

MERRY CHRISTMAS



**PEACE ON EARTH,
GOOD WILL
TOWARD MEN**

The message was brought to life in Cass City over the weekend by the Decker Parish Youth and Shabbona United Methodist Church, who annually sponsor a live nativity scene.

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Help pours in after fire destroys home



A CASS CITY FAMILY lost its home and belongings in a blaze that quickly leveled a double wide mobile home at 4303 Doerr Rd. Monday afternoon. Elkland Township fire fighters (above) were assisted at the scene by the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department.

Area accidents

Spear injured in crash

A Kingston area man remained hospitalized early this week following a one-vehicle traffic accident Friday in Koylton Township.

Harold J. Spear, 30, 3785 White Creek Rd., was listed in "serious" condition Monday at Hurley Medical Center, Flint.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said Spear was northbound on White Creek Road north of Centerline Road at about 3 a.m. when his vehicle crossed the road center line and left the roadway.

The vehicle traveled along the bottom of a ditch until it struck a driveway culvert, sending it airborne some 90 feet before landing, vaulting end over end and coming to rest in a field, reports state.

The accident was not discovered for some time, according to deputies, who reported Spear was not wearing a seat belt.

He was transported by

Marlette Ambulance Service to Marlette Community Hospital, where he was treated and then transferred to Hurley.

Also injured last week was a 62-year-old Sebawaing woman, whose vehicle went into a ditch Dec. 17.

Eilene E. Fiebig was westbound on Bay City-Forestville Road east of Colwood Road at about 10:30 a.m. when the accident occurred, according to troopers from the state police post in Caro, who stated she was not wearing a seat belt.

Fiebig, who told troopers she couldn't remember what happened, was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital, where she was treated and released the next day.

Area law enforcement agencies also reported a number of other mishaps.

Keith A. Czekai, Cass City, escaped injury Friday after losing control of his

vehicle on a slippery Columbia Township roadway. Czekai's vehicle skidded into a ditch and rolled over on its top, according to reports, which state the driver was wearing a seat belt when the 8:45 p.m. accident occurred.

Earlier the same evening, Kenneth Nostrant of Deford was driving north on Cemetery Road south of Severance Road in Novesta Township when he lost control of his vehicle, which left the roadway.

Minor damage was reported in the 7:20 p.m. mishap.

Two vehicles sustained minor damage in an accident Saturday in Cass City.

According to reports filed at the Cass City Police Department, a vehicle driven by Gordon R. Wright, Kingston, struck a westbound vehicle on Main Street east of West Street while attempting to enter traffic.

The other vehicle was driven by Nancy R. Raymond of Deford.

No citations were issued in the 12:05 p.m. accident.

William D. Chippi, Bay City, reported minor damage to his vehicle Dec. 17 after hitting a deer on Cemetery Road north of Elmwood Road in Elkland Township.

Stephen Kruchko, Cass City, also reported colliding with a deer. Kruchko was northbound on Schwegler Road near East Cass City Road when the mishap occurred last Wednesday.

Police also reported the arrest of a Caro motorist.

A vehicle driven by Richard A. Miller was stopped Dec. 16 on Seeger Street near Main street and Miller was arrested for driving with a suspended license, according to reports, which state there were 4 outstanding traffic warrants out for the motorist.

The holiday season turned tragic Monday for a young Cass City family, whose home was gutted by fire just 2 days before Christmas.

Fortunately, no one was seriously injured, but Scott and Cathleen Bellanger and their 3 young children lost everything, from clothing to furniture to Christmas presents.

Elkland Township fire fighters were called to the family's residence, a double wide mobile home at 4303 Doerr Rd., shortly after 2 p.m. The home, owned by David Osentoski, was fully engulfed in flames when they arrived.

According to Scott Bellanger, Cathleen discovered the fire after hearing an explosion.

"We don't know what happened," he said, adding his wife fled with their 16-month-old, 6-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son.

Cathleen, who attempted to put out the blaze, suffered minor burns to her face as well as smoke inhalation. She was treated at Hills and Dales General Hospital and then released.

According to Fire Chief Dick Root, the blaze started at the north end of the home, quickly leveling the structure.

Root, who said no cause had been determined, estimated the total loss at \$35,000. The structure was probably insured, but Bellanger's contents were not, he added. "He lost everything."

Help for the family, which has lived in town for only 3 1/2 months, came almost immediately from friends and other members of the community.

Mark Stahlbaum, a friend of the Bellangers, invited the family to stay at his Cass City home, another resident anonymously paid for a \$500 shopping spree at Krizman's Clothing Store, fire fighters raised \$200 in a collection amongst them-

selves, and other similar efforts were launched.

People interested in making a donation of any kind can drop items off at Gilligan's, 6444 W. Main St., Cass City, or call 872-4488.

"We've started a fund here and we've raised in 4 or 5 short hours close to \$100," Gilligan's owner Tom Meisner said early Monday night.

"They're going to need an awful lot," Bill Krizman, owner of Krizman's, remarked.

Krizman indicated he

wasn't surprised with the community's response to the Bellangers' loss. "This goes on a lot," he said. "There's a lot of people who give and don't want to be named."

The help is greatly appreciated, Bellanger commented.

And while he was forced to sit down and count his losses, the area resident is also counting his blessings.

"I'm thankful that my kids got out and my wife got out," he said. "I'm not worried about anything else. We can replace our stuff."

Within hours of the fire, more than \$800 was donated to the family, and more help was planned.

Council justifies employee raises

Cass City residents will see no new (village) taxes in 1992.

As expected, the Village Council confirmed that promise Monday night, approving a conservative 1992 budget balanced without a planned increase in the tax rate or higher water and sewer fees.

But council members did so with a note of caution, saying future hikes will be necessary if current service levels are to be maintained.

Following a brief hearing, attended only by village officials, the council okayed a proposed spending plan totalling \$1,548 million, a decrease in planned expenditures of nearly \$220,000, or 12.4 percent compared to estimated actual 1991 spending.

The new budget includes a 3 1/2-percent pay raise for the village's 15 full-time employees. The new wage scale will be detailed in next week's Chronicle.

Village President L.E. Althaver indicated the pay hikes were approved with the belief that village employees deserve them. The key, he said, is residents are

getting the best possible service on a per capita basis at the lowest cost.

Cass City has fewer employees than any other village in the Thumb and, with the exception of Sandusky, spends less for comparable employment, Althaver continued, adding the village's well trained work force has all but eliminated the need for outside contracting, including mechanical repairs.

Althaver outlined the 1992 budget, noting few changes are expected on the revenue side.

A statewide freeze in property values is expected to result in a modest increase in property tax revenue.

Althaver said officials expect new construction in the coming year to net a 3 percent tax revenue increase. He raised one note of caution regarding state shared revenues, saying economic woes may lead to some cutbacks in that area.

The biggest share, \$237,900, was paid for with state grant monies.

Several projects, ranging from street improvements to equipment purchases, are planned in the coming year, but overall spending is expected to be comparable to 1991.

The following is a breakdown of planned expenditures in 1992:

General Fund	\$771,750
Major Streets	\$89,500
Local Streets	\$214,700
Industrial Park	\$4,845
Parking System	\$25,700
Sewer Fund	\$335,700
Water Fund	\$106,000

Total — \$1,548,195

In other business Monday, the council:

• Changed its monthly meeting dates from the last Monday of each month to the last Tuesday. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the village municipal building.

• Approved the purchase of a sewer rodder as budgeted in 1992. The equipment, which will cost \$24,372, is used to clean out sewer mains and lines.



Mr. and Mrs. Clare Schuette

Schuettes celebrate 25th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Schuette were honored with a 25th anniversary open house Dec. 1, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City.

Clare and Donna (Gibbs) were married Dec. 3, 1966 at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, by the late Rev. Ernst Henkelmann. Their attendants were

Marvin and Alice Trost, Pigeon, Bea Marsh (Schuette), Utica, and Ronald Gibbs, Caro. The celebration was given by their sons, Craig, Randy (Amy), David and Tony Schuette, all of Cass City.

Over 110 guests were in attendance and the couple received many lovely gifts and cards.

WHAT IS INFLUENZA?

Influenza is not the stomach flu or the common cold which we all get. It is a serious viral infection which can occur in epidemics and contributes to the death of about 20,000 people each year in this country. The "1918 flu" was influenza.

Shots are given each fall to immunize against the expected strains of the virus. The shots should be given by November to be ready for the epidemic season which occurs later in the winter.

Influenza is often mistaken for the common cold at first because of the coughing and respiratory symptoms that occur. A number of symptoms make influenza much different, however. Influenza usually causes a significant fever which lasts for 3-4 days while colds have a minimal fever. The person with the flu also has rather severe aches and pains in the muscles and joints as well as a severe headache. Fatigue can be very prominent and can disable a person, keeping him in bed.

The runny nose, sneezing, and sore throat that are so common with the common cold are much less likely with influenza. Instead of the sinus congestion and ear infections seen in colds, influenza can cause serious life-threatening pneumonias.

The people who are prone to get the more severe complications of pneumonia from influenza are those who are older and have a lower level of immunity -- people with chronic illnesses such as heart or lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease, or many other medical problems.

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Cass City Personal Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office - 872-2010

Shelley and Mark Guinther arrived Saturday from their home in Concord, Calif., to spend Christmas with his parents, Stan and Melva Guinther. The Guinthers' daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Andy Welter of Dayton, Ohio, were expected to arrive Tuesday for the holiday.

Officials at McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky, recently announced the birth of a baby boy, Jordan Brace Norton, to Michael and Susan Norton of Snover. Jordan was born Dec. 3.

Lt. Noble completes course

Navy Lt. Craig S. Noble, whose wife, Angela, is the daughter of Walter J. and Evelyn Zmierski of 6192 Ritter Road, Cass City, recently completed the Officer Indoctrination School. During the course at the Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, R.I., students are prepared for duty in the naval staff field corresponding to their civilian profession.

The first 5 weeks of studies include naval history and traditions, personnel administration, military law, close-order drill, and other general military subjects.

During the final week, studies concentrate on the application of civilian professions within the Navy.

The 1967 graduate of Harbor Beach High School, Harbor Beach, and 1971 graduate of Olivet College, Olivet, joined the Navy in June 1991.

Marriage licenses

Dennis William Sweet, Cass City, and Sharon Marie Matthews, Decker.

David Alan Decker and Teresa Marie Ennis, both of Millington.

Michael Edward Mathews and Lisa Rance Schury, both of Vassar.

David Lee Burger and Janet Kay Swarthout, both of Caro.

Randall James Mill and Stacy Lynn Misener, both of Vassar.

Terry Gene Sanders and Lisa Ann Stevenson, both of Kingston.

Jan William Hess and Chrissie Marie Esckelson, both of Vassar.

Howard Kendall Wells and Constance Fay Keeley, both of Vassar.

Kendall Clare Leach and Patricia Helen Jacobi, both of Millington.

Nothing is worth more than this day.
—Goethe

Salem United Methodist Women held their annual Christmas dinner for the ladies of the church and the ladies of Trinity United Methodist Church, with 54 attending, Dec. 9. Steve and Karen Bouverette entertained after dinner with a selection of Christmas music.

Mrs. Shirley Karr of Cass City announces the birth of her 6th grandchild, Jeffrey Roy Chambers Jr., born Dec. 1 at Duke Hospital to Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Chambers of Durham, N.C. Mrs. Chambers is the former Cheryl Karr. JJ was welcomed by his big sister Carissa, 4½. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chambers of Unionville. This is their 2nd grandchild.

Hills and Dales General Hospital

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, DEC. 23, WERE:

Jessica Chappel, Louis Ouvry, Christine Turner, Cass City.



Meg's Peg
Our year in review

by Melva E. Guinther

Our kids are able to be home again this Christmas, which makes for a happy holiday. Realizing that it may not always be possible, we try to enjoy this time with them to the fullest.

When you think about it, that's how we should live every day. None of us knows what might happen next year, or next week, so we'd do well to enjoy today and to spend our time doing the things we can to express our love and appreciation to those who are dear to us.

Life is too short to dwell on past slights or harbor grudges against anyone.

It seems natural over the Christmas/New Year holidays to think back over changes since the last time we observed them and the events that have transpired during the past year.

Sometimes looking back makes us thankful that we can't see into the future. We might be overwhelmed if we knew at the beginning of the year what we would face before it was over.

For our family, 1991 was an extremely eventful, sometimes stressful, year.

On the positive side for the year, our daughter married a fine young man, and our fine young daughter-in-law became pregnant. Next year I'll have a grandchild to write about, and I'll need a bigger handbag to carry all those grandmother's pictures to whip out for friends, relatives and perfect strangers to admire.

We flew to California twice during the year and made a few trips to Dayton, Ohio, where our daughter and son-in-law live.

All family members are healthy and employed, and both sets of kids bought houses during the year.

Most improved students named

Cass City Intermediate School officials recently

Church slates Christmas Eve service

Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will hold a candlelight Christmas Eve service beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There will be special music, congregational singing, a communion service, scripture reading of the nativity account, and a candlelight ceremony that will conclude the service.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Dance club slates party

The Y.M.C.A. Thumb Dance Club will hold its next party Saturday from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Sandusky Maple Valley School.

Refreshments will be available and live music will be provided by Denny Ewald's Music Makers. Guests are welcome.

named the following "most improved" students for the second marking period:

Fifth grade — Amanda Chappel, Niah Hosner, Jason Humpert, Laura Kundinger, Amanda Osborn, Isaac Ponder and Paul Powell.

Sixth grade — Ryan Brinkman, Sarah Dore, Serena Healy, Missy Jewett, Brenda MacFarland and Chris Smith.

Seventh grade — Ashlie Chappel, Lee Dillion, Jon Fetterhoff, Mandy Guinther, Sonya Harrell, Steve Hill, Damian Izydorek, Dan Kingsland, Shawna Long, Ryan Morrish, Jason Nicol, Jim Reinas, Sara Russell, Danille Westfall, Jerry Westfall and Jason Wright.

Eighth grade — Mike P. Brown, John Broyles, Matt Bruno, Cindy Copeland, Melissa Epskamp, Jon Freundt, Jason Harp, Edward Hoppe, Amy Jacobs, Kareem Khoury, Patricia Krol, Jeremy Markel, Melanie Matt, Angie Martinez, Jennifer Morrell, Garrett O'Berski, Nathan Pawloski, Ryan Posluszny, Chris Prosovski, Elvis Robinson and Becky Smith.

Burnette, Britt on dean's list

David Burnette, Cass City, senior management systems student, and Caren Britt, Cass City, junior management systems student at GMI Engineering & Management Institute, Flint, have been placed on the Dean's List for the past semester in recognition of outstanding academic performance.

The pair were each presented a certificate of academic achievement in qualifying for the Dean's List, which requires that students attain a grade average of 92.0 or higher for the semester, with no course grade average below 85.0.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Ballagh

Ballaghs celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James Ballagh celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 15.

A dinner was given for the couple at the Hitching Post, Elkton, by their family.

The couple have 5 children:

Bill Ballagh of Union Lake, Jim (Cheryl) Ballagh of Clarkston, David Ballagh of Bad Axe, Mrs. Al (Kathy) Milligan of Cass City, and Mrs. Thomas (Marilou) Barszczowski of Taylor, and 7 grandchildren.

Library to show movies for children

Rawson Memorial Library is having "Christmas Vacation Movies" for children Dec. 30 and Jan. 2 at 1 p.m.

The feature Dec. 30 is Walt Disney's "Rescuers Down Under" -- the world's 2 bravest mice answer a call for help from deep in

the heart of Australia's outback.

"The Little Fox" will be shown Jan. 2. An orphaned fox is raised by his wise, good-hearted uncle and taught how to hunt and survive.

The movies are free and all children are invited to attend.

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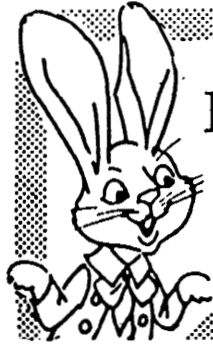
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire
(And anyone else he can get to help.)

There are church Christmas pageants and then there is the pageant staged by the Midland Assembly of God Church held at the Center For The Arts in Midland. Comparing the ordinary pageant to the "Singing Christmas Tree" performance at Midland is like comparing a plow horse with a champion thoroughbred. They are both horses, and the pageants are both staged by amateurs.

I saw one of the 6 performances, all of which played to packed houses. It includes a cast of 125 singers and about 75 others in the drama and dance troupes. There's no admission and a free-will offering is taken.

One of the church workers told me that rehearsal starts in September. This year's show was the 11th annual.

The Chronicle will have a rare 2 days in a row off this week and next when the office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Here's a prediction in the GTE "2001 Imagine the Possibilities" prediction pamphlet that already is too true 10 years early.

"Japanese financial institutions will have sizeable share holdings in most U.S. and European corporations, with Japanese representatives on their boards in steadily increasing numbers."

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	33	19	.02"
Wednesday	26	-6	.02"
Thursday	27	18	0
Friday	36	30	.20"
Saturday	36	31	0
Sunday	38	33	0
Monday	40	14	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant)



CASS CITY ELEMENTARY school students recently donated and sent more than 300 books to the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor. Pictured above packing some of the books are students (left to right) Manisha Raythatha, Heidi Cheng, Kari Lowe and Adam Dorland.

Gifts

Elementary students donate 300 plus books

Cass City elementary students recently helped make Christmas a bit brighter for residents of the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor.

Cathy Cooper, remedial reading teacher, explained that Campbell and Deford

Elementary students donated and sent more than 300 books to the residential facility as part of their "Reading Magic" activities this month.

The books, each wrapped and decorated with ribbon and bows, were delivered

Friday.

The Ronald McDonald House is a temporary housing facility that serves as a "home away from home" for families of children being treated for serious illnesses or injuries at the University of Michigan Medical Center and other hospitals.

"If It Fitz...."

Cheap disposal

By Jim Fitzgerald



The live mortician got lots of publicity. The dead mortician didn't get enough. That's what I think, but you should take my opinion with an ounce of embalming fluid, because I belong to the Cremation Society of Michigan.

You undoubtedly read recent articles about a Flint mortuary keeping a dead man in the basement for nearly 3 years after his funeral because of a dispute over the mortician's bill. The corpse's family accused the mortician of "holding the body for ransom." The mortician denied it.

Last week the family of the dead man agreed in court to pay the mortician \$3,605 plus 1-percent interest a month for 31 months. The next day, the body was buried.

Before telling you about the other mortician -- the dead one -- and why I was intrigued by his departure, I should first tell you that, a few years ago, I wrote a column planning my non-funeral. Several morticians responded negatively, calling me selfish.

INEXPENSIVE EXIT

It is my plan that, after medical science extracts whatever parts it desires, my remains be cremated immediately. No corpse viewing or visitation in a funeral home. No funeral. No ceremony. No burial. Cheap.

It cost me \$15 to join the Cremation Society. When the time comes, I'll be toasted in the cheapest container available. No expensive casket. No cemetery plot and eternal grave gardening.

No obscene \$9,000 ransom to pay to get me out of a mortician's basement. The last time I checked, the Cremation Society would take care of body removal, cre-

mation and application for Social Security benefits for around \$600.

My funeral-planning column quoted several readers' complaints against the funeral industry's handling of cremations. It was charged that some morticians didn't tell bereaved families it is legal to cremate Uncle Jake in a \$60 crate rather than a \$2,000 coffin. There was also a charge that survivors occasionally pay for a burned coffin that really isn't burned but instead is stealthily snatched from the flames so the mortician can sell it again.

These charges were called outrageous lies by 3 morticians who took me to lunch. They conceded only that morticians often don't suggest to the bereaved that "immediate disposition" would be a good way to say good-bye to Uncle Jake. And that's the only way he could be burned in a \$60 crate.

According to most morticians, most families don't want the corpse sped directly from hospital to furnace. They want Uncle Jake laid out in the funeral parlor for a couple of days so friends can come see him and his survivors. And it would hardly do to lay him out in an orange crate.

Funerals are for the living, those 3 morticians stressed. Even if Uncle Jake's last wish was to be incinerated before his corpse became cold, that quickie disposal probably

wouldn't be good for his family.

"Good funerals are those that help the grief-stricken deal with the hurt," they said, so decisions concerning the funeral should be made by the survivors, with the guidance of a mortician. For the dead person to arrange his or her own funeral is "the ultimate selfishness," they said.

HAMBURGER HEAVEN

Which brings us to the Detroit-area mortician who died a while back after more than 40 years of operating a well-known funeral home. According to his published obituary, his body was cremated, there was no funeral-home visitation, and no funeral.

As mentioned, there was scant publicity and no explanation of the apparently converse circumstances. We'll probably never hear the answer to the screaming question: Why didn't a man who made his living selling funerals with all the trimmings get the same thing for himself?

If a veteran gourmet restaurateur requested a McDonald's hamburger for his last meal, you might think he didn't really approve of all the fancy stuff he sold all those years.

Which reminds me, about all the money saved on my cheap disposal: My family has my permission to spend it on a big memorial bash in a gourmet saloon. I ask you, is that selfish?

YOUR FEET

Dr. Judi Ecker D.P.M. -PODIATRIST-

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Dr. Ecker's articles on foot health have appeared throughout the United States.

10 cents in 4th quarter

Walbro declares dividend

The board of directors of Walbro Corporation has declared a fourth quarter dividend of 10 cents per share, payable Jan. 31 to stockholders of record Dec. 31. The dividend will be paid on approximately 6,095,911 shares outstanding.

Walbro paid quarterly dividends of 10 cents per share in 1990, but did not pay a dividend for the first, second or third quarters of 1991.

In announcing the reinstatement of the quarterly dividend, Walbro Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer L.E. Althaver said, "The company has taken a variety of steps in the past year to reduce costs and increase efficiency. These efforts have paid off with favorable results in the second and third quarters, and we now feel that profitability has improved to the point where it is appropriate to pay dividends to our

Probability

The probability of being involved in a motor vehicle injury crash during a 75-year lifetime is about 84 percent.

stockholders."

However, the Walbro chief executive expressed concern over economic conditions. "Despite the improvement in Walbro Corporation's performance, the continuing lack of posi-



Dear Santa,

It's Christmas and may your bag be filled with gifts for all. We know you won't forget, but let me clue you in on a few that I feel need something special for doing something special.

You should pull something really nice from the bottom of your sack for all those unsung volunteers that keep plugging along, helping out without fanfare or recognition. Appreciated for the most part only by those they give a helping hand. You know the kind I mean, Santa, persons like Dennis Long, who spends countless hours at Cass City School, and Joanne Osantowski and Carol Shimer, who have been doing the same at Deford School.

High on the list of jobs that nobody wants and everyone feels they can do better, Santa, is taking charge of the July 4th Festival. Except when you ask them to do it. What it is, Santa, is a tough job, but somebody's got to do it. Last year those somebodies were Lota Hartel and Geraldine Prieskorn. Once more, they have been doing that job for a few years now. That should merit a little extra under the tree, right?

Without mentioning any names, Santa, you know who they are, how about special consideration for all those good-hearted people who are going the extra mile to help out in these tougher economic times? You know that the Elkland-Novesta United Way exceeded its goal this year. The annual free Thanksgiving dinner had no trouble getting the donations and the help necessary to pay the expenses and serve more meals than ever before. In times of trouble the community ral-

lives around to help the stricken each and every time help is needed. Don't be like a lot of folks around town, Santa, who have become so used to the cooperation and the aid given when needed that they don't stop to think about how nice it really is.

Sure, Santa, I know that you find that spirit in many places, but there are many that you don't. Sometimes it amazes newcomers to the area. Just ask Mindy Nash, the new band director. She can't get over the show of support that has enabled the band to buy spanking new uniforms. In fairness, Santa, we have to add that most communities don't have a Roger Board around to get all of the good-hearted people on the same track.

Finally, forgive a personal request, will you Santa? Save the best that you have for my kids for coming to the aid of the old man when he really needed the help last spring. Something nice, too, for all the others who were supportive when Dorothy died.

To all of them and to all our customers, Santa, a very merry Christmas.

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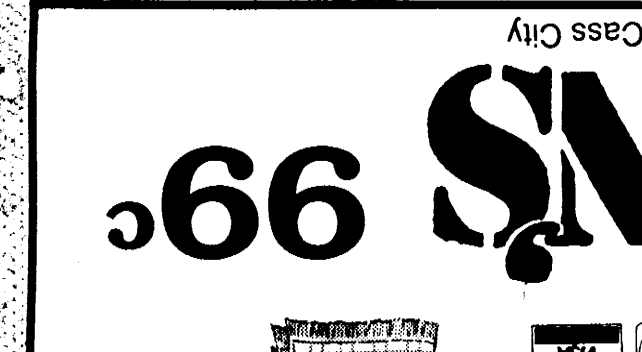
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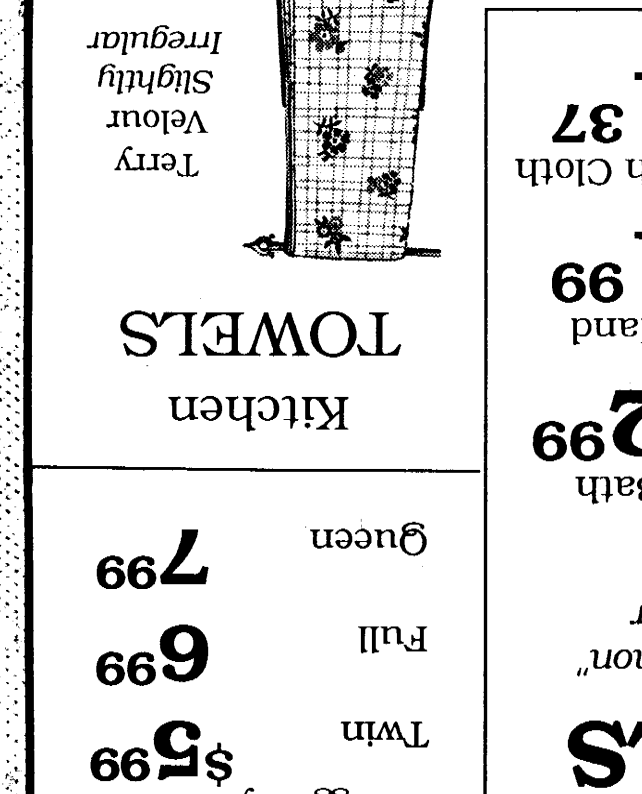


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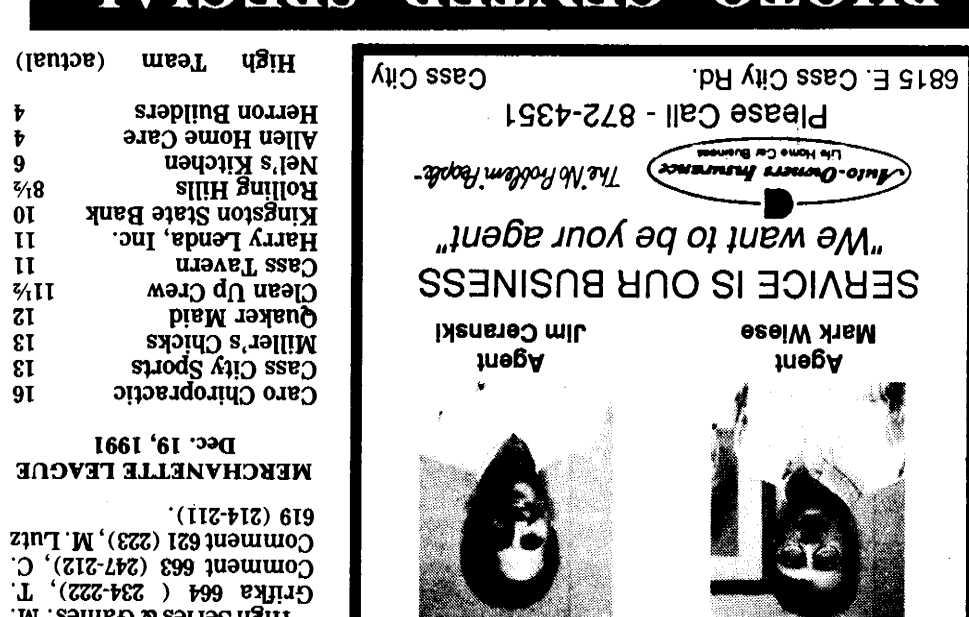
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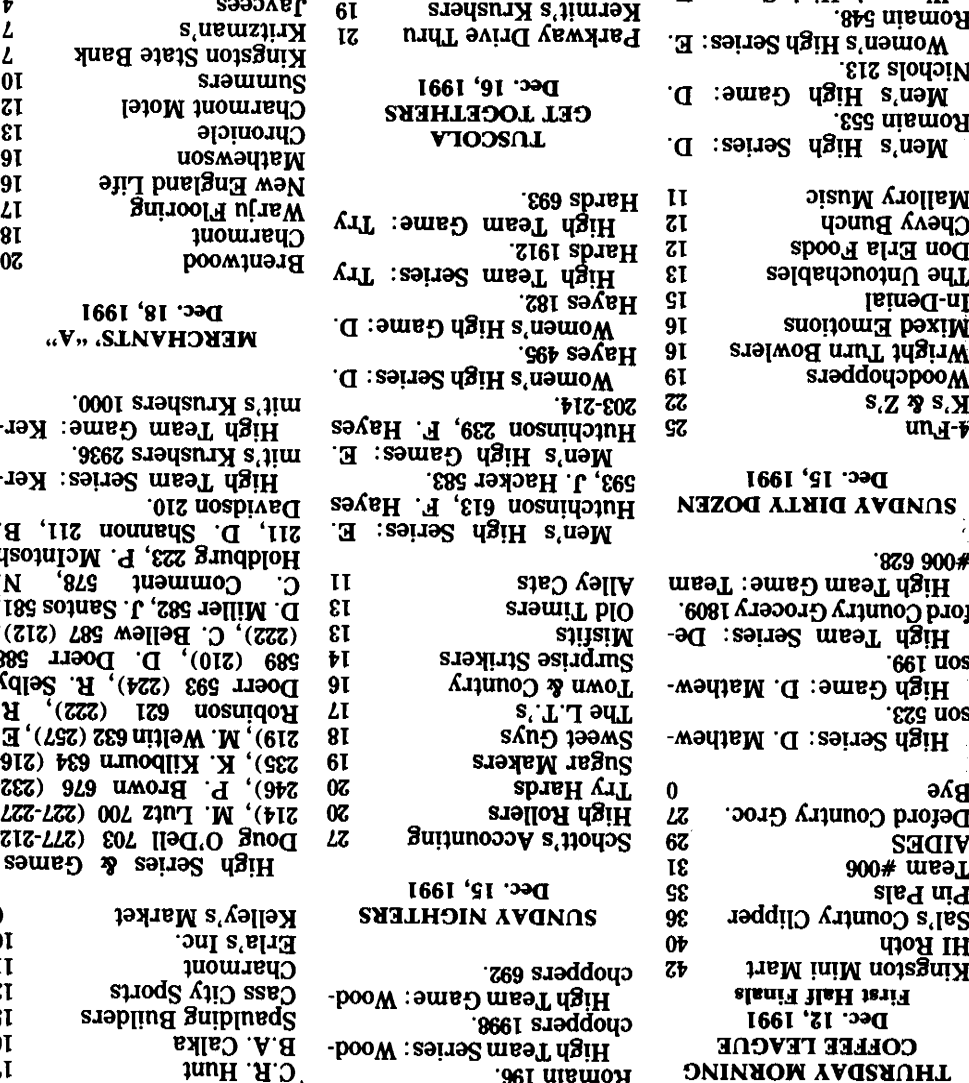
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On PW&L permit

Zoning board tables vote

Pioneer Work and Learn Center officials' hopes for action on their special use permit application were derailed Thursday...

The board voted to continue the hearing Jan. 14, 10 days after a court-imposed deadline forcing Pioneer to vacate Kingston Hills Camp.

However, Pioneer officials say they're hoping the Township Board will take matters into its own hands at a special meeting tentatively scheduled for Dec. 28.

The special session was initially slated to act on the resignation of long-time township Supervisor Terry Boyne.

Jim Leggett, associate director of the Koylton Pioneer site, said he would like to see the board also approve the camp's special use permit in view of what he described as stonewalling on the part of Zoning Board Chairman Russell Mayer during last week's hearing.

everyone there that it was the Zoning Board chairman's decision (to take no action)," he said. "I think the Township Board understands that is, in fact, what occurred."

Leggett, who remarked there is overwhelming community support for the Pioneer program in Koylton Township, pointed out the camp's application for a special-use permit was filed last May.

Mayer said Thursday's hearing was adjourned to give zoning board members more time to review the matter "because the township has no guidelines for a land for special use permit" in this situation.

"It's a pretty big step for the community to take," he commented. "Why should we be forced to (accept) it in a couple of hours?"

Mayer said Pioneer officials submitted an 8-point list of items they would agree to if the special-use permit were approved, but he questioned what guarantees there are to back up the items, which included a promise to continue educat-

ing all campers exclusively at the camp site and not to enter into any agreement with Kingston Schools to violate this agreement.

Provided the Township Board holds a special meeting with plans to address the camp issue, chances are good the special-use permit will be approved.

Earlier this month, the board voted to repeal a 1988 zoning ordinance amendment that prohibited camps from being occupied by any more than 10 people.

Previously, the Zoning Board recommended that the 1988 amendment remain intact, thus prohibiting operation of the Pioneer program, which houses up to 50 male juvenile delinquents who undergo training and rehabilitation.

However, approval of a special-use permit may not end the battle.

According to Mayer, some

township residents have begun a petition drive in hopes of placing before voters a proposition that would overturn the Township Board's decision to repeal the 1988 amendment. The signatures were expected to be turned in to the township clerk early this week.

Residents have been bombarded with petition drives in recent weeks. To-date, recall drives have been staged against Boyne, for supporting closure of the Pioneer program at the Kingston area camp, and township trustees Don Ashton and Douglas Kramer, for supporting continued operation of the Pioneer program.

Prior to his resignation, Boyne's recall election had been scheduled for Jan. 7. Voters will decide the recall efforts against Ashton and Kramer at an election slated for Jan. 28.



TOYS FOR TOTS volunteers delivered toys to more than 435 kids from 154 area families Saturday. Above, Cass City VFW members Clare Sowden (left) and Oscar Brooks, and Jaycees member Rochelle Brown, help pack the toys.

Stephen Agar involved in effort to help out Haitian migrants

by Rhonda D. Dempsey Navy Journalist

Haitians began arriving at the Navy's base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Nov. 13. Picked up at sea from unseaworthy vessels by U.S. Coast Guard and Navy ships, 7,000 migrants are now living in tent cities at the base.

Stephen L. Agar, a Navy petty officer 1st class, has been directly involved with the ongoing effort to house and care for the people now ashore. The son of William

and JoAnn Agar of Decker has taken a practical approach to the current problem. His only concern is to help where help is needed.

"I feel what we're doing is important and it's vital that the Haitian migrants be provided the basic living needs while their issue is decided by the courts," said Agar. The majority of the people appear to be grateful for the relief operation he added.

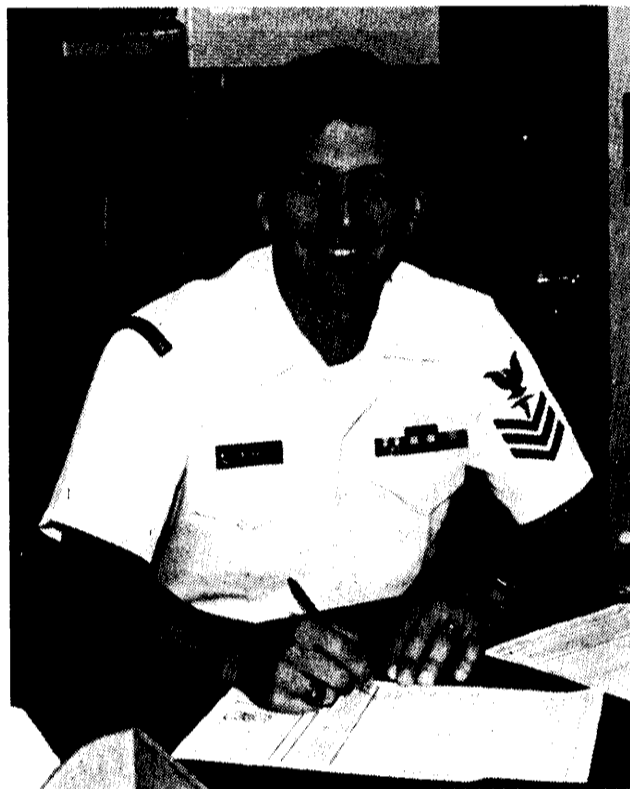
Agar, a hospital corpsman, is matter of fact about his part in providing humanitarian assistance. "Although I normally work as leading petty officer for administrative support, during the initial phase of this operation, I served as a member of the screening team assisting with the medical questionnaires and placing identification bracelets on the Haitians. I also served as transportation petty officer for the hospital staff and aide to the commanding officer of the Naval Hospital," Agar

said. Agar joined the Navy in March 1979, but adds he never really thought about humanitarian work on this scale as part of a military mission before he volunteered to serve.

In the last two years Navy people have assisted in removing civilians from war-torn Liberia, helped the Kurds in the aftermath of Desert Storm, and aided Filipinos displaced by Mt. Pinatuba. The Haitian rescue and relief is yet another demonstration of the flexibility of the current force structure. Agar said one of the largest needs, at present, is for clothes. Many of the men, women and children now living in the camps fled with only what they could carry. Navy members and families living at Guantanamo donated clothes when the refugees first arrived but it soon became apparent that the need was too great. Military commands located at the Naval

Base in Norfolk, Va., organized a stateside clothing drive. The donated items were shipped to Cuba Dec. 5.

Agar, a graduate of Cass City High School, is assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He will serve there until 1994.



STEPHEN L. AGAR, a navy petty officer 1st class, is working with Haitian migrants now living at the Navy's base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The 31-year-old is the son of William and JoAnn Agar of Decker.

Reuse, reduce, recycle

Students learn the 3 Rs

The past month, Mrs. Gogola's fourth grade class at Campbell Elementary School has been focusing on the three R's for the 1990's; reuse, reduce and recycle.

Linda Volz, director of counseling services and instructor at Jordan College, visited the class once a week to discuss environmental issues and help the students with their writing skills. The discussions were a part of a writing activity that eventually led the students to a piece of persuasive writing.

The students looked at environmental concerns and solutions that affect their lives. They were then able to write about those problems and the steps that should be taken to address them. The class hopes their letters persuade others to do the same.

The grand finale was Dec. 19, when they were able to use the computers at Jordan College. Three typical samples of the work follow.

DAWN POLEGA - It stays here forever? Yes, garbage stays here forever. Garbage never goes away. There is no such place as away for garbage. People think that the landfills are getting fuller and fuller. Do you like to go swimming in the summer, do you like to ride your bike and in the winter ride on a snowmobile? Well if we don't start to recycle, then we are not going to do lots of these things. Think of young children. If we don't take care of garbage now, they may never be able to do these things. Remember, garbage stays here forever, and don't forget! Recycle everything you can!

ALYSSA GLASPIE - Who likes to walk through

garbage. No one! so why do you litter? It's bad for the earth. It's bad for your health, and it's bad to breathe. You could get sick easily. For your own sake I'm asking you not to litter. PLEASE!

MELISSA HOMAKIE - "You mean everything just stays here - forever?" That's right, everything that we throw away stays here, forever, it doesn't just go away. I think we should do something about this problem. We can Recycle, things

like paper, glass, aluminum cans, newspaper, and plastic.

We can Reduce, things like egg cartons, milk jugs, paper, and many more things.

We can reduce waste, by using glass, rather than paper plates and cups, by using cloth diapers and napkins.

So remember the three R's, Recycle, Reuse, and Reduce waste, and try to do them too. They just might make our world last longer and be a better place to live!

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Small advertisement for home insurance with the text 'Low rates make State Farm homeowners insurance a good buy.' and contact info for Ernest A. Teichman, Jr.

Pair of victories pushes O-G record to .500 for season

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs recovered from a 5-point 4th quarter deficit with a 25-13 scoring blitz Friday to record their second win on the season, downing North Branch Wesleyan, 73-66.

Earlier in the week on Tuesday, the 'Dogs notched their first NCTL conquest when they easily defeated Akron-Fairgrove, 61-44, on the Vikings' home floor.

Owen-Gage now stands at 2-2 on the year at the Christmas break.

Chris Anthes caught fire in the final stanza against Wesleyan and posted 10 of his team high 21 points during the game's final 8 minutes.

Anthes was particularly effective from the charity stripe, where the senior converted on 6 of 7 chances down the stretch.

As a team the Bulldogs canned 21 of 28 freebies, compared to only 13 of 30 by the visitors.

Owen-Gage got another key outing from junior guard Matt Mandich, who tallied 15 points, following a career high 20-point game against Akron-Fairgrove.

Mandich's backcourt partner, Brent Fritz, also helped the Bulldog cause with 16 markers, including 7 with the game's outcome on the line.

North Branch broke open a 17-17 tie when freshman Dustin Jones found his shooting eye and led the

visitors to a 37-34 half-time lead with 13 of his game high 28 tallies in the second frame.

AKRON-FAIRGROVE

Owen-Gage jumped out to a big 24-9 first period advantage and expanded its lead to 36-15 by the intermission to remove any doubts of the game's outcome.

Matt Mandich scored early and often for the visitors and tallied 12 first period points, including 2 from behind the 3-point arc.

The Vikings managed only one field goal in the second stanza as Jason Ball scored all 6 of the hosts' 9 points in the period.

Bulldog center Brad Niester had things his way in the paint during the first half action and scored all 10 of his points before the intermission.

Anthes, the only other Bulldog to score in double figures, recorded all 10 of his points in the opening minutes of the third period.

Ball was the only Viking to finish in double digits, with 12.

Owen-Gage - box scores: Fritz 1-1-0-1-5; Garza 2-0-0-0-4; Mandich 4-3-3-4-20; Niester 5-0-0-0-10; Anthes 8-0-0-0-16; Englehardt 0-0-2-3-2; Parks 2-0-0-0-4.

TOTALS: 22-4-5-8-61

AKRON-FAIRGROVE - box scores: Czelada 1-2-1-2-9; Ball 3-0-6-6-12; Kirk 3-0-0-0-6; Fischer 2-0-1-2-5; Levitte 0-0-1-2-1; Thompson 0-0-2-2-2; Farver 3-0-0-0-6; Hennig 1-0-1-2-3.

TOTALS: 11-2-12-16-44



BULLDOG MATT MANDICH applies pressure to Wesleyan's Andy Tuttle in the 'Dogs' 73-66 win Friday.



ANGIE GRUBER (left) was crowned Owen-Gage's 1991 Snowbowl queen prior to Friday's game against North Branch Wesleyan. Senior Chris Anthes was voted king.

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Pair unbeaten in rec. league

The Cass City recreational basketball league finished its pre-holiday schedule Thursday, with 2 teams remaining undefeated.

In Thursday's action, Heman's Elevator downed the Charmont, 96-72. The win runs the Elevator's record to 3-0 to keep pace with the Charmont Motel, who whipped Board Chrysler 72-58 in the late game.

Heman's used a 30-9 run in the 4th quarter to seal the win. The winners were led in scoring by Gary Robinson's 23 points. Robinson had plenty of help from teammates Mike McLaughlin and Roy Calahan, who split 38 tallies.

to offset a team high 17 points from Board's Johan Schultz.

Earlier in the week on Monday, Rolling Hills toppled Brentwood with a league high single game point total, 120-64.

Rick Tuckey led 7 players in double digits with 27 points. He was followed by teammate Todd Comment, who posted 26 tallies. Brentwood got a 30 point performance from Leroy Hayward.

The 6-team league swings back into action Jan. 6.

STANDINGS

Charmont Motel	3-0
Heman's Elevator	3-0
Rolling Hills	2-1
Charmont	1-2
Board Chrysler	0-3
Brentwood	0-3

Letter to the editor

Illegal immigration a serious problem

Dear Editor,
We have a serious illegal immigration problem we must face.

The American Immigration Control Foundation's proposal is to use military troops to assist the border patrol in stopping illegals at the border. The federal government has put money aside for more border patrolmen, but has not hired the people, so in the meantime the illegals are coming in by the thousands.

The cost is staggering to taxpayers of policies that give free health care, food stamps, housing, bilingual education and other free taxpayer financial benefits to illegal alien lawbreakers. The aliens bring in drugs and have crime gangs.

come involved and write their senator and congressman of this issue. Remember, there are well over 3 million illegal aliens pouring across our borders this year, bringing with them crime, disease and illegal drugs that are poisoning our children. The illegal crisis is one of the single greatest threats we face to our American way of life.

Please do something to help yourself and fellow man to stop this illegal alien invasion. If you would like a newsletter on Border Watch, write to: Border Watch, American Immigration Control Foundation, Box 525, Monterey, VA 24462.

Grace Nemeth, Cass City

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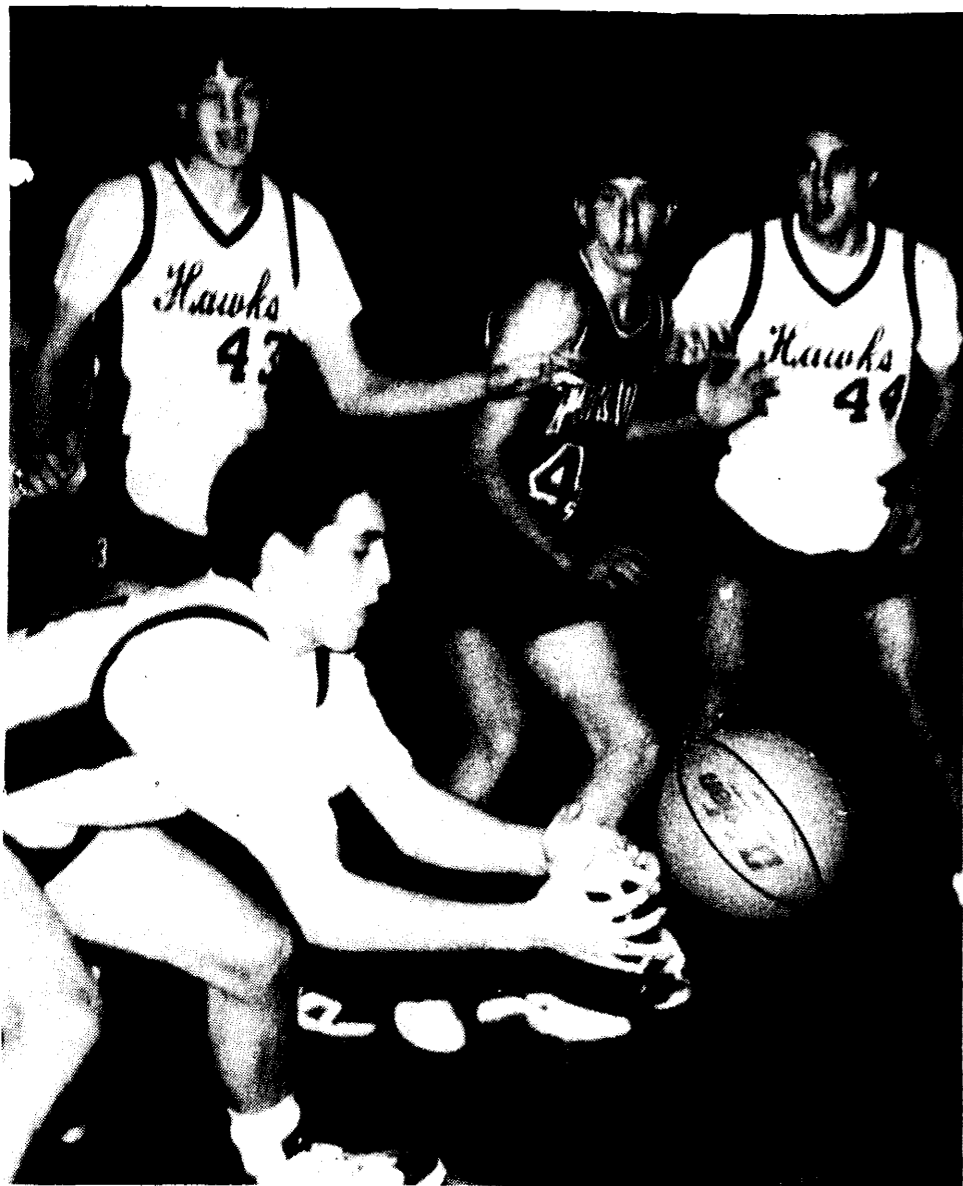
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Lakers knock Cass City from unbeaten ranks Friday, 73-60

It was a disappointing but not a devastating first loss of the season for the Cass City Red Hawks Friday at the high school as the visiting Lakers notched a 73-60 win.

The victory kept the Lakers, as expected, on top in the Blue Bay League and evened Cass City's league record at 1-1.

Coach Jeff Hartel said that he felt the difference in the game was the fast-break baskets the Lakers piled up. We just couldn't stop it, Hartel said. One reason for the success of the break was the edge in rebounding that the big, burly Lakers commanded. The Green Machine was credited with 35 and the Red Hawks, 24.

Despite the loss, Hartel said grimly following the game, we play them 3 more times and no way will they win all of those games.

Besides a better control against the fast break, what Hartel will be seeking as the season progresses is more balanced scoring. So far this year the offense has consisted of Ulfig and LeValley. Other than these 2, in 4 games this year only one player (Evans) in 2 games has been in double figures.

The Hawks were off to a slow start in the first period with only LeValley, 5 points, and Ulfig, 3 points, scoring. The Lakers used balanced scoring, with Jeremy Esch leading the attack, to go in front, 19-6, at the end of the quarter.

The Lakers never trailed after that, but Cass City did rally to make a game of it. Ulfig came to life in the period with 4 baskets as the

Hawks scored 17 points to cut a point off the Laker lead to trail at the intermission, 35-25.

Cass City made its most serious challenge right after the intermission and cut the Laker lead to 5 points. But the Lakers revved up their fast break again to put the game away. At the end of the third period the Green Machine was in front, 55-39. Pacing the third quarter

spurt was Reggie Ignash, who scored 8 points in the period, after the Hawk defense on the Laker star had stopped him with just 2 points in the first 2 quarters.

For the game, Ignash tied with Dave Geiger, off the bench, for Laker high scoring honors. The visitors had 4 players in double figures. Ulfig led all scorers with 28 points. LeValley had 13 and Evans, 10.

CASS CITY - box scores: Irrer 1-0-2-2-4; Bouck 0-0-4-5-4; Gray 0-0-1-2-1; LeValley 1-3-2-2-13; Ulfig 12-0-4-7-28; Evans 4-0-2-2-10; **TOTALS:** 18-3-15-20-60

LAKERS - box scores: Maust 4-0-2-2-10; Yopp 0-0-1-2-1; Esch 4-0-2-6-10; Krohn 4-0-3-6-11; Ignash 7-0-4-4-18; Keefer 1-0-3-5-5; Geiger 7-0-4-7-18; **TOTALS:** 27-0-19-32-73

Coach pleased

Cass City tops USA 61-45 with good team effort

The Cass City Red Hawks preserved an early season undefeated streak with a 61-45 decision over the USA Patriots Tuesday, their third win in a row.

Coach Jeff Hartel called the win a good team effort both offensively and defensively. Our guards did a better job of taking care of the ball than they did in the opening games, he said.

Cass City went ahead early in the first quarter and took control of the game the rest of the way except for one brief spell in the second quarter when the Patriots rallied and threatened to get back in the game.

A key to the win was a first quarter splurge by the Hawks and the key to the splurge was Greg LeValley's hot outside shooting which riddled the Patriot zone defense.

He was 4 out of 6 from 3-point range and all of them came in the first half when the game was on the line.

The junior forward forced USA to extend its zone and opened the way on the inside for Paul Ulfig.

Meanwhile the Cass City defense was operating on all cylinders, causing numerous turnovers. Cass City turned the ball over 10 times and USA had 12. Mark Irrer led the team in steals (7) and assists (7). John Gibson off the bench was credited with 5 steals and 4 assists.

When LeValley is hot he is torrid and he was hot in the first quarter at USA. He converted 4 of his first 5 shots for 10 points and Ulfig added 5 more to blast Cass City off to a 15-4 first period lead.

Early in the second period the lead stretched to 16

points with Ulfig and LeValley carrying the scoring load. Ulfig went to the bench mid-way in the period after committing his second foul and USA charged back behind some hot shooting by Bill Nietzsche who whipped in 12 of this team-high 17 points in the quarter.

The Hawks took control again in the third quarter with an aggressive defense that shut off Nietzsche and held USA to 7 points. At the end of the period Cass City was in front, 45-28, and it was mop-up time.

It's sure that if Hartel had his choice he would like to see a little more balanced scoring. Ulfig with 29 points and LeValley with 20 were the whole show offensively for Cass City.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The Hawk junior varsity broke into the win column for the first time this season with a convincing 70-40 win over the Patriots.

CASS CITY - box scores: Irrer 2-0-0-0-4; Bouck 0-0-2-2-2; Gibson 0-0-1-2-1; Prosovski 0-0-3-4-3; LeValley 3-4-2-2-20; Ulfig 9-0-11-14-29; Evans 0-0-1-2-1; Bliss 0-0-1-2-1; **TOTALS:** 14-4-21-28-61

USA - box scores: Lenhard 1-0-0-0-2; Vermeersch 3-0-0-0-6; Geiger 1-0-0-1-2; Nietzsche 5-1-4-4-17; Kotenko 1-0-0-1-2; Wiesse 3-0-1-7-7; Armbruster 2-0-1-2-5; Kauffold 1-0-0-0-2; Acherbach 1-0-0-2-2; **TOTALS:** 18-1-6-19-45

Fourth at Marlette

Wrestlers top Sandusky

Cass City won a dual wrestling meet at Sandusky Wednesday, 39-36, but Coach Don Markel was less pleased with the win than he was in a fourth place finish in the 11-team Marlette Invitational.

Markel was happy that his charges could overcome a 30-point Redskin lead but

said that as a team "we wrestled very poorly." Regardless, the victory made Cass City 1-0 in the special conference of schools joined for wrestling.

Winning for Cass City and their weight classes were: Darryl Mallory, 135; Domonick Vargo, 140; Ed Nizzola, 145; Greg Woodruff, 152; Tom Davis,

160; Ron Woodward, 171, and Dan Muska, 189.

The teams in order of finish and the points earned in the Marlette meet were: Marlette, 132; Yale, 124 1/2; Lapeer East, 119 1/2; Cass City, 97 1/2; Imlay City, 91; Bad Axe, 82; Almont, 75; Richmond, 75; Lapeer West, 61; Sandusky, 47, and

Brown City, 24.

Cass City had 6 wrestlers finishing third. They were: Bobby Davis, 103 pounds; Jeff Mathewson, 130 pounds; Domonick Vargo, 135 pounds; Greg Woodruff, 145 pounds; Delbert Mathewson, 152 pounds, and Tom Davis, 160 pounds. Ed Nizzola finished fourth. All earned medals.

Michigan Mirror

Cost Cutting: prisons to close

Two temporary pole barn prisons which now house 840 prisoners and 2 prison camps for 482 inmates will be closed in 1992 as part of

a Department of Corrections plan to cut costs by \$11.6 million. The department will also convert the state's 2 boot camps into

prisons and run that program at a technical school near Chelsea.

The department's 1991-92 budget requires a total sav-

ings of \$50.6 million, mostly by shifting non-assaultive and short-term criminals to lower cost community programs.

"The modifications we are announcing today are part of a plan to ensure we have balanced the budget by the end of the fiscal year," Corrections Director Kenneth McGinnis said. He said other steps will be needed as well, including controlled hiring, not filling some vacancies and other across the board measures, but no more prison closings.

McGinnis said some of the beds that will be eliminated will be replaced by the opening and double bunking of the minimum-security Camp Ottawa near Iron River later this month, the opening of the Oaks prison in Manistee in March, the boot camp conversion, and double celling of prisoners at Camp Kitten near Houghton.

He also urged quick legislative approval of 2 diversion programs: one similar to boot camps for short-term first-time offenders, who would be covered by a lengthy period of community supervision after release; the other is the long-discussed state/local partnership to subsidize counties to incarcerate some offenders who now are sent to state prisons.

The boot camp expansion bill is in a legislative conference committee, where it stalled after prosecutors objected to the flexibility it gives the department to send prisoners to the program and potentially reduce their sentences.

With the conversion of the Freesoil and Iron River boot camps to 480-bed prisons, McGinnis said the boot

camp program would be consolidated at Cassidy Lake Technical School until the new legislation is approved.

Sen. Jack Welborn (R-Kalamazoo), one of the early strong advocates of boot camps for first-time felons, said he did not like the consolidation "but they don't have any other choice. I'm disappointed that we had to back down at all."

He said he was particularly disappointed in closing the first camp at Freesoil, but said capacity there was more limited than at Cassidy Lake.

The 360-bed capacity at the school is larger than the original Freesoil boot camp.

McGinnis said closing of the 5 facilities will eliminate 340 employee positions, although layoffs may be reduced by transfers to other prisons.

The facilities designated for closure were based on the ability of the system to absorb the affected prisoners, the security classification and the impact closing or reclassification would have on meeting bed needs of current and future prisoner populations, annual operating and capital outlay cost savings, and the community impact.

The pole barn units, a 240-bed facility at Ionia and a 600-bed building at Jackson, will be closed in February. Both house medium security prisoners.

Also closed in February will be the Marquette protection unit.

In May, Camp Waterloo near Grass Lake and Camp Pugsley near Kingsley will be closed.



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In district court

Several face charges

A Flint man was arraigned last week in Tuscola County District Court on a charge of first degree criminal sexual conduct.

Bond for the defendant, Kenneth A. Snyder, 33, was set at \$400,000. A preliminary examination was held Monday.

Snyder is charged with engaging in sexual penetration with a child under the age of 13 years in November 1989 in Fremont Township.

Others arraigned recently on felony charges include Todd W. Tasker, 29, of

Marlette, who faces charges of breaking and entering a dwelling with intent to commit third degree criminal sexual conduct, and sexual assault involving penetration.

Bond was set at \$5,000, and preliminary exam was held Monday.

According to court records, the offenses allegedly occurred May 23 at a residence located at 5901 Hurds Corner Rd., Mayville.

William D. Maxson Jr., 30, Kingston, was arraigned on charges of operating a motor

vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense; failing to stop at a personal injury accident, driving with a restricted license and possessing an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle Dec. 18 in Fremont Township.

Bond in the case was set at \$2,000. A preliminary exam was held Monday.

Donald A. Noaker, 31, Caro, faces charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense; driving with a restricted or suspended license, subsequent offense, and failing to report a property damage accident.

The charges stem from an accident that occurred Nov. 25 in Indianfields Township, according to court records, which state a preliminary exam was scheduled for Jan. 2 at 1:30 p.m. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Also, Larry E. Bloomfield Jr., 26, of Caro, was arraigned on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving with a restricted license Nov. 28 in Cass City.

Bond was set at \$1,000. A preliminary exam was held Dec. 18.

Arnold Broecker

Arnold Carl Broecker, 65, of Decker died Monday, Dec. 23, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Saginaw, after a lengthy illness.

He was born July 24, 1926, in Hadley Township, Lapeer County, the son of Carl and Elsie (Schoenberg) Broecker.

He married Miss Rachael Ann Muir Nov. 6, 1954, in Almont, Mich. They lived in Hadley, Lapeer County, moving to Decker in 1972.

Mr. Broecker served as an elder and trustee of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City. He was also a member of the Farm Bureau and American Legion Post 369, Sandusky. He served in the Korean War with the United States Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, Rachael; 3 sons, Carl Broecker and his wife Loreta of Decker, John Broecker of Madera, Calif., and Robert Broecker, at home; 2 daughters, Ms. Deborah Broecker of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Barbara Rogers and husband Alan of Decker; 5 grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Harold (Marjorie) McClelland of Howell, Mich.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with the Rev. Allen Fruendt, pastor, officiating.

Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Sanilac County, Mich.

Arrangements were by Little's Funeral Home, Cass City.

Helen Howard

Helen Alphreda Howard, 66, of Skidmore, Texas, formerly of Cass City, died Dec. 19 at the Bee County Regional Medical Center, Texas, following a lengthy illness.

She was born July 19, 1925, in Cass City, the daughter of the late Alvah J. and Cora L. (Bartle) Hillman.

She married Weldon E. Howard Dec. 31, 1947, in Rockville, Md. The couple resided in Skidmore, Texas.

Howard, who served with the Army Corps, was retired after 20 years in civil service. A member of the First United Methodist Church, Skidmore, Texas, she was active in the Skidmore Athletic Booster Club and was a former chairman of the Bee County Republican Committee.

She is survived by her husband, Weldon; 2 sisters, Shirley Heronemus of Cass

City and Florence Herbst of Algonac; and 10 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Galloway & Sons Chapel, Beeville, Texas, with the Rev. Fred Brown officiating.

Burial was in Beeville Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of choice.

Carol Martin

Mrs. Carol Jean Martin, 50, of Deford died suddenly Friday, Dec. 20, at Hills and Dales Hospital, Cass City, after a brief illness.

She was born Dec. 4, 1941 in Winsor Township, Huron County, the daughter of Mrs. Margaret (Hanke) Weppert and the late Albert Weppert.

She was united in marriage to Raymond Martin Nov. 12, 1976 in Cass City, making their home in Deford.

Mrs. Martin was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City and VFW Auxiliary Post #3644, Cass City.

She is survived by her husband Ray; 2 daughters, Mrs. Brenda Cronin and her husband Timothy of Florissant, Mo., and Mrs. LeAnn Hicks and her husband Jeffrey of Lansing; one son, James LaPeer of Oxford, Mich.; one stepson, Randy Martin of Pontiac; her mother, Mrs. Margaret Weppert of Cass City; 4 sisters, Mrs. Pascasio (Donna) Aquirre of Pontiac, Mrs. Gustav (Judy) Churchill of Florissant, Mo., Mrs. Bonnie Brandenburg of Midland, Mich., Mrs. Michael (Linda) Kent of San Francisco and 2 step-grandchildren.

A VFW Auxiliary Memorial was held Monday evening at Little's Funeral Home, Cass City.

Funeral services for Mrs. Martin were held Tuesday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with the Rev. Allen Fruendt, pastor, officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Cemetery, Cass City.

Veronica Rosinski

Veronica "Verna" M. Rosinski, 85, of Ubyly, formerly of Detroit, died Dec. 17 at her home after an apparent heart attack.

She was born Oct. 31, 1906, in Paris Township, the daughter of the late Frank and Agnes (Sofka) Warczak.

She married Casimer Rosinski May 10, 1926, at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Detroit.

Rosinski attended St. Mary's Elementary School and Ubyly High School, and

was employed at Huron Overall Co., Ubyly. She moved to Detroit in 1925 and worked as a sewing machine operator for several years at Fink's Overall Co. in Detroit. Rosinski was then employed in the kitchen at Sander's Confectionary Co., Detroit, for 18 years, retiring in 1966.

She and her husband moved to Ubyly in 1970. Rosinski had been a parishioner at St. John's Catholic Church, Ubyly, since 1970, and was a member of its Christian Mothers Circle 4, Queen of Angels.

Surviving are her husband, Casimer "Cass"; 2 sons, Donald (Florence) Rosinski of Mt. Clemens and Edward (Barbara) Rosinski of Plymouth Township; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Stella Leppke and Anna Micklash.

Services were held Saturday at St. John's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Peter Gaspeny, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Rev. W. Wallace Zinnecker

The Rev. W. Wallace Zinnecker, 85, died suddenly Dec. 19 at his Fremont residence.

He was born April 2, 1906, in Cass City, the son of William and Lillian (Wallace) Zinnecker.

He married Helen Bradford Jan. 14, 1924 in Pontiac. He was a retired lay-pastor of the United Methodist Church, having served 4 charges in the Detroit Conference, and was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Zinnecker is survived by his wife, Helen; his children, Robert W. and Elaine Zinnecker of Gloversville, N.Y., and Roger and Carol Zinnecker of Fremont; 6 grandchildren; one brother, Clark and Hazel Zinnecker of Sorrento, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Fremont, with the Rev. Harold Filbrandt officiating.

Interment was in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

The family has suggested the "Building Fund" of the Fremont United Methodist Church as a memorial. Funeral arrangements were by the Kroeze Funeral Home, Fremont.

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The action took place at the reorganization meeting of the board of directors following adjournment of the Michigan Farm Bureau's 72nd annual meeting, Dec. 10-13 in Grand Rapids.

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Yields for all dry beans averaged around 1,800 pounds per acre, topping last year's record of 1,650 pounds. Planted acreage of all dry beans at 350,000 acres equalled 1990 acreage. Navy bean plantings accounted for 255,000 acres and all other classes totaled 95,000 acres. Total acres harvested by Michigan growers totaled 345,000 acres. Navy beans and all other bean harvested acreages were 253,000 and 92,000 acres respectively. Navy bean production totaled nearly 4.6 million cwt., an increase of 29 percent from last year. Production increases were noted for Navy beans, Dark Red Kidney and Small Whites.

Alma College scholarships renewed

Eight residents of Tuscola County, and one former resident, are among the upperclass students whose scholarships to attend Alma College have been renewed for the 1991-92 academic year. They are: Michael Holik of Caro; Daiton Coe of Cass City; Jason Robertson, formerly of Cass City and now living in East Tawas, and Deanna Bergdolt, Paul Emling, James Farnum, Robert Gimshaw, Jodi Millerov and Christine Washburn of Cassar.

Coe is majoring in music education. Robertson is undecided on a major. Both are 1990 graduates of Cass City High School and sophomores at Alma College.

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BAND BOOSTERS — The residents of Tendercare, Cass City, recently held a bake sale to benefit the fund drive for new Cass City band uniforms. The \$200 raised was presented Friday by resident Rena Long to her granddaughter, Shawna Long, a seventh grade band student. Also present was band Director Mindy Nash.

8 sentenced in circuit court

Eight people were sentenced and 3 others entered pleas during a busy motion day last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

A Millington man was sentenced to at least 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to 3 counts of probation violation.

Ronald C. Babcock, 21, was ordered to serve 3 to 5 years for 2 of the counts, and 24 months to 48 months on the third count. All three stem from charges that he possessed marijuana Oct. 3.

Court records state Babcock was placed on probation after he pleaded guilty to larceny and unlawfully driving away an automobile.

Charles H. Bills Jr., 45, Caro, was sentenced to 4 years probation and 365 days in jail, with work site and school privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 11 in Caro. Bills also was ordered to pay a \$30 victim crime fee, a \$1,000 fine and \$500 in court costs plus attorneys fees.

Gary A. Graves, 30, Caro, was sentenced to 120 days in jail and 2 years probation for his plea of guilty to use of cocaine July 27 in Caro.

He also was ordered to pay a \$30 victim crime fee, a \$1,000 fine and \$500 in costs.

Edward L. Kochan, 36, Kingston, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 120 days in jail for his plea of guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon. The sentence also included a \$30 victim crime fee, a \$500 fine and \$500 in costs.

According to court records, Kochan assaulted Ron Rutledge with a rifle Aug. 5 in Koylton Township.

Joseph L. Racine, 22, Cass City, was sentenced to extended probation and 90

days in jail with work release, and ordered to pay \$100 in court costs plus attorneys fees for his plea of guilty to probation violation.

Court records state Racine violated probation when he pleaded guilty to the crime of malicious destruction of property under \$100, and when he failed to continue substance abuse counseling.

Also sentenced to 90 days in jail was Kris S. Pero, 20, Vassar, who previously pleaded guilty to probation violation.

Pero, whose probation was reinstated, failed to attend counseling at the Tuscola County Substance Abuse Service Program, court records state.

Richard L. Fox, 34, of Durand, was sentenced for his plea of guilty to prison escape.

Fox was ordered to serve 60 additional days in jail for the offense, which occurred April 19 at the Camp Tuscola Correction Facility in Caro.

Also sentenced was Ellis E. Snyder, 60, who pleaded guilty to attempting to conceal the identification number on a motor vehicle March 23 in Juniata Township.

He was sentenced to one year probation and 30 days in jail (suspended to the end of probation), and ordered to pay a \$30 victim crime fee, a \$500 fine and \$1,000 in court costs.

In other proceedings, Ray A. Baker Jr., 32, pleaded innocent to a charge of first degree criminal sexual conduct.

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled in the case. Bond has been set at \$8,000.

According to court records, Baker is accused to engaging in sexual penetration with a child under the age of 13 years Oct. 20 in Indianfields Township.

Canola program is award winner

A program to introduce canola, an oil-seed crop, as an alternative crop for Michigan farmers has received the John A. Hannah Award for Program Excellence from the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service.

The canola program, developed and coordinated by extension crops specialist Lawrence Copeland, involves research and outreach efforts to explore all aspects of canola production in Michigan and convey the resulting information to farmers, seed suppliers, extension agents and others

who can use it.

Canola was virtually unheard of in Michigan 6 years ago. As a result of the canola introduction program, 20,000 to 25,000 acres will be planted in 1992, up from less than 100 acres in 1988. Spinoffs from the research and education program on crop production and utilization include the possible development of a snack food made from canola.

The John Hannah Award is the Cooperative Extension Service's highest award for outstanding educational programs. It is awarded annually.

Allen L. Fagan, 19, Caro, entered a plea of guilty to attempted arson and malicious destruction of property under \$100.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and sentencing is to be scheduled.

Fagan, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff, is charged with burning a 1988 Buick automobile and damaging a screen belonging to Patricia L. Sehl July 25 in Juniata Township.

Also, Douglas L. Searfoss, 18, of Vassar, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Searfoss stole karate equipment, a stereo and clock radio from a school at 220 Athletic St., Vassar, Dec. 2, according to court records.

Estimate pickle crop up 2%

Michigan's 1991 production of cucumbers for pickles at 144,000 tons is up almost 2 percent from last year.

Michigan continues to rank first in production, accounting for about 23 percent of U.S. output. Michigan planted acreage is now 23,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from last year. Harvested acreage at 22,500 acres is down 1,500 acres from 1990. Estimated yield at 6.4 tons per acre is up from 5.9 tons per acre in 1990.

The average price per ton dropped significantly to \$152.00 per ton, down \$15.00 from last year. Overall, the total value of production at \$21.9 million is down 7 percent from a year ago.

Nationally, pickle production is down 4 percent from last year at 629,000 tons. Pickling cucumbers were harvested from 104,190 acres, 10 percent fewer than a year ago and down 16 percent from 2 years ago. Pickle stocks on hand as of Oct. 1 totaled 462,000 tons, down 6 percent from last year.

Potato crop down 20%

Michigan's fall potato production was estimated at 8.8 million hundredweight (cwt.), a decrease of over 4 percent from a year ago.

Production was harvested from 34,000 acres, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service. Planted acreage increased by 1,000 acres from 1990 and has been set at 35,000 acres. Growing conditions this season were good, but not quite as favorable as last year. Fall potato

yields averaged 260 cwt. per acre, down 20 cwt. from a year ago.

Fall potato stocks as of Dec. 1 were placed at 5 million cwt., identical to last year's stocks on hand. Approximately 73 percent of the total stocks were whites, 25 percent russets and 2 percent reds. This year's Dec. 1 stocks on hand represent 57 percent of production, compared to 54 percent for the 1990 crop. Stocks

include potatoes stored by both processors and growers.

Production of fall potatoes hit a record high 372 million cwt. in the 22 producing states in 1991, 6 percent above a year ago and 5 percent above the previous high in 1985. Dec. 1 stocks, at 241 million cwt. in the 15 storage states, were up 7 percent, disappearance was up 4 percent, including a 2 percent gain in processor usage.

People are cutting back, Vandemark observed, but the basic needs still remain. "You (still) need a place to live, you need heat and you need to eat."

"I think it's become more vital every day and I think it's become more vital this year," she said of the surplus commodity program.

Layman's Club 25th anniversary

New Year's Eve concert set

It's been 25 years since a group of area men formed the Cass City Layman's Club and came up with the idea of sponsoring a gospel concert on New Year's Eve. The event turned out to be a crowd pleaser, drawing 400 to 500 people in the first few years.

Since then, the crowds have doubled in size and the concert's budget has steadily increased. But the goals behind the annual event have remained the same.

According to founding layman club member Arthur Severance, the concert was initially organized to offer an alternative to people not interested in partying on New Year's Eve. The idea, he said, was to provide a full evening of gospel music and fellowship.

"We wanted it to be a family oriented thing, not just couples, and we still emphasize that," he added.

This year's concert will feature old favorites as well as some new faces.

The Flint-based Calvary-men Quartet, also called "Michigan's Goodwill Ambassadors," will be on hand, as they have every year since the concert was first held in what was the old high school, now Cass City Intermediate School.

Also featured will be a group new to the local event, the Capitalaires Quartet from Holt, Mich., and, in their second New Year's Eve Concert appearance, the Deford-based High-lights Gospel Singers.

The Kenny Parker Trio, a local favorite from Tennessee, also was scheduled to return, but Severance said health problems prevented the group from making the trip to Cass City this year. It's a disappointment to both the group and concert-goers, he remarked, adding, "As soon as (Kenny) gets healthy, he'll be up here again."

The New Year's Eve concert, held in the Cass City High School gymnasium,

will begin at 8 p.m.

There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be taken. Refreshments will be available during a 30-minute intermission.

If attendance in recent years is any indication, an estimated 1,000 people will attend the concert. "It hasn't really increased the past few years," Severance observed. "It varies, and the weather can make a lot of difference."

The event is paid for entirely through the freewill offering taken during the concert. If donations fall short, members of the layman's group make up the difference. But Severance said that hasn't been a problem in recent years, particularly since the club began printing the annual budget on the concert programs.

He estimated this year's budget will total some \$2,400, compared to \$600 to \$800 the first year.

The biggest share —

\$1,250 — goes toward the groups' expenses. The rest pays for advertising, rental of school buildings and wages for school personnel, and refreshments.

Today, the New Year's Eve Concert is the only major project sponsored by the layman's club, which has about 10 active members.

The organization is open to men of all denominations who are dedicated to serving God as laymen. The group's emphasis includes reaching people outside the established Christian churches as well as encouraging lay activity within the church.

Activities sponsored in past years by the laymen, aside from the annual Dec. 31 concert, have included weekend evangelistic services.

"We used to have (a concert) in the spring; not as big — just one quartet," Severance said. "But we don't get the crowds in the spring that we get" New Year's Eve.

Money available

Food assistance program to continue

The future of The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) has been somewhat in doubt in recent weeks, causing concern at a time when the need has never been greater, particularly among the Thumb's "working poor."

But an official with the Michigan Department of Education says the problem is the result of an inadvertent veto by the governor, and that commodity food distributions are expected to continue.

The program, administered by the HDC in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties, provides commodities to eligible low income families.

The foods, including flour, cornmeal, rice, peanut butter, canned meat and vegetables and butter, are distributed at 3 sites in each county every other month. Leftover commodities are then given to 23 food banks, including one in Cass City, that are administered by HDC in the 4-county area.

The next regular distribution is planned for January, but HDC Executive Director Mary Ann Vandemark said it's uncertain what will happen because funds for the program are tied up in a state supplemental appropriations bill that wasn't passed prior to legislators' Christmas vacation.

"Until it's dealt with when they come back (in session), we know nothing," she said. "We were told to continue to take applications to continue to plan (for next month's distribution), but..."

According to Zoe Slagle, director of TEFAP, which is administered by the Michigan Department of Education, the problem arose when the governor accidentally included \$50,000 in TEFAP federal administration monies in a series of line-item vetoes.

State matching funds for the program were approved, Slagle said, but not the fed-

eral administration money, which the education department is required to use for expenses tied to operating the \$14 million program.

The administration monies were later included in the state's supplemental budget bill. Slagle indicated she's confident the bill will be passed and that the program "should be okay."

This isn't the first time the program's future has been in doubt. Three years ago HDC officials were told the distributions would end because supplies were running out. That didn't happen, however.

In recent months, Vandemark said she's seen "increased case loads, increased participation, just an increase in volume." The greater need, she added, is due partly to colder weather setting in, but the recession is a major factor, as are cut-backs — the recent General Motors announcement is a good example — which have a trickle down effect.

"There's a lot of working poor out there," she remarked. "We have many more people who are working part-time jobs at minimum wage, and part-time jobs at minimum wage are hard to live on."

The result is bigger lines at surplus food distributions and increased activity at food banks.

That's a trend being seen through the state, according to Slagle.

"Our distributions are up all over the state," she said. Last year, Slagle added, some 15 million pounds of food were distributed to more than 200,000 Michigan families.

People are cutting back, Vandemark observed, but the basic needs still remain. "You (still) need a place to live, you need heat and you need to eat."

"I think it's become more vital every day and I think it's become more vital this year," she said of the surplus commodity program.

Carol LaPonsie, who helps man the Cass City Community Food Closet, agreed.

Commodities given to the local food closet provide for a nice variety of foods, she remarked, adding, "I'm sure (it would) be greatly missed."

Vandemark said participation in the food distributions has increased 7 percent in recent months.

There currently are an estimated 2,500 households, representing more than 8,000 people in the 4-county area, that are taking advantage of the program. In Tuscola County, 850 households (2,600) people receive the commodities.

Dollars received by HDC

to operate the program pay for expenses tied to storing, transporting and distributing the food. In 1988, it cost \$3,000 to \$4,000 to conduct a distribution in the Thumb.

Food isn't the only assistance in great demand this year, Vandemark pointed out.

"We used to have \$190,000 that we used for fuel assis-

tance," she said, adding that assistance is now part of an income tax credit program.

That means the only monies available from HDC for such emergency situations must be generated locally through various fund drives.

"We'll be lucky if we're able to generate \$30,000, and that's a high figure," she said.

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The 1992 quarterly cash dividend will be \$0.22 per share. Currie indicated that this would represent a 5.8% increase in cash dividends paid to shareholders during 1992. Currie also stated that the dividend increase for 1992 would mark the 17th consecutive year of annual increases in cash dividends paid to Chemical Financial Corporation shareholders.



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The Cass City couple, along with their daughter, Gail, 6, create ginger bread houses, cemented together with frosting and topped with colorful pieces of candy. Every tasty bit is edible, from the candy "glass" windows down to the pretzel stick log pile and candy trees out front.

"We started 5 years ago," Sue remarked. "I've dabbled a little in cake decorating. One year we just kind of got out the stuff and did it."

The idea came out of a book that includes patterns and specific ideas. Now, she said, a basic pattern is chosen each year and the family picks and chooses different ideas displayed in various magazine clippings kept in a folder.

"I usually bake it (ginger bread) one day," she said of the first step in the process. "It takes a while because you have to assemble it in sections." Sue explained that the walls and ceiling are

joined by Royal Icing. "It's just like cement. It's very hard."

Sue pointed to her husband and commented, "He's an engineer by profession, so his responsibility is to make sure the walls are straight."

Dave grinned and noted, "structural integrity."

"Once it's assembled, it probably takes another couple of hours to put the candy on it. The catch is you've got to put candy on that you like," she continued. "We kind of try for a combination of candy and other things."

"We love M&Ms," Gail commented.

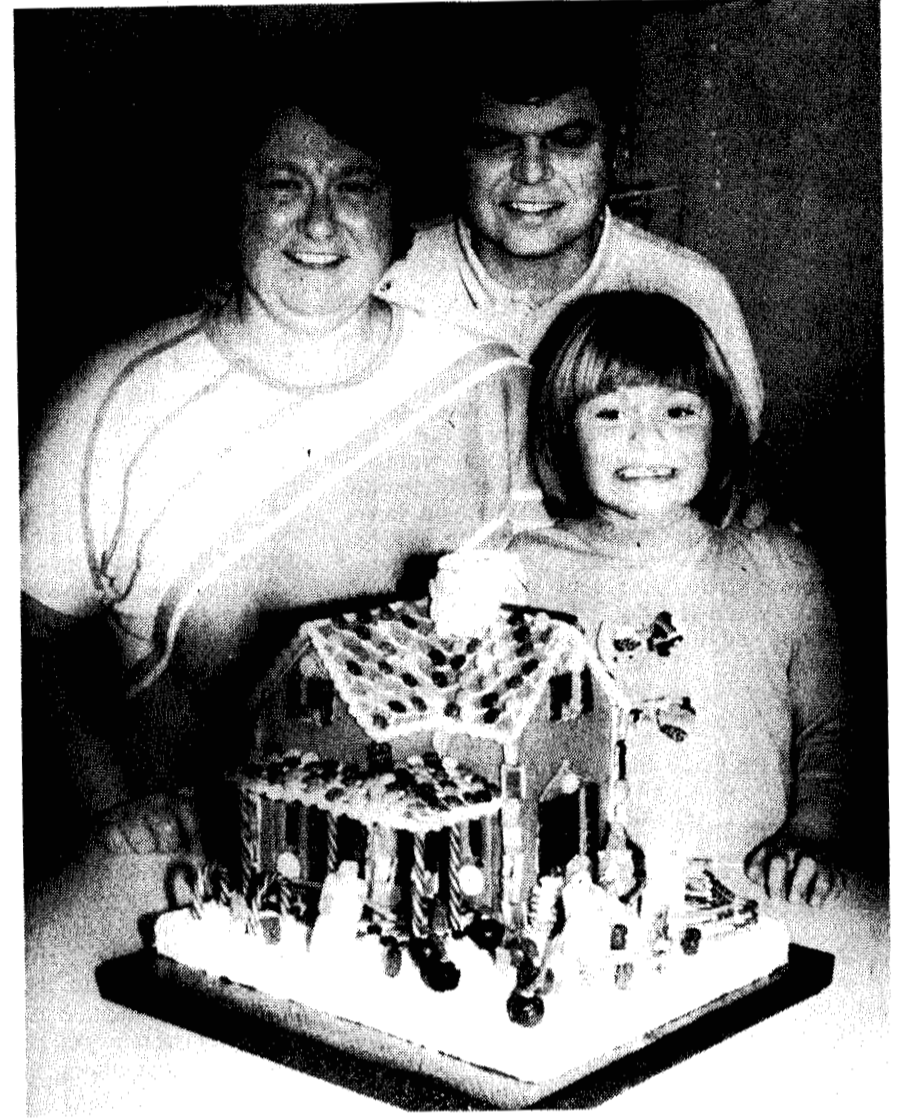
Although beautiful to look at, each year's house is also delicious, according to the family, which guessed that the sugary structure lasts about a week. Taking the project to a family gathering, or having friends over for the holidays can significantly reduce the shelf life, they noted.

But enjoying the fruits of their labor isn't the best part.

Dave remarked that the most enjoyable aspect of the project for him is "working together as a family to make it."

Sue agreed, adding, "Seeing it all come together in the end. It takes a little time, but it's not that hard."

"It's hard to make it a flop because it's so good to eat," Dave concluded.



SUGAR SHACK — Dave and Sue Dyer and their daughter, Gail, 6, pose with the ginger bread house they made this year. Creating the sweet structures is a holiday tradition for the Cass City family.

"The Sign of the Shepherds"

REV. JOHN WOOD
First Baptist Church



We are told that shepherds were out in the fields tending their flocks the night Jesus was born. We can imagine them huddled together beside a warm fire, chatting and making small talk while their sheep slept nearby. Suddenly the heavens become alive with light and glory and they are startled. "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

The "angel of the Lord" then tells them of this remarkable baby just born in Bethlehem nearby, and then adds this detail: "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Luke 2:12.

Swaddling clothes consisted of bands of material wrapped around bodies in place of clothing and were generally used in burial. The body so wrapped would resemble a mummy. No fancy layette for this Holy Child, but rather grave clothes. When such swaddling clothes were used, the arms and legs of the individual were bandaged against the body. Sometimes even the head was encased in cloth with only a narrow slit for the eyes.

No wonder the angel said to the shepherds, "This shall be a sign unto you." In essence the angel was saying, look for a child wrapped up like a mummy, for He is the Christ."

The grave clothes around Him that night were mute testimony that He had come to die. The sentence of death was upon Him from the time of His birth until some 33 years later when they crucified Him, wrapped Him in cloth, and buried Him in Joseph's tomb....from which He arose 3 days later. Yes, the great program of redemption began at Bethle-

hem and concluded at Calvary.

Rev. John R. Wood, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Cass City, Michigan

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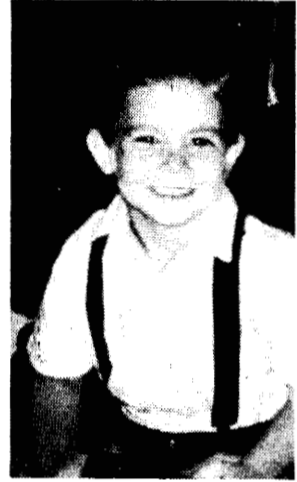
Nicole Albrecht



Ashley, Ryan,
Casey & Ross Forrest

Dear Santa
My name is Nicole Albrecht and I am 3 years old. This year I would like a Barbie car, a Barbie house, a Fisher Price Laundry Center, the Wizard of Oz dolls and anything with The Little Mermaid. Thank you for the toys you brought last year. Oh! I forgot to ask you, could you bring something for my puppy, Cody, to chew on? Have yourself a Merry Christmas and the best of the New Year!

Love,
Nikki
4829 N. Cedar Run Rd.
Cass City



Austin Kyle LaPorte

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good boy. I would like trucks and tractors and a little John Deere tractor. Also tires to change on a truck and a trailer.

Thanks Santa,
Love,
Austin Kyle LaPorte
4 years old
5217 Cass City Rd.
Cass City, Mi. 48726

Dear Santa,
We have tried to be good this year. It's not easy. We would like a few things if you have them. Ashley would like a Super Mario Land game for her Gameboy, Ryan wants a tall Raphael or Donetello, whichever one you have. Casey would like a video called "The New Adventures of Pippi Longstocking." Ross wants a cowboy gun from Ben Franklin, it has a brown handle and shoots bullets. Please remember to bring a little something for Markie and Sissy and Amy and Bernie. We'll leave a treat on the kitchen table.
Thank you.

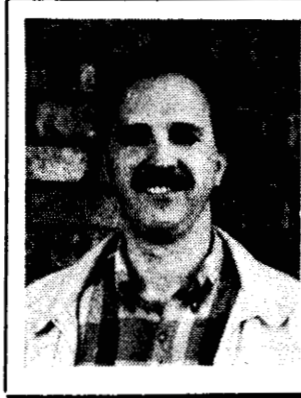
Love,
Ashley, Ryan
Casey & Ross Forrest

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby Crimp & Curl and a lot of dolls. I have been a good girl. My mom says I talk a lot, but they sure love me. Don't forget baby Ian and Nicole and Anna, they have been very good too.

Love,
Leah Crane

Dear Santa,
My name is James. I'm almost 5 years old. Thank you for my gifts last year. Mom said I haven't been too bad of a boy this year. Except I have to learn to be nicer to my sister Crystal. I would like some dinosaurs. Please bring Crystal something nice.

Thank you
James Carl McKnight



How will you celebrate Christmas?

REV. CHARLES
EMMERT
Novesta Church of Christ

The older I get and the longer I am a Christian the less important it is for me to be "home for the holidays." That's because I've realized how much more important it is to have "Christ at home in my heart."

Before you label this minister an ol' Scrooge, please read on.

Yes, I will be with family this year on Dec. 25th. I have not missed once being with mom and dad, brothers and sisters (6 in all), and their families in my lifetime. We are scattered from coast to coast, California to Maine, Michigan, New York, Vermont, and so getting together is special.

But I ask, "Is that Christmas?" Some would nod their approval and I would agree, IF, as a family or as individuals we are able to worship the true reason for the season --- JESUS, the Son of God.

Have you noticed though how quickly our solemn thoughts and praise of a Christmas Eve or even a Christmas Day religious service fade as we busily rush to open presents from under the tree.

Yes, Christmas IS a time of giving.....God "gave" His only begotten Son to the world. Our celebration of God's gift to us may well be expressed in our giving to one another.

But again, "presents" under the Christmas tree are of less importance than the "Presence" of Christ in our hearts.

We look about us and we see all the distortions of Christmas and we cry out, "How can these things be?" How is it possible for us to take the most stunning event of human history (the Virgin birth) and rob it of its meaning? No wonder to many, Christmas is hollow and empty.

My Christmas wish for our community is that we celebrate God giving His Son to us, and all mankind. Our celebration may or may not include gifts to one another -- but it must include worship, and praise to God for the gift of His Son, the Prince of Peace....and if I'm

Dear Santa, My name is Nicole

Dear Santa,
My name is Nicole. I have been a very good girl. I would like a guitar and some art supplies. My little sister Anna has been a very good girl too. She's still pretty little, so I'm sure she'll take anything you bring her.

We hope you are as good to all children as you are to us every year.

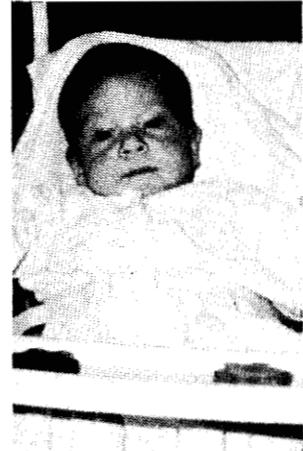
Thank you,
Nicole & Anna Meredith



The first practical phonograph was invented in 1877 by Thomas Edison.

Dear Santa:

Bring Michael Jordan to visit



Mason Doerr

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason and I'm 3 months old. I have been a good boy and for my first Christmas please bring my a crib toy and some bath tub toys and leave some new clothes for my sisters, Christina and Melissa, they have been good girls this year, too. I will leave some cookies and milk for you and a treat for your reindeer.

Merry Christmas
Love,
Mason Doerr
Cass City



Jessica Sue Covarrubias

Dear Santa:
My name is Jessica Sue Covarrubias and I am almost 6 years old and this year I would like a Cinderella doll and a Barbie house. Could you please bring Michael Jordan to visit my brother Jason before he goes into the Army Jan. 28. I will leave some cookies and milk for you and your reindeer. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Jessica
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Gagetown

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Kris Clink

Cheryl Osentoski

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Christmas is God's Sacrifice

REV. RICHARD SHEPPARD
Trinity United Methodist Church



A widow was taking her baby across the mountains to visit a relative. A terrible snow storm suddenly fell upon the hills and little by little the mother's strength failed. The next day when men found her body it was almost stripped of clothing. Her chilled and dying hands had wrapped her own clothing about the child who was found in a sheltering nook, safe and sound.

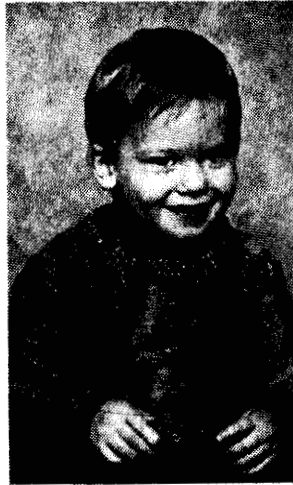
Years afterward, the son of the minister who had conducted the mother's funeral, went to Glasgow to preach. Somehow he was reminded of the story he had often heard his father tell. Instead of preaching the sermon he had prepared, he simply told the story of the Highland other's sacrificial love for her child.

A few days later he was summoned to the bed of a

dying man. "You do not know me," said the man. "Although I have lived in Glasgow many years I have never attended a church. The other day I happened to pass your door as the snow came down. I heard singing so I slipped into a back seat. There I heard the story of the widow and her son." The man paused, his voice choking, his eyes were filling. "I am that son," he sobbed at last. "Never did I forget my mother's love, but I never saw the love of God in giving Himself for me until now. My mother did not die in vain. Her prayer is answered."

Sacrificial love will always bear results. Christmas is the story of God sacrificing his only son for us. People still respond to that love today.

Dear Santa; I'm 4 years old and try to be good



Ethan Damm

Dear Santa, My name is Ethan and I am 2 years old. For Christmas I would like a tractor, a big red truck and some paper to write on. My grandma won't let me use her paper. Would you please bring some Legos for my big brother, Jason, and whatever you think he would like. Thank you, Santa, for the toys you brought us last year.

Love,
Ethan Damm
6306 Milligan Rd.
Cass City, Mich.



Jarred, Justin, Jordan Glaza

Dear Santa, Hi. I'm Justin and I'm four years old. I try hard to be a good boy. This Christmas I would like a two wheeled bike, a soccer ball and a Super Big Foot Truck. Tell Mrs. Santa Claus and all your elves "Hi" for me.

I love you,
Justin Glaza

Dear Santa, I would like a basketball, a baseball bat, a remote control car, barbells (kid size), a push scooter and a punching bag and gloves.

Merry Christmas,
Jarred Glaza
8 yrs. old

Dear Santa, My name is Jordan and I am 6 years old, and in 1st grade.

This year what I want for Christmas: Lego blocks, a turbo injected Porsche (kid size of course), Mattel cars and a Tonka truck. I'll leave apple slices for the reindeer. I wish you a Happy Christmas too.

Jordan Glaza



Nicole and Stephanie (Asher) Bemboom

Dear Santa, I'm 6 this year and Stephanie is 3, please bring some toys to our house in California. We want to wish you and all mom's Michigan friends a "Merry Christmas."

Nicole and Stephanie (Asher) Bemboom

Amber Cummings

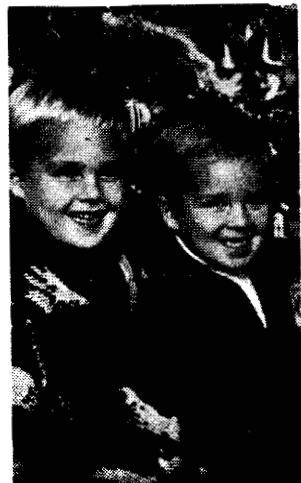
Dear Santa, This is my first Christmas. I would like lots of toys for me and my cousin Trent to play with.

Amber Cummings

Courtney Green wants dolls and games

Can I get a Little Mermaid, L.C.d. Game. Lil Miss singing Mermaid, Holiday Barbie, Newborn Magic Bottle Baby Doll.

Courtney Ann Green



Jake Wilder Jason Wilder

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? I've been helping Mom and Grandma getting ready for Christmas. Would you please bring me a backhoe, sleeping bag and a small unloader. Thank you for my gifts last year. Also a new toothbrush too, please.

Thank you,
Jake Wilder
5 years

Dear Santa, Hi! I've been helping bake cookies and decorating too. Will you please bring me a sleeping bag, bulldozer, small backhoe and some candy and a toothbrush. Thank you for my gifts last year. I will leave you milk and cookies and will also leave apples for the reindeer.

Thank you,
Jason Wilder
3 years



Justin Louks

Dear Santa, My name is Justin Louks. I'm 2 years old. For Christmas I want some Wrestling Guys, and some Ninja Turtle Guys and a Drum. I'm trying to be a good boy. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Justin

P.S. A doll for my sister Erica.

Remember the Lord is near

REV. JULIUS SPLEET
St. Pancratius Catholic Church



One of the songs we sing at our services during Advent is titled "Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is Near!" For most of us, "hurry" is our middle name during the week before Christmas, as we sometimes frantically run around in circles doing the things we forgot to do earlier in the month.

Hopefully, though, we take time to remember the "reason for the season." The Lord is near - and not only near - He is present

among us now - in His Word and Body - the Church.

His "coming" at Christmas is only the liturgical celebration of his first coming - as Christians, we celebrate everyday the fact that the Lord is with us - the Lord comes to us in so many ways. So let us also take time during this season to "hurry" to meet the Lord - to hurry and let Him into our hearts and lives. Yes, "Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is Near" - nearer than we think.

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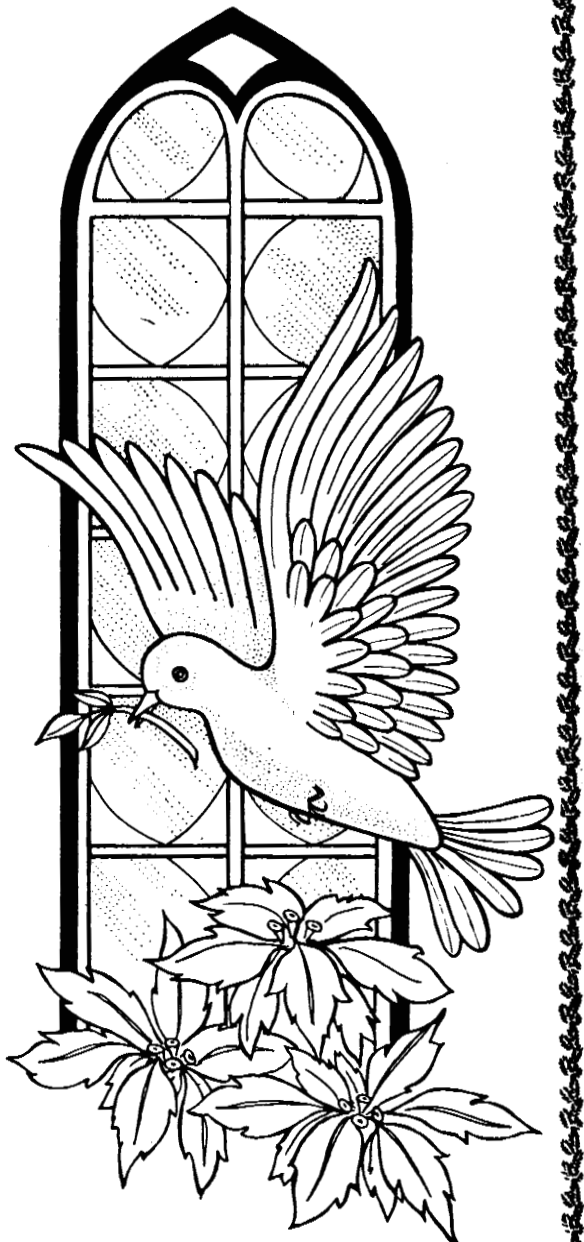
Wishing you peace and joy this Holiday Season

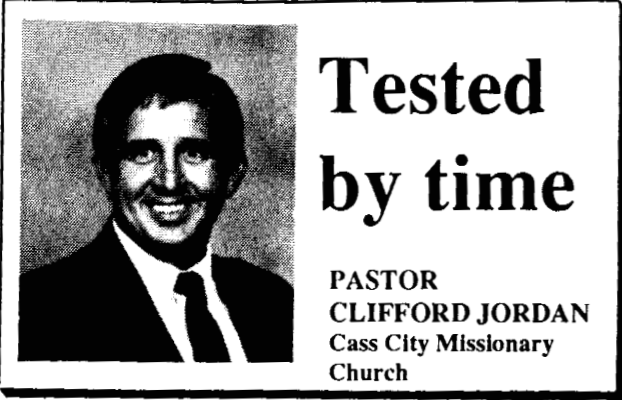
Merry Christmas

from Harry and Mabel Lenda
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PASTOR CLIFFORD JORDAN
Cass City Missionary Church

Well Scrooge! I haven't seen you since last Christmas. I was really amazed by the change in you last year. It was a shock to everyone. I have wondered for a year what you were up to. I heard a few rumors about what came over you. I hoped to see you so that I could learn the truth.

Some said that you were involved in a big business deal and you needed to impress some soft-hearted people, with money to invest, that you were a changed man. You always were a sly one when it came to money.

Someone said that you had really changed. They said that you had seen a ghost or

something. I have trouble believing that one. I thought that it was the money. I figured you would be the same old Scrooge within a month.

So Scrooge, which is it? What kind of a man were you this year? What do people say about you now?

Friends, each of us has been affected in the past by Christmas after Christmas. Do we need to be visited by ghosts every year to revive our Christmas spirit? Or have we dared to live with the spirit of Christmas throughout the year?

Well friend! I heard some wonderful things said about you last Christmas. What do people say now?

I wonder what they say about me.

Dear Santa; Be careful not to get stuck in the chimney

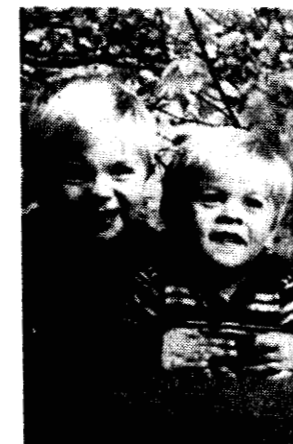


Douglas Dzielinski

Dear Santa,
My name is Doug and I am six years old. I would like Super Nintendo, Domino Rally, Bart Saves the World, G.I. Joe Stuff, Ninja Turtle Figures, all 4, Toxic Crusaders, Transformers and my bedroom remodeling to be finished.

Thank you Santa.

Douglas Dzielinski



Corey and Kyle Will

Dear Santa,
I am now 4 1/2 and Kyle is 2 1/2 and we have tried to be good this year. I would like a fire engine and a magna doodle and new clothes. Kyle would like a tractor, a puppy and a grader. See you uptown. We'll leave a snack for you.

Love,
Corey & Kyle Will



Ashley Keys

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old. I've been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas I would like the Little Tykes House, a Barbie doll and some clothes.

Love & Kisses
Ashley Keys

P.S. I will leave you cookies and a Diet Coke.



Kristina Spaulding

Dear Santa,
My name is Kristina and I am 4 1/2 years old. I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like a sewing machine, a guitar and a play chain saw like Grandpa's.

Thank you
Kristina Spaulding
3773 E. Caro Rd.
Cass City, MI 48726

P.S. Be careful not to get stuck in the chimney!



Andrew & Emily Martin

Dear Santa:
My name is Andrew Martin. I am 3 years old. I've been an extra good boy this year. I help my mommy and daddy with my baby sister, Emily, who is 8 weeks old. I would like a toy bow and arrow set, a red loader, and some trucks for Christmas. Please bring Emily a dolly and some new clothes.

My daddy and I will leave out some cookies and milk for you and some carrots for Rudolph.

Love, Andrew



Anthony Langlois

Dear Santa,
My name is Anthony Langlois and I am 3 years old. I have really tried to be a good boy this year. Could you please bring me a monster truck, Big Bulldozer, Adam grader and the Rescuer's Down Under video?

I have a new cousin, Mason Doerr. Please bring him some boy toys. Also something for my other cousins, Christina and Melissa Doerr. There will be a little something left out for you to munch on. Thank you.

Love,
Anthony Langlois

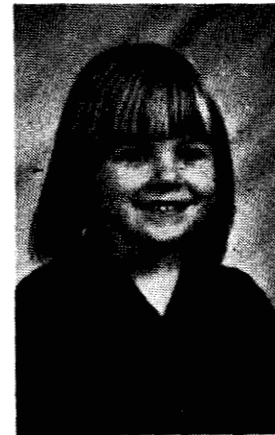


Andy Kolacz

Dear Santa,
Thank you for this nice teddy bear you brought me last year. This year I would like a tractor and some stuff to pull behind it. Mannie says I have been a pretty good boy all year.

Thanks Santa
Love,
Andy Kolacz

P.S. I will leave you some good homemade cookies and milk but hurry cause I go to bed at 7:30 and Papa might eat them.



Bethany Langlois

Dear Santa,
My name is Bethany Langlois and I am 5 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year. Please bring me a Crimp and Curl Cabbage Patch doll, Little Mermaid doll and a couple of games. There will be a snack left out for you and a bunch of carrots for your reindeer. Please don't forget my cousins Christina, Melissa and Mason Doerr. Thank you and have a nice Christmas.

Love,
Bethany Langlois



General George A. Custer
ranked last in his West Point graduating class of 1861.



Katelyn Marie McDonald

Dear Santa:
Again I want to let you know that I will not be at home in Grand Rapids but will be at my Grandma McDonald's for your yearly visit. I am not worried for you found me last year at the same house.

I am now an active 14 month old. I do try to be good, but those pretty sparkling decorations on my mommy and daddy's tree are so tempting and sometimes they have to tell me "No, No, Katie."

Please bring me something to keep me busy so I don't get into mischief. I like books, and mommy reads to me every night. I watch a bit of TV with my daddy, especially the Dinosaur show.

Grandma McDonald is writing this for me since I am still small. She is a fun grandma and we have fun at her house.

Love you,
Katelyn Marie McDonald

Farm workers

According to the Federal State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 48,000 hired farm workers in Michigan during the week of July 7-13. The average Michigan farm worker wage rate was \$5.45 per hour, 29 cents lower than in June.

There were 3.68 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.58 million of the total workers, along with 611,000 unpaid workers, and 1.12 million hired workers.

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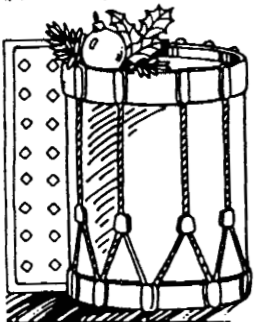
Halls write Santa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Stacy two-wheeler doll and a new umbrella. I have been a good girl and will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Lauren Hall
2 1/2 years

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are you? I would like a Nerf bow and arrow set and whatever else you leave me. Please bring something for my cat, Tiger.

Love,
Barrett Hall
4 1/2 years



Christmas Cheer

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Your neighbor says
She plans to spend more this Christmas

In discussions of business conditions, most experts are predicting that sales will be lower because of the lack of confidence in the economy by consumers.

One person who is bucking the trend is Kathy Cummings, a single parent who lives in Gagetown.

She plans to spend more this Christmas than she did in the past. I've a special reason for that, she smiled. It's my daughter, Amber, 8 months old. I will be spending for her and I didn't last year.

Other than enjoying the season with her daughter, Cummings said that she had no particular plans for the holiday season. It depends on the weather, she added. If it's nice I might go somewhere, but if not I'll just spend it with my parents, Harold and Doris Cummings of Gagetown.



Peer-helping program started

The Tuscola County Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Youth program has begun a peer-helping program for middle and high school communities.

The program, called "Natural Helpers," is funded by a \$5,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek. The grant will run from Dec. 1, 1991 through Nov. 30, 1992.

The Michigan 4-H sponsored Natural Helpers is a peer-helping program for middle and high school communities. The program makes use of a network already existing in school communities to help young people help their friends with everyday problems, refer serious problems to trained professionals, and take good care of themselves.

It includes a 3-day Retreat Training of students and school personnel chosen by their peers as helpful and trustworthy, a semester-long series of classes addressing issues important to teenagers, and a system for implementing and maintaining the program.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 to "help people help themselves." As a private grant-making foundation, it provides seed money to organizations and institutions that have identified problems and have designed constructive action programs aimed at solutions.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347

EUCHRE CLUB

The Euchre Club met Friday at Sommers' Bakery for supper before going to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer to play cards. High prizes were won by Mrs. Jerry Decker and Frank Laming. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Ronnie Gracey and Leonard Beulla. Mrs. Leonard Beulla won the traveling prize.

The next party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gracey Jan. 11.

A potluck lunch will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight of Bad Axe were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Monday forenoon guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Gerry Rich of West Branch spent Wednesday and Thursday with Reva Silver. Melissa Jackson was a Friday afternoon guest of Mrs. George Jackson and Don.

Mrs. Mike Maurer was a Thursday guest of Edanna Sweeney.

TYRRELL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Kathryn Tyrrell was hostess for the Tyrrell family

Christmas party at the TVO Hall in Uby Saturday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O'Bermiller and sons and Brenda Tyrrell of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Rufino Labra and family of Allegan, Carey Tyrrell of Holland, Dean Lyons of Sterling, Pete Rakowski of Rapson, Tom Talaski of Bad Axe, Joan Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tyrrell and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell.

Larry Glaza and Arnold Glaza were Friday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Karg and Randall Knowles in Bad Axe.

Horace Croft went to the McAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe to pay respects to Murdock Leitch.

Al Wagner and Kathy Martinez were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. George Jackson and Don.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly went to Tri-City Airport to meet Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle and Tom who were returning home after spending a week in Orlando, Fla.

Art Booms of Helena was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Brenda Tyrrell of Midland is spending a few days with Kathryn Tyrrell.

Jean Clarke, Geraldine Laming, Charlotte LaPeer of Cass City, Martha Keyser, Velma Cleland, Donna Walsh, Nancy Braun and Lillian Gibbard were among those who served the cookies and punch at Tendercare Nursing Home in Cass City Wednesday for their Christmas party. The Greenleaf Extension group furnished the cookies.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Glaza were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt attended an open house for Pastor and Mrs. Burton Kincaid at their home in Bad Axe Saturday.

Bill Sweeney visited Edanna Sweeney and David and Mrs. Allan McCarty Sunday. Mrs. McCarty came home Friday after spending a week in Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City.

Ray Depcinski and A.J. Batie were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mrs. George Jackson and Don.

Gordon Farrelly of New Baltimore spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Iseler, a 7-pound, 12-ounce daughter, Ali Lynn, at Huron Memorial Hospital Tuesday. Grandparents are Robert and Ramona Tschirhart of Port Hope and Allen and Alice Depcinski. She has a brother Rick and a sister Gina.

Beulah Shook and Donna Vette of Montrose were recent guests of Kathryn Tyrrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krug and Mrs. Bill Roberts were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Corbishley, Charles and Christopher and Tuesday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena visited Rev. and Mrs. Howard Turnbull in Bad Axe Friday.

Reva Silver spent Tuesday afternoon with Edanna Sweeney.

Jane LePla and son Bob LePla of Yale spent Thursday with Mrs. George Jackson and Don.

Mrs. David Hacker was a Tuesday and Thursday guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sweeney, Debbie, Karen and Jeff of Lansing, Mrs. Pelch, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sweeney and Jessica and Brock Williams of Saginaw were weekend guests of Edanna Sweeney and David for an early Christmas dinner Saturday.



May you and your loved ones have a safe and joyous Holiday Season, a healthy and prosperous New Year!

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Income tax time in Michigan presents an easy opportunity for tax payers to contribute to the Children's Trust Fund (CTF).

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The CTF is a mechanism for raising funds and distributing them to programs all over the state dealing with child abuse and neglect.

David Mills, CTF director, said that in Michigan about 50,000 children are reported

as victims of neglect and abuse every year.

Only about 3 percent of state tax payers contributed to the CTF through their income tax forms last year.

Half of the funds raised for the CTF go back to the counties from where they were contributed by tax payers. As required by law the other half go into a fund that will become an endowment for financing programs that deal with child abuse and neglect.

The Children's Trust Fund's local council, the Tuscola County Child Abuse and Neglect council,

receives about \$1,800 a year from the CTF to sponsor local programs such as The Bubbylonian Encounter, step-parent programs, video library, intense band, purchased BABES puppets, and a youth services directory.

The local council is made up of local citizens who meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Brentwood Restaurant, Caro.

For more information about funding or prevention programming, please contact Dennis Mitin, Tuscola Substance Abuse Services, at (517) 673-7575.

Milk production up in Michigan

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 415 million pounds of milk during November, up 3 million pounds from a year ago, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

Milk production rates averaged 1,220 pounds per cow, increasing 20 pounds from a year ago. The Michigan dairy herd was estimated at 340,000 head, 3,000 fewer than last November.

The preliminary value of

milk sold averaged \$14.10 per hundredweight (cwt.) in November, \$1 more than last year and 40 cents higher than October 1991. Mid-month November slaughter cow prices averaged \$45.40 per cwt., 40 cents less than the previous year.

Dairy manufacturing plants in Michigan produced 1.7 million pounds of butter in October, 17 percent more than a year ago. Ice cream output totaled 1.8 million gallons, 10 percent less than last October.

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Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

5 YEARS AGO

Clyde Wells narrowly escaped serious injuries when gas on the floor of his garage ignited and in moments the garage was engulfed in flames.

The remains of the snowman that was stolen from the display at the Lloyd Vyse home have been recovered. It was found by police officials at the gravel pit on Kelly Road, south of Cass City. It had been used for target practice.

The Cass City Jaycees distributed 23 Christmas baskets to area families in need Friday.

L.E. Althaver, president and chief executive officer, Walbro Corporation, has announced an agreement between Walbro Corporation and Mitsuba Electric Manufacturing Company, Ltd. of Kiryu City, Japan, to form a joint venture to manufacture and market Walbro's gerotor-type electric fuel pump in Japan.

10 YEARS AGO

Sale of 24 Provincial House nursing homes, including the one in Cass City, will not affect the residents or the staff, according to officials of the company. All of the homes will be sold to Beverly Enterprises of Pasadena, Calif.

The Elkland Township board has decided to buy a new tanker for the fire department. It will cost \$24,423, not including the tank.

After 40 years of selling in the carburetor and small engine markets, C. Clark Boylan is retiring as vice-president-sales of Walbro Corporation's Carburetor Group. He has been with Walbro the past 22 years.

The Cass City cheerleading squads won the spirit award over 25 other schools in competition Dec. 12 at Kingston High School.

Superstitious? If so, as midnight approaches on Dec. 31, open the windows in your home and sweep from back to front, allowing the old year's bad luck and evil spirits to be swept away, while letting in the New Year's good luck.

25 YEARS AGO

What appeared to be a sleeping community has taken on new lifeblood with the opening of Highway M-

46. The community is Kingston, the only sizeable settlement between Highways 24 and 53, along a 15-mile stretch of M-46. After almost one year of the 15-mile stretch of M-46 being closed, it was opened this week and traffic will no longer be re-routed around Kingston.

First prize winner in the Cass City Gavel Club half and half drawing was C.R. Hunt. Hunt immediately announced that he was donating the \$125 to the Boy Scouts.

The Student Council of Cass City High School has decreed that all proceeds from the Charity Ball to be held Dec. 28 will be used to help needy persons.

Santa came calling at the Cass Theatre Thursday and children from the Tuscola Intermediate Training Center, Caro, greeted him with open arms. The Al Porritt furnished a lunch and candy was donated by Bauer Candy Co.

The Art Club met at the home of Mrs. Hazel Rusch for a business meeting and election of officers Dec. 14. Elected were: president, Mrs. Zella Vyse; vice-president, Mrs. Hattie McDonald, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Rusch.

35 YEARS AGO

Three judges from Caro selected George Clara's Madonna as the first prize winner of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas display contest. He will receive a check for \$25.

A recount failed to change the result of a Sunday Beer vote which would prohibit the Sunday sale of beer and wine in Tuscola County. The county reverted to the original vote tally, which favored closing by a margin of 39 votes.

The largest crowd in the history of Cass City jammed the Cass City Recreation Park and streets leading to the park for the second Christmas pageant.

An unusual program was held at their meeting when Cass City Rotarians were given cakes of soap by Edward Johnson, art teacher at the school, and they each attempted to make a figure from the soap. Bob Schuckert, M.B. Auten and Dr. D.E. Rawson were judged as having the best of the samples submitted.

So she will stay out of my big boy toys Please bring my sister some little girl toys



Rebecca Wass

and hot cocoa and some sugar for your reindeer.

P.S. Santa, don't forget my friend, Billy McCreedy on Elmwood Road, he just moved there.

I love you,
Rebecca Lea Wass



Jason Wald
Sami Wald

Dear Santa,
My name is Jason. I am 3. I've been pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like a bow and arrow and Lincoln logs. And for my sister Sami, who is 1 1/2, some little girl toys so she will stay out of my big boy toys. I think she would also like a kitchen set and some dishes.

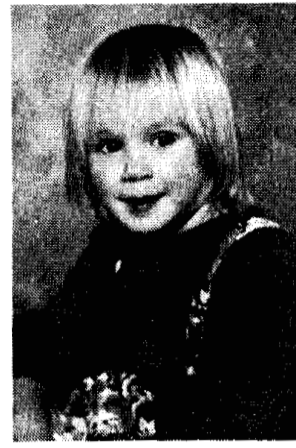
Sami and I will remember the cookies for you and the carrots for Rudolph.

Love,
Jason & Sami Wald

Dear Santa,
How are you?
For Christmas I would like a dollhouse.
Please bring my friend

Joshua some nice gifts too.
Thank you.

Love,
Lauren Meck
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Lauren Meck



Jimmy & Jeff Sroka

remote control truck and a Power Wheels and a gun. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.
Ah, hah - please bring me some Legos, too!

Jimmy Sroka

Dear Santa,
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Jimmy



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Santa, I've been pretty good



Jessica, Stephen, Alex & Jordan Papp

Dear Santa,
 Hi, my name is Jessica. I am 8 years old. For Xmas I would like something my brothers won't break, like a Barbie van and Star-bright Sparkels.
 Hi, my name is Stephen. I am 4 years old. I would like a remote control monster truck and a race track.
 Hi, my name is Alex. I am 4 years old. I would like new toys, Leggos blocks and 4 wheel drive truck.
 Hi Santa, I'm Jordan, the cutest of them. I am 18 months old. I would like something that my brothers and sister don't take out of my hands one second after mom and dad leave the room.

The Christmas season is our testimony that Christ has come to this earth. He is our gift from God that we may have life and have life more abundantly. I Chronicles 16:27 - Glory and honor are in His presence; strength and gladness are in His place. What joy our heavenly Father shared with us on that very first Christmas morning, a Christmas morning that will always be with us.

Christmas is the giving of love. As a young boy growing up with five brothers and two sisters, Christmas was a wonderful and joyous time in the Tysick home.

Christmas morning began at 5:30 a.m. as all of us would dash down stairs to open up our gifts. Christmas was finally here. Christmas boxes and gift wrapping paper spread throughout the house, I can still see the joy on Dad and Mom's faces. The excitement they shared with us on Christmas morning will always be with each of us.

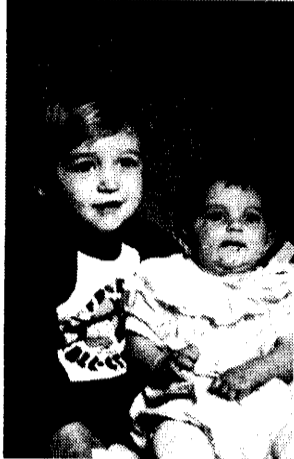
This reminds me of the birth of the Babe in Bethlehem, on that first Christmas. This was the greatest gift this planet has ever known. This gift was the fulfillment of a long cherished hope of the human race. It witnessed that God had not abandoned man to his own sinful ways but had kept His promise that a Saviour would be born.

It is our prayer that there be great joy among God's people during this Christmas season. Our Saviour has come! The greatest gift God could ever give was His only Son, Jesus! Luke 2:13-14. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Give someone a special gift this Christmas, share the gift of Jesus with them.

jewelry box and some jewelry. I have been a very good girl most of the time. Please don't forget to stop at Ian's and Nicole and Anna Meredith's, they have been good too!

I love you,
 Coren Crane



Justin Haag
 Alicia Ford

Dear Santa,
 My name is Justin and I am two years old now. My sister Alicia is 9 months old already. I would like a big backyard to play in and some toys. Alicia needs some more teeth so she can have candy. She would probably like some toys, too. I love you Santa and I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Justin Haag
 Alicia Ford




Paul & Matthew Dzielinski

Dear Santa,
 My name is Paul and I am almost four years old. I would like some G.I. Joes, lots of candy and a sled for Christmas. I love you Santa!

Paul Dzielinski

Dear Santa,
 My name is Matthew and I am six years old. I would like two baby sisters and, oh, a Nintendo for Christmas. I really love you Santa!

Matthew Dzielinski



A counterfeit Christmas
PASTOR JAN BEADERSTADT
 Shabbona United Methodist Church

A few years ago, I remember talking to a man a few days before Christmas. It was toward the supper hour after a beautiful December day. The decorations on the streets and in the stores were just beautiful that year. There had been the right amount of snow that made everything just sparkle for the holidays. But this man seemed upset.

"You know, pastor, I just don't feel very Christmasy this year," he said with a sigh. "I know I'm supposed to have a happy feeling, but I just can't get into the season."

"How come?" I asked. "It's so beautiful this time of year with all the decorations and lights and people smiling in the stores."

"That's just it," he said. "It seems so fake. The stores begin decorating before Thanksgiving, and everywhere the message is to buy, buy, buy. It's so commercialized."

How right he was. It's really hard to get excited about Santa Claus coming when you're older than eight. In a world that is already on a treadmill, Christmas seems to emphasize that feeling, along with telling you to put a big smile on your face. If your heart is not in it, then how can you put that smile on your face? And with a feeling like that, how can you feel the Christmas spirit?

We live in an age when the TV and the world wishes to deny the real reason for Christmas. The message portrayed is so often the same. Look behind the glitter, the bright lights, the Christmas wrapping paper, and what is missing? Jesus Christ.

Christ is the first six letters of the word "Christmas". Take Christ out of Christmas and all you have is a "mess".

It is like getting a \$100 bill for a gift, then discovering that it is counterfeit. The bill isn't real, no matter how nice it looks. And Christmas without Christ is not real, either. Without Christ, what is there to celebrate?

Christmas is a season of giving. It is a season when we remember that God gave the world his only begotten son. A son who would redeem the world, to reconcile it with God after centuries of separation. A son who would bring peace between God and mankind. A son who would save us from our

sins and give us eternal life if we put our faith that Jesus is our personal Lord and Saviour.

God came in a very unthreatening way. He came in a form of a baby, because babies are not threatening. Most people love babies, and in birth celebrate. God could have chosen a flashier way to arrive, He could have chosen a way to make us afraid and tremble. But God chose to come as a baby, because God wanted us to love Him, and God wanted to show us how much He loved us.

God chose to come into this world, to experience the joys and sorrows, pain and tears and laughter that we know living in this world of ours. Christ would experience all that we know in being alive, and then would take with Him out of the world sin and the sting of death on the cross. And three days later, would prove victorious over death by rising in body from the grave, then later ascending into Heaven.

Christ walked our path ahead of us, so He could lead the way. We don't have to be afraid of death, because Christ showed us that if we believe that He is the way, the truth and the life, and proclaim Him as our Saviour, there is life beyond death.

Christmas is indeed about a gift, God's gift, so that we could have eternal life. For the Christian, it is why we can celebrate the season with joy. But for those who don't believe that Christ is their Saviour, then Christmas isn't real. Because for them, there is nothing to celebrate.

Let's put Christ back in Christmas.

I'm big enough to open presents



Hannah Rogers

Dear Santa,
 My name is Hannah Rogers and I am 17 months old. I am big enough to open my own presents this year, so I would like a Cabbage Patch Babyland doll, and a Basketball hoop. I would also like an elf, so that I have someone my own size to play with. Maybe you could talk to my mommy and daddy, Joni and David Rogers, about that one!

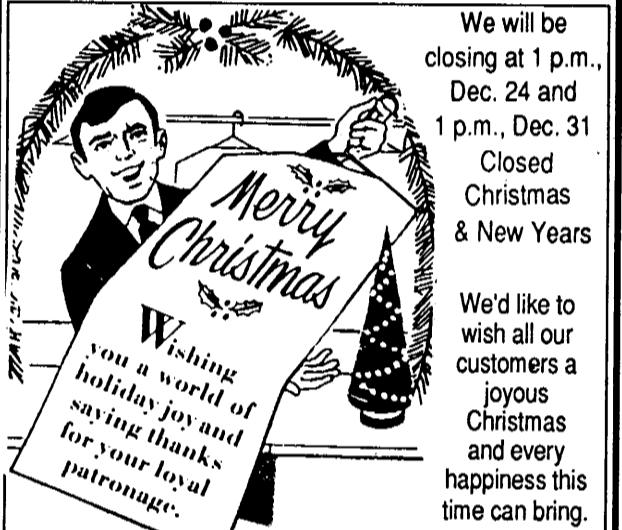
I have a big toy box from my Grama Rogers, in Decker, to store everything in.

Have a nice Christmas!

Love, Hannah
 North Branch.




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Jessica Koepf

Dear Santa, I've been good most of the year. Could you please bring me some presents. I would like a rock tumbler, ant farm, a bike and some clothes and some roller skates. Thank you. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Jessica Koepf 6 years old



Matthew Koepf

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a tractor and a disk. I think you should bring my brother Mark a tractor too, because we fight over them. Mom says I haven't been my best, but I try. If Mark doesn't eat all the cookies, I will leave

some out for you.

Love, Matthew Koepf, 3 Mark Koepf, 2



Mark Koepf



Aime Warack

Dear Santa, I would like you to bring me a Singing Mermaid that changes colors in warm water, a Pocket Pony, a Big Fat Baby doll and some Playdoh, and lots more toys.

My mom says I've been pretty good this year.

I will leave you some cookies and milk, right beside the tree so you won't miss them.

Thank you very, very, very much.

Love & Kisses Aime Warack 4 years old



Misty, Casie and Jessie Jensen

Dear Santa, My name is Misty. I'm 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a Pooch Patrol, All American Barbie, Water Baby and a real kitten, a Babs Puppet too. Oh, and I need some pants, too, please.

xxoo Misty Jensen Lillington, N.C.

Dear Santa, My name is Casie. I'm 4 years old. I've been a good girl. I would like a kitty, some new socks, pants and shirts. A play dog, a Water Baby. That's all. I will leave you some cookies.

Love, Casie Jensen Lillington, N.C.

Dear Santa, I'm Jessie. I'm 8 months old. This will be my first Christmas. I would like some toys to play with and to chew on. We will leave Santa mouse some cheese with your cookies.

Hugs & Kisses, Jessie Jensen Lillington, N.C.



Carrie & Allie Hillaker

Dear Santa, We would like Water babies, Ken dolls and a Barbie Kitchen. Please bring something for our cousins who will be visiting from Florida.

Love, Carrie & Allie Hillaker



Merry Christmas From Our Family To Yours!

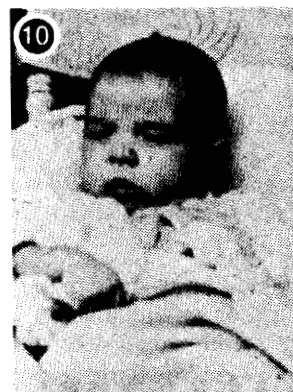
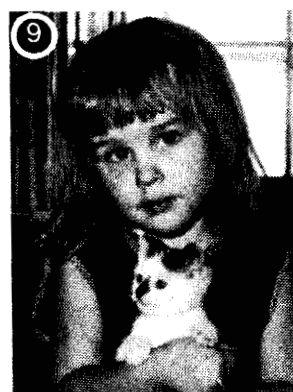
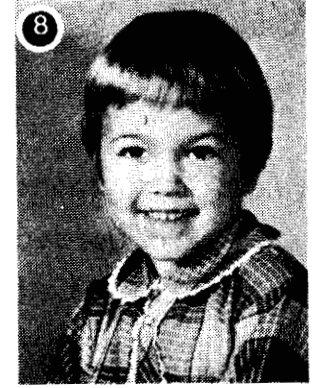
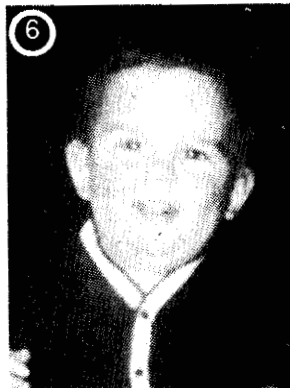
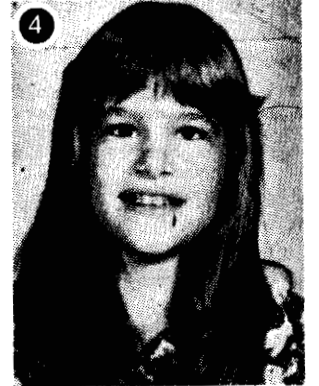


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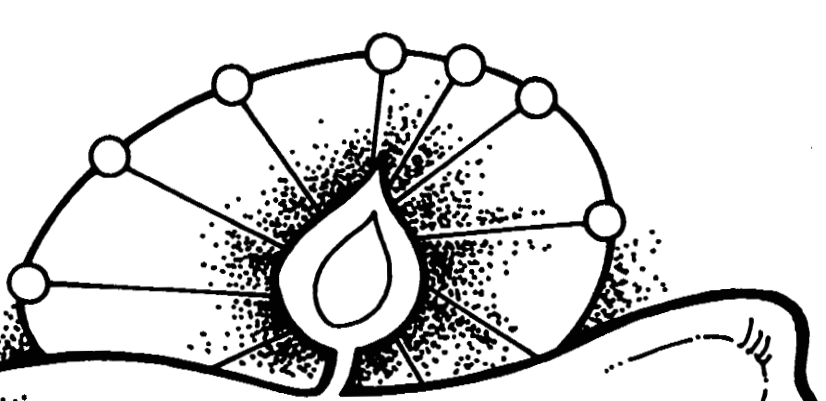
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EVERYTHING IN OUR FRANKENMUTH STORE WILL BE SALE PRICED UP TO 63% SAVINGS! Each and every piece of fine home furnishings is included, plus all our quality carpets, draperies and blinds: Including special orders. Use our Master Plan Design service, FREE, to help you create the beautiful home of your dreams.

AT OUR SAGINAW LA-Z-BOY SHOWCASE YOU CAN SAVE UP TO 54% ON EVERY LA-Z-BOY PRODUCT: recliners, wall recliners, leather recliners, swivel rockers, sofa beds, sofas and modular seating pieces. In our Saginaw Sleep Shoppe save on every Simmons mattress set, every size, every firmness, every quality, every style - every Maxipedic, Beautyrest and Flotation Sleep System.

If you're contemplating the purchase of furniture anytime within the next 12 months, I urge you to come to Oscar Rau's in Frankenmuth or Saginaw this weekend for one of the BIGGEST FURNITURE SALES in our history!!!

DON'T MISS IT!

Sincerely,


 Raymond J. Rau

P.S. Turn this letter over and find a partial listing from over 10,000 different furniture items available to you at once-in-a-lifetime savings!

*On purchase of \$399 or more with approved credit, normal down payment required on special orders.

FACTORY AUTHORIZED COST REDUCTIONS

SHEET NO. 1 OF 55 DEPT. ALL STORE AUTHORIZATION D.H., R.J.R.
 FACTORY AUTHORIZATIONS M.R., W.I., G.V., L.H., S.H., S.C., J.H., R.D.

Description	WAS	NOW
• FRANKENMUTH STORE •		
ELEGANT HAMMARY 8-WAY HAND-TIED SOFA	\$1,498	\$399
HAMMARY LOVE SEAT	1,367	396
FLEXSTEEL CONTEMPORARY SOFA	1,437	599
2 ONLY LEATHER SOFAS	2,200	699
5-PIECE FLEXSTEEL SECTIONAL WITH 2 ^{BUILT-IN} RECLINERS	2,650	1,499
LEATHER WING CHAIR	995	396
SWING GLIDER ROCKERS - CHOICE OF COLORS	439	297
WICKER SOFA	1,352	599
ELEGANT CHERRY GRANDFATHER CLOCK	1,200	499
CHESTS, DRESSERS, HEADBOARDS - ^{40 PIECES TO CHOOSE FROM}	ALL 50% OFF	
SOLID CHERRY 4-PIECE BEDROOM GROUP	5,050	2,496
YIELD HOUSE SAMPLES	ALL 40% OFF	
10-PIECE CHEZ MICHELLE FORMAL DINING ROOM SET	6,605	3,299
• SAGINAW LA-Z-BOY SHOWCASE •		
*LA-Z-BOY RECLINER WITH LIFETIME MECHANISM	449	237
*LA-Z-BOY ROCKER RECLINER - ^{CHOICE OF COLORS} LIFETIME MECHANISM	439	296
*LA-Z-BOY WALL RECLINER WITH LIFETIME MECHANISM	449	327
*LA-Z-BOY SOFA BEDS TWIN, FULL, QUEEN ^{YOUR CHOICE} VALU'S TO	800	599
*LA-Z-BOY LEATHER RECLINER WITH LIFETIME MECHANISM	899	494
(SAGINAW STORE ONLY) LA-Z-BOY SOFA - ^{YOUR CHOICE} OF COLORS	659	396
*LA-Z-BOY SOFA SLEEPER WITH INNERSPRING MATTRESS	759	449
*LA-Z-BOY SOFA WITH 2 INCLINERS	859	693
*LA-Z-BOY SECTIONAL WITH 2 INCLINERS	2,090	1,594
• MATTRESS REDUCTIONS - SAGINAW SLEEP SHOPPE AND FRANKENMUTH STORE •		
*SIMMONS WATER MATTRESS AND FOUNDATION - TWIN SIZE	467	298 SET
*SIMMONS WATER MATTRESS AND FOUNDATION - QUEEN SIZE	799	499 SET
*SIMMONS QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING	349	299 SET
*SIMMONS BEAUTYREST ^{QUEEN SIZE} MATTRESS AND BOXSPRING	659	499 SET
*SIMMONS MISMATCHED TWIN AND FULL SIZE MATTRESSES FROM 139	99	99 EACH PIECE
*SIMMONS TWIN SIZE MATTRESS OR BOX SPRING	99	59 EACH PIECE
*SIMMONS FULL SIZE MATTRESS OR BOX SPRING	179	119 EACH PIECE

MORE COST REDUCTIONS STOREWIDE!

*AVAILABLE AT BOTH FRANKENMUTH AND SAGINAW LOCATIONS
 BRING IN THIS LETTER AND RECEIVE A 5% BONUS REBATE ON ALL SIMMONS
 MATTRESS SET PURCHASES FROM THE SIMMONS COMPANY - THURS., FRI, SAT,
 SUN., MON., TUES. ONLY!