was found that he could talk fairly good English and was questioned in that language. The general belief was that the man was crazed, but from his speech and his evident desire to conceal something led the district attorney to believe that the man had left Scranton for some reason which he did not wish to relate. He was therefore held without bail until after the next meeting of the grand jury, to give time for an investigation.

Jobleski stated that he had let the cows and horses out of the barn so that they could get something to eat. He said that he believed they were hungry. He said he did not chase the girl with a club.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF POST OFFICE COST.

The following itemized report of G. W. Penwarden, treasurer of the borough, has been handed in. It was made after the annual borough statement was audited and gives the total amount of the cost, together with all the items, showing how the money was expended by the council in fitting up the post office. The total cost was \$2,416.34. The borough has rented the town hall to the government for a period of ten years at an annual rental of \$1,200. The items are:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes H. F. Weaver \$25.60, M. Stapleton \$21.75, D. & H. Co. Fgt. on columns 1.14, M. Stapleton 3.09, H. F. Weaver 15.00, D. & H. Co. Ggt. 2.07, L. Roegner 4.10, Ennis & Co., Sign 4.15, Katz Bros. 1.25, D. & H. Co. Fgt. 2.07, H. F. Weaver 842.80, John Congdon 135.62, Penwarden Mfg. Co. 182.48, O. M. Spettigue 36.33, H. H. Richards 123.70, David Fisher 2.91, R. Rubin 13.85, H. F. Weaver 4.10, L. Roegner 23.01, Marbleoid Co. 127.65, A. G. Holl 160.00, Finch Mfg. Co. 79.70, F. G. Terwilliger 1.00, D. & H. Co. Fgt. on Safe 9.72, F. Olsen 1.00, F. Varcoe 20.50, Carey Safe Co. 197.00, Smith & Wenzel 13.00, D. & H. Co. Fgt. on desk ret'd 1.71, F. Olsen, carting desk .25, N. B. Allen 15.00, Electric Lt. Co. 97.25, C. H. Rettew 27.28, G. Foster, safe 175.00, John Caufield 25.00, June Decker 6.50, Foster Bill 8.38. Total \$2416.34.

SHE HAS TWO BROTHERS-IN-LAW DEAD AT THE SAME TIME

MRS. HENRY W. REHBEIN, OF HONESDALE, MOURNS THE DEATH OF AUGUST J. REHBEIN, HER BROTHER-IN-LAW, AND THE DEATH OF AUGUST BARTHOLEMUS, WHO ALSO IS HER BROTHER-IN-LAW.

The sad news announcing the death of August J. Rehbein, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was received by Honesdale relatives and friends on Sunday morning. Although in declining health, his death was not expected so soon. Mr. Rehbein had been ill for a few months and not until a few days before the end came was really known the direct cause of his sickness. For many years Mr. Rehbein had been out of doors, his position, that of traveling salesman for the Durland-Weston Shoe company, formerly the Durland-Thompson company, kept him in the open. The sudden change of indoor work, after he purchased a retail shoe store, in Brooklyn, is supposed to have affected his health, as he began soon afterwards to gradually decline. Death, however, was due to liver trouble.

General regret is expressed for the death of Mr. Rehbein, as he was one of the most popular of Honesdale's former citizens. He was an affectionate father and loving husband, a good neighbor and an exceptionally good business man. Mr. Rehbein was affiliated with the Presbyterian church of this place practically all of his life. He was one of the men who could be depended upon, and for many years was chorister of the church of his choice, having a clear, sweet tenor voice. Many times he pleased large congregations by the rendition of solo selections. Aside from his church work Mr. Rehbein was prominently identified with several fraternal organizations. He was a member of Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, Free and Accepted Masons, Anthony Wayne Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Freedom Lodge of Odd Fellows and a Heptasoph.

August J. Rehbein was born in Honesdale June 22, 1860. He was a son of the late John and Cathrina W. (Dapper) Rehbein. Two sons blessed their home, August J. and Henry W. Rehbein. In early life the deceased attended the Honesdale schools and after obtaining a liberal education he clerked for a year each in the stores of the late Seth W. Powell and R. W. Kiple. Later he entered the Honesdale postoffice, where he remained for six years. Here he made a number of friends. On September 11, 1884, he accepted a position with the Durland-Thompson Shoe company as shipping clerk. By attending strictly to business he was rapidly promoted until he secured a position as traveling salesman, which he held until his resignation a year ago. Mr. Rehbein was held in high regard by his employers and was very popular in the factory. He

held the confidence of every man. He covered a large territory and was a valuable employe.

Mr. Rehbein came to Honesdale a few weeks ago with the hopes of recuperating his health. He went to the home of his brother, Henry W. Rehbein, on High street. Local physicians did all in their power to relieve him. He returned to Brooklyn a week ago last Friday where he went to the Holy Family hospital. Here specialists were consulted, but a gradual decline was noticeable. Mr. Rehbein was removed to his home from the hospital Saturday afternoon and at 12 o'clock, midnight, he passed peacefully away to his reward.

He is survived by his wife, Laura A., who was a daughter of the late Rev. C. W. Smith, a former pastor of the Aldenville Baptist church, also two sons, Ford, of Los Angeles, Cal., Bernard, and three daughters, Laura, Bernice and Nira, all of Brooklyn, all of Brooklyn.

The remains will arrive on the 1:30 Erie train Tuesday afternoon and taken to the Presbyterian church, where Mr. Rehbein's late pastor, Rev. Dr. Swift, will conduct the funeral. The services at the grave will be in charge of the Masonic lodge, of which the deceased was a member.

The bereaved family have the profound sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

Death of August Bartholemus.

At a little after six o'clock Sunday evening at his home at 101 Seventh street occurred the death of August Bartholemus, a member of the meat firm of Hawker & Bartholemus on Seventh street. Death was due to pneumonia and he had been ill for three weeks.

August Bartholemus was 37 years of age, having been born in Hawley on December 19. He came to Honesdale twenty years ago and a year ago last November he went in business along with Mr. Hawker. He had been employed in the Deim meat market for many years. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Hazel, aged 14 years, also by one brother, John, of Port Jervis, and a sister, Mrs. George Byer, of Buffalo, N. Y.

The funeral will be held from St. John's Lutheran church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. C. C. Miller officiating. Interment will be made in the German Lutheran cemetery. Mr. Bartholemus was a member of Protection Engine Co. No. 3 and the members of that fire company will attend the services in a body.

OBLIGED TO CONSULT A SPECIALIST.

Wilford Donovan, of Hoadleys, is an employe of W. J. Cobb, the lumberman, his work being that of a sawyer. About three weeks ago he found that he was having considerable trouble with his eyesight. He thought he had by some means accidentally received saw dust, or some other foreign substance in his eyes. As days passed and he grew worse instead of better, he went to a local physician who, after examination, advised him to consult a specialist. This he did, in fact he went to more than one, for he was not satisfied with what was told him regarding his sight and different things thought to be necessary, from removing a birth-mark to other forms of surgery, and he finally went to a specialist in Wilkes-Barre who won his confidence by telling him that he worked in a place where there was

dust, and that he was suffering from chronic inflammation of the eyes, and that it would be necessary to be specially treated every day for three weeks. Mr. Donovan was in great pain all of the time. He began the treatment, and that night he slept all night long, much to the joy of himself and wife. They expect to return to Hoadleys at the end of the three weeks much happier than they were when they went specialist hunting last week. And Mr. Donovan did not have to lose his birth-mark at the demands of surgery, after all.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT!"

Texas No. 4 residents have been in darkness the past few nights owing to the lamplighter being dissatisfied with his present salary. Parties in charge of letting the contract being unable to secure a person to light and put out the lamps, advertised for a competent person.

AMATEUR MOTORCYCLE RIDER SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Grover Brooks, of Blandin, Collided With State Bridge Sunday Afternoon—Was Badly Injured.

Grover Brooks, a young man residing with his mother at Blandin, met with a horrible accident last Sunday afternoon while riding a motorcycle. He and Norman Bodie were approaching Main street from Park street and as they neared the State bridge, Brooks, who was in the lead, was unable to make the turn and ran into the east side of the upper part of the bridge. Witnesses of the accident claim that he was running slow but it is evident that Brooks lost his head and did not know how to manipulate the bars to shut off the engine. At any rate he rushed into the iron structure. Brooks was thrown from the cycle and in doing so the pump, which was fastened on top of the frame of the machine, inflicted very serious bodily injuries. Brooks was taken to the office of Dr. F. W. Powell, nearby, where the wound was dressed.

The machine, which was a brand new one, was damaged to the extent of about \$15. The forks were badly twisted and the rods were bent. This was Mr. Brooks' first attempt in operating a motorcycle.

STATE SENATORS PRAISE FARVIEW

Appropriation Committee Enthusiastic Over New Institution in Wayne.

The state senate appropriation committee put in a busy day Saturday at Farview, inspecting the buildings and grounds of the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane. The committee arrived at Farview at 10 o'clock visiting the office, where the members were greeted by Dr. T. C. Fitzsimmons, the superintendent; President H. F. Walton, of the board of trustees, with C. H. Dordlinger, of Honesdale, a member of the board; M. A. G. Ashmead, of Delaware, secretary, and J. Marshall Shirk, of Philadelphia.

The senators were enthusiastic in their endorsement of the work done by the board, of which Sen. Walter McNichols, of Scranton, is one of the moving spirits. The location, water supply, coal supply and in fact every phase of the hospital came in for commendation. In the party of legislators were Senator C. H. Kline, of Allegheny, chairman of the appropriation committee; Senator Buckman, of Bucks; Senator Samuel W. Salus, of Philadelphia; Senator Kurtz, of Jefferson; Senator Gyger of Chester; Senator Endsley, of Cambria, and Senator McNichols.

After the visit to the Farview institution the senators returned to Hotel Casey, in Scranton.

WHITE MILLS HEPTASOPHS CELEBRATE.

Saturday Was Gala Day There—M. J. Hanlan, Honesdale, Delivered an Address—C. W. Dordlinger Laid Corner Stone.

Saturday was a gala day at White Mills. The corner stone of the new Heptasoph Hall was laid and the occasion was celebrated by the people of that place. About one hundred Heptasophs headed by the White Mills band and several school girls carrying American flags marched from the present home of the local order to the site of the new hall where the exercises were held. Edward Haden, president of the White Mills Heptasoph Association introduced Attorney M. J. Hanlan who delivered an address which was loudly applauded. He paid a high tribute to the energy and industry of the people of White Mills and spoke encouragingly to the members of the order concerning their present undertaking. After Mr. Hanlan's address, Mr. C. W. Dordlinger laid the corner stone and the beautiful silver trowel which he used was presented to him by Edward Haden in the name of the order, as a token of their appreciation of his efforts in their behalf. Mr. Dordlinger accepted the trowel by a few well chosen words in which he thanked the Heptasophs for their generous gift, and expressed the hope that they would succeed in their undertaking. The school children then sang the "Star Spangled Banner" accompanied by the band.

Death of Mrs. Cybil H. Keen.

The death of Mrs. Cybil H. Keen, wife of Edward Keen, of Henry, South Dakota, and daughter of Stephen S. Wells of this place, occurred recently. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter; also her parents, five brothers and sisters. Mrs. Keen was born December 5th, 1866, at Carbondale, Pa. For the past six years or more she has suffered greatly from inflammatory rheumatism, so much so that she was helpless. We sorrow much for our kin and friends in this life when they depart from us, but we should realize they have gone where sorrow will be no more, but where saints and angels dwell, and pain and death is o'er. Weep when one cometh in the world and rejoice when one departeth with the Lord.

"BOUGHT AND PAID FOR."

One of the most interesting announcements of the theatrical season is the forthcoming engagement of William A. Brady's widely acclaimed success, "Bought and Paid For," which comes to the Lyric soon direct from The Playhouse, New York, where it has been enjoying a run of over 400 consecutive performances. This wonderful play by Geo. H. Broadhurst tells a consistent story of married life, which, however, carries a large vein of comedy. The author has enriched the story with vicious detail.

1913 TAX LEVY INCREASED TO SIX MILLS

INCREASE NEEDED TO MEET THE EXPENSE OF RUNNING BOROUGH GOVERNMENT.

Report of Pave Committee Read and Tuesday Was Set as Date of Special Meeting—Railway Company Formally Accepts Franchise.

The members of the borough council met in the council rooms in the city hall Thursday evening. At this regular meeting the report of the committee on paving was read and Tuesday night was named as the time for a special meeting to discuss the same and take official action on the report.

Messrs. G. W. Penwarden, W. H. Kreitner, C. A. McCarty, the committee sent to Harrisburg and Philadelphia to investigate the different kinds of paving materials in use and to determine which was the best to use on the streets here in the event of the paving of the Honesdale streets, recommended that the only material suitable for the paving of Main street was either brick or wooden blocks. The wooden blocks are more expensive but their investigation proved that they were more durable than brick. A forty foot pavement for Honesdale would cost about \$35,000 and of this amount \$3,000 or \$10,000 is now available from the state. While in Harrisburg the committee called on Commissioner Biglow, who stated that the borough could select any kind of paving material and the state would make the survey of the street free of cost to the borough. The result of the committee's work in Harrisburg was the coming of the state surveyors here last week. The survey for Main street has been completed. The council will act on the matter at a special meeting Tuesday evening.

Street Commissioner Weidner was authorized to begin the cleaning up of Main street. The work of scraping the roads began Saturday. The council as a whole are not in favor of spending any more money on Main street than is absolutely necessary. They will not buy any more crushed stone to cover the tracks or the old rails. The roads however, will be put in proper shape for the safety of traffic.

G. W. Penwarden and C. H. Rettew were made a committee with power to settle with Varcoe for the damage done to his printing plant by water at the time the plug broke at the Erik fire last year.

It was ordered that the Spring street sewer be lengthened.

A communication was received from M. B. Allen, president of the Wayne County Railway company, stating that they had accepted the franchise recently passed by the town council.

The report of the property valuation of the borough was handed in. The valuation for 1913 is \$2,199,191, which amount is \$7,265 less than it was last year. For several years the borough has been going behind and it was unanimously voted to increase the 1913 tax levy one half a mill, making the total levy for the year six mills. The levy for last year was five and one-half mills. The Alert Fire company asked the council for help to replace broken ladders in case of future fires. Bills for damage done to fire apparatus at fires will be considered when presented to the council at regular meeting.

The following bills were ordered paid: Bell phone, \$3.40; Kraft & Conger, coal, \$25.35; Water Co., \$152.50; Electric Light Company, \$267.53; Levi GeGroat, \$50.00; J. J. Canivan, \$60.00; John Lyons, \$25.00; J. H. Carroll, \$12.50; Chas. Truscott, \$6.25; Interest on bond to March 2, \$18.00; Kreitner Bros., \$28.54; Fred Castle, \$7.00; L. Weidner, team, \$10.50; L. Weidner, \$21.15; H. Knorr, \$9.10; L. Morrison, \$13.60; Seranton Legal Blank Co., \$3.00; G. W. Penwarden, \$20.00; W. H. Kreitner, \$24.34; C. A. McCarty, \$36.74; Honesdale Water Co., \$10; G. Watts, pipe, \$31.18.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Those who are in charge of the entertainment to be given at the High school auditorium next Friday evening have announced the following program:

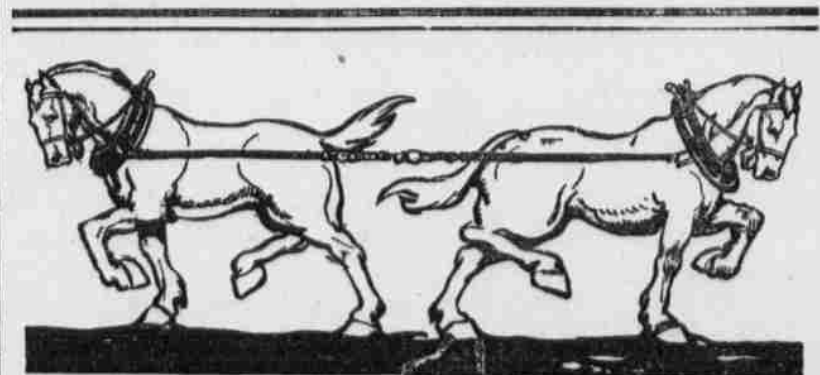
- Songs: Sunshine Kisses; Tea Kettle Song. 1st and 2nd grade Song, The Frog 3rd grade Song, The Bobolink 5th grade Song, Blow, Bugle Blow 6th and 7th grades Song, Bright Star of Eve 8th grade Japanese Drill Several Girls Recitation 7th grade pupils Flag Salute 5th grade Folk Dances 2nd and 3rd grades Operetta entitled "Midsummer's Eve."

The High school orchestra will be in attendance. The pupils of the grades give but one entertainment each year and it is desired that the audience this year will be as large as it was last year. The proceeds will be used to purchase apparatus for use in the gymnasium.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR STRANGERS.

Two strangers boarded the Sunday morning Delaware and Hudson train as it was moving and as a result both were thrown to the ground and narrowly escaped being drawn underneath the wheels. The train had left the depot and was near the Durland-Weston Shoe factory when the gentlemen put in an appearance. They ran and both endeavored to get a footing on the same step, which resulted in their falling. The train was stopped and the men, whose names we were unable to learn, boarded it and were taken to their destination without further trouble.

What Team Work Will Do



These horses don't get anywhere because they are PULLING AGAINST EACH OTHER.

Hitched together as a team they could pull a load bigger than themselves.

It is the same way with men. Pulling against each other they get nowhere. Pulling together they accomplish wonders.

The only way to make a town advance is BY TEAM WORK.

The last census shows that many American cities and villages advanced marvelously, others almost stood still, while others actually went backward.

It is a 10 to 1 bet that in the growing towns you will find a UNITED CIVIC SPIRIT. They support a board of trade, a commercial club or some other form of organized boosting.

It is just as certain that in the towns standing still or going backward will be found factionalism and bickering—the citizens pulling in different directions.

Even horse sense ought to teach men the advantage of pulling together.

TEAM WORK—that's the secret of TOWN BOOMING—team work!