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OH DEAR! — HIGH winds last week took their toll on Cass City's Story Time display at the village's recreation park, toppling and damaging some of the papier mache figures.

Now 5 years old, tutoring program helps 80 learn how to read

When the Cass City Literacy Council was formed in the fall of 1987, the group's organizers wondered how they would reach the area's non-reading adults.

But that didn't turn out to be a problem, and today, more than 5 years later, the local literacy program is alive and well. In fact, officials say finding enough tutors to meet the demand has presented a challenge.

"I would say we have grown each year. Some of the tutors we started with we still have," said Jane Hitler, a tutor and chairman of the Cass City Literacy Council.

"We've probably had 20-some tutors and... between 70 and 80 students" since the program began, she added.

Currently, there are 9 active tutors working with 15 students through the Cass City council, which was formed in 1987. The organization, based at Rawson Memorial Library, operates on an annual budget of \$800 to \$900 and is supported by the Cass City United Way, Lions Club, Knights of Columbus and St. Pancratius Women's Council.

The council's goal is to match trained tutors with

adults who want to learn how to read on a one-to-one basis.

According to Ellen Toner, who serves as a tutor, secretary of the local literacy council and literacy coordinator for Tuscola County, there's been no problem finding work for tutors.

A half dozen tutors completed the 2-day training session in October, and all of them are active, she said. "I placed them right away."

KEEPING UP

"Right now we're keeping up," she commented, but "we are having a hard time getting tutors for all the students we have."

One of the problems, Toner said, is many of the people interested in tutoring are also active in other things and don't have time to complete 2 days of training. To

remedy that, officials are considering requiring only one day of training and then having that individual work under the guidance of an experienced tutor.

Toner said some people don't consider becoming a tutor because they don't feel qualified, but "all you have to do is read better than the person you're tutoring."

"You don't teach, really, you guide," Hitler remarked. "Most of our tutors are not teachers."

Hitler said a majority of the students are referred by adult education. Few have their high school diplomas and several never finished grade school.

The tutors help them improve their reading skills and in the process, confidence levels grow, she continued, adding, "The one big thing it gives the students is self-esteem."

Julia Randall, Cass City, a

high school dropout who worked with tutor Sally Wood for 2 years, agrees.

MORE CONFIDENT

"I'm more confident (with reading)," she commented. Wood, Randall said, "made me go out and express myself more. I used to always hide myself. I was always embarrassed."

But not anymore, according to the mother of 4 children, who earned her high school diploma in 1990 and now works as a volunteer at an area animal shelter.

Randall isn't alone. One of Hitler's star pupils, John House, was all but illiterate, despite having a high school diploma, when he began his tutoring sessions in 1987. Today, the Pigeon foundry worker can not only read and write, but is active in community theatre.

"He's in control of reading

14 more needed

School spending \$30,000 for 14 new computers

The Cass City school board, at its regular meeting Monday night at Deford School, approved the expenditure of \$30,000 for the first stage of a planned update and networking of computers in the high school.

The \$30,000 will not do as much as was hoped when the money was placed in the 1992-93 budget. George Bushong, who is in charge of the program, estimated that the money would buy and equip 14 machines, about half of what are needed in the computer class.

Bids for the new machines were secured from 10 different companies and from those, 3 were selected to give on-site demonstrations. To be evaluated are units from ATI, JJJ and DataWorks.

The first expenditure is one that is expected to be followed year after year, with more money invested in electronics. After the second 14 machines are purchased, it is hoped that the entire high school can be networked and, down the road, the computers also networked in all the school buildings.

PTA PROGRAM

Joan Helwig and Elaine Howard presented a plan with a dual goal that was enthusiastically accepted by the board. What the Parent Teachers Association wants to do is build interest in the organization, which has lagged, by involving parents in a plan for a new improved school playground.

The plan is in its initial stages but Howard estimated the cost of the program would be \$15,000 or more. Eventually, the PTA will probably seek some financial aid from the district, but Monday all the representatives were asking for was board support.

Besides the playground project, the PTA wants to be involved in promoting pride, spirit and involvement in the school. Teacher and student recognition are part of that plan, as is community involvement in drives such as one that requires the collection of milk cartons that can be used to cut the cost of the playground development. A representative of a company that sells playground equipment was due in Cass City Tuesday to get the project under motion.

Desperation pushes many people into the literacy program, largely because it's nearly impossible to get by in the job market without the ability to read and write, Hitler said.

Despite the number of students seeking help, however, there probably are many more who aren't. "The ratio of students who come forth and admit they need help is still low," she pointed out. "There's still a big stigma about not knowing how to read."

Anyone interested in working with a tutor or serving as a tutor is encouraged to contact Hitler at 872-3147 or the literacy council at 872-5406 for more information.

512 out of 524 districts. (A chart appears in this edition.)

In connection with the school's finances, he said that the school will be out of debt next year. It is time that we consider using the mill or so that has been used to pay the debt for repair of our present buildings.

If we spend money wisely, he added, we will be able to guarantee district taxpayers that they will not be looking at a new building program for the next generation. Our buildings are in reasonably good condition and if we spend money in a year or 2, we can keep them that way. Some changes will be needed to conform with the recently passed Americans with Disabilities Act, he added.

OTHER BUSINESS

Changes were made in the policy book to bring it up to date with current practices. One addition was to require all students not having proof of immunization on file after 30 days be excluded from school.

Commencement will now have a student selected to provide the opening and closing presentations in addition to the 2 speakers previously authorized.

Tuition for students taking an extra class will be increased from \$40 to \$50 per semester.

Where the policy book reads "Intermediate School" it will be changed to "Middle School."

The prom and banquet will be held either in the school or in an appropriate facility within the school district boundaries.

Seven bids for a new school bus were received. The bids will be reviewed by a committee and then awarded. Moore Motor Sales of Caro was the low bidder and if its bid includes everything the board desired, will be awarded the contract.

It was a mere formality, but the board approved the school's entry into the Thumb C League. Six new schools were accepted and all are expected to join the league.

The board approved the use of gray as an accent color for school uniforms to go with the official maroon and white colors.

The Deford School staff explained what the school was doing to increase student participation and citizenship, including issuing BUG, Being Unusually Good, awards that can be cashed for prizes.

Superintendent evaluation forms were distributed to board members to be filled out and returned before the January meeting.

There were no visitors at the meeting in its once-a-year journey to the Deford School other than those with business to conduct or members of the teaching staff.

Jury finds Paquette guilty

The Sanilac County man charged in the July 3 stabbing murder of a Sterling Heights teenager at a Caseville Township party was found guilty of second degree murder Friday in Huron County Circuit Court.

Sentencing for Philip Joseph Paquette, 32, of Hemans, was scheduled for Jan. 25.

Paquette, who was tried in the death of Micheal Robert Gravelle, 18, faces a penalty of life in prison or any term of years. He remains lodged in the Huron County Jail without bond.

The jury in the case delivered the verdict after about 3 1/2 hours of deliberation, according to Prosecutor Leslie Hagen, who said some 50 witnesses testified during the 8-day trial.

No questions asked

Marek offering reward for return of memorabilia

A Cass City man is hoping someone in the area will make a Christmas wish come true for him during this season of giving.

Actually, Larry Marek is hoping this will be the season of giving back.

A merchant marine, Marek, 35, returned home for a visit last April to find someone had broken into the old Dillman School near Cass City and stolen and smashed several pieces of memorabilia belonging to him. The missing items, representing a decade of collecting while serving with the Military Sealift Command, include several coffee mugs, each imprinted with the name and a picture of the various military ships on which he's served.

Marek purchased the Dillman School 5 years ago with plans to spruce up the old building and turn it into a small residence.

He reported the break-in

and theft to the state police, but 6 months later, he still hasn't heard anything. So, he recently began posting flyers around town offering a small reward for the return of his property, no questions asked.

The flyers ask anyone who might have some information to call him at 872-4892 or simply leave the items on the step of the old schoolhouse, located about 2 miles west of town at the corner of M-81 and Spence Road.

"A lot of it's just memorabilia; it has no value to anyone else," Marek said.

The area resident suspects some kids, perhaps someone running away from home, broke into the building. "They built themselves a little campfire in the building and everything," he recalled.

The vandals burned papers and photographs in a coffee can, and smashed several small Greek statuettes he purchased in Greece. Some

of the statuettes were stolen, as were some small television sets and radios, and some mahogany wood carvings of turtles, crabs and an old man smoking a pipe.

The televisions and radios can be replaced, Marek commented, but not the carvings, purchased in Haiti. "They cut down the last mahogany tree on the island... about 5 years ago," he noted.

He said the missing coffee mugs look like small beer steins. The mugs have the pictures and names of the following ships: U.S.S. Albany, U.S.S. Capodanno, U.S.N.S. Range Sentinel, U.S.N.S. Rigel, U.S.N.S. Sirius, U.S.N.S. Redstone, U.S.N.S. Marshfield, U.S.N.S. Neosho and the U.S.N.S. Grumman.

Marek acknowledged he was "ticked off" when he discovered the mess, but pointed out he has no plans

to go after whoever is responsible.

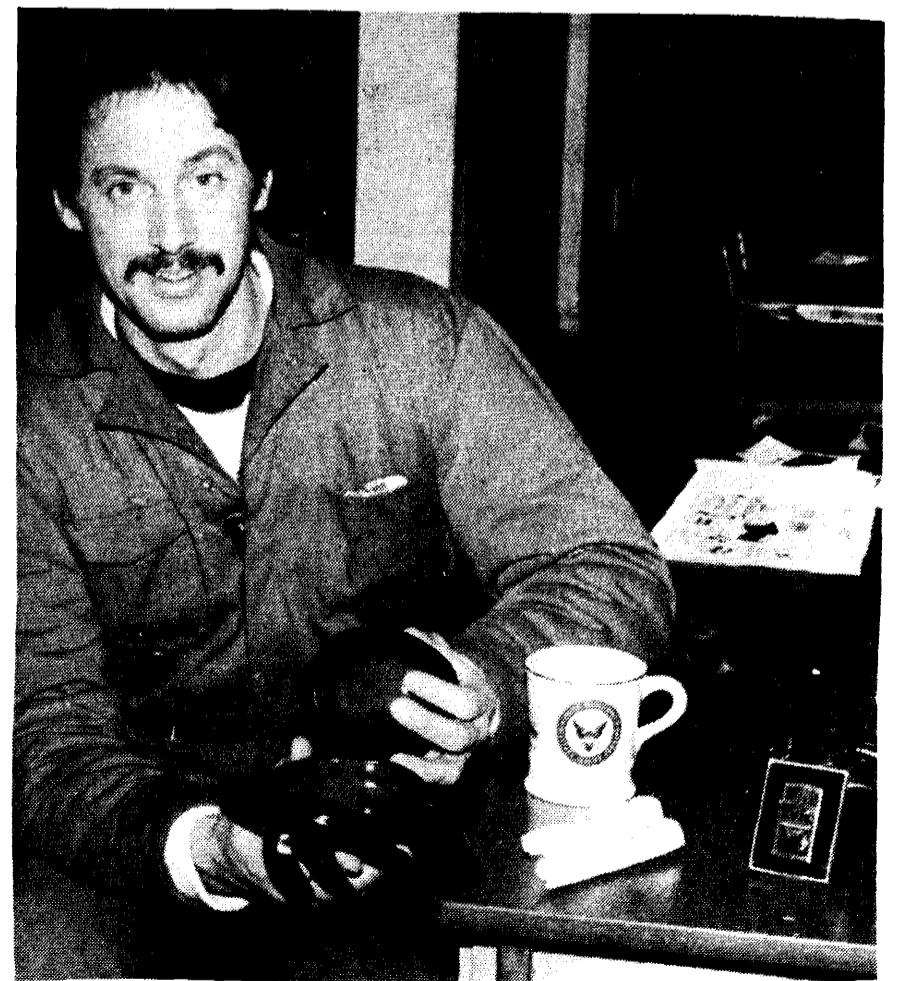
"I'm not interested in prosecution. I don't want to see anybody get into trouble, especially if it's kids," he said. "All I'm interested in is the return of what was taken."

Marek is hoping someone in the area might have seen some of his collectibles.

"I was thinking (the property) might end up in a rummage sale," he said. "I'm hoping that somebody will just get the Christmas spirit and I'll find it back out on the steps out there."

The incident was the first trouble Marek has had since buying the old schoolhouse. He said it hasn't soured his opinion of the area.

With his job, he added, "I can live anywhere in the country, but I choose to live here. This is a nice, quiet place to live. It really is."



LARRY MAREK displays a few pieces of his memorabilia, including a mahogany wood carving of a crab, that were left behind after vandals broke into the old Dillman School last spring. Marek is asking for the return of his property, including a special collection of military coffee mugs, no questions asked.

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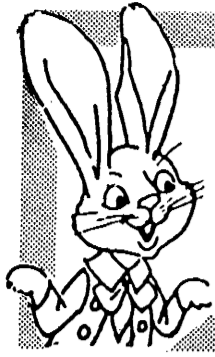
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

The Chronicle will be closed the Saturdays after Christmas and New Year's. All news and advertising possible should be submitted on the Wednesdays and Thursdays prior to holidays.

There's help out there for students wishing to attend college.

The Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association have established a toll-free hot line (1-800-242-4183) to answer questions about student financial aid and how to complete complicated financial statement applications.

Included will be information about how and where to apply and the application deadlines. The free service will be offered Jan. 25-29, Monday through Thursday, 4:30 to 9 p.m., and Friday from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

All those folks who own cottages or property along the waterfront may want to attend a conference Jan. 11-12 at Michigan State. Biologists will provide information about the spread of the pesky zebra mussels and the current best way of controlling them.

Last year 11 were killed in separate crashes in Michigan during the Christmas and New Year's period. In half of them alcohol was a factor. If you want to have a party, serve drinks, but not alcohol. All AAA branch offices have a free booklet with 20 prize-winning non-alcoholic recipes.

Those song books published by the Chronicle with the help of area merchants and industry have proved to be popular. A group in the Northwood Estates, the Pioneer Work and Learn Center, a Shabbona church group and several clubs are among those who have latched on to the handy booklet for Christmas caroling.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	54	46	.05"
Wednesday	45	34	0
Thursday	34	26	0
Friday	34	31	trace
Saturday	40	26	.08"
Sunday	26	17	0
Monday	32	19	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant)



NO SNOW? NO problem. Santa Claus traded his sled and reindeer in for a wagon and team of horses, donated by Don and Dave Loomis, Thursday in Cass City. Enjoying the ride were about 2 dozen Campbell Elementary teachers who, as part of their annual Christmas party, sang carols at the homes of retired teachers and a retired school custodian.

Elkland board okays review, library board appointments

Appointments to the Rawson Memorial Library Board and the board of review were approved last week by the Elkland Township Board.

Lou LaPonsic, who currently represents the village of Cass City on the library board, was re-appointed to a 4-year term on the library board, according to township Clerk Norma Wallace, who added Elwyn Helwig, John Maharg and Roy Wagg were each appointed to 2-year terms on the board of review.

In other business during the Dec. 14 monthly meeting, the board approved an

amended bid submitted by Simpson Excavating, Cass City, for work at the township fire hall parking lot. The lot has been extended to the north and west, with plans to resurface the area in

the future.

Simpson's initial bid of about \$1,300, accepted by the board last month, was increased by \$300 due to expansion of the project, Wallace explained.

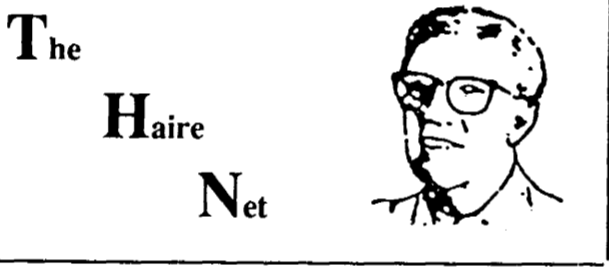
Nazarene Church slates New Year's Eve service

Cass City Church of the Nazarene, Third and Oak Street, will have a New Year's Eve Service for any in the community who would like to come for a time of Christian fellowship to ring in the New Year.

A film, food and singing are planned, closing with communion.

Those attending are asked to bring a finger food.

For further information call 872-2604, Pastor Mcmeans, or 872-3095, Judy Eskilsen.



The Haire Net

It would help if we could get a little snow. Not an overwhelming amount, you understand, just several inches to blanket the ground in unmarked, unsullied pure white to cover the scars, the blemishes, the pollution.

When it's grey, dingy and dirty it's hard to get the Christmas spirit. It's hard to think, as I write this that, there are just 8 days left.

But maybe even newly arrived snow wouldn't be enough to turn the trick. The holiday season for me, through the years, really arrived when the last paper before December 25 had been published. I suspect that it's the same for most of the owners and employees of businesses that have been caught in the swirl of the business of Christmas. When the businesses close on Christmas Eve a long, grueling campaign is over.

How will this Christmas

compare with those that have gone before, I ask myself? Probably not as great as some, sure, but better than some. Better than last year.

When you get down to it, it's who you are with that makes Christmases memorable or miserable. Maybe miserable is too strong a word. I can't remember any that were really that awful, even the 3 spent in service.

You tend to forget the less joyful ones. For instance, of the 3 spent in service the only one that I remember is one spent on leave in Dallas and the only parts of that one remembered are a special church service and riding on the back of a motorcycle the 100 miles from camp to the big city.

The best of times are when the children are young. The magic of Christmas washes over you in waves as they come tumbling down on Christmas to find the presents and to see what Santa placed in the Christmas stockings.

Nothing will approach that, but watching the grandkids do the same thing this year will come close. Mighty close.

It's easy to understand why the holiday season is the time when suicides increase and grief is exacerbated.

Being alone at Christmas has to hurt more than at any other time.

That's not news and there are scads of good-hearted people who give of their time and money to try and see that those in need are helped.

These people help out with the distribution of toys for tots or with Christmas food baskets in an effort to see that no one is forgotten at Christmas.

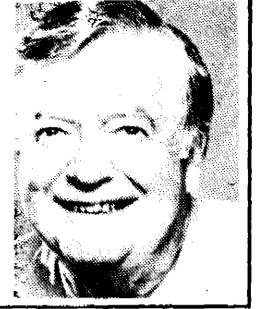
That puts Christ in Christmas and it's something for me and for you to think about when we gather around with the family on Christmas day.

Everyone of us is lucky that we have it so good.

"If It Fitz...."

Eating by rote

By Jim Fitzgerald



While watching TV and eating by rote from a bag of two-bite size Milky Ways, I was puzzled when it took only one bite to consume a bar, and a particle of peanut stuck in my throat.

What was going on? Why that one bar half the size of the six or so other bars I'd eaten from the same bag? And what was with the peanut? There are no peanuts in Milky Ways.

The bag was plainly labeled "Fun Size Milky Way." From the wastebasket beside my chair I retrieved the tiny wrapper from the bar most recently gulped. It was plainly labeled "Snickers."

Hey. This was getting exciting.

The Milky Way bag was about half full. I emptied its contents on my footstool. Sure enough, almost lost among a dozen two-bite size Milky Ways was another one-bite size Snickers.

I yelled a triumphant yell. Visions of a million-dollar retirement danced — a slow two-step — through my mind.

That's because, a month earlier, my wife had opened some newly purchased Tropicana orange juice and discovered what she said was a chip in the glass bottle neck. "Don't drink this," she instructed me, "you could get a hunk of glass in your stomach and die."

Silently, in my mind, I scoffed. (It should be pointed out that, besides scoffing and dancing, my mind also accommodates roting, as in the previously mentioned "eating by rote.") Subsequently, roting would play a crucial role in my dream of attaining untold riches.)

I figured a big outfit like Tropicana wouldn't sell life-threatening bottles, and the chip-like indentation was actually sophisticated glassware design. But my wife wrote a letter of protest to Tropicana Products Inc., in Bradenton, Fla., and within a few days, received a contrite letter from Linda Clem, Senior Coordinator, Consumer Relations.

The letter contained such culpable admissions as: "Sometimes during shipping and storage from our plant to your store, the product may not be handled

properly....This can damage the bottle. It's important for our Quality Control personnel to be aware of this and your comments have been forwarded to them for review."

And, most important, "I have enclosed some coupons and hope that you will give Tropicana another try."

My wife was satisfied to be bought off with coupons for three free bottles of orange juice. Suddenly recalling that this is an extremely litigious nation, full of predatory lawyers, I was outraged by the meager settlement.

I said we should sue. My wife said I was silly and, besides, she'd trashed the bottle — destroyed the evidence!

Following that tragic loss of treasure, I didn't cheer up until the Snickers-Milky Way commingling gave me a second chance at great wealth. After all, eating by rote is common in a country full of TV trays. While justifiably thinking I was eating a Milky Way, I easily could have choked to death on an unexpected peanut in an unexpected Snickers. Just the thought of it gave me chills and stress worth \$5 million in damages.

What about truth in packaging and federal requirements that all products be correctly labeled? I couldn't lose. I told my wife that, while I was phoning a lawyer, she should put the tell-tale bag and bars in the locked tin box containing my car insurance policy and her Tropicana coupons.

She said I was silly because

the night before, she'd emptied an almost-empty Snickers bag into an almost-full Milky Way bag. She said she did it to conserve cup-board space.

I say, by God, she did it to continue a long tradition of making me crazy, by rote.

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Trinity women host buffet

Trinity United Methodist Women had the Presbyterian Women as guests at their Christmas buffet, Dec. 7. The buffet was prepared by Group #3, with Midge Thompson, chairperson.

A donation will be given to Bay Shore Camp from the annual bazaar proceeds.

Christmas carols were performed by the Presbyterian Bell Choir, under the direction of Marilyn Peters.

The unit's next meeting will be at noon Jan. 4, 1993.

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To perform in opera

Wheeler headed for Europe

An aspiring singer from Cass City will add opera performances in Europe to her resume after performing with the New York-based Rome Festival Orchestra in Rome, Italy, next summer.

Wendy Wheeler, 22, will join other talented singers and musicians from across the United States — all selected by audition — in Rome July 6-30.

"I feel very fortunate that I was chosen. It was quite a surprise," the 1988 Cass City High School graduate recently remarked. "I'm the youngest one to be going over there next summer as far as vocal (performers). I'm very excited."

The Rome Festival Orchestra offers unknown talent the opportunity to participate in a professional opera experience, according to Wheeler, the daughter of Larry and Mary Wheeler of Cass City.

"It's sort of like a college program, but it's not college affiliated," she said, adding she expects the work to be intense.

Wheeler is looking forward to the experience. "European culture is very different from ours," she pointed out, noting classical music enjoys the same popularity in Europe that rock-n-roll has in the states.

European audiences are more receptive to opera. They're also more discriminating and know the difference between a so-so performance and a well-performed opera, she continued. "They really know their music over there. You can't pull anything over them."

EXPERIENCE

"It'll give me a lot of experience and the training is professional. I'll be working, essentially, with a professional opera company," Wheeler said. "I have 2 supporting roles in an opera that I've been cast in and I'll also be doing solo recital work. I'll be performing in Mozart's 'The Magic Flute.'"

Wheeler's parts aren't leading roles, but she's pleased she didn't receive a major part. This way, she explained, "I'll have a lot more time to watch and observe and learn."

Interestingly, the area resident learned about the Rome Festival Orchestra by accident. She picked up some information about the organization while attending a vocal workshop at Central Michigan University. She made a phone call and was directed to send a taped audition to New York. Two weeks ago, she received her acceptance letter.

Now, the work begins for the single college student, who must raise \$3,000 to cover tuition, board and air fare.

Wheeler is employed at Erla's in Cass City and puts in about 30 hours a week. She also attends classes full time at Saginaw Valley State University and gives vocal music lessons at Herter Music Center in Saginaw.

Music has always been a big part of Wheeler's life.

"We always had music around the house," she recalled. "I started singing in the choir when I was 6."

Wheeler already had 11 years of community theatre experience in her hometown of Greenville when she moved to Cass City in the fall of her senior year of high school.

CHOIR, DEBATE

At Cass City, she dove into a host of activities, including band, choir, debate and the drama club.

After graduation, she attended classes for 3 years at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, where she performed with a vocal jazz ensemble, sang with the university choir, took part in opera workshops and even served as assistance director of an opera production.

Wheeler has continued singing since transferring to Saginaw Valley State University. She currently is studying classical vocal music and plans to earn a bachelor of arts degree in the spring of 1994. Then, it's off to graduate school and a

master's degree in vocal music performance.

After that, Wheeler would like to perform professionally and possibly also teach at the college level.

"There are more opportunities out there than people realize for singing," she said, citing opera companies, studio work, Broadway and off-Broadway productions as examples.

"I'd like to work with an opera company some day," she said. "My voice is trained more for opera right

now, but if I had a chance to do Broadway, I definitely would do it."

How far does she hope to go with her talent? The answer to that question, accompanied by a broad grin, was swift and sure. "As far as I can," she replied.

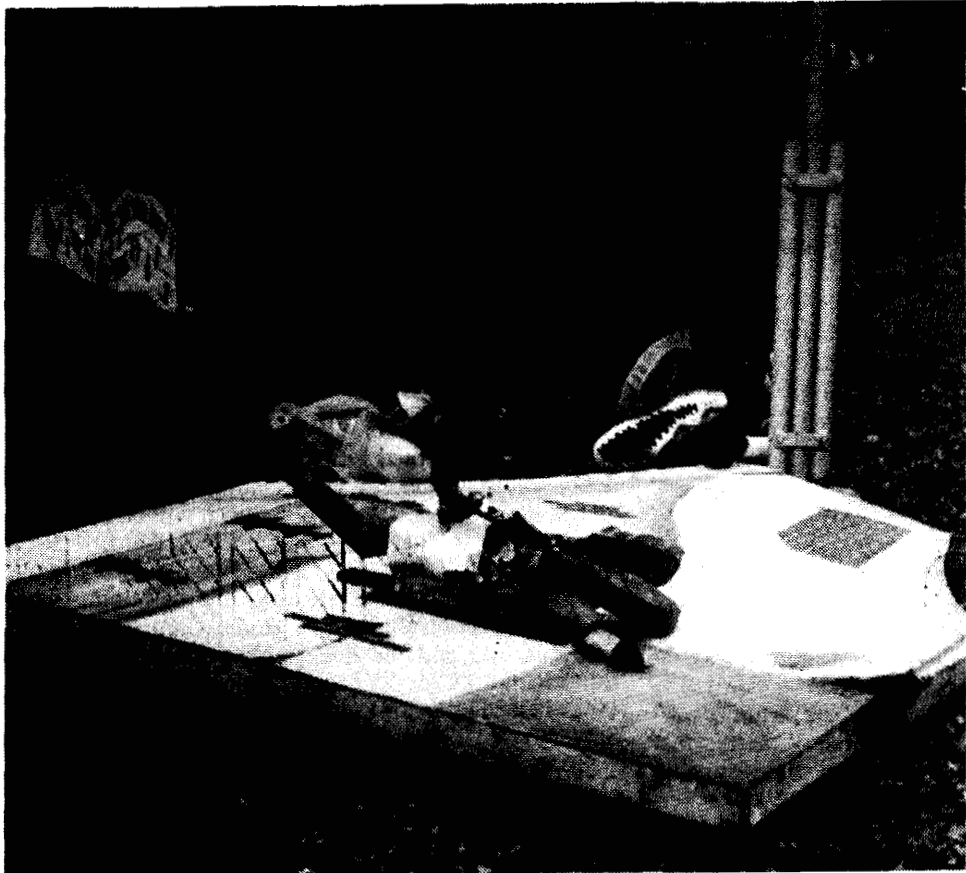
Editor's note: Area residents interested in helping Wheeler meet her expenses can make a tax deductible donation by contacting her at 872-2880.

New book at the library

WEDNESDAY'S CHILDREN: ADULT SURVIVORS OF ABUSE SPEAK OUT by Suzanne Somers (non-fiction). When celebrities describe the abuse they experienced as children, it seems clear that some similarly abused adults are encouraged to recognize and confront the secrets of their own early years. This book collects short reminiscences of emotional, physical, or sexual abuse from just under 2 dozen adults, many of them well known (Angie Dickinson, Patti Davis, Desi Arnaz Jr., Dee Wallace Stone, Gary Crosby; etc.). In the foreword, Timmen L. Cermak, M.D., addresses the concern that stories like these are "anecdotal and exhibitionistic," arguing that the "universal human impulse is to deny abuse, whether you perpetrated it or suffered it. But...emotional freedom depends upon breaking the bonds of silence." Somers' book allows some celebrities, a book-keeper, and a gynecologist, as well as several therapists, to break those bonds.



Wendy Wheeler



WHO'S AFRAID of the big, bad...wind? The wolf and pig Story Time display was among the hardest hit by high winds last week.

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Calendar of Events

Deadline for submitting items for listing in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

Thursday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve candlelight service, 6:30 p.m., Novesta Church of Christ.
Candlelight Christmas Eve service, 7:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Friday, Dec. 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Christmas Day service at 9:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Saturday, Dec. 26

YMCA Thumb Dance Club Christmas party at Sandusky Maple Valley School, 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Music by Barney Shubring Trio.
3-on-3 Basketball Holiday Tournament, Cass City High School.

Sunday, Dec. 27

3-on-3 Basketball Holiday Tournament, Cass City High School.

Monday, Dec. 28

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Wednesday, Dec. 30

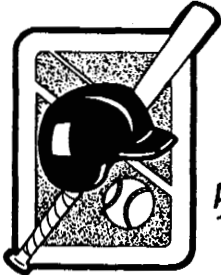
Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Don Warner and Bill Hill.

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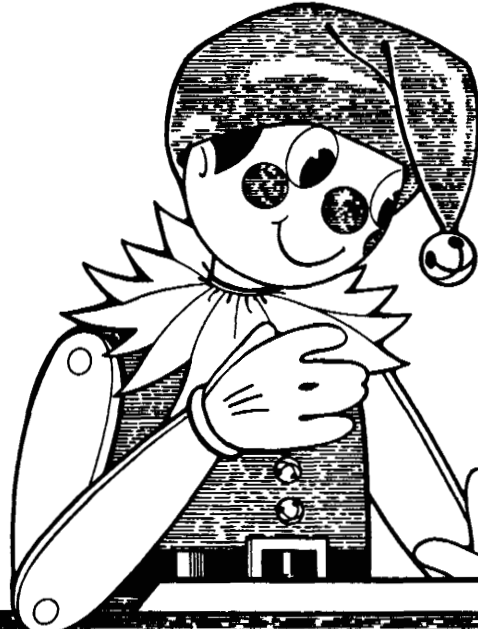
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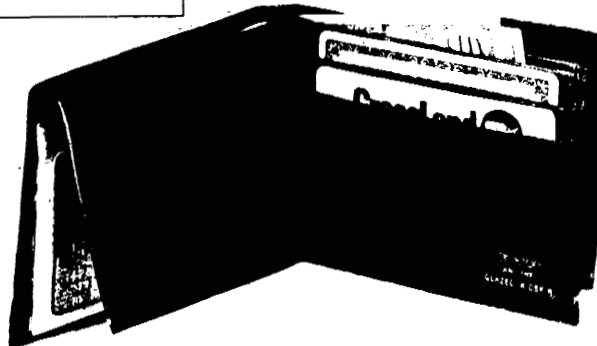
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Winless Bad Axe stuns undefeated Cass City, 50-48

The Cass City Red Hawks will have nearly 3 weeks to mull why they lost to huge underdog Bad Axe Friday in the final game before the holiday break. The visiting Hatchets refused to believe the pre-game press clippings and took the Blue Bay League encounter, 50-48.

It was a game, Coach Jeff Hartel said, that was loaded with Cass City mistakes on both offense and defense. We lost our work ethic that is needed to win.

Couple a large overdose of confidence with some poor shooting and some fine

board work by the Hatchets and the result is the first loss of the year.

It appeared as if the game would follow the script in the first quarter as the Hawks used balanced scoring to jump out to a 15-12 lead. Bad Axe was able to stay close on the long-range shooting of Brent Cubitt, who netted a pair of treys and a 2-pointer in the period.

Cubitt continued his fine shooting in the second quarter with 2 more 3-pointers and Mark Brining added 9 points as the Hatchets forged

in front at the intermission, 28-25.

Paul Ulfig took personal control of the Hawk scoring in the third quarter with 11 points and it was anybody's game going into the final 8 minutes as the visitors led by a point, 40-39.

That's the way it went until the final whistle. The Hatchets went ahead by a point with 4 seconds left in the game and a desperation 3-point shot at the buzzer missed.

Cass City shot just 34 percent, converting 21 of 62. The Hatchets hit 20 of 43 for

47 percent. Included in the total were 5 3-pointers by Cubitt. Bad Axe also won the battle of the boards, 34-21. Freshman Brian Paul led with 8 boards for Bad Axe and Ulfig picked off 10 for Cass City. Cass City had 19 turnovers and Bad Axe, 23.

Both Cass City starting guards, Ron Bouck and John Gibson, were lost by the foul route.

Ulfig scored 23 to lead Cass City while Bad Axe was led by Cubitt with 20 points and Brining with 17.

CASS CITY - S. Muska 1-0 (0-0) 2; R. Bouck 1-0 (0-0) 2; J. Gibson 3-0 (1-2) 7; R. Lloyd 2-0 (2-2) 6; G. LeValley 1-2 (0-0) 8; P. Ulfig 11-0 (1-3) 23.
TOTALS - 19-2 (4-7) 48.

BAD AXE - Ventline 1-0 (1-4) 3; Cubitt 2-5 (1-3) 20; Brining 7-0 (3-3) 17; Walsh 3-0 (0-0) 6; Paul 2-0 (0-1) 4.
TOTALS - 15-5 (5-13) 50.

2nd time this season

Hawks roll past Deckerville

Cass City continued to roll along undefeated last Tuesday at Deckerville, beating the Eagles for the second time in the young season, 67-50.

Although the Hawks led all the way and were ahead 21-8 at the end of the first period, the Eagles refused to fold.

Like it did in the first game, Deckerville kept challenging until late in the game. We need to learn how to put a team away when we get them down, coach Jeff Hartel said.

Paul Ulfig led the blistering opening period attack with 10 points and it appeared like easy sailing for Cass City. But Aaron McCully spearheaded an Eagle rally with 5 field goals in the second quarter and when Brian Salowitz and Chris Logan netted 3-pointers, Deckerville was back in the game at the half, trailing 32-26.

Greg LeValley, who couldn't find the range in the first half from the perimeter, came to life in the third period with 3 field goals and 2 of 3 free throws. The Hawk defense tightened and as a result going into the final 8 minutes, Cass City had the game under control, 49-36.

Hartel said that he was pleased that the team did a better job of getting the ball down court in the transition game, playing more up-tempo than it did in previous games. With the exception of the second quarter, our defense was pretty good, he added.

Cass City continued to shoot well from the field and great from 3-point distance, hitting 50 percent of its treys (3 for 6) and 41 percent of twos (24 of 58).

The team dominated the boards, 39 to 25, led by Ulfig and Richard Lloyd with 11 and 9 rebounds respectively.

The team also took care of the ball better than it has in previous games with 16 turnovers. Deckerville was charged with 22.

The team showed balanced scoring led by Ulfig with 15 points and Lloyd with 13. McCully netted 14 for the Eagles.

DECKERVILLE - B. Salowitz 1-2 (0-0) 8; T. Lamanski 1-0 (0-0) 2; C. Logan 0-1 (1-2) 4; A. McCully 7-0 (0-0) 14; R. Noble 2-0 (1-4) 5; S. Peruski 1-0 (1-2) 3; F. Martinez 1-0 (0-0) 2; C. Roe 4-0 (0-1) 8; A. Nutzman 2-0 (0-1) 4.
TOTALS - 19-3 (3-10) 50.

CASS CITY - S. Muska 1-0 (0-0) 2; R. Bouck 2-0 (3-3) 7; J. Gibson 3-1 (3-7) 12; R. Lloyd 3-1 (4-5) 13; G. LeValley 3-0 (3-6) 9; P. Ulfig 6-0 (3-6) 15; P. Murphy 0-0 (1-2) 1; M. Evans 4-0 (0-0) 8.
TOTALS - 22-2 (17-29) 67.



OWEN-GAGE'S BRENT FRITZ scored 2 of his team high 15 points on this shot Friday in the Bulldogs' 59-50 win over visiting CPS.

Top Vassar, Bad Axe

Hawks win dual meets

Coach Don Markel's Cass City grapplers began their dual meet season on a positive note Wednesday, defeating both Bad Axe and Vassar.

The Red Hawks defeated Bad Axe by a 52-18 margin and then went on to best the Vulcans, 40-33. Cass City's record stands at 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the Blue Bay conference.

Several Red Hawk wrestlers posted wins in both their matches Wednesday at home. Included were Bob Davis, Matt Hoppe, Steve Irvine, Jeff Mathewson, Domonick Vargo, Ed Nizzola and Dan Muska.

The young Hawk wrestlers followed up Wednesday's match with a fine outing Saturday at the 10-team Marlette Invitational.

Cass City scored a respectable 105 1/2 points, just one point shy of bringing home the 3rd place trophy.

Placing and earning medals for Cass City were: Bob Davis (112 lb. class - season record 7-2), Matt Hoppe (125 lb. class - season record 8-0), Jeff Mathewson (140 lb. class - season record 5-4), Domonick Vargo (145 lb.

Unlike their previous games, the Bulldogs raced to a 14-5 first period lead and were never headed in Friday's North Central Thumb League contest with visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

The 59-50 win keeps the 'Dogs unbeaten in league play at 2-0 (3-1 overall) heading into the Christmas break, while CPS remains winless.

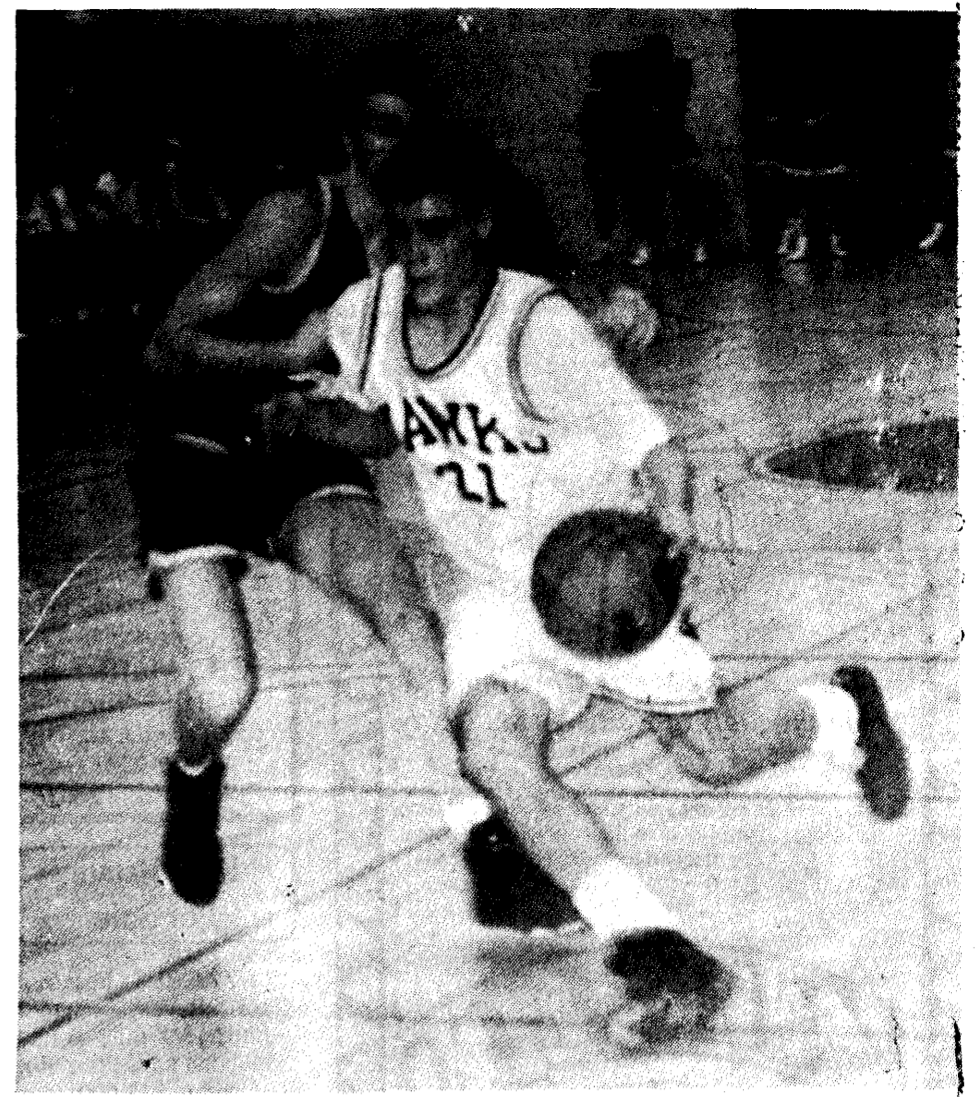
After combining for only 8 points in the initial stanza of their first 2 outings, Coach Brian Wright welcomed the effort of senior Joe Garza, who recorded 6 of his 13 tallies in the opening period.

While Garza was the Bulldogs' workhorse under the basket, teammate Brent Fritz provided the winners with scoring from the perimeter, including 2 from behind the 3 point arc. Despite connecting on only 3 of 8 tries from the foul stripe, Fritz paced the Bulldogs with 15 markers.

The Tigers were able to shave 3 points off the Bulldogs' lead prior to the intermission as Nick Ostrowski started to heat up from the field. Ostrowski recorded game scoring honors with 18 points on 7 field goals and a charity toss.

Playing perhaps their best ball of the early campaign, Owen-Gage showcased a balanced scoring attack in the 3rd quarter as 5 Bulldogs entered the score book.

Matt Mandich kept the losers at bay throughout the



GUARD JOHN GIBSON drives to the basket as Cass City defeated Deckerville for the second time in the young season, 67-50.

Bulldogs post easy decision over winless CPS, 59-50

last half with timely baskets while netting 10 of his 12 tallies after the break.

Although the Bulldogs were outscored from the field 39-41, they benefited from 15 more trips to the foul line than their opponents.

Owen-Gage made good on 20 of 30 freebies, including 9 of 12 down the stretch.

OWEN-GAGE - R. Radabaugh 1-0 (1-2) 3; E. Susalla 0-1 (4-5) 7; B. Fritz 3-2 (3-8) 15; J. Garza 3-0 (7-8) 13; M. Mandich 5-0 (2-2) 12; P. Fahner 1-0 (3-5) 5; S. Story 2-0 (0-0) 4.
TOTALS - 15-3 (20-30) 59.

C-PS - S. Bopra 1-0 (0-0) 2; L. Smafield 2-0 (3-5) 7; B. Knight 2-0 (4-4) 8; M. Davis 1-0 (1-2) 3; S. Paterson 5-0 (0-0) 10; N. Ostrowski 7-0 (1-3) 18; D. DeLong 1-0 (0-1) 2.
TOTALS - 19-0 (9-15) 50.

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Benjamin to start training

Devin Lane Benjamin, son of Albert and Ronda Benjamin of Deford, has qualified for the Navy's Air Man Apprenticeship program and will travel to the Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes to begin Navy Training.

Benjamin, a 1993 graduate of Cass City High School, enlisted in the Navy in the delayed enlistment program.

According to Roger Bacon, recruiter of the Caro Recruiting Station, "Benjamin will attend meetings before leaving for boot camp to receive general military training and orientation briefings."

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Santa letters:

I have been a good girl



Christmas is a time of magic

Sean Zawilinski
High School Social Studies/P.E. Teacher

When I think of Christmas, one memory in particular comes to my mind. I was in Mrs. Rose's first grade class and we were all sitting in two big circles on the floor (girls in one circle, boys in the other). And we passed unnamed, wrapped gifts around until the music stopped (the hot-potato theory except, we all "got caught"). As I write this, I am there, seeing my classmates' faces, Tracey Burns, Lyle Severance, Brenda Meredith, Ryan Cross, and a handful of others. I see the excitement in their faces. They're more excited to see who is going to get the gift they brought than about whose gift they are about to

receive. We were all happy and excited at once - - one big bomb that had burst into happiness. It was great! And even though that day is long gone for me, it has become embedded in my heart!

Today, when I remember those two circles, I notice how much larger they have become. All of my friends and fellow classmates are there, all my relatives, people I see every day, people I haven't seen in years, and people I've never seen before. They're all there, in my Mrs. Rose's classroom, laughing excitedly. Happy. Together. For always. This is what Christmas means to me. Merry Christmas!



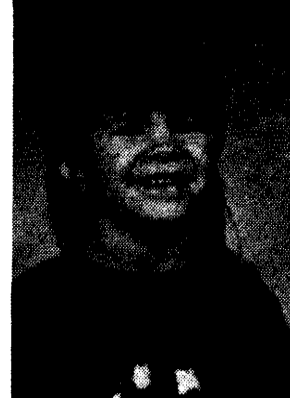
Misty, Casie & Jessie Jensen

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl this year. I would like it if you would bring me some toys. Please. A kite, a catnip mouse for my cat, a baby alive, a puppy alive, and most of all snow. I will leave a present for you. It will be under the cookie plate. OXOX.



Matthew & Paul Dzielinski

Dear Santa, My name is Matthew and I am 7 years old now. For Christmas I would like a work bench, a Super Nintendo, a giggle wiggle and a Magna Doodle. I will leave you some cookies and maybe a pop, too.



Joshua Swalwell

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy all year. Would you bring me a loader, tractor and leggo's please? I will leave out your favorite treat, apple pie. I love you Santa.



Lauren Hall

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas. Please look in your bag to see if you have a treasure troll for me. I would like the treasure troll game and treasure troll clothes. Thank you! We'll leave you a little bit of your favorite candy.

When I was asked to write down what Christmas means to me I thought why not, it can't be that hard. Well, I was wrong. As I thought about it, I was reminded of traditions begun when I was a child and still carried on with my own children, of special family gatherings, fun times with friends and colleagues, and favorite church services and their messages of hope and joy. Yet even after all of that I hadn't satisfactorily summed up what Christmas means to me.

Then it hit me, while yes it was all of these things, it was even more. For me Christmas is a time of magic. It is a time when all that is unseen is real, when even the most hardened skeptic has doubts that there's more to life and to us than what we can put our hands on. Last year I gave some very special

friends a reprint of the editorial reply to the letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon, better known as "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." While the child wanted proof of Santa's existence, Mr. Francis Church's reply summed up even more. That is we all possess the magic to see, feel and believe that which we cannot prove but during the process of living we lose sight of. To quote Mr. Church, "... there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond." Christmas is a time to be reminded of that magic and to revel in it. That's what Christmas means to me.

Have a Merry Christmas



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Love, Misty Jensen
Lillington, N.C. 8 years old

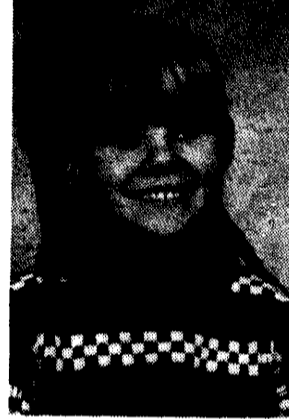
Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl this year. I would like it if you would bring me some toys. Please. A magic Potty Baby. Clothes, a small teddy bear, a tiny Christmas tree, a rollerblade Barbie and some make up.

Love, Casie Jensen
Lillington, N.C. 5 years old

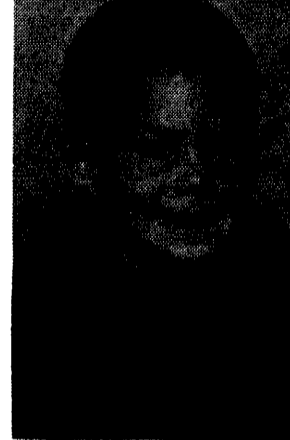
Dear Santa Claus, My name is Jessie. I've been a good girl this year. I would like you to bring me a Baby Doll and some socks. And please leave something for all the good Boys and Girls.

Love, Matthew Dzielinski

Dear Santa, My name is Paul and I am almost 5 years old. For Christmas I would like a Mickey Mouse Watch, a magic thing to write on and lots of candy. I love you, Santa. Oh, and please give Rudolph a hug for me.



Bethany Langlois



Anthony Langlois

Dear Santa, My name is Anthony Langlois and I'm 4 years old. I've been trying to be real good this year. I would like Murduck and a Panscraper. Also an Adam grader because you forgot last year. There will be a piece of pie for you. Sugar and corn for your reindeer.

Please take some toys to my cousins, Christina, Melissa and Mason Doerr.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Love, Anthony Langlois




Barrett Hall

Dear Santa, I want a treasure troll.

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There will be chocolate pie and a glass of milk for you and some sugar for your reindeer. Thank you very much.

Love, Bethany Langlois

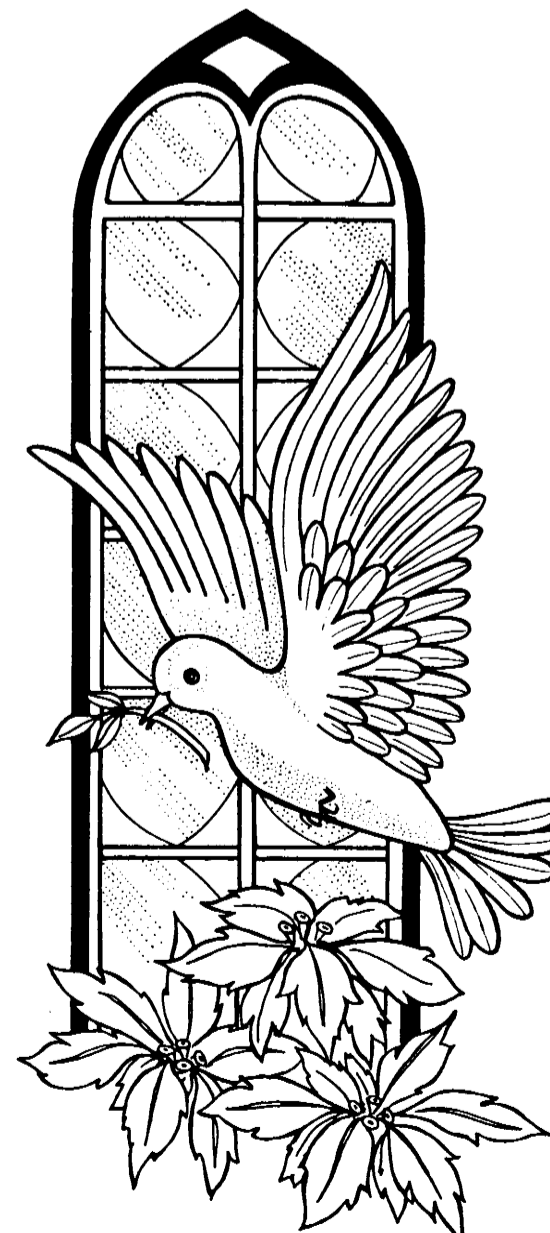


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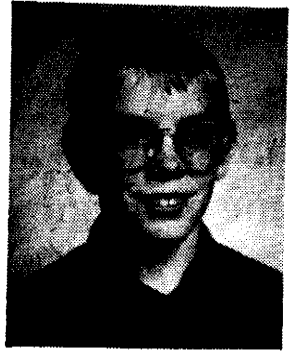
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Christmas is Jesus' birthday

Chris Irvine
7th Grade

What Christmas means to me....

Christmas means being with your family and having fun. I like the presents and cards. I am very thankful for Christmas because we get together to visit, decorate the tree and put lights on the house. I like to go up north for Christmas with family.

We go on drives looking at lights at night. I like the big meals too.

My two best presents were my hamster and the Nintendo. We draw names for my brother, sister and me. I like to go sledding too. But, the biggest reason for celebrating is it is Jesus' birthday and my dad's is on the 24th. That is my story.

Dear Santa: I've been an OK girl this year



Brittney Ponder

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl, so what I wanted was a Little Mermaid doll Aril with a little lost whale.

Brittney Ponder
Age 8



Galen Ponder

Dear Santa, I love you. I would like a be bop and rock steady and super shreader. Also a remote control race car. Last I want a new race track.

Love,
Galen Ponder
Age 5



Krystene Moslander

Dear Santa, This is my second Christmas, but I don't remember last year because I was only a month old. Please send me some toys to my new home in Kentucky and something for Mom and Dad, too.

Love,
Krystene Moslander



Drew Guinther

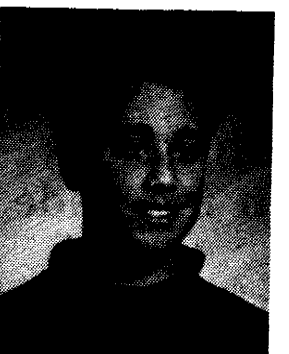
Dear Santa Claus,

We've never met but Mommy and Daddy say you're the person to talk to about this Christmas thing.

I don't know what I should ask for, but I've seen a lot of pretty paper, so I think maybe I'd like some of that. Maybe some nice bows and ribbons too.

Thank you.
Love,
Drew Guinther,
6 months old

P.S. Could we have some of that white snow stuff too? I've never seen it before.



Christmas is giving, fellowship

Tim Sherman
7th Grade

What Christmas means to me: trees, presents, lights and family time together.

It means having fun because usually you're in a good mood for the Christmas season. I think Christmas is fun because it means you're giving, and you get to see the joy on people's faces when they open a present.

I also like receiving presents from my grandparents, parents, brother and best of all my relatives.

going to church and praising the Lord. After all, that is how the holiday got started. Enjoy doing that. When you go to church you see people that don't come to your church regularly. You get to visit and enjoy sharing the Christmas Spirit with them also.

I mostly enjoy Christmas for the fun I have and for the chance to see my cousins, Jandi and Jodi Hillaker, because they come home from college.

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Sarah Ponder

Dear Santa and the Miss, I've been an o.k. girl this year.

I don't really want much now but a new colorful but dark jacket. If you could get it for me I would be very happy.

Thank you.
Sarah Lisa Cheryl Ponder
Age 11

In Germany, Jack Frost appears as an old woman. When Old Mother Frost shakes her bed, snow begins to fall.



Amber Cummings

Dear Santa, Hi, my name is Amber and I'm 20 months old. I've tried to be a real good girl. For Christmas I would like a baby doll and toys to play with. I will leave you milk and cookies and sugar for your reindeer.

xoxo
Love,
Amber Cummings



Kendra Guilds

Dear Santa, I have been a real good girl this year. Please bring me a troll doll and a Barbie doll.

Love,
Kendra Guilds

P.S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.



Nicole Bemboom

Dear Santa, NFL football, turtles air jet, bart simson versus the word, Super nintendo, Super mario land, chemistry set, top gun the hand game, a pair of boots size 5, a flash light, army pants, and helmet, and shrit, and a fake machine gun, a mini dirt bike, skate board (Bart Simpson). Brittany a stuffed animal, Glenn a toy truck. Freddie's Christmas list.

Thank you,
Frederick Periso
4965 State St.
Gagetown, MI 48735
Age 8



Stephanie Bemboom

Dear Santa, It's Christmas again and time to wish you and all our friends in Michigan a Merry Christmas. We would like Troll dolls.

Nicole and Stephanie (Asher) Bemboom
Wrightwood, Calif.

Merry Christmas Santa

Dear Santa, Could you please bring me puppy surprise, Mary Poppins tape, 101 Dalmations tape or Game Boy. My brother would like a big truck that makes lots of noise. Thank you!

Love
Lia and
Harrison Krantz

Have a nice trip, Santa

Dear Santa, I hope you get me what's on my list. If they don't have it, you should get me a doll. I hope you have a nice trip flying in the air on Christmas Eve.

- (1) Doll with pretty hair.
- (2) Pumpkin that glows like a flashlight.
- (3) Dog that glows in the dark.
- (4) TV in her bedroom.
- (5) Sevori with bubbles.
- (6) Stroller with babies and baby bottles.
- (7) Play Gun.
- (8) Flashlight.
- (9) Coat - Angel.
- (10) Work bench.

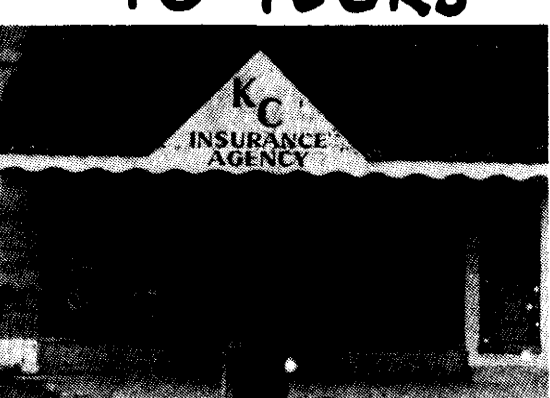
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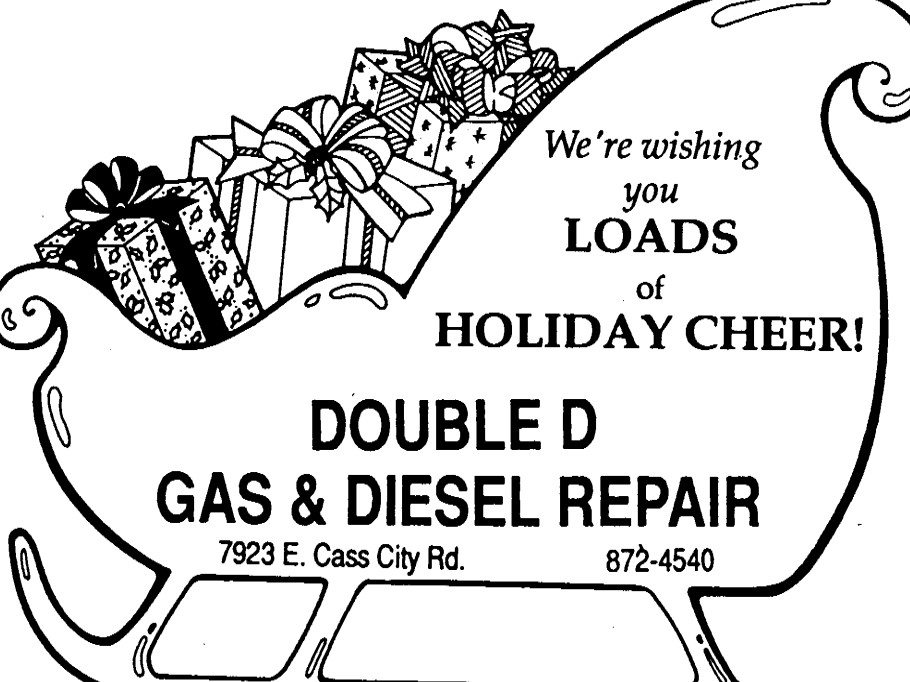
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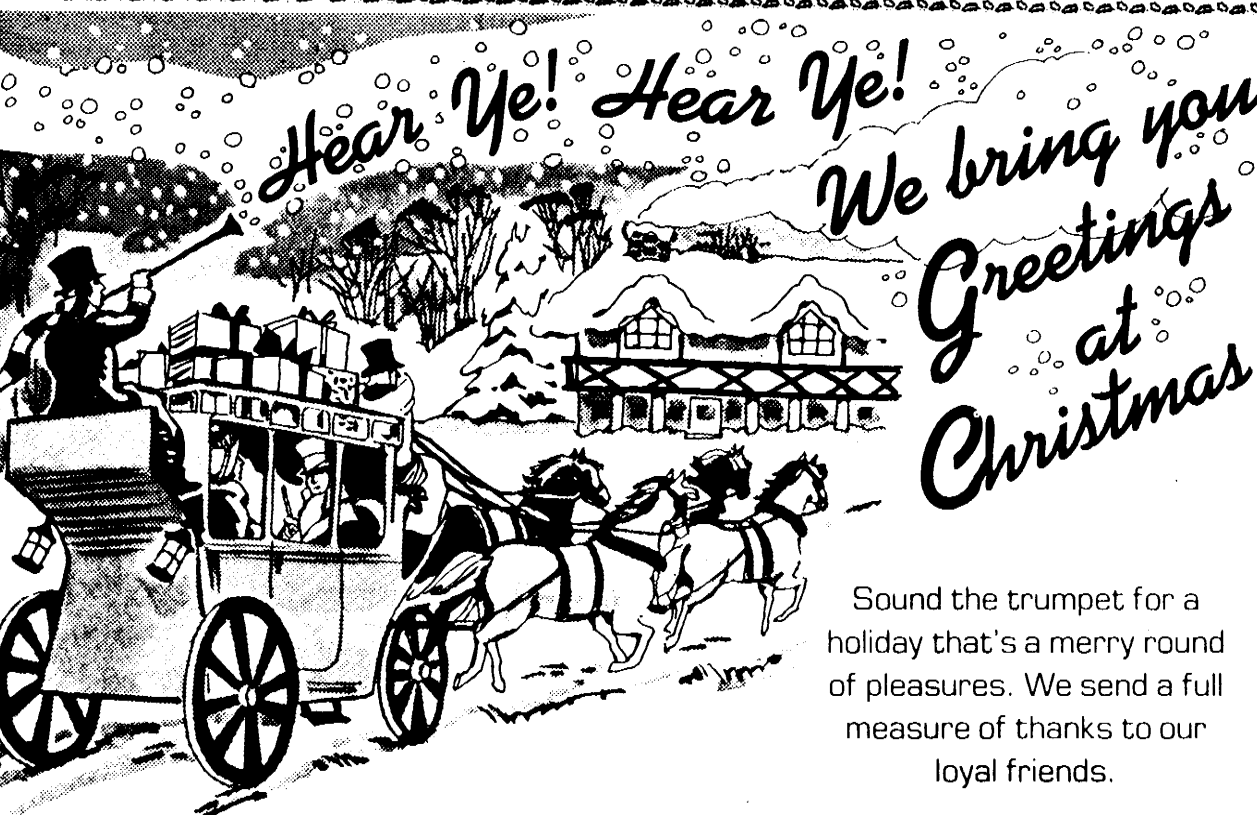
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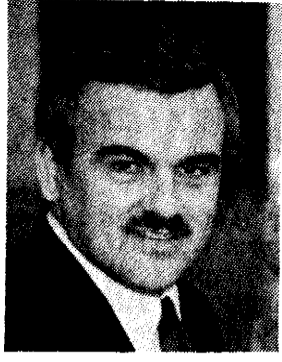
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Merry Christmas



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Christmas synonymous with family

Ken Micklash
Superintendent of
Cass City Schools

Christmas to me is synonymous with the word family. This season of the year provides an excellent opportunity for families to share quality time together in order to carry on or develop new family traditions.

During the presidential campaign of a few weeks ago we heard a lot of comments about our society's family unit. All of us recognize that the traditional structure of our family unit has changed over the past several years. But, regardless of this change, this time of the year provides all of us an ideal opportunity to strengthen our existing family ties.

A person very close to me, in my family, reminds me often that friends come and friends go, but your family is yours forever. I believe this to be very true, and no matter who you are, what you do or what you have, Christmas is a time to share. The sharing part of Christmas does not

have to be big or expensive gifts, because the gift of sharing your concern and love is far more important.

During every Christmas season I like to read a letter from one of my former students that expressed what Christmas meant to him. These are the words of that troubled young man.

"At Christmas a family should share stuff. A family should be nice and not hollering. There should be people having fun. A family should be nice to each other and share what they have. It should be a nice day with no fighting. People should be happy and go to bed nice."

I hope we all give our families what this young man wanted by doing whatever we can to help our families, and especially our children, truly enjoy this Christmas season, by sharing the gifts of our concern and love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa: Sometimes I forget



Jessica, Stephen, Alex,
Jordan Papp

Hi Santa,
I'm Jessica, almost 10. For Xmas I would like a Barbie house, a computer, some clothes.

Thanks,
Jessica Papp

Dear Santa,
My name is Stephen, 7. I try to be good all year but sometimes I forget. Mom has to remind me. For Xmas I would like a bulls hat, a football dart board.

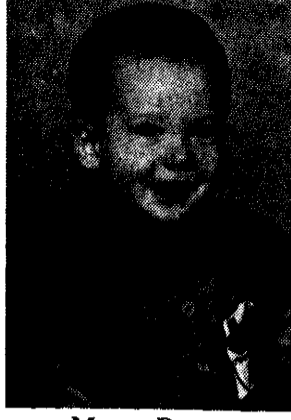
Thank you,
Stephen Papp

Dear Santa,
I am Alex, 5 years old. I forgot to tell you while I was on your lap at the mall that I wanted Batman toys, a basketball and race car.

Thanks,
Alex Papp

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordan. I'm 2 1/2. I would like a motorcycle, a new cowboy hat and gun. I hope you will like our cookies and milk.

Thanks,
Jordan Papp



Mason Doerr

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason Doerr. I'm 15 months old. I have tried to be a very good boy. I would like a truck, some tub toys and clothes for Christmas and could you please bring my sisters, Christina and Melissa something for Christmas?

I'll leave you a treat Santa. Thanks and Merry X-mas.

Love ya,
Mason Doerr

At Hills and Dales

Cass City retirees meet for Christmas celebration

The Hills and Dales meeting room was decorated in the Christmas theme for the Christmas party of the Cass City Retired Persons Dec. 18. Eighteen members and one guest took part in the festivities.

Edna Simcox, president, read a Christmas prayer, "The Forgotten Tree." The pledge to the flag was said

and a short business meeting was held. Yvonne Burleson read the poem, "Is the Child Still There?" "The Church Windows," written by Melvin Vender, a former Presbyterian pastor, was read by Marion McClorey.

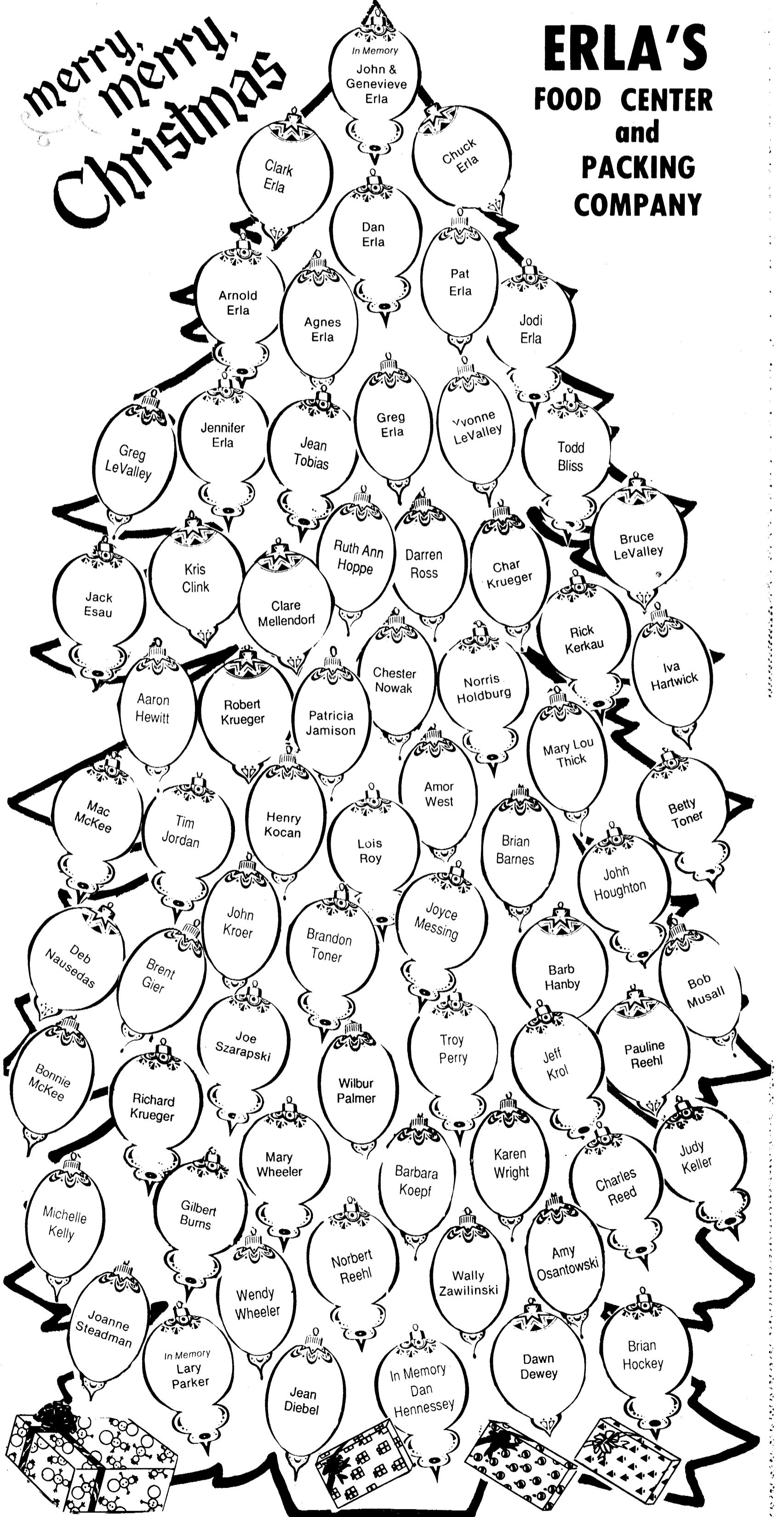
Other Christmas poems were read by Doloris Fleming, Yvonne Burleson and Lillian Hanby. There was a gift exchange

and then singing of Christmas carols. Cards were signed for shut-ins.

The group was introduced to Tina Zahn, who will be taking Mrs. Mitchell's place, as she retires. Ideas for activities for next year were discussed.

Members were asked to bring New Year's resolutions to the January meeting.

Merry, Merry, Christmas



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SUNDAY NO ROLLERS Dec. 13

Ubyl Vill. Card & Gift 16
Schott's Accounting 15
Team #6 15
Family Affair 14
Cole Carbide 12
Gutter Dusters 9
Team #1 8

Women's High Game: C. Klaus 204.
High Team Series: Schott's Accounting 1854.
High Team Game: Ubyl Village Card & Gift 664.

TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS Dec. 14

Men's High Series: Doug O'Dell 582.
Men's High Games: Doug O'Dell 213, C. Kelley 205.
Women's High Series: K. O'Dell 506, C. Klaus 497.

Gagetown Inn 21
Miller Eggs 20
Erla's Inc. 19
C.R. Hunt 18
Spaulding Builders 17
Cass City Sports 17
Cole Carbide 9

Charmont Motel 9
Phil's Clippers 6
Charmont 4

High Series & Games: R. Kerkau 696 (211-250-235), T. Comment 647 (268), J. Krol 643 (225-244), P. Robinson 642 (215-223), D. Miller 628 (211-243), S. Grifka 612 (267), M. Lutz 610 (214), J. Zawilinski 606 (228), Doug O'Dell 606, J. Smithson 602 (210), S. Hammett 597, D. Dickinson 590, J. McIntosh 585 (211), P. McIntosh 581 (233), C. Bellew 576 (245), J. Klein 212, D. Adams 210.
High Team Series: Miller Eggs 2985.
High Team Game: Miller Eggs 1099.

CHARMONT LADIES

Charmont 15
Cass City Tire 12
Live Wires 12
Cable-ettes 11
Smart Graphics 11
Thumb Nat'l Bank 11
Boards 10
Deford Country Gro. 10
Elmwood What Knots 9
Pizza Villa 9
Wild Johns 9

High Team Game: Thumb Nat'l Bank 1071.
High Team Series: Cass City Tire 3056.
High Series: D. Mathewson 540, E. Romain 514, B. Kilbourn 505, S. Humpert 494, D. Sweeney 480, S. Badder 472, L. Shake 485.
High Games: L. Shake 205, D. Mathewson 200, B. Kilbourn 191, J. Merchant 186, K. Guinther 181, M. Moore 186, S. Humpert 180, T. Mathewson 171, M. Hacker 174, L. Gaymer 181, E. Romain 177, C. Furness 171, S. Badder 175.

High Series & Games: R. Rabideau 676 (262-243), K. Pickla 647 (279), Gary Robinson 617 (224-211), K. Martin 636 (226-235), R. Kerkau 645 (231-215), A. Witherspoon 224, D. Doerr 247, Duane O'Dell 211, Doug O'Dell 577 (210), Dan Smith 223, W. Northon 584 (220), E. Schmalz 585 (224), J. Baker 211, R. Kilbourn 618 (225).

TUESDAY AFTER-NOON LADIES' LEAGUE Dec. 15

Sutter's Bakery 42
Stilley's 40
Charmont 34
Alley Hoppers 31
Country Gals 29

High Series: N. Rabideau 460.
High Game: E. Jerore 189.
High Team Series: Stilley's 1659.
High Team Game: Sully's 620.

MERCHANTS' "A" Dec. 16, 1992

Mathewson 16
Charmont Motel 15
Charmont 12
New England Life 11*
Kingston State Bank 10
Kritzman's 9
Brentwood 8
Warju Flooring 8
Summers 8
Gilligan's 8*
Milletics Surveying 3

High Series & Games: S. Hammett 739 (256-253-230), L. Tomaszewski 693 (244-226-223), M. Lutz 688 (279-215), D. Miller 678 (236-236), K. Beachy 673 (244-236), W. Smith 605 (236), J. Smithson 583 (236), J. Storm 575 (212), G. Riccardi 572 (215), M. Grifka 569, M. Bauer-schmidt 554, T. Summers 214, G. King 212, L. Summers 212, B. Warju 210.

MERCHANTS' "B" Dec. 16, 1992 Final Standings

Mac Tools 20
Gilligan's 19
Charmont 19
Charmont Motel 16
Board Chrysler 16
Micro EDM 15
Hyatt, Inc. 14

Winner Round #1 - Gilligan's

High Series & Games: R. Kerkau 672 (255-214), M. Lutz 670 (259), S. Hammett 604 (213), M. Welun 599 (214), B. Rukoski 591, T. Comment 566 (211), D. Zdrojewski 229, N. Benitez 227.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Dec. 17

Martin Electric 18
Northon Const. 15
Kilbourn Tech 12
Jacques Seeds 12
Gilligan's 12
Bushwackers 12
Nefesco 10
Deford Country Groc. 8
Pioneer Seeds 7
Cass City IGA 7
Kilbourn Service 5

High Series & Games: R. Rabideau 676 (262-243), K. Pickla 647 (279), Gary Robinson 617 (224-211), K. Martin 636 (226-235), R. Kerkau 645 (231-215), A. Witherspoon 224, D. Doerr 247, Duane O'Dell 211, Doug O'Dell 577 (210), Dan Smith 223, W. Northon 584 (220), E. Schmalz 585 (224), J. Baker 211, R. Kilbourn 618 (225).

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE Dec. 17

Sal's Country Clippers 42
HI Roth 31
Dec's MP Rockets 30
Kingston Mini Mart 30
AIDES 26
#006 21

High Series & Game: D. Mathewson 521 and 215.
High Team Series & Game: Sal's Country Clipper 1868 and 661.

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE Dec. 18

Cass City Oil & Gas 78
Town & Country 77
Rhonda's General Store 65
Old Folks 63
Helter Skelter 55
The Kids 51
The Family 47
Bye 15

Men's High Series: L. Tracy 630, J. Navarro 574, L. Gyomory 566.
Men's High Game: L. Tracy 232.

Women's High Series: B. Watson 561, G. Navarro 515, D. Smith 506.
Women's High Games: B. Watson 234, D. Smith 198.
High Team Series & Game: Cass City Oil & Gas 1988 and 679.

In circuit court

9 plead, 4 sentenced last week

Nine people entered pleas and 4 others were sentenced last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Ralph W. McMann, 43, Deford, avoided a jury trial scheduled to begin last Wednesday when he entered a plea of no contest to second degree criminal sexual conduct.

He was charged with engaging in sexual contact with a child under the age of 13 years of age between July and September 1991 in Kingston Township, according to court records.

A pre-sentence investigation and mandatory HIV testing were ordered by the court, which continued bond at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Tony S. Bossert, 18, Cass City, pleaded innocent to charges of breaking and entering an occupied dwelling with intent to commit larceny and larceny in a building.

Court records state he is accused of breaking into a house at 3060 E. Deckerville Rd., Cass City, Sept. 8, and stealing cash and a Crown Royal bag with coins.

Bossert was remanded to the custody of the sheriff. A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled in the case.

Robert D. LeFave, 40,

Vandal puts sugar in gas tank

A Kingston woman reported someone put sugar in the gas tank of her car while the vehicle was parked in Cass City last week.

According to Cass City police, Nancy Nelson, 6617 Harris Rd., stated the incident occurred sometime between 3 and 7:30 p.m. last Wednesday. She discovered the vandalism when she stopped to have her gas tank filled.

Christmas services scheduled

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is planning a candle-light Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m. and a Christmas Day service at 9:30 a.m.

The Junior and Senior choirs will participate in both services. The New Year's Eve service is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Sr. Citizens' Menu Senior citizens are asked to make reservations on the day of the meal between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. by calling Ann Stepka, 872-5337.

DEC. 28-30

Monday - Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Cukes & Sour Cream, Rolls, Tapioca Pudding.

Wednesday - Pepper Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Pudding.

Deford, pleaded innocent to one count of probation violation.

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled. Bond was set at \$200 by the court, which remanded the defendant to the custody of the sheriff.

LeFave allegedly violated probation by possessing marijuana Dec. 7, according to court records, which note he is serving a term of 36 months probation for a July 27 conviction of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

Donald G. Lambert, 23, Caro, entered a plea of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile, involving a van belonging to Dale Urmos, Sept. 6 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

John H. Flood, 43, Lapeer, was sentenced to 6 1/2 months in the county jail and ordered to make restitution for his plea of guilty to attempted writing a non-sufficient fund check over \$200.

Court records state the offense involved a \$1,550 check drawn on National Bank of Detroit, Lapeer, May 11.

Hugh J. Cain, 22, Imlay City, pleaded guilty to one count of attempted larceny in a building.

Court records state Cain, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff, attempted to steal cheese, wine coolers, hamburgers and beer from a building at 4300 E. Sanilac Rd., Dayton Township, Oct. 15, 1990.

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

Michael D. Russell, 21, Deford, entered a plea of guilty to attempted delivery of marijuana Sept. 23 in Elkland Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000.

Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Chad W. Gaeth, 27, Sebawaing, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of embezzling more than \$100 in cash while an employee of Little Caesar's Pizza, Caro. The offenses occurred Sept. 10 and May 14, court records state.

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

Tina M. Sprouse, 30, Flint, pleaded guilty during her arraignment on a charge of unlawfully driving away a car belonging to Michael H. Gerhauser March 14 in Denmark Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Loren N. Ames, 31, Caro, entered a plea of innocent to a charge of possession of marijuana, second offense, Nov. 1 in Ellington Township.

The case is to be scheduled for a jury trial. Bond was continued at \$100.

Lagusta C. Bables, 44, Vassar, was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in prison for a

plea of guilty to embezzlement over \$100.

According to court records, the defendant embezzled money from fraudulent sales while working at Wal-Mart in Caro Aug. 21.

William P. Dow, 36, Mayville, was sentenced for a plea of guilty to attempted possession of marijuana Sept. 23 in Dayton Township.

He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 2 years probation and 120 hours of community service, and ordered to pay court costs and fines totalling \$500, a \$30 victim crime fee and attorneys fees.

Raymond W. Hubel-Manning, 17, Caro, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 90 days in jail, with school release, for his plea of guilty to attempted breaking and entering an occupied dwelling with intent to commit larceny.

He was also ordered to complete 40 hours of community service and participate in mental health counseling, and ordered to pay \$100 in costs, a \$100 fine and a \$30 victim crime fee.

Court records state Hubel-Manning's offense occurred Oct. 10 and involved a house at 3202 Rossman Rd., Caro.

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Celebration of the birth of Jesus

by Kayla Poslusznny
Third grade student
Deford Elementary School

What does Christmas mean? Some people think it is when you get a bunch of presents. No, no, no! It's when Jesus was born! It all started when that happened. Some people think it is getting presents and gifts of candy in stockings but it's not. It is thinking about people you love and cherish and thinking about Jesus and not yourself. Jesus was born on a special day, Christmas, in Bethlehem. He is the meaning of Christmas and you should be happy if you are in a special place where you are loved on Christmas.

All I want for Christmas is that grandpa gets well



Kevin and Trevor Phillips

Dear Santa,
My name is Kevin and I'm 4 years old. Will you please bring me some race cars for my race car men. I also have a little brother named Trevor. He is one year old. Will you please bring him something nice, too.
We'll leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Kevin & Trevor Phillips

P.S. Please bring something nice for our cousin Kelsey.



Monica Sue Stover

Merry Christmas to Mommy and Daddy, Brenda (Schember) and Mark Stover. This is my first Christmas. I was born Oct. 10, 1992. Thanks to everyone who gave me such a lot of nice gifts. All I want for Christmas is that Grandpa Stover gets well.
Happy New Year to all.

Monica Sue Stover

P.S. Please remember all my cousins with gifts.



Family traditions

by Linda Stec
Third grade teacher
Deford Elementary School

Each year we celebrate the Christmas Season. Year after year we pick and choose family traditions that are important to us and we make them part of our own Christmastime celebration. It could be something so simple, yet to us it seems so important - like the cookie cutters my mom used when I was growing up at home. There was the Christmas tree, the star, the bell, and the poinsettia. Mom has replaced them since with "newer models" and given me the old. Yet each year no matter how many new ones I have acquired, when it's time for another time honored tradition - Aunt Helen's Christmas Cookie recipe, I dig through the box to find those old cookie cutters!

I often wonder what my children will look back on and remember most about Christmas? What traditions

will they choose to pass on to their families?

Somehow I feel the most important role I can play during the Christmas season is to help my children appreciate the many things that Christmas means to me. With my family that begins with participating in our church's Christmas programs. No matter how many times those little ones sing Away in a Manger, have you noticed that it never quite sounds the same? Then there is the time spent with family and friends for one never knows what changes may occur between now and the next holiday season. We spend time making gifts to share with others. (How many times have we burned a batch of rock candy this year! Surely we'll get it right one of these times!!)

Most importantly Christmas means the retelling of that beautiful story of a baby born in Bethlehem many years ago and no matter how many traditions come and go and no matter which traditions my children choose to carry on, I hope they will never forget the story of our Savior's birth. It is the most important part of the season, for without His birth there would be no Christmas!

Dear Santa: I would like a bike



Kelsey Phillips

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this past year.
I would like a bike; some pretty clothes and little trolls.
I hope you and your reindeer are fine. I will leave some milk and cookies for you, and sugar for the reindeer.
Thank you.

Love,
Kelsey Phillips
Deford, Mich.

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Ryan & Ashley Simmerlein

Dear Santa,
Remember me? I'm Ryan. I've been an extra good boy this year, just ask my dad. I would like a Big truck, Race Cars and a cartoon movie. Please leave a present for my little sister, too.

Love ya,
Ryan & Ashley Simmerlein

Please bring me a new truck

Dear Santa,
I've been a really good girl this year.
Please bring me a new truck so I can go to Florida.

Love,
Deb

P.S. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.



Travis Mozen

Dear Santa:
I am 2 years old and have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like toys; a fire truck, a tractor and another fire truck! I will leave you milk and cookies and an apple for Rudolph.

Love,
Travis Mozen



Brandon & Travis Myers

Hello! My name is Brandon Myers and my brother's name is Travis. I am 2 years old, and my brother is 1 year old.

We have been pretty good boys this year. So, can you please bring us something nice. We would like a truck, a dinosaur, tool bench and some clothes. We will leave you some cookies and milk, and some sugar for your reindeer.

Brandon & Travis Myers
809 E. Bay St.
Sebewaing, Mich. 48759

Grandma is writing this letter for me

Dear Santa,
I'm too young to write so my Grandma is writing this for me.

A doll, a blanket with Minnie Mouse, stuffed Minnie toys, little tikes ride on toy, picks-up vacuum, a pair of snow boots, a set of pans for Mom and a NFL sweat shirt for Dad (Lions), trucks for my 3 brothers.

Thank you!
Merry Christmas

Brittany Periso
4965 State St.
Gagetown, MI 48735
Age 2

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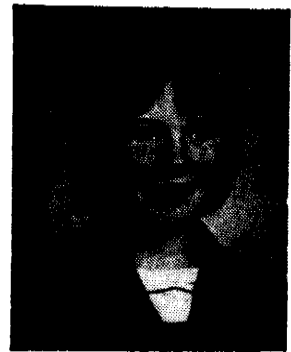
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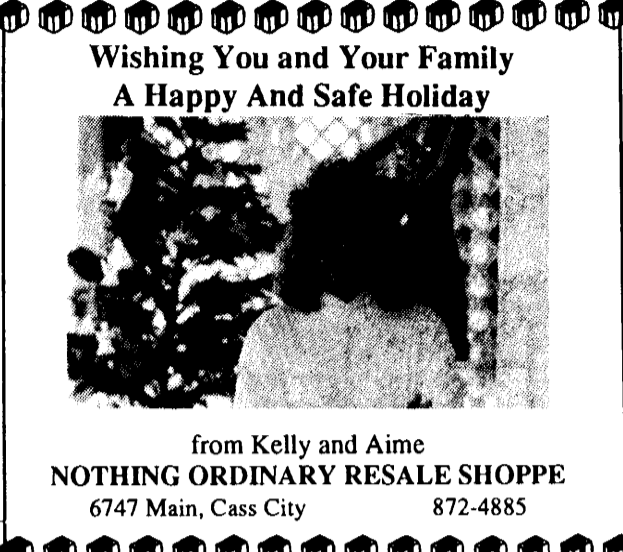
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It's when Jesus was born
 Jessie Metzger,
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 3rd Grade


Christmas means the celebration of Jesus's birth. Christmas is a time for giving. Christmas is also a time for receiving gifts but I think Christmas should be the time for singing carols and praying "Thanks to God for such a nice gift of life."

Wishing You and Your Family A Happy And Safe Holiday



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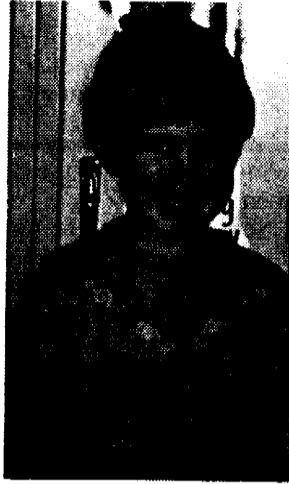
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Santa letters:

Thanks for last year's gifts



Carrie Hillaker



Allie Hillaker

Dear Santa,
 We would like My Bundle Babies. Merry Christmas.

Love,
 Carrie and Allie Hillaker

**Dear Santa,
 Merry Christmas**

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas.

A play dog, a video game, Bart Simpson, two front teeth, a watch, alligator teeth game, playing cards, toys, coffee cups, pants, gum ball machine, blanket, Bart Simpson skate board. Brittany wants a play dog.

Thank you,
 Brandon Periso
 4965 State St.
 Gagetown, MI 48735
 Age 7



Ashley, Ryan, Casey and Ross Forrest

Dear Santa,
 We would like to thank you for our gifts from last year. This year we finally decided what we want. Ashley would like a leather jacket. Ryan wants any type of Batman Returns toy. Casey wants the Little Tykes Grandpa and Grandma Doll House to go with her other one. Ross needs another sheriff's rifle. Please don't forget to bring Markie and Sissy and Amy and Barney something. They've been pretty good.

We'll leave cookies and hot cocoa out for you and carrots for the reindeer. Thank-you.

Love,
 Ashley, Ryan,
 Casey & Ross Forrest



Angelena Simpson
 Cameron Simpson

Dear Santa,
 My name is Angelena Simpson. Mom and Dad said I've been a good girl this year and since I'm only 1 year old, I think that's pretty good. I don't really need a lot of presents this year. I'd just like to have a nice Christmas with my aunts and uncles and cousins and grandmas and grandpa. But if you really want to bring me something, I guess I'd probably like a Little Tikes Cozy Coupe. I have a new baby brother, Cameron, but he's still too little to play with any toys. He has been a good boy for these last 2 months, though, so if you want you can bring him some new clothes and pajamas since mom says he's been growing out of his so fast.

We will leave some graham crackers and hot chocolate for you and some carrots for your reindeer.

Love,
 Angie and Cameron Simpson



Ashley Keys

Dear Santa,
 Hi, how are you? I've been pretty good this year. I just turned 4 years old last week. For Christmas I would like a sleeping bag, Barbie's little sister Skipper, some puzzles, Barbie's Rosebud Horse and Winnie the Pooh Pajamas. I will leave you some Christmas cookies I helped my mom make.

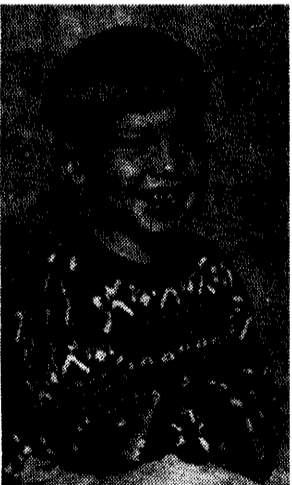
Love you,
 Ashley Keys



Corey & Kyle Will

Dear Santa,
 Hi, I'm Corey and I have tried to be good this year. I would like a slurpee machine, refrigerator, washer and dryer and farm buildings. My brother Kyle would like some new tools, tractor and toy box. We will leave you a snack.

Love you,
 Corey & Kyle Will



Ethan Damm

Dear Santa,
 My name is Ethan Damm and I am 3 years old. I've been very good this year so would you please bring me some trucks and cars to play with? And some books, too. Please bring my big brother Jason something, too.

Love,
 Ethan Damm

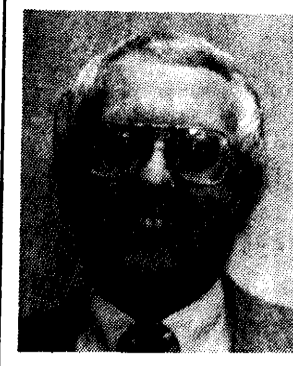
I hope it's not too much

Dear Santa,
 I like you and your elves a lot. How old are you? How old are your reindeer?
 This is what I want for Christmas...

Totally Hair Barbie, Barbie House, Western Fun Barbie, Game Boy, Football Outfit, Nurf Bow 'n' Arrow, Super Soaker, Splat, Puppy Surprise, Pretty Crimp 'n' Curl, Tropical Ariel, Ariel's Undersea Hideaway, Snowy Fun Outfits for 5, Wading Pool for 5, Special-for-5 Playground, Special-for-5 house, Treasure Troll, and Troll Kid.

Love,
 Theresa Cowall

P.S. I hope it's not too much!



Christmas is for gathering and sharing

Dave Lovejoy
 Campbell Elem.
 Principal

Christmas is a wonderful time because of the gathering of family and the sharing of memories. The Candlelight Service at our church on Christmas Eve is very special as we sing and have a chance to celebrate the joy of the season together.

To me, Christmas means: The eager anticipation on our three-year-old son's face when we read "The Night Before Christmas" to him on Christmas Eve.

The happiness our older children share with our son as he opens the gifts left by Santa.

Wrapping paper and boxes covering the floor after

opening the gifts. The smell of bacon throughout the house. Long-distance phone calls to family.

Putting together toys that are "Easy to Assemble."

Wrapping presents until 2:00 a.m.

Searching the house for batteries.

Eating a dinner that has enough food for three times the people assembled.

Watching my son play with the same toys he did yesterday.

AND finally reflecting on the activities of the day with my wife as we collapse for "a good winter's rest."

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"What Christmas means to me"

Cass City sixth graders write

Christmas gives me many feelings. Like when I'm in a quiet room with the smell of a Christmas tree I feel very happy for what I've got and I remember the people that don't have any home or food.

Peggy Callahan

Christmas means getting together with people in your family and eating a big meal. Opening presents and everyone is happy, go sledding, play hockey, have snowball fights, build a snowman.

Everyone is happy when they get a present, it shows them that they are cared about.

Dave Mellendorf

Christmas is the time for giving and sharing. Christmas is the time of year for giving to people who don't have any money. It's the time of year for hoping and praying. Christmas is the time of year for getting together and having family dinners. Christmas is my favorite time of year because everyone is caring for each other.

Allison Wright

What Christmas means to me... I think the presents are the best part of Christmas. I like opening presents and getting new things and better things than the last Christmas. I like playing with my Christmas presents and I like to listen to Christmas music.

On Christmas Day we go to other relatives' houses and open presents and talk and eat, and just so much fun on Christmas Day. We eat all kinds of foods like turkey, Christmas cookies. After we're all done, we put our toys in the car and go home, and then we get to play with our toys for the rest of the day.

Benji Adams

What Christmas means to me is I get good gifts and delicious food. I just like it because it is a holiday. It is fun to open gifts and give gifts to someone who can't have Christmas. Some people can't have a tree because they can't afford it or a gift so I get rid of something that I can't use and someone else can.

Melissa Sproull

What Christmas means to me is Jesus' birthday. Churches have programs that focus on the Christmas story every year. Nativity scenes are in many places. Angels are hung in many places. Many Christmas songs focus on His birth. That is what Christmas means to me.

Adam Stoekle

What Christmas means to me!! Christmas means having family come over for dinner and blessing the Lord for the food that he gave you.

Christmas is the remembrance of Jesus for the day he was born was a special day because he made that day Christmas.

One of my favorite things about Christmas is the presents that Santa Claus gives us for being good kids.

Sincerely,
Jose Nazario

What Christmas means to me is to go to church to celebrate Jesus's birthday. My church really celebrates Jesus's birthday. My Sunday School even has a birthday party for Jesus. We even send out invitations to kids, and that is really special to me. That is the true meaning of Christmas. And that is what Christmas means to me.

By: **Kara Mellendorf**



Excitement of Christmas never changes

Geraldine Tibbits
6th grade teacher

The excitement and anticipation before Christmas never changes. The projects we do at school are timeless with tradition as children look forward to presents, programs, family times, parties, and vacation. There is always a time to reinstate the value of giving and being of service to others. I assign a reading class project with the hope of creating a memory for the students related to sixth grade. Christmas is a time of memories and traditions.

Christmas means to me joy and happiness. It also means family and friends. It's a time for giving and caring. It's a time when people are nicer than they usually are.

Amanda Board

Christmas is a gathering of family and friends. We should be grateful for people who love and care about us. Sometimes we take our family and friends for granted without even knowing it. This holiday season we should try to tell one person what they mean to us.

Christmas is also a time to be happy. I can't think of one season that makes me feel better than Christmas.

Rose Hoelzle

What Christmas means to me is family. I think you should include family at Christmas because Christmas is a time for sharing and for caring. It wouldn't be Christmas without family.

Brenda DuQuesnay

What Christmas means to me. It means being with the family and being thankful. I think Christmas is for giving, but also receiving. Christmas is about love. In other words Christmas is about love, thinking of others, and also it means sharing.

Jason Mester

Christmas is a time when the family gets together and celebrates Jesus' birthday. It is also a time when you can get gifts from people. You should be thankful because some kids and parents don't get anything for Christmas.

Isaac Ponder



Christmas with family and friends

Sheri Foster

Christmas is a time for giving. When do you feel better, when you give a present or receive a present? I think the answer is give a present. When you know you're making a child or adult have that special feeling that someone loves them.

Christmas is also the time

to be with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Christ. Most people don't think of that. That is who started Christmas. It all started in Bethlehem, the beginning of a special holiday, Christmas.

Sheri Foster
6th grade student
Cass City Middle School

Sara Zorn

Dave Hobbs

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Keith Caverly

What Christmas means to me is that I get to see family that I hardly get to see. I like it when we open our presents. Our Christmas dinner is really good. My favorite part is that we get out of school and I get to sleep in. That's what Christmas means to me.

Ashley Forrest

What Christmas means to me is Jesus' birthday. Christmas is a time to remember Jesus' birthday. Jesus is very special and that is why we have such a big celebration. Christmas also means a time for sharing, caring, and giving. You give presents to people, and you receive presents too. Christmas is a happy time.

Amy Venema

What Christmas means to me... Christmas is a time for sharing your love with your family. A time to remember Jesus was born. It's not a time for just receiving. It's a time for loving those who love you. A time to share memories. Christmas is to me the best season of the year, because you get to spend it with those you love.

Ashley Little

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ROSS KRAFT SPENT 4 to 5 days stringing some 4,500 lights on his Leach Street home and yard. The results are spectacular at night, but Kraft reports he probably won't continue the tradition due to repeated thefts of lights and other items. "I do it for the kids," he said, "(but) I can't afford it anymore."

Area School Districts Compared

Comparative School District Statistical Data

District	92-93 Oper. Mill	92-93 Rank	92-93 Debt Mill	92-93 Total Millage	90-91 Expen. Per Pupil	State Rank
Akron-Fairgrove	32.3856	9	0	32.3856	\$3,540	294
Bad Axe	25.00	16	1.32	26.32	\$2,695	523
Caro	33.3704	6	2.14	35.5104	\$3,210	443
Cass City	30.90	13	.60	31.50	\$2,975	512
Deckerville	31.15	12	0	31.15	\$3,130	473
Elk/Pig/B.P.	28.9474	15	0	28.9474	\$3,456	324
Kingston	32.50	7-8	3.80	36.30	\$3,352	376
Marlette	34.9648	4	1.6297	36.5945	\$3,166	463
Mayville	35.50	3	1.90	37.40	\$3,379	366
Millington	36.6837	2	3.611	40.2947	\$3,203	450
Owen-Gage	39.30	1	3.80	43.10	\$4,207	123
Reese	32.50	7-8	2.00	34.50	\$3,276	414
Sandusky	32.1446	10	7.21	39.3546	\$3,121	477
Ubley	30.3987	14	4.00	34.3987	\$3,174	461
Unionville-Seb	34.8262	5	4.00	38.8262	\$3,847	193
Vassar	31.49	11	1.18	32.67	\$2,983	509

5 arraigned on felony charges in district court

The following persons were recently arraigned on separate felony charges in Tuscola County District Court:

•Russell J. Wright, 22, Kingston, faces charges of resisting and obstructing a police officer, fleeing and eluding a police officer and driving with suspended license.

According to court records, the charges stem from an alleged incident Nov. 20 in Koylton Township. Bond for the defendant was set at \$2,000 and a preliminary examination was scheduled for 9 a.m. today (Wednesday).

•Jason J. Corkins, 19, Caro, was arraigned on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and carrying a concealed weapon (double-edged knife) Dec. 15 in Vassar Township. A preliminary exam in the case was slated for 9 a.m. Dec. 30. Bond was set at \$100.

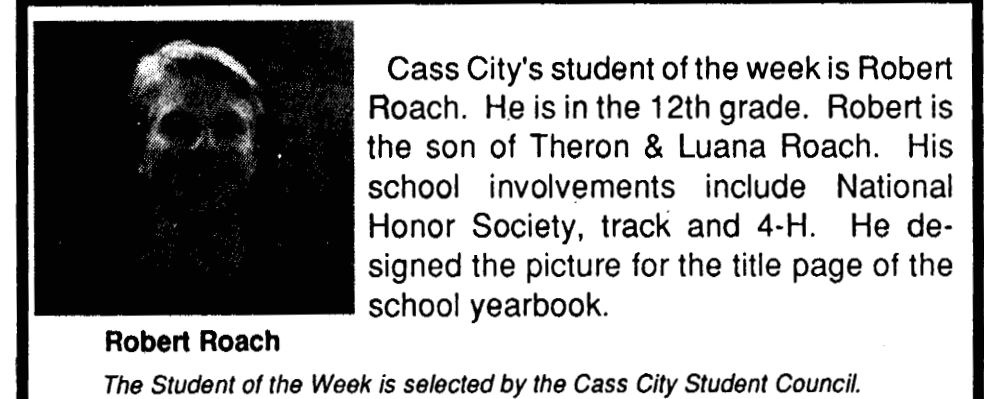
•Lagusta C. Bables, 44, Vassar, faces one count of delivery of cocaine (less than 50 grams) Dec. 2 in Vassar. Bond was set at \$15,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for 9 a.m. Dec. 30.

•Timothy R. Green, 27, and Ana M. Edenburn, 25, both of Clio, are charged with conspiracy to commit fraud. The pair are accused of staging a fictitious breaking and entering and larceny in order to defraud Auto Owners Insurance Co., in December 1991, according to court records, which state Ana Edenburn also faces charges of presenting a false claim to the insurance firm, and filing a false police report. Bond was set at \$5,000 for each defendant. Preliminary exams were scheduled for today at 9 a.m.

•Carlos L. Wilson, 20, Vassar, was arraigned on 4 counts of delivery of cocaine (less than 50 grams), Oct. 30, Nov. 3, Nov. 10 and Nov. 24 in Vassar. Bond was set at \$1,000 per count. Wilson's preliminary exam was slated for today at 9 a.m.

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Thank you,
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Age 5

Adopt school finance policy

Delegates to the recently-held Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in Grand Rapids adopted a school finance policy that supports a reduction in property taxes with a shift to other sources to replace the lost revenue. Those sources of revenue could include an increase in the state income tax, sales tax or other taxes.

The delegates also approved policy encouraging the closing of the State Police Detroit freeway patrol post and redistributing those personnel and resources to rural posts that are suffering from budget problems.

Policy was approved in favor of exempting from seasonal weight restrictions trucks that move highly perishable agricultural commodities from farm to market.

The delegates also passed policy in support of a research and promotion program for nursery and greenhouse growers, a marketing and bargaining program for tart cherry producers, total repeal of the state inheritance tax and the establishment of a task force to study the problem of stray voltage. They opposed mandated auto insurance premium rollbacks unless offset by reforms which reduce costs.



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