



PEACE ON EARTH, good will toward men — The message is being brought to life in Cass City, courtesy of the Shabbona United Methodist Church. The live nativity scene, set up north of Main Street at the east end of town, will continue tonight (Wednesday) and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

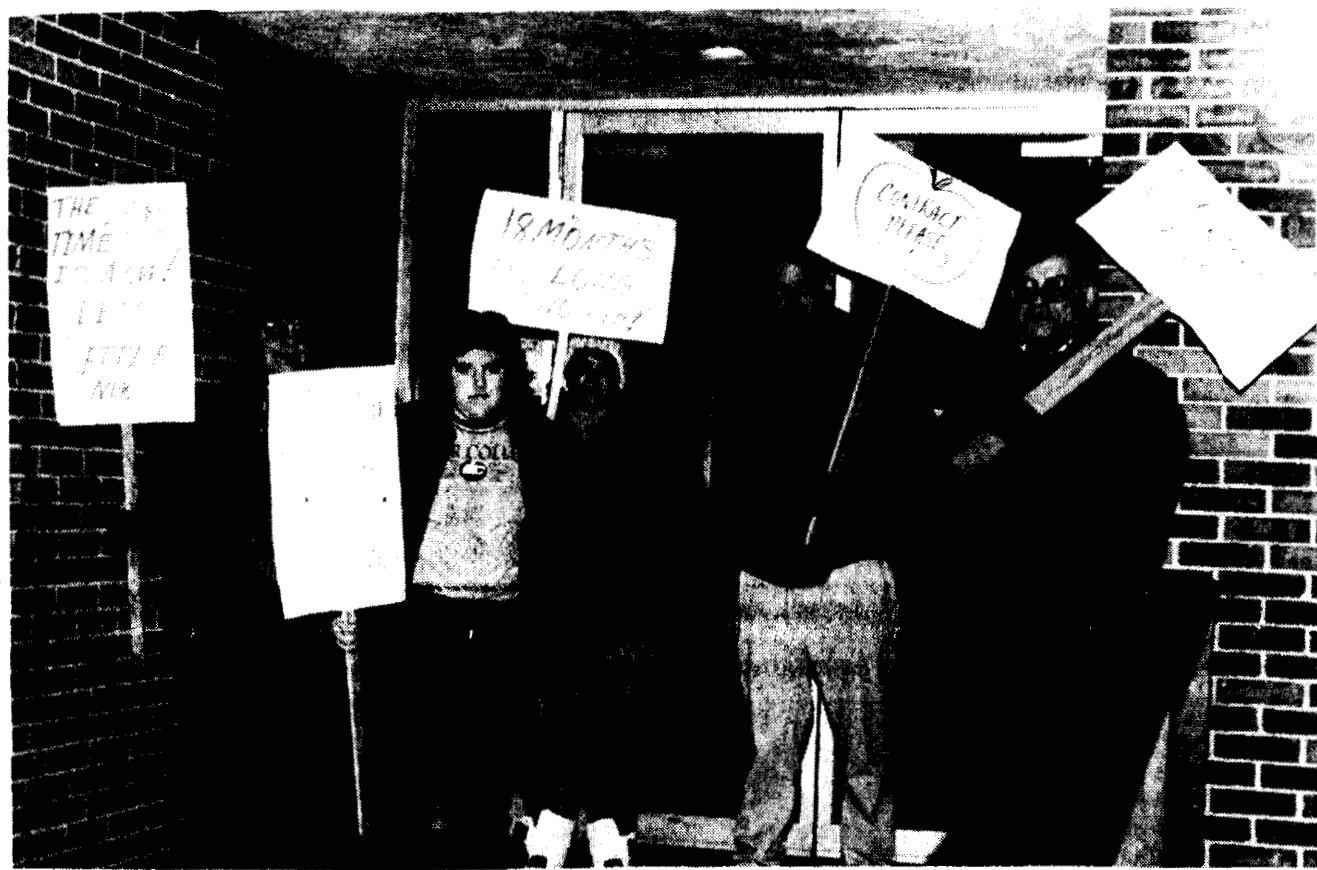
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OWEN-GAGE TEACHERS, who have been without a contract for 18 months, staged an informational picket prior to the annual elementary Christmas program Monday night at Gagetown Elementary School.

Frustrated

18 months without contract, O-G teachers picket

All Owen-Gage teachers want for Christmas is a contract. It's long overdue, say union officials, who note the last labor agreement expired a year and a half ago. Frustration over a lack of progress in negotiations prompted the teachers to stage an informational picket in front of Gagetown Elementary School Monday night as parents entered the building to attend the annual elementary Christmas program. In an open letter to district

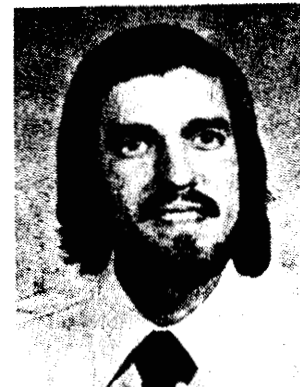
residents, Owen-Gage Education Association officials stated they have been "supporters of this district and have given up much in the past in an effort to help keep this school open. "We have now worked for 18 months without a contract. Morale among the faculty is very low. At a time when everyone should be 'merry,' we find it difficult to find reasons to be joyful." Union officials said they feel the school board is not supporting the teachers

they've hired, nor are they supporting the district's new superintendent. Monday night's picket came a week after the school board failed to act on a contract proposal drafted by union negotiators. Local union member Sandy Parks expressed hope that teachers would have a tentative agreement by the end of the monthly meeting, but board members took no action after meeting behind closed doors for 80 minutes. The teachers continue to display professional control

by not cancelling the annual Christmas program, Parks commented Monday. "Our goal," she said, "is not to hurt the children or anger the parents." However, Parks noted, high school faculty members are going to refuse to do any more substitute teaching in the district until they have a contract. "We're hoping when we come back from the holidays, the board will be ready to support the superintendent and accept our contract," she concluded.

Murder suspect taught science in Cass City

Last week's fatal shooting at Chelsea High School sent shock waves through the Cass City School District. Published reports stated the gunman was identified as Stephen Leith, 39, a Chelsea chemistry teacher who walked out of a grievance meeting Thursday, returned minutes later with a 9mm semiautomatic pistol and opened fire, killing school Supt. Joseph Piasecki and wounding Principal Ronald Mead and teacher Phillip Jones, a union representative. Leith, a former Cass City High School teacher, was taken into custody after the town's police chief found him minutes later in a nearby science lab, where he sat quietly looking over papers. Authorities, who said the gun used in the shooting was one of 4 Leith owns that are registered with Chelsea police, would not speculate on his motives. There were indications last week that he was involved in a personnel dispute with the district, and he has been accused of sexual harassment by female students, according to published reports. But it's uncertain what role, if any, those factors played in the shooting. A retired Chelsea teacher quoted in the Detroit Free Press described Leith as being "outspoken," but Cass City High School faculty members remember the former local instructor as an introverted man who was somewhat peculiar but a good teacher. Leith, who holds a master's



Stephen Leith as pictured in 1978 Cass City yearbook. degree from Michigan State University, taught chemistry, physics and advanced math at Cass City High School from 1976-1979.

"I would describe him as unique," commented high school Counselor Wayne Dillon, who said Leith "kind of kept to himself." "I guess the best way to sum it up is he was eccentric," remarked biology teacher Nancy Weippert. "He would stay here late into the night and then stay overnight," she said, adding another teacher recalled he disconnected the wiring on the intercom in his room because it bothered him. Former high school teacher Dale McIntosh, who was president of the local education association during Leith's last 2 years in Cass City, described him as a "loner."

"I never heard of any problem associated with him," he added. "His classes ran pretty smoothly and he seemed to get along with his students," Principal Russell Biefer said. "He didn't seem to have any difficulties." Gary Warju, a former student now living in Alma, was surprised by the shooting. "He seemed to be a nice guy. I learned a lot from him," he said. Warju's wife, Janice, another former student, recalled Leith "was a laid back and kind of quiet person. He very seldom got angry. He was extremely patient with Please turn to back page.

MEAP results outlined

School board mulls PTA survey results

The results of an in-depth survey conducted by the Cass City Parent-Teacher Association were presented to the Cass City school board at its regular meeting Monday night at Deford School. Of primary interest were results of a survey to gauge the reaction to the proposal to update the Middle School facilities. Board members looking for a definitive answer on how to proceed were disappointed.

The survey did dispose of a third option if the wishes of the majority are followed. By an overwhelming 86-37 margin, people said no to doing only what was minimally necessary to meet state specifications. The respondents were nearly evenly divided on whether to renovate the existing school (69 yes, 59 no, 33 uncommitted) or to build new (68 yes, 63 no, 30 uncommitted).

However, when the 1 1/2-mill tax for renovation was considered, the vote was 91 for, 52 against, as compared to 70 yes, 62 no for a new school at a cost of 3 to 4 mills. The board has not reached a decision on the issue. It is likely that the matter will come to a head in the January meeting of the board. Several board members informally indicated that they wanted the time to mull over the problem. Spectators who attended the meeting on the cold, rainy, freezing evening were unanimous in support for a new building.

Chamber announces decorating winners



THE HOME OF ROBERT and Donna Wischmeyer, 6860 Herron Dr., was one of 2 \$150 prize winners in the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's "Decorating for Dollars" contest. Related picture page 9.

Cass City Chamber of Commerce officials last week announced the winners of the first "Decorating for Dollars" contest. Judging was completed Dec. 15. In all, 26 homeowners within the village limits competed for a total of \$1,000 in "shopping dollars." The 10 winners, determined by impartial judges from Sebawaing and Pigeon, are: *\$150 prize — Robert and Donna Wischmeyer, 6860 Herron Dr., and Dana Truemmer, 6577 Huron St. *\$125 prize — Dean and JoAnn Rasmussen, 6360

Chestnut Blvd., and Leonard and Karen Smolarkiewicz, 6712 Third St. *\$100 prize — Linda Regnerus, 4354 Woodland Ave., and Nannette Rutkowski, 4793 N. Seeger St. *\$75 prize — Jack and Verna Kilbourn, 6797 Pine St., and Stephen and Cheryl Osentoski, 6790 Pine St. *\$50 prize — James Greenlee, 4859 Crestwood Dr., and Terri Klco, 4380 Ale St. The prize vouchers awarded to each winner will spend like cash at any chamber member store and must be used by Jan. 15.

MEAP TESTS

Counselor Jerry Cleland presented the Michigan Education Assessment Program results. Although the students were above the state average in all tests, students meeting the objectives were below 50 percent in math and reading. The scores were higher in science, ranging from 56.6 to 72.6 percent. Cleland told the board that Cass City students ranked higher in other tests than they did in the MEAP tests. In every nationally normed measure, the students are well above national average. Only the MEAP tests, Please turn to back page.



Mr. and Mrs. Bud McDonald

McDonalds celebrate 40th anniversary

Bud and Jeannette McDonald of Owendale will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 26, with family and friends at the Owendale cafeteria. They were married Dec. 26, 1953, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Pastor Eugene Vetter, now of Milwaukee, Wis.

Their attendants were maid of honor, Jeannine Ziehm, and best man, Duane Ziehm. Other attendants were Roy and Allan McDonald, Duane Holland, Arnold Jedele, Eleanor Ethier and Barbara Werth. Peggy Stanczyk was flower girl and Barry Ziehm, ring bearer.

The McDonalds have lived in the Owendale area all their married life except for Bud's time in the Air Force. They have 3 children, Dena of Berkley, Darren of Marshall and Mark of Grand Rapids. They also have a daughter-in-law, Carol, who is the mother of their 2 granddaughters, Katie and Becky.

Pat Shagena naval ship "plank owner"

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Patrick L. Shagena, son of William and Suzanne Humpert of Cass City, recently became a "plank owner" while with the guided missile cruiser USS Vella Gulf, homeported at Norfolk, Va.

Traditionally, the term "plank owner" is given to those original crew members who are on board a ship when it is commissioned and becomes a part of the U.S. Naval Fleet. The ceremony was held at Norfolk Naval Station.

The Ticonderoga-class ship is the U.S. Navy's 26th Aegis-class guided missile cruiser. Aegis cruisers are 567 feet long and carry 364 crew members on board. The Aegis Combat System is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. The system is designed to hinder current and projected missile threats to the Navy's battle forces.

USS Vella Gulf is the second Navy ship to bear the name of the World War II Pacific Theater naval engagement fought in the Vella Gulf in August 1943.

Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

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Melanie S. Churchill, daughter of Clarence and Thelma Churchill of Cass City, has been named to the dean's list for the fall term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Dr. Catherine Chen, dean of the college.

Mrs. Mal Yun, Mrs. Jeanette Kritzman, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Franzel and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer were Thursday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer.

Dale and Mary Damm had as guests Saturday evening, Randy, Carmen, Jason and Ethan Damm, and Tim and Susan Wooster of Flint. Tim and Susan spent the night and attended the McClorey family Christmas Sunday.

The Marion McClorey family held an early Christmas dinner Sunday at the Masonic Hall in Cass City. Thirty-nine people attended.

Born at McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Dec. 3, to Theodore and Laura Davis of Snover, a baby boy, Theodore Lee Davis III.

Helen Copeland of Cass City, who is wintering in Florida, fell off a ladder and shattered her heel. Her leg is in a boot and she is required to stay off the foot for 12 weeks after which the injury will be evaluated for possible surgery.

Joe and Jill Leeson of Ferndale announce the birth of a daughter, Stephanie Elaine, Dec. 5 at Beaumont Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Theron Middaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leeson, all of Cass City. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Mary Leeson of Pigeon and Mrs. Helen Hulien of Caseville.

Brian Seeley of Cass City has enrolled and been accepted at ITT Technical Institute in Troy. A 72-week program in Computer-Aided Drafting Technology will prepare him for an entry level position in the Drafting/CAD field.

Mrs. Edna Harris from Marlette and son Dick Sadler and wife and family from Engadine in the Upper Peninsula, spent Sunday, Dec. 12, with Mrs. Ella Cumper.

Marriage licenses

Dave Howard Gary, Vassar, and Mary Ellen Starkey, Fairgrove.

Jacob William Papovich, Snover, and Sherry Lynn Westendorf, Cass City.

Gary Steven Eugene Hutchins, Clifford, and Denise Lynn Burkel, Caro. Randy Thomas Johnson, Elkhart, Ind., and Jennifer Joy McNaughton, Cass City.

Hills and Dales General Hospital

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, DEC. 20, WERE:

Bernice Muntz, Cass City; Rebecca Spencer, Deborah Urban, Deford; William Smith, Elkton; Eric Marquardt, Kingston; Irene Guigar, Ubyly.

Novesta church slates Christmas Eve service

The Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., will host a Christmas Eve candlelight service beginning at 6:30 p.m. The service will include special music, Christmas hymns, Scripture reading and a communion service. It will conclude with the candle lighting and singing of Silent Night.

The public is invited.

Candlelight service set at Trinity

A candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 6536 Houghton St., Cass City.

The community is invited. A nursery is available.

Supermarket cafes

The line between supermarkets and restaurants is becoming increasingly blurred. Supermarket cafes now account for up to 20 percent of grocery store sales.



It's no secret that I love Christmas.

I love the lights and decorations, the carols, the parties and special church programs.

The shopping and wrapping, and the joy of watching someone open a gift chosen carefully and specifically for him.

The family get-togethers, the feasting, the cookies and candies reserved for this special season.

I love the festive atmosphere and the wonder and delight reflected in the eyes of a small child.

The sights, sounds and smells of Christmas are magnificent. But what I like most is the feeling, the spirit of the holiday.

There's something unique and wonderful in this season celebrating the incarnation of the Prince of Peace that transforms most of us, at least for a time.

To be sure, there are those who will not have a merry Christmas.

Some will find it impossible to be home with friends and family.

Those mourning the death of a loved one can't imagine ever being happy again.

Parents who long to give their children the gifts they're wishing for, but have to struggle just to put bread on the table, have a hard time rejoicing.

The season can be pretty meaningless to the one confined to the hospital or sitting anxiously at the bedside of someone dear, not knowing whether or not they will live.

And yes, thieves still steal and vandals senselessly destroy displays put up for

everyone's enjoyment. Unbalanced individuals try to solve their problems with a gun, leaving orphans and widows for whom Christmas, and life, will not be happy.

Monsters still abuse helpless little children, and evil men plot wars, even at Christmas time.

But thankfully, for the vast majority of us, the Christmas spirit brings out the best.

It prompts a young man far away from his family to spend the holiday serving less fortunate people in a soup kitchen.

It causes people in a community to rally around a couple going through tough times - taking up collections, paying their rent, supplying what they need to keep going until they get back on their feet.

The spirit of Christmas leads us to dig a little deeper to help the benevolent work of the Salvation Army, and to make sure that no youngsters in our community fail to receive a toy.

True Christmas spirit compels a person to patch up a foolish quarrel with a family member.

It encourages good people to take time from their busy schedule to rebuild the display that was trashed, and to go door-to-door collecting food for those in need.

I'm not sure what it is about Christmas that makes most of us more tolerant and causes us to love and give more than we normally do.

Maybe it's just a small reflection of the Love Gift God gave to a needy world nearly 2000 years ago on that first Christmas Day.

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EUCHRE CLUB

Three tables of cards were played when the Euchre Club met Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Beulla. High prizes were won by Mrs. Ronnie Gracey and Gaylord LaPeer. Low prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laming. Sue Porrett won the traveling prize.

The next party will be Jan. 15 in the evening. A potluck lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Don McKnight, Ed, John and Ken Sullivan were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Edanna Sweeney came home Wednesday after spending several days in St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw.

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Ruth Osentoski was a Monday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly. Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard visited Mr. and Mrs. George Barber, Lloyd Barber and Andrew in Royal Oak Tuesday.

The Greenleaf Extension group provided homemade cookies and were hostesses at the Tendercare Christmas Party Wednesday where punch, coffee and cookies were served.

Dolly Hind was a Tuesday afternoon guest of Reva Silver.

Jim Jackson spent Friday with Don Jackson.

Albert Gallagher of Cass City visited Mrs. Martin Sweeney Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow of Bad Axe were Friday overnight and Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Barbara Salowitz was a Wednesday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford spent from Thursday till Sunday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming and visited Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Jeff.

Brent Jackson and Clarence Depcinski were Wednesday guests of Don Jackson and A.J. Batie.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Franzel were Monday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Sunday dinner guests

of Pastor and Jeanette Kincaid in Bad Axe.

Kay Fallowfield of Crosswell was a Thursday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney and Lois Cardenas were among a group of around 30 from the Kingdom Hall in Bad Axe who met at Wilcox Park for a get together. Games were played and a potluck lunch was served.

Christy, Lee, Alicia and Anthony Yackson of Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle and Tom of Cass City were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Jim Hewitt visited Curtis Cleland Wednesday.

Jamie Wolschlager and Mrs. John Walker spent Friday in Bay City.

Al Wagner, Ray Depcinski, Wally Hagen and George Jackson spent Thursday forenoon with Don Jackson and A.J. Batie.

Beth, Ryan and Rob Hoxie spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel, Marney and Lois Cardenas.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer were Friday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendrick.

Mrs. Earl Schenk spent Thursday at the home of Edanna Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell of Utica were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly. Other evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle and Tom.

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

Club enjoys progressive dinner

The Owendale Women's Club began its December meeting Monday evening at the home of Linda Roe with eggnog and hot cider and enjoyed her lovely tree and decorations.

The club travelled to the home of Joyce Sheldon for hors d'oeuvres at her home decorated with many heirloom and holiday decorations. Members then journeyed to the home of Janet Retford for clam chowder and viewed her unique decor for the holidays. Next, Arlene Enderle served turkey and trimmings at her home decorated for the holidays.

Jeannette McDonald welcomed the ladies to her home, for the final leg of the journey, for dessert and gifts. This was the first attempt at a progressive holiday dinner for the club. It was a very enjoyable evening for the 10 members present.

At the January meeting there are tentative plans to attend a play. Details will be announced later via phone by the committee. If weather doesn't permit, we will take a mid-winter break from the meeting for January.

Hrycko earns degree

Jeffrey L. Hrycko, 6037 Green Rd., Gageton, is among 2,000 University of Michigan students on the Ann Arbor campus who earned degrees this winter.

Hrycko graduated from U-M's School of Natural Resources and Environment, earning a bachelor of science degree.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Chemical Financial Corporation has given 4 large lots on Main Street between Ale and Sherman Streets to the Economic Development Corporation of Cass City.

A decision to clamp down on freshman initiations during the first days of school in the fall was made by the school board at the regular meeting Monday night.

James G. Haley, 23, of Cass City was killed Sunday when he lost control on the slick roadway and his vehicle slammed broadside into a tree. A passenger, Penny Terbush, 18, also of Cass City, was transferred from Hills and Dales General Hospital via helicopter to St. Mary's Medical Center, where she was listed in critical condition Monday morning.

If federal regulations are met, it appears that Cass City State Bank will become part of the Chemical Financial Corporation, parent company of Chemical Bank Bay Area, which has a branch in Cass City.

The Red Hawk wrestling team has racked up a 4-1 dual meet record since the season began Dec. 8. Two wrestlers have outstanding records at this point. They are Bill Kappen, with a perfect 9-0 record, and Bob Leffler, with a 10-1 record.

10 YEARS AGO

The Cass City Village Council okayed a cable TV rate boost effective Feb. 1.

The rate increase will go from the present \$8 a month for 11 channels to \$11.95 a month, which will include 4 more channels.

Six area women graduated Dec. 15 from a one-year LPN program at St. Clair County Community College in Bad Axe. They are Lisa Benedict, Kingston; Gail Little, Diane Ramsey and Karen Speirs, all of Cass City, and Jane Osentoski and Elizabeth Sweeney, both of Ubyly.

Several needy individuals and families will be receiving boxes of food from Cass City Jaycees this week.

Three area students have been named to the dean's list for the fall term at Northwood Institute, Midland. They are Merilee Leslie, Decker; Laurie Louis, Gageton, and Sally Severance, Decker.

A power outage in part of Cass City and outside of town Monday morning was caused by a van that ran into a utility pole.

25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Marion Longuski, 37, Daryl Longuski, 12, and Dennis Longuski, 19, of Cass City, are recovering from minor injuries received Dec. 12 when a truck collided with a tractor which Dennis Longuski was driving on M-53. The Longuski tractor was broken in two by the impact.

The Honk Kong flu has not reached the Cass City area in full force yet, but local authorities are bracing the

community for its inevitable arrival. Frank Haythorn, administrator at Hills and Dales Hospital, said that Friday 12 employees were out with flu symptoms. No vaccine for the Hong Kong variety of flu is available locally.

Snowmobiles are selling fast in Cass City.

First prize of \$32 was awarded to Tom Hunt, 16, in the Cass City Gun Club "Buck Pot" contest. The winning rack scored 23 points. It was the first time Tom had hunted deer.

Cass City High School's freshman basketball team finished their game with only 4 men, Monday night, but that was more than enough to defeat Frank-enmuth, 54-45. Karl Zawilinski was top scorer with 15 points. Tim Knoblet scored 8.

35 YEARS AGO

Competing events and lack of interest have forced 2 long established area organizations to disband. Ellington Grange No. 1650,

chartered April 1, 1918, voted to surrender its charter as the club met for the last time Friday evening at the Theo Hendrick home. Fifteen members and 3 guests enjoyed a chicken supper. The second club to disband was the half-century old Novesta Farmers' Club. The final meeting was held at the Mack Little home Friday when 26 persons enjoyed a potluck supper.

Vernetta Marie Frei, 36, and George D.S. Chapelo, 25, both of Caro, died from carbon monoxide poisoning when their car slipped into a snow-filled ditch, 10 miles east of Cass City Monday. A third passenger, Walter K. Kaplaniak, is recovering at Pleasant Home Hospital.

The Dewey bowling team held a Christmas dinner party Tuesday evening at the E.B. Schwaderer home. Team members attending were Mrs. Marie Alward, Mrs. Schwaderer, Mrs. Catherine Mellendorf, Mrs. Mayme Guild, Mrs. Betty Dewey and Mrs. Jackie Freiburger.

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The Township of Evergreen Ordains:

Section 1. Grant of Franchise. Permission is hereby granted to Southeastern Michigan Gas Company, a Michigan Corporation, and to its successors and assigns, to construct, operate and maintain in the public streets, highways, alleys and other public places in the Township of Evergreen, Sanilac County, Michigan, all needful and proper gas pipes, mains, conductors, service pipes and other apparatus and facilities requisite for the manufacture, transmission and distribution of gas for all purposes to the Township of Evergreen, and the inhabitants thereof, and for conducting gas elsewhere to supply neighboring cities, villages and other territories supplied with gas by said Grantee, subject, however, to all conditions and restrictions hereinafter contained.

Section 2. Conditions. The conditions of the foregoing grant are as follow:

- The Grantee shall do no injury to any street, highway, alley or other public place, or to any shade tree, or in any manner disturb or interfere with any water transmission and distribution lines or with any public or private sewer now or hereafter laid or constructed by any authorized person or corporation.
- All construction work done under this grant shall be under the supervision of the designated representative of the Grantee and shall be subject to inspection and approval by the designated representative of the Township of Evergreen as to location within the right-of-way. The Grantee shall pay cost of such inspection and approval.
- The Grantee, before entering upon any street, alley, easements for public utility purposes or other public place to install pipes, mains, or other apparatus, shall notify the Township of Evergreen or its designated representative of the proposed construction and shall, if the Township of Evergreen so requires, file with the Township of Evergreen a sufficient plan or map and shall obtain the representative's approval thereof before beginning construction.
- No street, alley, highway or public place shall be allowed to remain obstructed or encumbered by the construction work of said Grantee for a longer period than shall be reasonably necessary to execute said work, and the Grantee

shall, at all times, conform to all applicable ordinances and regulations of the Township of Evergreen now or hereafter in force.

- The Grantee shall indemnify, hold the Township of Evergreen harmless and defend it against any claim, action or demand that may be asserted against the Township of Evergreen by reason of wrongdoing or negligence of the Grantee in the construction or maintenance of its gas mains, pipes or other apparatus, or any claim or actionable consequence resulting from this nonexclusive grant of Franchise.

Section 3. Rules, Regulations and Rates. The rules and regulations applicable to the service, the quality of the gas furnished, and the rates charged therefor by the Grantee herein, its successors and assigns, shall be as fixed from time to time by the Michigan Public Service Commission or other such state authority as shall have jurisdiction of the subject matter, reserving, however, the right of the Township of Evergreen to object thereto.

Section 4. Regulation of Streets, Alleys and Public Places. Nothing in this grant shall be construed to alienate the title of the public in and to any street, highway, alley or public place, or any portion thereof, neither shall anything herein be construed in any manner as a surrender by the Township of Evergreen of its legislative power with respect to the subject matter hereof, or with respect to any other matter whatsoever; nor as in any manner limiting the right of said Township to regulate the use of any street, avenue, highway or public place within its jurisdiction.

Section 5. Assignment of Franchise. The Grantee shall not assign this Franchise to any person, firm or corporation without the prior approval of the Evergreen Township Council and unless the assignee is, in the opinion of the management of Southeastern Michigan Gas Company, financially able to carry out the Grantee's obligations under this Franchise and is authorized by the Michigan Public Service Commission, or such other State authority as shall then have jurisdiction of the subject matter so to do.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication and the filing of Grantee's written acceptance with the Township of Evergreen Clerk and shall remain in effect for a period of thirty (30) years following its confirmation by a majority of the electors of the Township of Evergreen voting thereon.

Introduced November 11, 1993

Adopted November 11, 1993

Audrey J. Leslie
Supervisor

Arthur Severance
Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the Ordinance, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was introduced and given its first reading on November 11, 1993, and was published in Cass City Chronicle on December 22, 1993.

Arthur Severance
Clerk,

Dated: 11-11-93

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve worship services at Novesta Church of Christ, 6:30 p.m.; Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. and Shabbona United Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 26

"The Children's Christmas Tree" program at Juniata Baptist Church, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, December 28

Winter Family Picnic at Huron County Nature Center, 12:00 noon.

Wednesday, December 29

Blood bank at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Call newspaper for possible holiday postponement. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners John Haire and Bill Dupuis.

Farmcare

Rural chaplain works to help farmers understand rights

Phil Morawski has seen farmers down in the complexity of farm credit rules and regulations, in some cases losing a lifetime of work and investment because they didn't understand their rights as borrowers.

Such tragedies exact a big toll emotionally as well as financially, according to the Decker area man, who helps others deal with both issues. Morawski, a farmer, is a certified rural chaplain, a form of Christian ministry that focuses on the needs of rural and small town residents.

He is one of 66 rural chaplains across the nation recognized by the Rural Chaplains Association, an organization linked to the United Methodist Church but open to persons of other denominations.

The rural chaplaincy movement developed out of the farm crisis of the mid-1980s. Rural chaplains can be laymen, laywomen or clergy who are concerned with the problems of individuals, families and communities in rural areas. "It's open to anybody who feels led by God to serve him more fully," said Morawski, who became certified after attending week-long training events in 1992 and 1993. "They were teaching what to look for in people who have been under stress a long time, such as farmers facing foreclosure or who have gone through with it and are trying to deal with it," he said. "They taught what to look for and what you could actually do to help these

people." Trainees also learn to look for signs that signify outside help is needed, according to Morawski, who pointed out the Rural Chaplains Association offers a variety of resources and information.

EXPERIENCE

Morawski's interest in helping farmers understand the farm credit system stems from an experience in his own family. "The way I got into it, my mom and dad got into financial trouble, and I started doing research into the law," he said. "I found where there was a lot of lender wrongdoing."

The area farmer has spent 2 years studying portions of the U.S. Code, 1987 Agricultural Credit Act and other laws that spell out borrowers' rights.

As an outreach of his ministry, he founded Farmcare, which offers farmers information and counseling. The effort has included meetings open to interested persons. "We don't necessarily say we have all the answers, but if they wanted information or had questions... we would help them," he said.

Morawski, who worked with 25 farmers last year, added he sees more farmers individually, at his home, than in group settings.

"When you're in trouble with your lender, there's a lot of pride involved, so you don't really want to go sharing that with other people," Morawski understands the

stress that accompanies financial struggles, and he tries to address farmers' needs.

"When someone comes to you who has had a difficult time, you can pray with them and give them some spiritual guidance," he said. "Then what I do is take them through the law, not to solve the problem, but to deal with it."

Morawski noted there are many options available — deferrals, restructuring, appeal rights, etc. The problem, he explained, is farmers have to know and understand the laws in order to take advantage of them.

EASY TARGET

"Your average farmer, he's out there and he works and works and he's doing a good job and he thinks he has everything going right. He becomes an easy target unless he knows where he's standing," he said. "Where people get into trouble is when they think there's no way out."

Aside from his work with Farmcare, Morawski is interested in establishing a mediation program in which individuals would be trained in farm credit law and attend meetings between farmers and their lenders.

Morawski, who noted Michigan is one of only 5 states that doesn't have a mediation program, said he's interested in training others in farm credit law.

"You would cure a lot of ills if you have more medicine, or more people who know how to use it," he added.

Morawski receives no pay as a rural chaplain, but there are rewards.

"When you can help somebody, you get this inward feeling of goodness," he said. "But more than for a good feeling, even though it stresses you sometimes, you have to do it because you know God wants you to do it."

He acknowledged farming is a full-time job, but indicated helping others is both a priority and a responsibility.

"Most folks, when they find something good, they sit on it, keep it to themselves. But as a Christian, when God shows you something, he wants you to reveal it. And I'm a Christian before I'm a farmer or a rural chaplain."



PHIL MORAWSKI OF Decker, a certified rural chaplain, has devoted much time to studying farm credit laws in an effort to help his fellow farmers understand their rights as borrowers.

As chief financial officer

Shope joins Walbro Corp.

Michael A. Shope has been named chief financial officer for Walbro Corporation, an international designer and manufacturer of automotive and small engine fuel system components. The appointment was announced by L. E. Althaver, chairman, president and chief executive officer.

As chief financial officer, Shope will have primary responsibility for finance, accounting, information systems oversight, capital formation and investor relations for Walbro Corporation.

Shope comes to Walbro from Libbey-Owens-Ford Company, Toledo, Ohio, where he served as corporate treasurer, with responsibility for banking relations, cash management, foreign exchange and funding strategies for the international glass manufacturer.

In announcing Shope's appointment, Althaver said, "We are pleased to have Michael Shope join Walbro Corporation. His extensive background in finance, combined with his international and automotive experience, will further enhance Walbro's competitiveness in today's global marketplace."

Shope has also served in a variety of positions in the

banking industry, including executive vice-president, chief operating officer and chief financial officer for State Savings & Loan Company, Cleveland, Ohio. He has also held positions at BankOhio National Bank, Columbus, Ohio, Huntington National Bank, Columbus, and Price Waterhouse & Co., Columbus. Shope holds both a BSBA in accounting and an MBA in finance from Ohio State University. He is a certified public accountant and member of the Financial Executives Institute, American Institute of CPAs and Ohio Society of CPAs. Shope is married with 2 children. He and his wife, Sandra, will relocate to the Cass City area from Norwalk, Ohio.

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One of the main symptoms of poor circulation is pain in the calf or foot. The pain will come on with activity such as walking a block or two -- it takes a certain amount of activity before the limited circulation is inadequate to supply oxygen and nutrients to the working muscle. The lack of oxygen and build-up of waste-products causes aching and fatigue in the muscles.

Resting, or at least slowing down, is the treatment. Some people have trouble with progression of the symptoms so that there is even pain at rest, and also damage to the nerves, causing a chronic neuritis.

Often, however, the pains do not progress. This is because the leg often develops improved circulation in the arteries that bypass the obstruction, especially if a person stays active. Studies can be done to determine if there is an area of obstruction to the circulation that can be treated by unclogging the artery. If this is found, surgery can be very helpful.

Obstruction to the arteries in the legs is a very important indicator that there may also be narrowed arteries in the heart or brain which could result in heart attacks or strokes. This is why it is important to see your doctor for a full evaluation if you think you have poor circulation.

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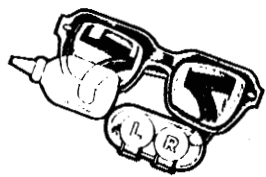
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**In Marlette Invitational
Red Hawks finish third**

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestlers finished third in the 10-team Marlette Invitational Saturday and were defeated in a double dual last Wednesday at Cass City by Caro and Bridgeport.

Kostanko completes basic

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael S. Kostanko, son of John and Asteria Kostanko of Kingston, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

The 1993 graduate of Kingston High School joined the Navy in July 1993.

As expected, Marlette won the invitational, scoring 176 points. Other teams finished in the following order: Lapeer West, 147; Cass City, 129 1/2; Yale, 128; Imlay City, 119; Bad Axe, 65 1/2; Brown City, 45; Clarkston, 40; Mayville, 34; Almont, 26.

Eight of the 12 Cass City wrestlers earned medals. The wrestlers, their weight classes and finish were: 112 - Bob Davis, 3; 119 - Alfred Connolly, 2; 125 - Cory Limberger, 2; 130 - Matt Hoppe, first; 135 - Jason Daniel, 4; 160 - Tom Davis, 2; 171 - Ed Nizzola, 3; 275 - Dale Heronemus, 4.

In the double dual meet, Cass City lost to Bridgeport, 42-30, and to Caro, 46-30. Three Cass City wrestlers were double winners. Matt Hoppe pinned Jason Hall of Caro and Brian Webster of Bridgeport. Tom Davis pinned Cavitt Randall of Caro and Eric Agraaham of Bridgeport.

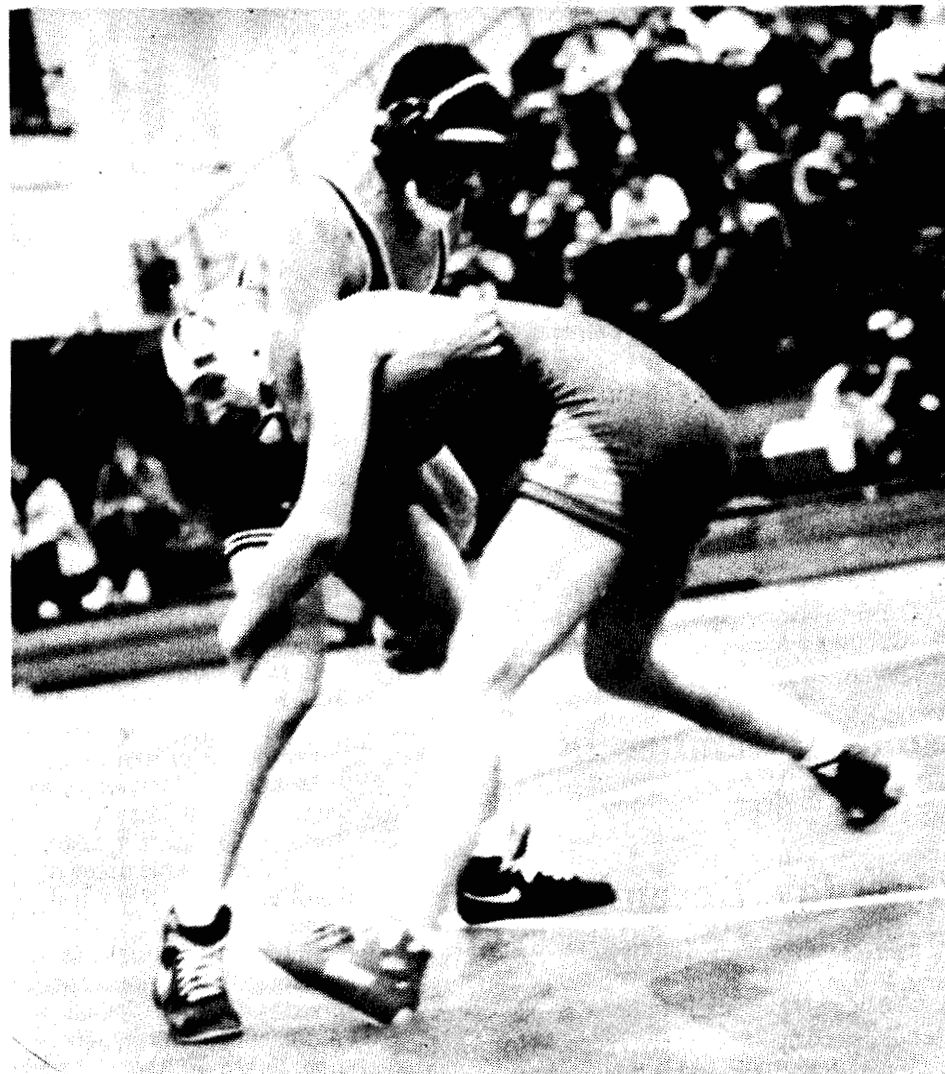
Dale Heronemus pinned Tom Ewald of Caro and Jeff Frazier of Bridgeport.

Other Hawk winners were Nathan Hendrick (forfeit) against Caro; Jeremy Markel pin of Neil Munson, Bridgeport, and Cory Limberger, pin of Jerry Brown of Bridgeport.

FIRST MEET

The first meet of the year was the Capac Invitational held Saturday, Dec. 11. Cass City finished fifth (94 points) among 8 teams entered. The winner was Port Huron Northern (231 points)

Best finish among Hawk wrestlers were seconds by Bob Davis, 119 pounds, and Matt Hoppe, 130 pounds. Third place was earned by Markel, 112 pounds, and fourth places by the following: Dale Heronemus, 275 pounds; Don Pisha, 103 pounds; Steve Irvine, 140 pounds, and Don Golden, 145 pounds.



CASS CITY'S ALFRED CONNOLLY, who placed 2nd in Saturday's 10 team tournament at Marlette, didn't fare as well against Bridgeport's Phil Foutch, being pinned 2:27 into the match.



RED HAWK WRESTLER Bob Davis battles with Bridgeport's Joe Nugent in Wednesday's home double dual meet that included Caro. Nugent recorded a 3rd period pin against Davis, who has enjoyed early success this season, including a 3rd place finish in Saturday's Marlette Invitational.

Dairy course slated

Michigan State University and Great Lakes Junior College will be offering an Introduction to Dairy Management course this winter term. The course will focus on dairy reproduction and calf/heifer management. Classes will be held at

GLJC-Caro campus Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 11 and ending Feb. 22.

To register or for more information, contact Rosemary Rokita at GLJC-Caro campus at (517) 673-5857.



MERRY CHRISTMAS — Cass City Middle School students last week presented Toys for Tots officials with \$270 raised through a candy sale. Presenting the check to Gail Hutchinson above is Student Council President Lindsay Maharg.

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Cass City takes league lead with wins at Reese, Sandusky

If the Cass City High School basketball team defeated Harbor Beach in a game slated Tuesday, the Hawks will be in the spot before the holiday break that they hope to occupy at the end of the season, first place.

Cass City moved into the front with twin wins over Reese last Tuesday and Sandusky Friday. Much to the delight of Hawk fans, they dominated both games.

Tuesday Cass City rolled past Reese, 77-61, a team generally considered to be one of the strong quintets in the Thumb this year.

The game was decided in the first half and the key to the easy win was 3 early fouls that forced Mike Hein, 6-4 center and a fine ball player, to the bench. With Hein on the sidelines, the Rockets were no match for the much taller Hawks.

Cass City dominated the offensive and defensive boards. Paul Ulfing led the charge in the first period with 3 buckets and a free throw as the team jumped off to an 18-9 lead. Ulfing had the

benefit of some excellent feeds, getting the ball time after time in scoring position and he responded with 28 points for the night.

The entire front line had a banner night. John Phillips scored 15 points and collected 6 rebounds. Jason Morgan added 17 points and 8 rebounds.

With Hein on the bench in the second quarter, Cass City quickly turned the game into a rout. Led by Phillips' 10 points, Cass City raced to a 42-19 lead at the intermission.

Hein returned for the Rockets in the second half and Reese played Cass City on even terms the rest of the night and at one time moved to within 12 points. The Hawks turned on the jets again at this point and, helped by a pressing defense, widened the margin again and then coasted to the win.

Despite the easy win, Coach Jeff Hartel was able to point to a couple of areas that left something to be desired.

Cass City failed to convert a 3-point shot for the second straight game and Hartel felt that better guard play will be essential as the season progresses.

Cass City shot 53 percent from the floor, Reese, 37 percent. The Hawks took the rebounding battle, 40-29.

CASS CITY - Muska 1-0 (1-1) 3; Storm 0-0 (4-4) 4; Dan Sherman 0-0 (1-3) 1; Phillips 6-0 (3-4) 15; Murphy 1-0 (0-0) 2; Morgan 7-0 (3-6) 17; Ulfing 13-0 (2-7) 28; Iwankovitsch 3-0 (1-2) 7. **TOTALS** - 31-0 (15-28) 77.

REESE - Kowalski 3-1 (0-0) 9; Hein 7-0 (0-0) 14; Kern 3-0 (1-2) 7; Faching 4-0 (0-1) 8; Ketelhut 1-2 (1-2) 9; Castle 1-0 (1-2) 3; Beyer 1-0 (0-0) 2; Lynch 1-0 (0-0) 2; Brechtelsbauer 2-0 (0-0) 4; Credit 0-1 (0-0) 3. **TOTALS** - 23-4 (3-6) 61.

SANDUSKY GAME

Cass City helped the Sandusky Redskins inaugurate their spacious new gym Friday night and ruined the

festivities for the home team with a convincing 79-54 win.

The new gym features a college-sized floor, a couple of feet longer than the one at Cass City and has an indoor track running around the balcony. That part of the gym is not quite completed. When it is, it will seat around 3,000.

Friday the regular bleacher seats were comfortably filled and they witnessed a fine effort by Cass City.

Heartening to Coach Hartel was the play of the guards. They handled the press better, he said, and contributed 3-point shooting for the first time this season.

Two of the 4 3-pointers were netted in the first period by Steve Muska and Paul Murphy and helped Cass City take control early. At the end of the first 8 minutes the Hawks were in front 16-10 and then added to the lead the rest of the way.

Before the season started, Hartel said that he would

have a strong bench this year and a lot of players would see action. He has followed that plan in the first 3 games.

Against the Redskins 10 players scored and 15 players saw action. Nine players have seen considerable action in all the games.

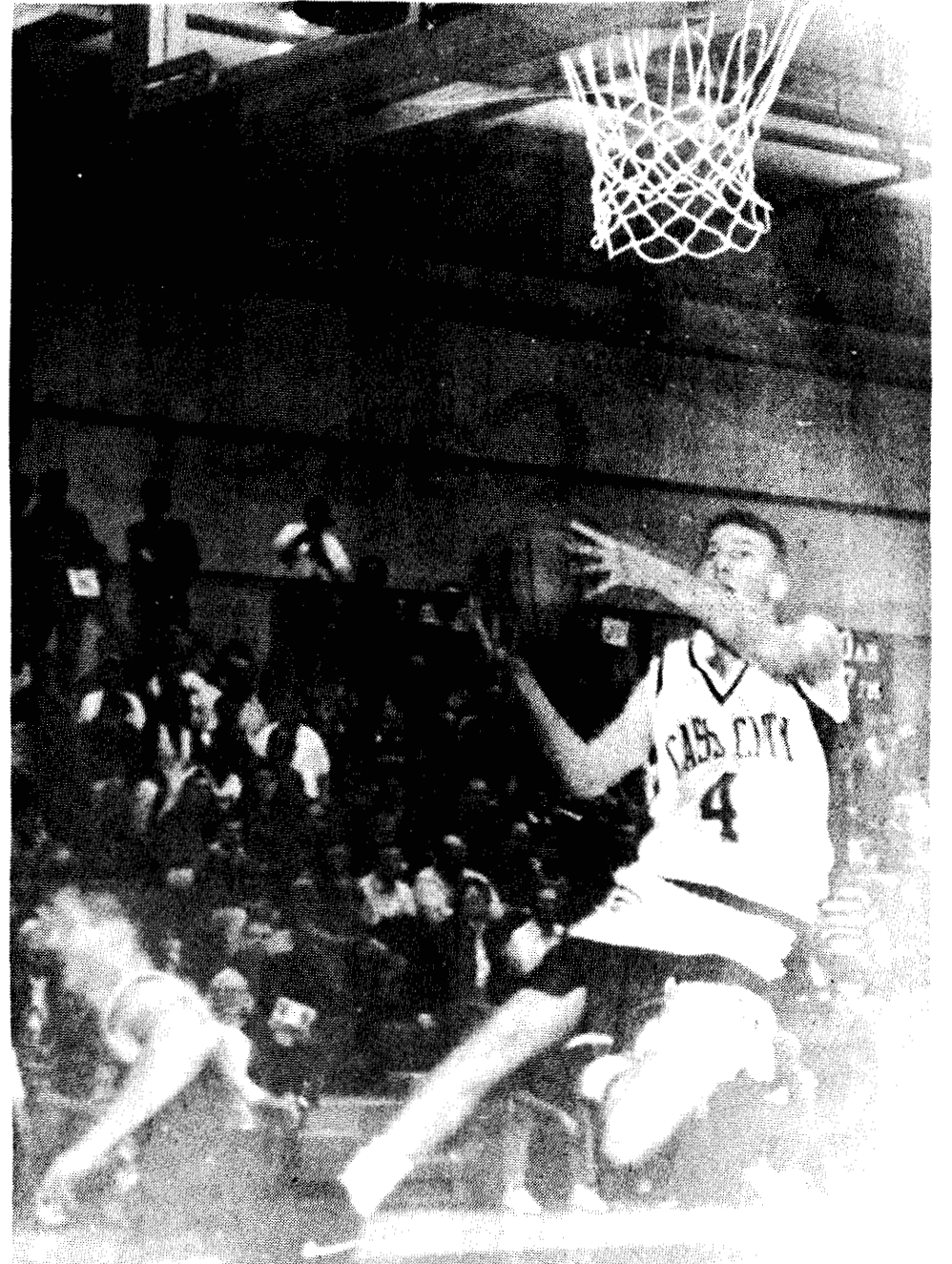
At the intermission the Hawks had moved in front 34-23 and 6 players shared the scoring load in the second quarter. Despite the lead at the half, Sandusky's best scoring spurt came in the quarter. Using a turnover and a 3-point basket by Mark Morningstar, the Redskins closed to 20-17. But it was all downhill for the losers from there on. Cass City used a full court press in the third period and it caused several turnovers.

With the game decided, both coaches turned to their benches in the later stages of the 4th quarter.

The Hawks out-rebounded Sandusky, 36-24. The team shot 55 percent from the field, including 4 for 9 from 3-point range. Sandusky shot a miserable 35 percent.







Four players were in double figures for Cass City, led by Ulfing with 20 points. Morningstar, with 25 points, led all scorers.

Hartel said the game showed that the team needs work on its overall defense.



STEVE MUSKA drives for 2 of his 14 points scored in the win at Sandusky Friday night.

Six Swift Sports Seers

						
Dec. 21	Arenac East. Harbor Beach at Cass City	Arenac East. Cass City Bad Axe	Arenac East. Cass City Bad Axe	Arenac East. Cass City Bad Axe	Arenac East. Cass City Bad Axe	Arenac East. Cass City Bad Axe
Dec. 28	Bad Axe at Ugly	Bad Axe Port Hope	Ugly Port Hope	Ugly Port Hope	Ugly Port Hope	Ugly Port Hope
Total	36-18	13-5	15-3	10-8	13-5	13-5

Owen-Gage falls to C-PS in final game before holidays

Carsonville-Port Sanilac's Dave Kelly and Brad Knight saved their best for last Friday night to lead the host Tigers to a 54-51 North Central Thumb League win over Owen-Gage.

The duo posted 31 of CPS's 33 second half points to give the winners their first victory of the season.

The Bulldogs (1-3) were able to erase a 3 point first quarter deficit with a 12-9 run in the 2nd stanza that

was sparked by sophomore Austin Brinkman.

Brinkman tallied 7 points, all from the floor, late in the period that ended with the visitors enjoying a 24-21 edge.

That's where Kelly and Knight took over for the winners.

The pair poured in 18 points in the 3rd period that countered the long range shooting of Bulldog Mike Tkacz, who finished with game scoring honors and 21

points.

Tkacz sandwiched a basket from the floor between 2 treys that enabled the visitors to stay on top 42-41 entering the final frame.

The game's final period became a 2 man show for each school as Knight and Kelly traded baskets for the winners, while Tkacz and senior Eric Susalla did all the Bulldog scoring in the game's final 12 minutes.

Kelly paced the Tigers with 19 points that included

17 after the intermission and 7 during crunch time. Knight scored 14 of his 16 tallies in the 2nd half.


Besides Tkacz, the Bulldogs had Brinkman in double digits with 13 points. Susalla knocked in 7 markers and grabbed 9 rebounds.

Coach Brian Wright's Bulldogs are idle until after the Christmas break and will play hosts Port Hope the following Tuesday to open the Tom Thumb Tourney.

REDHAWK

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CPS - Sherman 3-0 (1-1) 7; Knight 7-0 (2-7) 16; Davis 0-0 (1-2) 1; Kelly 9-0 (1-5) 19; Mason 2-0 (0-0) 4; Joble 2-1 (0-0) 7. **TOTALS** - 23-1 (5-15) 54.

Caro man faces charge

A Caro man was recently arraigned in Tuscola County District Court on a charge of attempted breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny.

Court records state Richard W. Bradford is accused of breaking into the Caro Motel, 110 Park Dr., Caro, Dec. 13.

Bond in the case was set at \$2,000. A preliminary examination was scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday.

JV WINS

The Cass City junior varsity continued undefeated with a narrow, 57-55, win over Sandusky and a 64-52 decision over Reese junior varsities.

CC-SANDUSKY

CASS CITY - Muska 1-2 (6-8) 14; Mike Sherman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Storm 3-1 (3-3) 12; Dan Sherman 2-0 (0-0) 4; Phillips 1-0 (1-2) 3; Wallace 1-0 (0-0) 2; Murphy 2-1 (2-2) 9; Morgan 1-0 (1-1) 3; Ulfing 9-0 (2-5) 20; Iwankovitsch 4-0 (2-2) 10. **TOTALS** - 25-4 (17-23) 79.

SANDUSKY - Rich 1-0 (0-0) 2; Jansen 0-0 (1-2) 1; Minard 0-0 (3-5) 3; Morningstar 5-3 (6-7) 25; Ball 1-0 (2-2) 4; Dorman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kozfay 3-0 (3-4) 9; Barren 1-0 (0-0) 2; Jewell 3-0 (0-0) 6. **TOTALS** - 15-3 (15-20) 54.

Gymnasts top Vassar

The Cass City gymnastic team won its opening meet of the year with a 102.4 to 75.2 decision over the Vassar Vulcans Thursday.

In the all-around for girls participating in all 4 events, Kathy Woodruff was first with 28.7 points. Second was Kristen Withers of Vassar, 23.7, and third, Wilma Mayer, 23.45 points.

In the vault competition the results were: Woodruff, first, 8.05; Mayer, second, 7.1, and Withers, third, 6.75.

In the uneven parallel bars: Woodruff, first, 6.4; Withers, second, 5.75, and Mandy Nizzola (Cass City) third, 4.85.


In the balance beam: Courtney Turner (Cass City), first, 7.15; Woodruff,

second, 6.9, and Mayer, third, 5.85.

In the floor exercise: Courtney Turner, first, 7.75; Woodruff, second, 7.35, and Jennifer Laming, (Cass City) third.

The team will be off for the Christmas break. The next meet will be Jan. 11 at Cass City and the competition will be Class A Midland.

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SUSAN WOERN, volunteer services manager, Tuscola County Department of Social Services, at left, and Tammy Holdwick, secretary for Thumb Cellular, display some of the toys purchased with the help of the phone company.

Thumb Cellular helps Toys for Tots campaign

Thumb Cellular has donated Christmas gifts to the Toys for Tots programs in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties. The gifts have a value of \$300. Each county received a variety of items valued at \$100.

"We at Thumb Cellular feel strongly about supporting our community," stated Paul Picklo, Cellular manager. "The holidays are a time for family celebration. And this is our way of making sure that all children have a gift at Christmas." Susan Woern, volunteer services manager for Tuscola County Department of Social Services and chairman of the Toys for Tots campaign in Tuscola County, supports that effort.

"One of the most rewarding things about working for Toys for Tots is listening to

the stories of the volunteers as they tell how elated and excited the children are. Many of these children would not otherwise have a Christmas," she said.

Woman reports car damaged

A Cass City area woman recently reported her car was damaged.

Sandra L. Guc found several dents at the right rear corner of the vehicle, and the right rear passenger door was scratched, according to Cass City police reports.

Guc stated the damage was done Dec. 12 and may have occurred while the vehicle was parked at St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Deadline passes, township officials seek legal action

The Elkland Township Board was scheduled to begin legal proceedings last week against a township resident for failing to clean up his yard.

The matter was discussed during the board's Dec. 13 monthly meeting, according to Township Clerk Norma Wallace, who noted officials last month set a deadline of Dec. 15 for the clean-up at 4137 Maple St.

Since that meeting, Wallace said, "The improvements have not been accomplished to the zoning administrator's satisfaction."

In other business last week, the board voted to act on election of new fire department officers in January, and discussed an upcoming election in which residents will be asked to approve a franchise renewal for Southeastern Michigan Gas Company.

Township officials have approved the franchise renewal, which allows the company to continue providing natural gas service to the area. But the renewal also requires a vote of electors.

The election date will be set in the next 2 months, Wallace said.

The clerk added she had hoped to combine the vote with a state sales tax election slated for Feb. 8, but there has been uncertainty surrounding that date, and the local election must be set 60 days in advance.

"I think we're going to end up setting it as a separate election, which I didn't want to do," Wallace commented.

Regardless of when the vote is held, Southeastern Michigan Gas Company will pay all election expenses.



A HUGE STAR MARKS the home decorations created by Dana Truemmer, 6577 Huron St. The design won Truemmer one of the top \$150 "shopping dollar" prizes in the Cass City Chamber of Commerce decorating contest. See story page one.

On felony charges

11 appear in circuit court

Eleven people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court on felony charges last week.

•Robert J. Kralik, 27, Mt. Pleasant, was found in violation of probation — failure to report to his probation officer — by the court.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Quentin Damonlin/Prince Williams, 23, Saginaw, was found not in violation of probation by the court. He had been accused of failure to report to his probation officer, court records state.

•Lyle G. Wells, 30, Fostoria, was found innocent of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct following a 2-day jury trial. The jury returned the verdict after deliberating for 45 minutes.

During the first day of the trial, the court granted a motion for a directed verdict dismissing a second count of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct. Both counts had alleged contact with a child at least 13 years but under 16 years March 10 in Mayville, according to court records.

•Marvin D. Schmitt, 44, Kingston, entered a plea of no contest, but mentally ill, to a charge of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a child at least 13 years but under 16 years last March in Kingston.

The plea was not accepted by the court, which ordered a hearing on the defendant's state of mental health. Schmitt's plea was taken under advisement pending a determination of his mental competence.

The defendant, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department, was ordered to undergo HIV testing. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be set.

•Gerald W. Perry Jr., 40, Detroit, was sentenced to one to 5 years incarceration for his plea of guilty to being a prisoner in possession of marijuana May 30 at the Camp Tuscola Correctional Facility in Caro.

•Penny K. Terbush, 23, Cass City, pleaded no contest to a charge of attempted delivery of marijuana Jan. 19 in Cass City.

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

•Jeffrey T. Burt, 20, East Tawas, received a one-year delayed sentence for a plea of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon March 8 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs of \$200 plus a \$30 oversight fee. Bond is to be applied towards costs.

•Donald A. Sousa, 22, Fostoria, was sentenced to one year probation for his plea of guilty to probation violation.

The defendant was ordered to pay \$50 per week towards previous court costs, fines and fees, according to court records, which state Sousa has failed to pay his court ordered obligation while demonstrating an ability to pay.

•Shawn F. Reitz, 18, Caro, was sentenced to 2 years probation and ordered to serve time in the county jail (Dec. 26-Jan 2) for his plea of guilty to receiving and concealing a stolen boat motor May 23 in Wisner Township.

Reitz was also ordered to pay costs of \$200, restitution of \$100 and \$30 oversight

and victim crime fees.

•Randy L. Snyder, 30, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail for a plea of guilty to probation violation. Probation was reinstated.

Court records state Snyder failed to complete a substance abuse program, and submitted a urine sample that tested positive for marijuana.

•Joseph H. Brady, 27, Caro, pleaded guilty to perjury in connection with his testimony before the Multi-County Grand Jury Sept. 7.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Brady was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Cass City honor roll

HONOR ROLL

The Cass City High School 2nd marking period honor roll has been announced. Students are:

12TH GRADE

All A's - Dave Bills, Rocky Britt, Shannon Dohung, Melanie Fritz, Barry Hornbacher, Wendy Hurley, Ryan King, Klinkman, Kristy Messing, Kelli Opal, Heather Shagena, Mike Sherman, Jami Sting, Lindy VanVliet, Jason Walther.

3.00 Average or Better - Matt Anthony, Nathan Bouck, Melanie Caister, Mac Connolly, Heidi Cook, Don Golden, Kim Grice, Heather Hendrick, Eric Hoard, Noel Hornbacher, Ron Hudson, Nathan Hurley, David Hutchinson, Aya Ikeda, Kara King, Mark Kubacki, Corinna Little, Robin Longuski, Joe Luana.

Others are Stacey Magras, Rachel Malone, Marsha Mathewson, Laura Miller, Stephanie Mohr, Darcie Monroe, Tracy Moore, Paul Murphy, Steve Muska, Ed Nizzola, Chris Osentoski, Brian Panich, Shawna Peasley, Michelle Peruski, Stephanie Phetteplace, Mike Qumsieh, Sam Riensira, Jodi Schember, Victor Tantoco, Stephanie Tate, Carrie Tuckey, Marshall Venema, Marc Wallace, Amie White, Darlene Wilkey, Sarah Wright.

Karla Zinnecker.

11TH GRADE

All A's - Michelle Brown, Lisa Burns, Leana Edwards, Erica Frederick, Scott Iwankovitch, Jorg Kimmes, Nathan Mastie, Brad McNeil, Mandy Nizwola, Lindi Parrott, Melanie Polega, Marlene Shimer, Andrea Speirs, Lisa Wallace.

3.00 Average or Better - Liz Acker, Calvin Bostick, Cori Bullock, Amy Burns, Bob Davis, Lisa Deering, Susan Graham, Carol Guza, Heather Hewitt, Nyika Hiraishi, Ben Hobbs, Anna Howell, Diana Kocan, Jennifer Laming, Mike Marshall, Wilma Mayer, Jason Morgan, Rebecca Perkins, Mandy Phetteplace, John Rea, Joenie Remsing, Alisa Rick, Mark Rockwell, Tammy Stine, Shannon Turner, Melissa Veldman, Clayton Venema, Aimee Walker, Kathy Woodruff, Danette Ziehm.

10TH GRADE

All A's - Charity Gasczynski, Patricia Krol, Dawn Longuski, Jamie Luana, Shivaugn Rayl, Amy Schelke, Kelli VanVliet, Kristy Wood.

3.00 Average or Better - Nick Bliss, Cori Britt, Andrea Cooper, Jeremy Dillon, Heather Dunn, Angie Eck-

ert, Bob Gengler, Andy Gray, Nathan Hendrick, Eric Hoezle, Kareem Khoury, Jeff Little, Brenda Lounsbury, Jake Lounsbury, Aubrey Marshall, Josh McNaughton, BJ Meams, Denise Meredith, Jennifer Morell, Erin O'Dell, Natalie Ponder, Natalie Ramsey, Chris Revis, Jenny Rick, Becca Smith, Tania Thick, Anthony Walther, Jill Wright, Chad Zawilinski.

9TH GRADE

All A's - Collier Bogart, Brooke Hurley, Kurt Iwankovitch, Joseph Khoury, Matt Klinkman, Josh Lounsbury, Sarah Miller, Todd Milligan, Brad Speirs.

3.00 Average or Better - Katie Anthony, Liz Bashur, Candice Cherniawski, George Cole, Lesley Colling, Amanda Deering, Chad Diegel, Jessica Frederick, Chris Hahn, Ann Hawley, Billi Jo Hawley, Sam Hobbs, Heather Hulbert, Marcia Klaus, Chad LaJoie, Jennifer Lambert, Jonie Laming, Pam Leiterman, Josh Little, Amanda Lowe.

Others are Gia Mellendorf, Raymond Meredith, Terri Moore, Dave Murphy, Jason Nicol, Matt Oesch, Jaime Persell, Rachel Peters, Don Pisha, Jeff Powell, Jamie Remsing, Barb Rosenstangel, Brent Ruggles, Tim Spencer.

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Obituaries

Agnes Gruber A full obituary will appear in next week's Chronicle.

Gordon Peters Gordon Peters of Cass City died Monday, Dec. 20, at Veterans Hospital in Saginaw. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time. A full obituary will appear in next week's Chronicle.

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School board mulls PTA survey results

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he said, suggest that students are low achieving.

POLICY UPDATE

A section of the policy book is due for review and several changes were suggested and will be passed at the next meeting. Among the items under discussion are a technology update and a new, more detailed student conduct policy.

RESIGNATIONS

Two members of the school staff have submitted resignations and their replacements hired. Juanita Burk, secretary at Campbell Elementary for 27 years, will be quitting at the end of the school year. She will be replaced by Michelle Zdrojewski, who now works in the community education department.

Tom Dorland, custodian, resigned late in November. His job will be filled by Bob Rockwell, who currently is a bus driver. The vote was 6-1, with trustee Fred Matthews voting against Rockwell.

OTHER BUSINESS

Stacey McCreedy, special education teacher, was granted tenure.

Five team leaders for the Middle School will be paid \$150 each for their work in coordinating the programs.

The annual community meeting where members of the community speak with the school board and school staff about school issues was scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10.

More training for the Middle School concept is scheduled Monday, Feb. 14, with representatives from Reese, Millington and Caro. Speaking at the joint meeting in Caro will be Cathy Hunt, a visiting expert. School will be dismissed early on that day.

Dorland Kuntz, principal, presented an update on activities at Deford School and told how the new hearing impaired program is a benefit not only to the hard of hearing students. The other students at the school gain by acquiring a knowledge of sign language and some of the problems of the impaired.

Murder suspect a former local teacher

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the kids." Janice, herself now a high school teacher in Alma, added, "There was something about him — he was the kind of person, you either liked him or you didn't." While the shooting surprised teachers and former students, it served as a frightening reminder of increasing violence that can occur anywhere. Chelsea, located about 15 miles west of Ann Arbor,

boasts a population of 3,800. The school has about 730 students in grades 9 through 12.

"It could be Cass City," Dillon commented, adding threats against school officials aren't uncommon.

"It's getting scarier all the time. It's very sad, but it just goes to show you how society is changing."

Janice Warju agreed. "You wonder, what is that last straw — that last incident that makes them say, 'I've had it.'"

4-H leader training set

Begin the new year by joining other 4-H leaders at the 1994 East Central Region Leader Training Program. This opportunity is open to all current 4-H leaders as well as individuals who would like more information about becoming a volunteer leader.

The training will be held in Frankenmuth at the Bavarian Inn Saturday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is sponsored by MSU Extension's 4-H program of Tuscola County and the other 12 counties of the East Central Region.

A keynote address by Sandy Clarkson, Assistant

State Director for 4-H Programs, will begin the day. Participants will then be able to attend 2 sessions of their choice from the 12 sessions which will be offered during the day. Topic areas include Facilitation Skills, Photography, Club Development, Fund Raising, Leadership Styles and Learning, Unraveling the Mysteries of 5-8 year olds, and International-Cross Cultural Programming.

The cost for the entire event (including the meal) is \$10 with some scholarships available. Registrations are due in the Tuscola County Extension office by Jan. 12.

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This abnormal function may cause osteoarthritis early in life. I must add that heredity and fashionable shoes cannot escape blame and may be why women are more commonly afflicted.

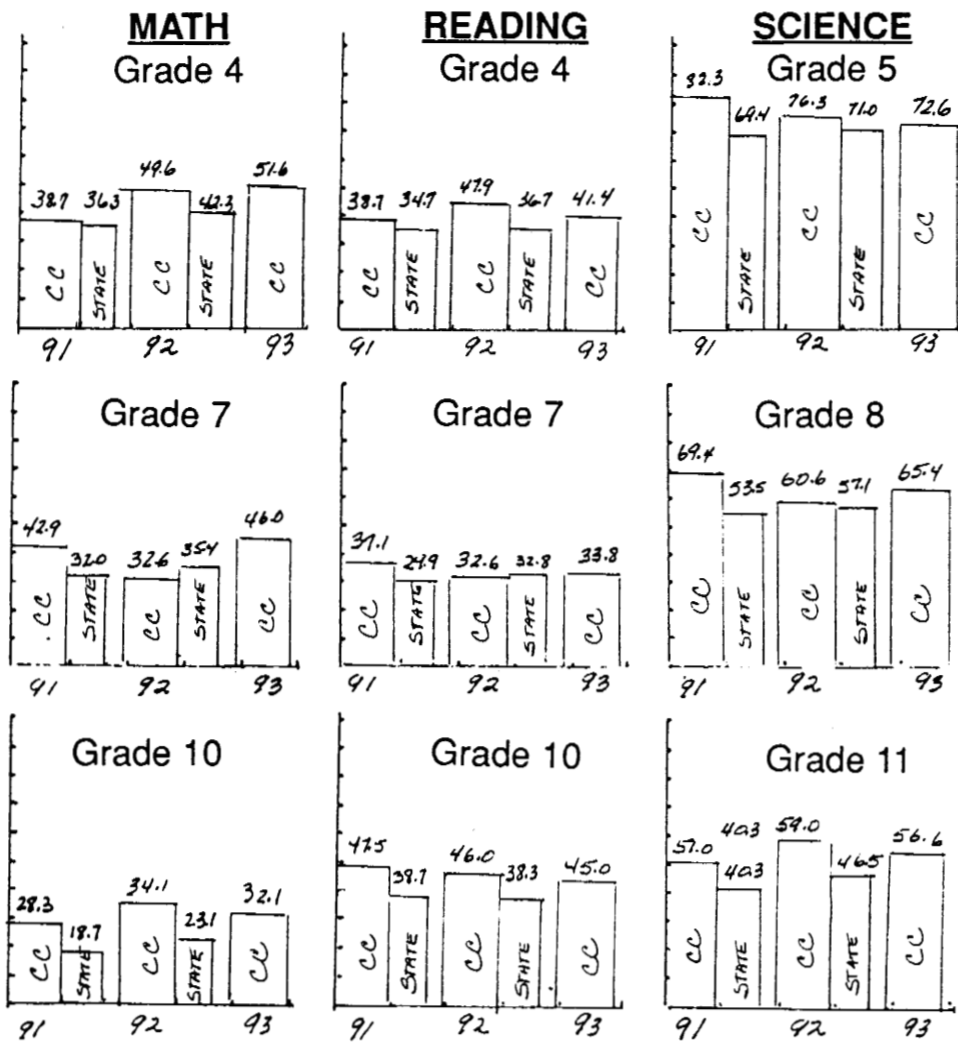
The treatment varies depending on the severity. Surgery usually relieves pain associated with bunions. The procedure may involve removal of the bony enlargement, lengthening or shortening of tendons or removal of a wedge of bone from the metatarsal.

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Crash claims Snover man

A one-vehicle accident over the weekend claimed the life of a Snover man.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies identified the victim as Duane R. Shaw, 41, 2100 Germania Rd.

According to reports, Shaw was eastbound on Downingtown Road east of Decker Road, about 2 miles south of Shabbona, when his vehicle began to swerve, leaving the roadway and hitting a mound of dirt and a small

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Although all costs are under review, it appears that the NutraSweet support will enable REMC to apply for federal matching funds. The total pledged or donated stands at \$91,500. With the potential support of the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, US Dept. of Commerce, REMC may be "on air" by Sept. 1, 1994.

NutraSweet joins an impressive list of school, corporate and foundation supporters of the Thumb Area Television. Support has been divided by The Detroit Edison Foundation, The Vada B Dow Trust, Morley Brothers Foundation, the Claude D & Eta H. Andrews Foundation, Huron ISD, Sanilac ISD, Tuscola ISD, First of America Bank, the Ruth State Bank and an anonymous foundation.

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Your neighbor says

A fine place to live

New to the community are James and Laurel Breckenridge. They have selected Cass City as a fine place to live, and purchased the grocery store at the south village limits of Cass City on Seeger Street.

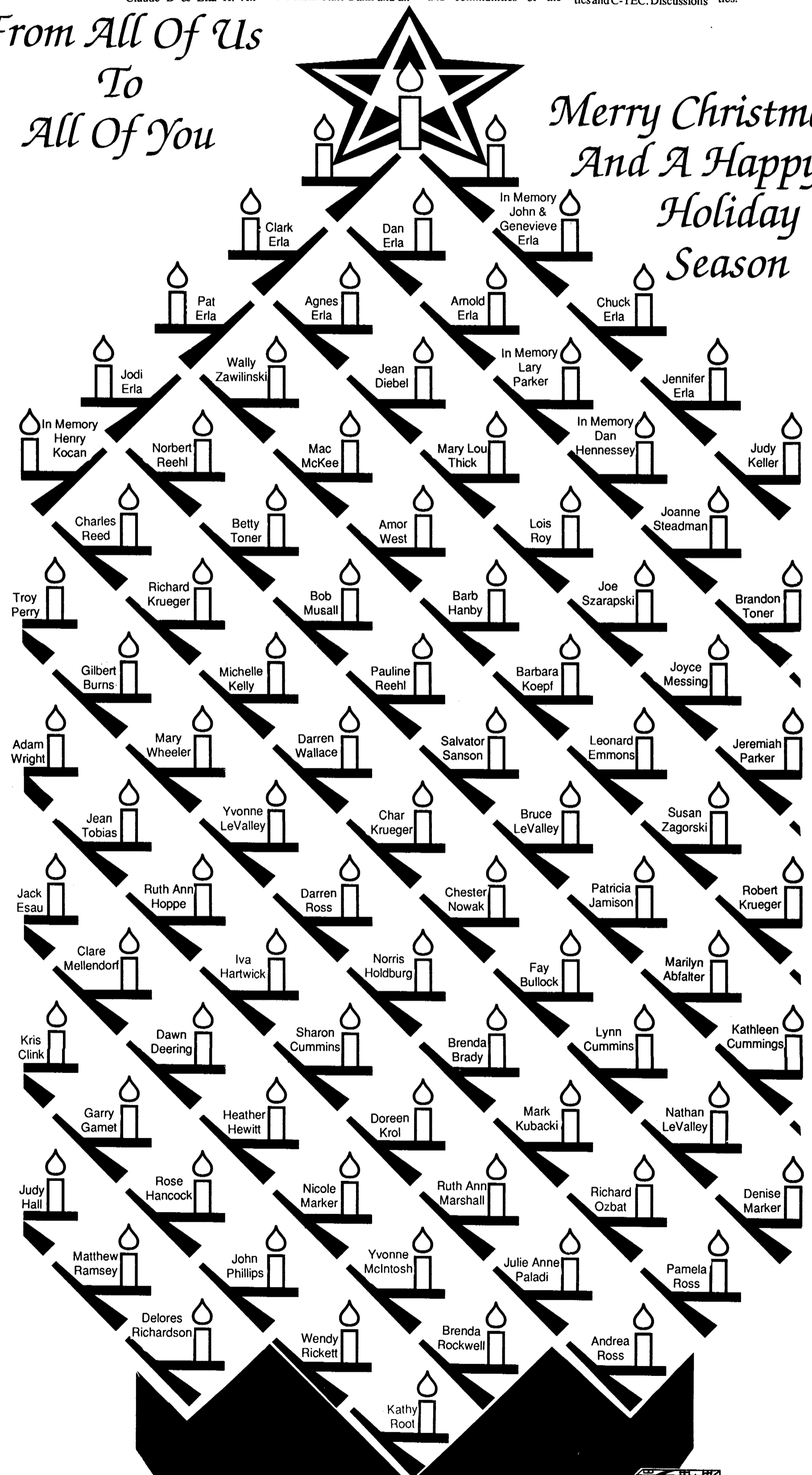
The new owners have given the business a new name. It is now called the Seeger Street Market.

We like the quiet, relatively crime-free atmosphere of the small town, Laurel says, rather than the big city. The sale of the grocery was handled by a sister-in-law, Linda Breckenridge.

It is a long-range project for the family. James works for A-C and is due to retire in 3 years. At that time he wants to have something to do and the grocery store is expected to fill that need.

Laurel comes from Otisville, where she worked in a laundry. The couple has 2 children, both from previous marriages.

One of the daughters, Jennifer Breckenridge, will manage the store.



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Santa Letter



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TUESDAY AFTERNOON LADIES' LEAGUE Dec. 14

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Alley Hoppers	36
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Charmont Motel	4
Pro-Temp Heat & Cool	4

High Series & Games: J. Milletics 763 (279-248-236), M. Lutz 723 (279-223-221), D. Orton 674 (266-215), G. Goodwine 671 (259-235), L. Tomaszewski 665 (238-214-213), R. Kerkau 652 (225-223), J. Smithson 643 (269), C. Karr 633 (260-226), J. Howard 625 (238), V. Jacobs 614 (226), K. Repshinska 613 (221-221), S. Hammett 610 (234), T. Comment 609 (211), C. Anthes 604 (225-225), R. Lewis 604 (229), D. Volz 604 (222), S. Grifka 600, J. Mushenski 593 (265), R. Rabideau 589 (212), J. Storm 589 (219-216), P. Robinson 585, P. Brown 576 (218), M. Jackson 571 (216), D. Wallace 570, B. Kingsland 567, K. Beachy 559, T. Summers 557 (223), R. Pringle 553, B. Anthes 220, D. King 215.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE End of 1st Half Dec. 16

HI Roth	37
Sal's Country Clipper	33
Mystery Four	32 1/2
E's & V's	31 1/2
Dec's MP Rockets	31
Kingston Mini Mart	29
AIDES	28
Gillians	18

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Dec. 16

Jacques Seed	14
Kilbourns	13
IGA	11

High Series & Game: Mary Gyomory 515 (186).
High Team Series & Game: Sal's Country Clipper 1780 (625).

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Dec. 16

Jacques Seed	14
Kilbourns	13
IGA	11

Deford Country Gro. 10
Bushwackers 9
Hyatt Farms 9
Nelesco 6
Pioneer Seeds 6
Martin Electric 6
Micro EDM 5
Northon Construction 3

High Team Series & Game: Martin Electric.

210 Games: Duane O'Dell 248, D. Doerr 238, K. Kilbourn 212-213-235, J. Brown 235, B. Hutchinson 218, D. Beecher 235, E. Schmaltz 236-245, J. Lefler 219, Doug O'Dell 212, K. Pichla 224-238.
575 Series: K. Martin 699, D. Doerr 628, K. Kilbourn 660, E. Schmaltz 664, Duane O'Dell 605, Doug O'Dell 588, K. Pichla 643.
Triplicate score: K. Martin 233.

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE Dec. 16, 1993

Hills & Dales	12
Rolling Hills	11 1/2
Allen Home Care	11
Cass Tavern	10 1/2
Clean Up Crew	10
Herron Builders	10
Caro Chiropractic	7
Cass City Sports	7
Crowley Chiropractic	7
Kingston State Bank	7
Nel's Kitchen	2

High Actual Team Series & Game: Caro Chiropractic 1997 & 683.

500 Series: J. Morell 551, P. Corcoran 549, K. O'Dell 534, L. Erla 531, N. Wallace 517, L. Leiterman 512, S. DeLong 506.
200 Games: J. Morell 213, P. Corcoran 212, K. O'Dell 209.

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Dec. 17 End of 1st Half

Cass City Oil & Gas	66
The Family	66
Town & Country	61
Rhonda's Gen. Store	60
Old Folks	51
Wilbee Folks	32

Men's High Series: B. Fields 569, J. Navarro 558, L. Tracy 555.

Men's High Games: L. Tracy 216, J. Navarro 210, B. Fields 206.

Women's High Series: D. Smith 493.

Women's High Games: D. Smith and M. Gyomory 180.

High Team Series: The Family 1914.

High Team Game: Rhonda's General Store 697.

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Studies by the U.S. Department of Agriculture show that chromium in the diet helps to normalize blood sugar levels. Chromium helps make insulin more efficient in handling the energy we get from a meal. Good sources of chromium are whole bran cereals, orange juice and broccoli.

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Kids write letters

Santa needs big bag to fill these lists



Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Mason Doerr. I'm 2 years old. I have been a good boy this year and I will try to be a good boy next year, too. I would like a truck and something to ride on. Please bring my sisters, Christina and Melissa, something nice. I will leave you some cookies.

Love ya,
Mason Doerr
Cass City, Mich.

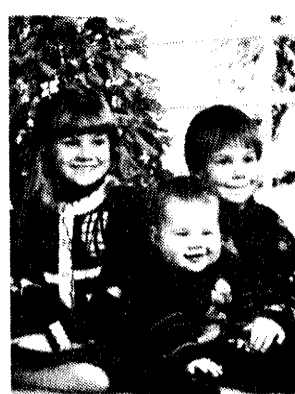
Mason Doerr



Katelyn & Becky McDonald



Molly & Ian Wynn



Bethany, Mitchell and Anthony Langlois

Dear Santa,
My name is Mitchell Langlois. I'm 9 months old. For my first Christmas, please bring me some toys. My mommy thinks some clothes would be nice also. I'm sure my mommy and daddy will leave you and your reindeer something special. Please leave my cousins, Christina, Melissa and Mason, something special. Thank you.

Love,
Mitchell Langlois

Dear Santa,
My name is Anthony Langlois and I am 5 years old. I think I've been a good boy this year. Please bring me the Farm Country House set, Creepy Crawlers and the Sliminator. I'll leave you a grapefruit and a coke. And for your reindeer, I'll leave sugar beets. Thanks.

Love,
Anthony Langlois

P.S. I have a new dog - be careful!

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Bethany Langlois. I'm 7 years old. I've tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a Jasmine doll, McDonald shake set and the Fuss and Gigggle trip-lets. I'll leave cookies and milk for you. I'll also leave carrots for your reindeer. Please leave something for my cousins, Mason, Melissa and Christina Doerr.

Love,
Bethany Langlois

FROM OUR PLACE TO YOURS

L-R: Jim Pulaskey, Sandy Papovich, Mike Thomas

wishing you the Merriest Christmas ever

CITIZEN INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

KC INSURANCE AGENCY
JIM PULASKEY, AGENT
6505 Main Street 872-4880

Dear Santa,
Each year since I was born 3 years ago, My Grandma Jeannette has helped me write to you. Since last year, I have a new baby sister, Becky Ann, she is 4 months old and it would be nice if you could bring her a musical toy. Santa, all I would like is a Baby Doll, I can play with and be like my Mommy, when she takes care of Becky. I will leave some carrots for the reindeer and a cookie for you.

Love you
Katelyn McDonald



Hollowed out stones or sea shells served as the first lamps. Ancient peoples used plant fibers as a wick to burn fat placed in the hollow.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ian and I am 2 1/2 years old and I've been a very good boy this year. I would like a fire engine, cars, and a combine for X-mas. My sisters have been good too. Molly is 1 1/2 years old and she likes dollies and purses, she likes to dance also. Haley is only 3 weeks old and she mostly eats and sleeps but she would like a teddy bear. We will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for your reindeer. Fly safely.

We love you and thank-you Ian, Molly & Haley Wynn

Brandon, Cole, Dylan Miller

Dear Santa -
This letter is coming from the Miller boys, Brandon, Cole & Dylan.

First of all Brandon really likes Batman so if you could send a batmobile a Batcycle & a few other figures. Also arrowstorm nerf, & the batman computer game. & some PJ's.

Cole likes robin & batman also a nerf gun, Thomas choo-choo train and some PJ's.

Dylan would like some new toys and maybe some PJ's also.

Also bring a gift or 2 for mom & dad & mikki. We will leave you a snack.

Brandon
Cole
Dylan

Anne Nizzola

Dear Santa, I hope you get my letter. I would like a Chicago Bulls bean bag chair, Baby Walk-N-Roll, a keyboard, Game Gear and games, and a Dream Phone. I hope that you can get me these things.

Love,
Anne Nizzola, 9



Andrew Martin



Emily Martin

Dear Santa,

My name is Emily Martin. I am 2 years old. I would like some pink PJ's and a Barney purse this year. Please bring my 5-year-old brother, Andrew, the Power Rangers and some blue sweat pants.

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

Love,
Emily

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During this season, we rejoice and give thanks to you for your support throughout the year. We wish you and your family a blessed holiday and hope that you will be filled with the magical light of Christmas.

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THE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE OF YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Read Meg's Peg - Page 2

Yuletide Greetings

Wishing One And All A Safe & Happy Holiday Season

Staff and Management
CASS CITY MERCY AMBULANCE

Wishing you peace and joy this Holiday Season

Merry Christmas

from
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Cass City Rd. Cass City

IT'S CHRISTMAS!

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Best Wishes to One and All!

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Anna Meredith Nicole Meredith

Dear Santa,
I would like a Robot and a Barney movie. I would also like a Blue tea set and a phone. I hope you have a safe trip around the world on X-mas eve. We hope all the children everywhere get everything they want for X-mas.

Love,
Anna Meredith

Dear Santa,
I would like a china tea set and a guitar. I would also like a party play Barbie with jewels on their clothes. I hope you don't get too cold traveling around the world. We will leave cookies out for you and carrots from the garden for your reindeer.

Love,
Nicole Meredith

Area children send Santa their love



Thomas LeValley

Dear Santa,
My name is Thomas LeValley and I'm 10 months old. I have been a very good boy. This is my first Christmas and I can't wait to find out what this Christmas stuff is all about. I'm getting to be such a big boy and I don't like to play with my rattles anymore. I was hoping that you could bring me a Baby Basketball so that I can learn to play basketball as good as my big cousins. I love to take a bath and would like some toys for the bathtub. I could also use a big toy box so that I can keep my room clean.

Maybe you can bring me some teeth for Christmas, too. I would sure like to eat one of those cookies that I'm going to leave for you.

Merry Christmas Santa,
Thomas LeValley

Lauren Meck

Dear Santa,

How are you? Did you have a nice summer vacation? I would like Baby Walk and Roll and also a talking dollhouse.

Please bring my cousin Caeleigh a cuddly bunny rabbit with a rattle inside it. Thank you for all my presents from last Christmas.

Love
Lauren Meck



Brandon Myers

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi! My name is Brandon Myers. I am 3 years old. I have been a good boy this year. I would like you to bring me some new clothes, a basketball hoop, trucks and a new belt for my jeans. And please bring some gifts for my little brother and family. I will have milk and cookies, and sugar for your reindeer.

Brandon Myers,
8701 McAlpin Rd.
Sebewaing, MI 48759



Travis Myers

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello! My name is Travis Myers. I am 2 years old. I too, have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like you to bring me a wagon, some trucks, a belt and some new clothes. Please leave some presents for my cousins and my big brother too! There will be cookies and goodies for you and your reindeer.

Travis Myers
8710 McAlpin Rd.
Sebewaing, MI 48759

Stephanie and Katie Nizzola

Dear Santa,
I hope you get my letter, it's important to my sister and me. I would like a totally hair Barbie, mermaid Barbie, talking family doll house, Polly Pocket Castle and some cowboy boots.

And for my sister Katie, some books, a baby doll and a toy rocking horse. And a bean bag chair that we could share.

Love,
Stephanie Nizzola, 5
Katie Nizzola, 1



Andy Kolacz

Dear Santa,
My name is Andy and I'm a good boy "most of the time." I'm 4 years old. Thank you for the "work bench" you gave me last year. This year I would like some farm things, Lego's and a race car if you have an extra one. Thank you, Santa.

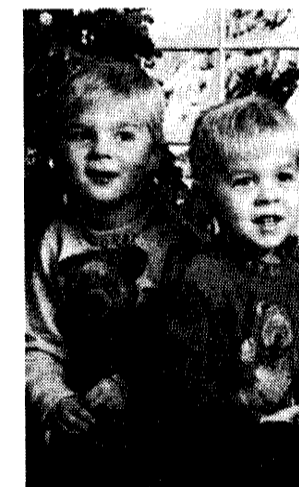
Love,
Andy Kolacz
Deford

P.S. I'll leave you some good homemade cookies and a glass of milk.



Travis Mozen

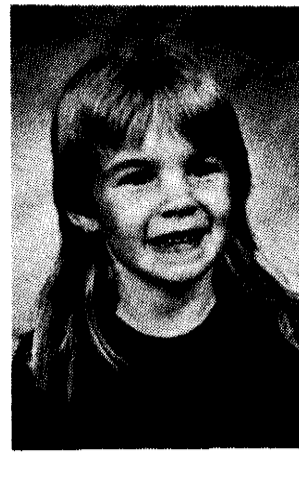
Dear Santa:
I am 3 years old and have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like a dump truck, conveyor, cement truck, planter and keyboard. I will leave milk and cookies for you. MERRY CHRISTMAS.



Corey & Kyle Will

Dear Santa,
Hi, I'm Kyle and I have been pretty good this year. I would like a Stanley Sound engine, ambulance and some new saws. My brother Corey has been good this year and he would like a Nerf slingshot, a pool table, tape player and a race track. We will leave you a snack.

Love you,
Corey & Kyle Will



Kristina Spaulding

Dear Santa,
My name is Kristina and I am 6 years old. I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like a Baby Check Up, a train and ice skates. I will leave you a snack. Thank you.

Kristina Spaulding
3773 E. Caro Rd.
Cass City, MI

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



Stephanie Bock

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be a good girl this year. Please bring me a talking Barney and a baby doll. Also please let Uncle Bob come home for Christmas.

XOXO
Stephanie Bock, 1 1/2



Drew Guinther

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like my grandma and grandpa to come to California. We don't have snow, but my mommy and daddy say you'll still come here. Some duplo blocks and a spin around train would be nice too.

Love & cookies,
Drew Guinther




Krystene Moslander

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old and I live in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. I would like some Barney toys and pretty clothes for Christmas. Please bring my Mom and Dad something nice, too.

Love,
Krystene Moslander

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Merry Christmas



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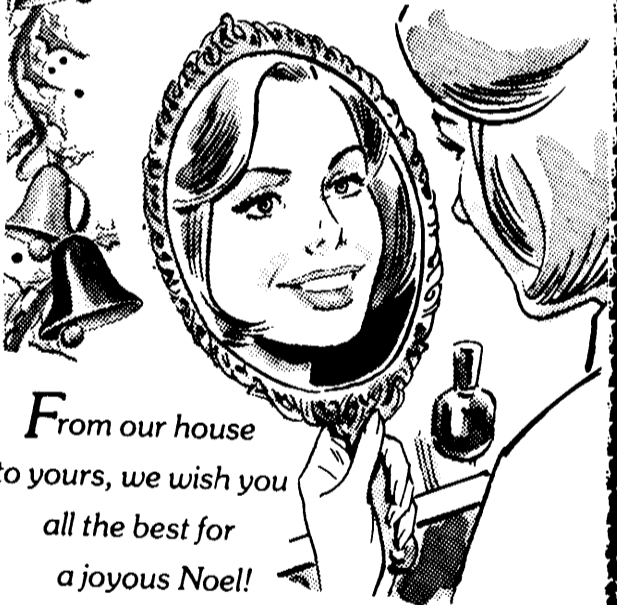
PEACE ON EARTH

May the radiance and gift of His love light your way to everlasting peace and contentment. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas. From The Family & Staff

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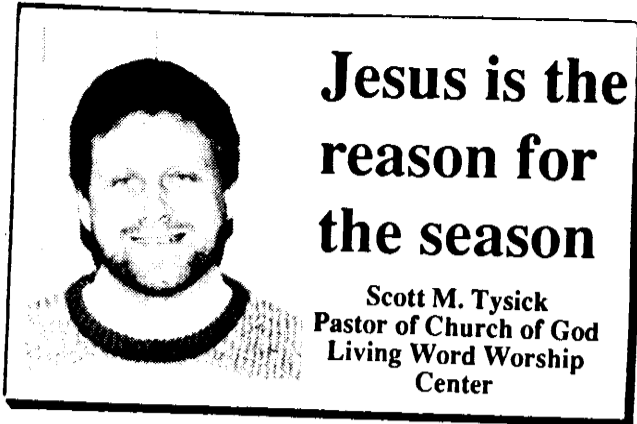
Have a Merry Christmas



From our house to yours, we wish you all the best for a joyous Noel!

Mary's Beauty Shop

Mary Withey Cass City 872-2834



Jesus is the reason for the season

Scott M. Tysick
Pastor of Church of God Living Word Worship Center

Jesus is the Reason for the Season! (Luke chapters 1 & 2-Verse 21)

Christmas is the giving of love. Christmas means many things to many people. It means gifts and glamour, celebration, meditation, reunion, reminiscence, old friends, old faces, worship, prayer, pageantry, and parties.

Christmas is a holiday, a holy day, a friendly greeting, glittering lights, gifts galore, and a Christmas tree. As always, Christmas means carols and carolers singing their serenades on Christmas Eve. To the children throughout the world, Christmas will always mean toys, a snowman, a special snack for Santa Claus and his reindeer.

Christmas does mean magic and mystery, mistletoe and holly, cookies and candy, toys and trees—yet, to all people of goodwill who each day pray for peace on earth, Christmas really

means Christ. You see, without Christ and the wonderful hope that He gives, Christmas would be meaningless. He is the one who makes Christmas so very special and gives it purpose. If you take away Christ out of Christianity, you would have nothing left. Jesus is the central character of the Bible—Jesus is the heart and soul of the Church—Jesus is the centrality of worship. Jesus is the Center of life. This Christmas let us make Christ the center of our worship and let us always remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

The greatest gift ever given, the greatest gift God could ever give was His only Son JESUS! Let's give God Glory. 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.



Christmas wonderful for me

Pastor Clifford Jordan
Cass City Missionary Church

This is a wonderful time of the year for me. I have a rich heritage. Since both of my parents have been removed from me by death, my memories are all that I have to hold on to. Although I seem to get my memory jogged many times throughout the year, none seems to overwhelm me like Christmas.

Perhaps the reason for the strength of these memories is directly tied to the time of my life - CHILDHOOD. We did not live well, but we were loved well. I will share just one memory. More than that would just bore you. Besides, they are mine and I'm stingy about giving them away.

I always knew what we would be getting for Christmas. There would be fruit, nuts, candy, cookies and something that mom had made for each of us. I was always proud to wear the clothes she had made. I had to wait until I became a father to know the agony of having no money to buy nice gifts and finding ways to

please my children and wife, somehow nothing seemed to be enough. One Christmas we awoke to find a large cardboard barrel filled with everything that could be bought for 10 cents to \$1. What a Christmas! What wonderful variety! How hard that must have been on my parents. However, this isn't about my parents. This is about me and my memories.

I learned about giving myself, not gifts. Dad, Mom, thanks.

Merry Christmas, God bless us every one.



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Cass City Bad Axe Pigeon

Letters to Santa



Darrin & Sarah Howard

Dear Santa,
My name is Darrin Howard. I am 4 years old and my Mommy and Daddy said I've been a good boy this year, and my sister Sarah, she's been a real good girl. She even gave me a kiss under the Christmas tree. My sister and I would like anything you bring us, we're not fussy. Thanks for all those presents you gave us last year.

We love you,
Darrin and Sarah Howard

P.S. Here's a kiss for you too, Santa! XOXO



Amber Cummings

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. I would like a kitchen set and a Burpy baby. Also don't forget my cousin Trent. We will be leaving cookies and milk out for you and sugar for the reindeer.

Thanks,
Amber Cummings

May Your Families Enjoy The Best Of This Holiday season!
MERRY CHRISTMAS



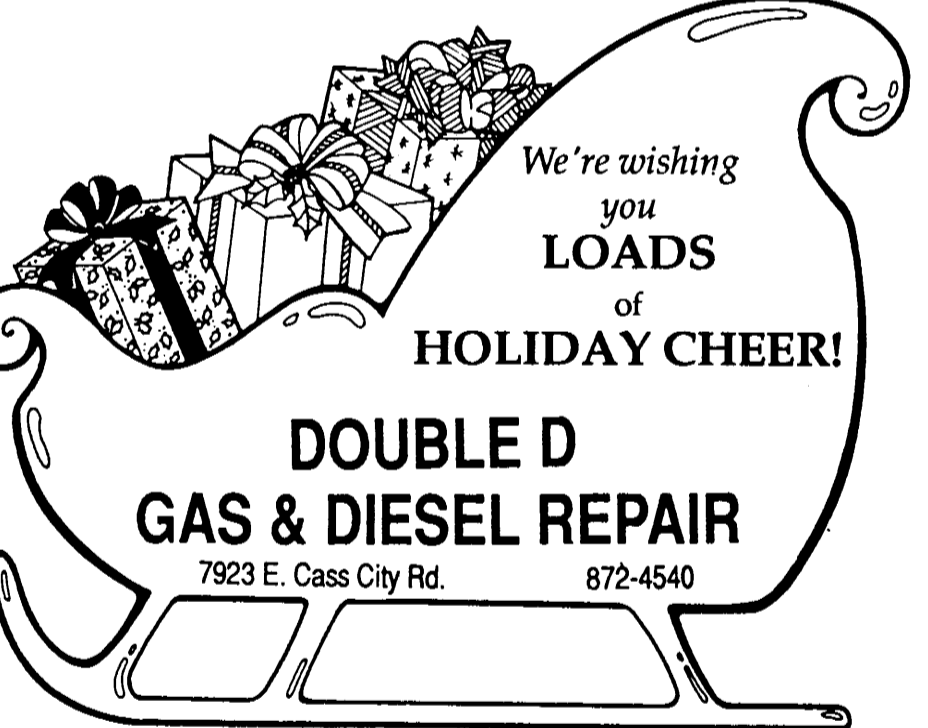
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Cass City 872-4600




Christmas ends with a cross

Dean Cernek
Pastor, Cass City
Evangelical Free Church




We have lost the purpose

Dale A. Byers
First Baptist Church



Vandals can't ruin Christmas

Rev. Rick Sheppard
Pastor, Trinity United
Methodist, Cass City



How big was the stable?

The Rev. Stu Roy, pastor
Deford
Community Church

Christmas has been taken over by consumer interests. I realized this when I saw the rerun, "Earnest Saves Christmas" last week. At one point Earnest's glove compartment pops open to reveal the bumper sticker "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." In a flash (reminiscent of "Away to the window I flew like a flash, throw open the shutter and threw up the sash") I realized that Christian slogans invented to decry the commercialization of Christmas had been commercialized. Who markets those neat little bumper stickers, T-shirts and Christmas tree bulbs that say things like, "Put Christ back into Christmas?" So I say - Let the economy have Christmas. Most of the hoopla is

about a make believe person called Santa anyway (oops, sorry kids). But let's keep Easter. Christians have been celebrating Easter weekly since the first Easter Sunday (Christmas wasn't celebrated until 365 A.D.)! Easter is about a rough hewn cross stained with God's own blood, His life for ours. The empty tomb assures all who believe that the risen Lord accomplished His task and lives forever. There is hope for the world. There is hope for me. So have a very merry Christmas (join us for our Christmas Eve service), just remember that the story that starts in a manger ends with a cross, an empty tomb, and a promise to return.

Years ago in a European country, a christening was to take place for a baby born to royalty. Many guests came, dressed in their finest. They were met by a servant who took their wraps. After all had arrived, someone asked, "Where's the baby?" The nurse was sent to fetch him; but soon announced he could not be found. A thorough search followed, to no avail. Finally a guest recalled he had seen the baby lying on a bed where the coats were being placed. Upon checking, the parents were horrified to find the lifeless form of their small son. He had been smothered to death under all the wraps.

What irony! In the commemoration, the real purpose of the gathering had been forgotten and the one to be honored had been killed. How true today! Many seem to have forgotten that Christmas commemorates the coming of Christ into the world to save sinners. (Luke 19:10). Yet on this very occasion of joy He is often set aside and forgotten. The real purpose of Christ's birth is smothered with the wrappings of the world.

heart can only be satisfied by the God who made it. WE HAVE LOST THE PURPOSE FOR HIS COMING TO EARTH - Christ did not begin at Christmas. He is the eternally existing One, (John 1:1; Micah 5:2). He left heaven's glory to come to this earth in order to die as a substitute in judgement for all our sins. He died on Calvary, was buried and rose again from the grave on the third day. We should no longer worship Him as a baby in the manger. Nor do we worship Him as the sufferer on the cross. We worship Him as the living Lord Jesus Christ who is alive in heaven today. Christmas is a wonderful time of great joy and He invites each one of us to worship Him and remember why He came to the earth.

And it came to pass that some Grinches visited Cass City looking for fun at the expense of the people. Perhaps if they damaged something that was very special to the people, the Grinches could feel they had accomplished something important. They could become bigger in their own eyes. If they could damage something at Christmas it might be even better. "Let's ruin something for someone else. It will make us feel good. It might fill the emptiness inside." And so they went to the park and did their best. It was fun for them. They laughed as they thought of the reaction of the people as they found the mess. It was funny to cause other people anguish and pain. They really "pulled one over" on the town.

real tragedy. It creates the most damage...damage to the "damager". One might as well say, "Hey, let's go hurt and diminish our self-image by trying to ruin something for others." That will shrink a person several sizes smaller. Christmas cannot be ruined by vandalism. You could steal all the presents, trees, lights, and decorations and all the food. You could take all the music and cards. But Christmas would still be here on December 25 and we would celebrate. Because Christmas is about Jesus' birth and we celebrate that in our hearts and with our lives. You can't steal that.

More careful plans were never made than those for His arrival. Jesus' brief life and ministry were not experienced on a moment's whim. No, indeed; He was working out the Plan of the Ages. The Messiah's birth and infancy were micro-managed in detail, from the Emperor's stingy decree to the Magi's sustaining gifts. Joseph, unable to secure proper lodging for his wife's imminent delivery, must have had fear and discouragement. From heaven's view, all was going according to plan. This Jesus experienced the lowest, that He might feel with our infirmities, that He might not be distanced from His people by wealth and finery. Does it really matter how God protected those sheep when the shepherds came to worship the King-Child? No. What matters is that He loves us, and He came.



SEASONS GREENINGS

Christmas Day is near,
The time of joy and cheer,
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WE ARE LOSING OUR PRIVILEGES: It is a blessing to live in a city where we have freedom to display a manger scene in the city park and publicly worship our Lord. However for many cities in our country this is becoming an increasing problem. Some schools forbid the singing of Christmas carols, or making public promotions for the Christmas season. There is a movement to remove the words, "IN GOD WE TRUST" from our coins and also to remove the phrase, "ONE NATION UNDER GOD," from our pledge of allegiance. The answers to our national problems are found in Christ alone.

Give Christ His proper place in your Christmas this year. Don't bury Him in your wrappings. Accept Him into your heart as your personal Savior, then honor Him all year long as the living God of your life.

WE HAVE LOST HIS PERSON - We often see Christmas identified as Xmas. But there are many other ways in which we have lost the person of Christ. He has been misplaced by Santa Claus, the Christmas tree and the decorative ornaments of beauty. The tree and the lights should remind us that Christ alone is the light of the world and the tree a memorial of the tree of Calvary upon which He died for our sins. Since it is an evergreen tree we are reminded of the everlasting life we receive when we as sinners trust Him as our personal Savior.

WE HAVE LOST HIS PLEASURES - Christmas is always associated with joy. In fact the angels announced that it was news of great joy, that Jesus should be born. It is sad that such a holy event should be celebrated with such unholy activities. Instead of reading the Bible, many will resort to the bottle. Office parties and Christmas celebrations often center around ungodly relationships. Psalm 16:11 informs us, "at thy right hand are pleasures for evermore." The emptiness of the

Letter to Santa Claus

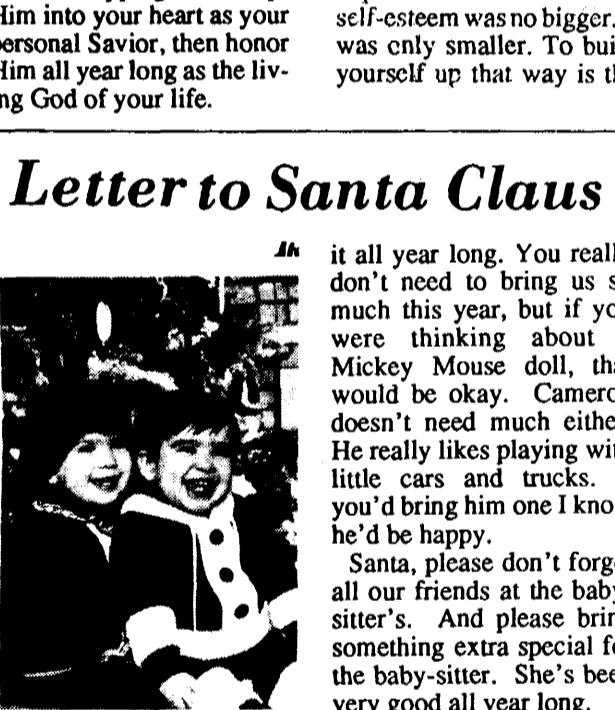
it all year long. You really don't need to bring us so much this year, but if you were thinking about a Mickey Mouse doll, that would be okay. Cameron doesn't need much either. He really likes playing with little cars and trucks. If you'd bring him one I know he'd be happy.

Santa, please don't forget all our friends at the baby-sitter's. And please bring something extra special for the baby-sitter. She's been very good all year long. We'll have treats waiting for you and your reindeer. We know how hard you work.

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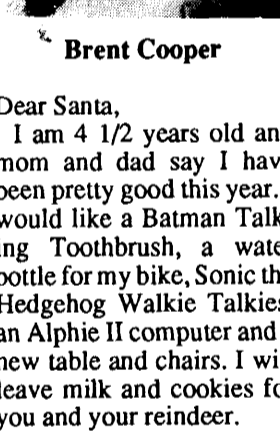
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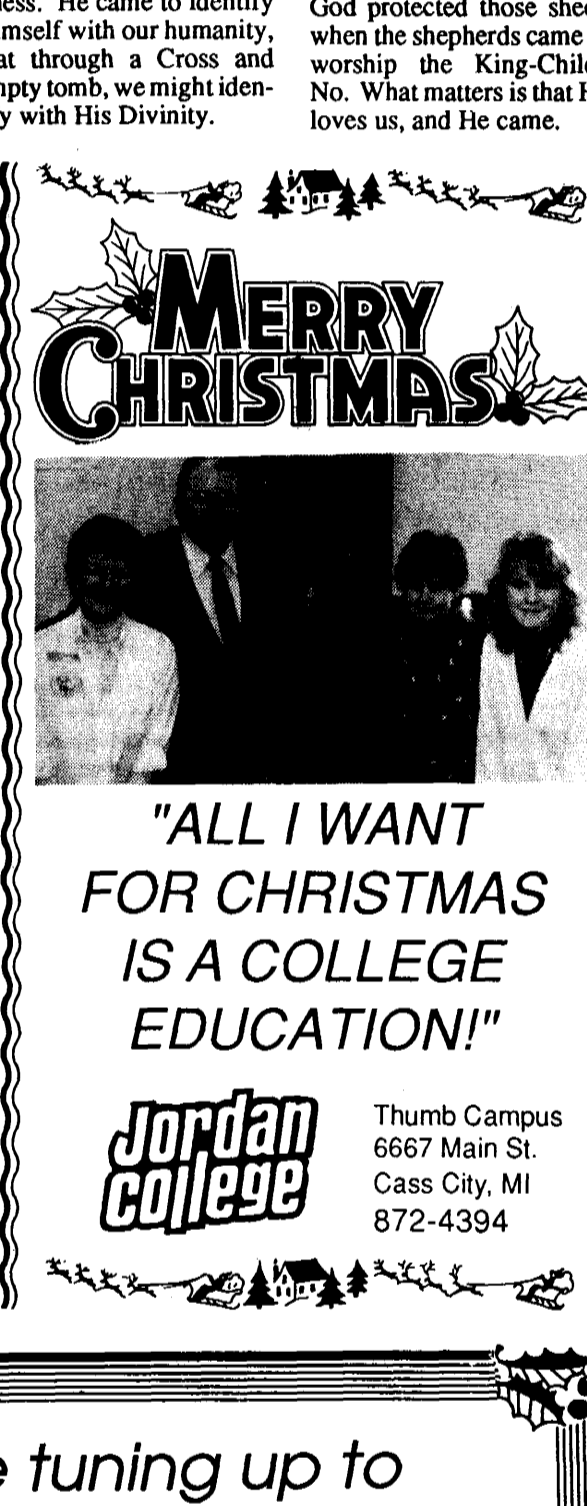
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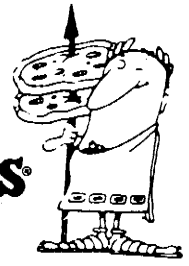


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see this thing that has happened for all people. We need only go where the Lord has promised to be. He has promised to be where His name is called upon. He has promised to be present where His Word is used. In short, he will be present in individual or corporate, private or public worship. How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far! He, the Savior, is as near as Word and worship. I encourage you to go to your house of worship and see this thing that has happened. Let's go to Bethlehem!

I liked the lights of Christmas. As it is with many children, my childhood was void of Christ. Christmas was Christless. Jesus Christ was a family cuss word without a face. While I visited church with a sitter, the preacher asked if I had a New Testament, to which I replied, "Yes, it says new but that is the oldest book I've ever seen."

illusion. Then it all bottomed out as a time of gift giving and getting. To be clear, it was left without much meaning at all. As a teenager, the angels' song of peace on earth and good will was a Christmas message not shared by me. I was spiritually asleep and ignorant of Christmas. I still liked the lights of Christmas. Christmas did at last find me. As a teenager, I entered the church via the youth fellowship. After about three months of exposure to the gospel, the Holy Spirit brought me under conviction. In repentance I experienced the saving grace of God as I received faith in the work of Jesus Christ. Baptized at 18, my life changed. Christmas changed. Christmas now had real angels, real wise men, and a real savior.




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For Christians all over the world, Christmas is an important, happy holiday. It is the day that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, about two thousand years ago. Christmas is a short form of Christ's Mass, an old name for this day. It means a mass, or church service, in honor of Christ.

ies are brought by an elf called Jultamten. He's a sort of miniature Santa Claus, with a sleigh that is pulled by two goats. Christmas, to me, is a very special celebration of the Christ child's appearing on earth as a divine child wrapped in pure humanity.

The story of Christmas comes from the Bible. Many Christmas customs are based on the birth of Christ. People give each other presents because the three Wise Men, or three Kings, brought presents to the baby Jesus. Christians sing songs, called carols, that tell about Christ's birth. They put up scenes of Jesus' birth, with figures of shepherds, the three Kings, and animals around the tiny baby.

But some of the ways people celebrate Christmas have nothing to do with Christ's birthday. It wasn't until about 200 years after Christ's time that Christians even thought about celebrating His birthday.

As time went on, new customs crept into Christmas, too. One of these was the Christmas tree. The idea of bringing a fir tree into the house may have started in Germany. Germans who moved to other lands brought the idea with them and people liked it.

In England, the gift bringer is called Father Christmas. He looks much like Santa Claus, but he has a longer coat and a longer beard. In France, he's known as Pere Noel. In Brazil, he's called Papa Noel.

In Germany, children get presents from Christindl, the Christ child. And in Costa Rica, Colombia, and parts of Mexico, the gift bringer is el Nino Jesus, "the Infant Jesus."

In Sweden, gifts and good-



Happy Holidays from: (left to right) Dick Metzger, Gary Binder, Marv Klein, Denise Young



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"Do you know where Jesus lives?"

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One evening last week as I was driving around viewing the multi-colored Christmas lights in Gagetown, I felt a sense of God's presence hovering over us. All was still and quiet as I approached the main section of our little village. My thoughts were centered on the merchants and the people who enter their businesses. It is here, my being told me, that Christ is made known on a daily basis. Despite our human sinfulness and weaknesses, Christ came to dwell among us. No wrapped up package can take the place of any resident in town. Because they are warmer, brighter and more personal.

During my six months of being a resident and pastor of St. Agatha Parish in Gagetown, I have seen God's saving and healing power come alive through the merchants and the people. They have reached out in love and concern. Many residents take time to listen to those who are suffering from a sickness, a death or a problem. There are those who have gathered at Nel's Kitchen and signed

get-well cards or birthday cards just because they truly care for these people. Residents have provided food for the needy, listened to the brokenhearted, visited the sick at Concept Care Nursing Home, as well as in private homes. Others have sent greeting cards to the homebound and the sick. Youth, as well as adults, have brought joy to others through Christmas caroling. Nel Wald, owner of Nel's Kitchen, summed up the whole spirit of Christmas when she said, "We have Christmas all year round. The people in our community are what make Christmas so special."

Cathy Sullivan and Fr. Richard Bokinski sponsored an evening of music and reflection at St. Agatha Parish. We invited the community and the surrounding churches in the area hoping that we might gather to proclaim God's wonders and prepare our hearts for this Christmas season. Dare we say, it is Christmas and God can never be born enough in our hearts.

At Christmas time a little girl wrote a letter and addressed it simply: "To Baby Jesus." The post office returned it to the sender for want of a better address.

What's His address anyway? Many people have no idea what His address is. This is nothing new, for wise men of old came seeking: "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:2). They didn't know His address. I suppose one could say that Jesus has moved around quite a bit. His addresses have been several.

1) His first home address was heaven. From all eternity Jesus was with His Father, equal in power and glory. "He was rich," the Bible tells us (II Corinthians 8:9). So for a very long time...even before Adam, Jesus' address was heaven. Then at Christmas we remember how Jesus took on a new address.

2) His second address was earth. The "Word became flesh" (John 1:14). He was called Immanuel which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). And He was "made a little lower than the

angels" (Hebrews 2:9). The Infinite One was reduced to flesh and blood.

While Jesus lived on earth He moved around quite a bit. He went from Bethlehem to Nazareth, to Capernaum, to all sorts of little places. Sometimes He apparently just lived outdoors, for He said once "the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head" (Matthew 8:20).



So He moved from heaven to earth. Ironically, He took up residence here so it would be possible for us to take up residence in heaven....But after His death for us and His resurrection, He moved again.

3) His third address is at the right hand of God. Jesus ascended and is now "at the right hand of the Majesty on High" (Hebrews 1:3). This is such good news, because we can bring our petitions, our burdens, our requests to the throne of grace in heaven because Jesus is there, interested in us and interceding for us. You and I should rejoice because all of the above are true...but just as amazingly, He has another address!!

4) His fourth address is IN THE BELIEVER. When we personally accept Christ as our Savior and Lord, He comes into our lives by His Spirit, which He has given us! (John 14:23).

We don't have to have some tireless quest for Jesus. The life of Christ comes to live in us. The life of Jesus is revealed in our body (II Corinthians 4:10). What an incredible reality!

Please do have a very nice Christmas this year...but remember to find Him, you may need to both look up and look within. "O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and enter in: be born in us today."

Christmas can be lonely

Rev. James and Rev. Jean Rencontre
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As new pastors in this area, we are becoming acquainted with the community and its customs. It has been our privilege to live in different locations of the country -- Washington, Nebraska, Illinois and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Each community has its own unique ways of celebrating the birth of Christ.

Our own personal celebrations have always involved our family attending Christmas Eve service followed by opening our Christmas gifts

together. We always followed a pattern of opening gifts, beginning with the youngest - while everyone watched - and ending with the oldest. And with the addition of grandchildren to our family, this activity became even more enjoyable. This will be the first year since 1965 that we will not have the majority of our 4 children with us on Christmas. In some ways it is a lonely feeling, full of nostalgia and memories. But children grow up and go their

separate ways, and other activities and friends come to replace some of those old, nostalgic traditions.

At this time of year we are enjoying our new friends, our new activities and celebrations. All around us there is a wealth of caring, sharing and celebration of the love of Christ - the Babe of Bethlehem. We wish all of you the peace, joy and contentment that worship of our Lord can bring. May you have a blessed holiday season!



Season's Greetings

We want to thank all of our loyal customers for bringing us cheer throughout the past 41 years.

Without you, the holidays just wouldn't be the same. All the best to you and yours this Christmas, and into the New Year and beyond. Happy Holidays!

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