

Merry Christmas!

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Flash is a life saver



MAN'S BEST FRIEND - Gagetown resident Lee Strickland credits Flash, the family's 6-year-old basset hound, with saving his life Tuesday when a fire broke out at his home at 4931 Quinn Street. Related picture, page 4.

Dog barks, barks, barks until sleeping master awakes

You would have a hard time convincing the Lee and Theresa Strickland family that a dog isn't man's best friend.

The family's basset hound is credited with saving Lee's life when a fire broke out at his home at 4931 Quinn Street, Gagetown, Tuesday, Dec. 15.

The fire was brought under control by the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department. Chief Paul Lopez estimated the loss at \$40,000 and said that the state fire marshal would inspect the home.

Strickland works nights at Rochester Gears in Clifford and his wife works days. The dog's repeated barking finally woke up the sleeping Strickland. He was disoriented and dizzy but finally escaped from the house through a bedroom window.

Strickland said that he believed the dog did not succumb because it is short-legged and close to the floor. His legs were burned.

Strickland was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital and later to Bay Medical Center. He checked himself out after a day in the facility.

"Too much to do to get our lives back in or-

der", he explained.

We are taking it a day at a time, he added, helped by his employer, who has given him the rest of the year off.

The fire, with the smoke damage, has made 6 of the 7 rooms in the house unlivable and the family is patiently waiting for the insurance adjuster to come and inspect.

What we would like, Strickland says, is to get a variance so that we could move a trailer in while it is being decided what happens to the house.

While much of the clothing has been ruined, the family was able to salvage a portion by washing it.

HELPING HAND

The Gagetown community is lending a helping hand to the family and a drive to help them get back on their feet is underway.

Canisters for donations have been placed in various businesses in Gagetown and individuals who would like to help can send gifts in care of Independent Bank, P.O. Box 27, Gagetown.

Dale Street work okayed

Village wage boosts vary between 2.5 and 5 percent

The Cass City Village Council approved wages for 1999 at its regular session at the municipal building Monday night and granted wage increases of 3.7 percent, but not all employees received equal percentage boosts.

Heads of departments received increases of just over or just under 5 percent while other department employees were granted about 2.5 percent increases.

Patrol officers will receive only increases for length of service, the same as they were paid last year. Increments are paid for up to 5 years of service and vary from a minimum of about 7.75 percent per year for the fifth year to about 5.75 percent after the first year of service.

The council never discussed in public the rationale for determining the new wage schedule.

Overall, the cost to the village taxpayers will be \$625,652, an increase of some \$22,262.

In the part of the meeting devoted to presenting the budget, it was revealed that there would be no increases in taxes despite an estimated 2 percent increase in expenditures. The increase is expected to be balanced by an increase in valuations in the village. Taxes will remain at 18.5 for all purposes.

According to the budget, general fund expenditures in 1999 will total \$1.294 million as compared to \$1.218 million in 1998.

A complete salary schedule breakdown appears in this edition.

OTHER ISSUES

One of 2 controversial issues that faced the council this month has been settled.

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There was no discussion of the second.

If the budget is followed, the \$47,000 for work on Dale Street, from Hill to Hunt, remains in the budget. Originally the money was earmarked for paving, but President Lambert Althaver said that the road needs work to make it wider.

Originally, the paving was to follow curb and gutter work on the road, but that has been dropped after a protest of all the land owners in Hills and Dales subdivision where the road is located.

Trustee Matt Prieskorn said that he wanted it on the record that he was against any paving of the streets in the subdivision until curb and gutter was installed.

One other change in the

street work as previously presented and described in the Chronicle was work on Scotty McCullough Drive from Main to Church. It was officially moved from the work slated for 2003 to the year 2,000.

The second issue, legislation to control the erection of signs in the village, was not on Monday's agenda and is still pending.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was revealed that work has started on the ice skating rink on the Cass City Recreational Park tennis courts. However, Monday's snowfall has delayed the completion because it keeps the ice from freezing smoothly.

The village has been

plagued by a failure and false alarms of failures of the village wells, including the new one recently placed on line. The investigation will continue.

Trustee Catherine Kropewnicki asked if any thought was given to paving the road between Campbell Elementary and the high school building. It is not in the present plans and village manager Jane Downing said that it would be very expensive. We would need some help from the school in a project of this size.

Downing added that she would like to see a walkway beside the road as many people walk in the area, she feels.

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VILLAGE OF CASS CITY 1998-1999 WAGE AND SALARY CHART

ADMINISTRATION:	1998	1999
Village Manager	50,470	52,920
Village Clerk/Treasurer	3,000	34,000
Secretary	28,367	29,075
Bookkeeper	28,367	0
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS:		
DPW Superintendent	43,702	45,900
DPW Crew	36,708	37,626
Crew Out-of Class Pay	19.33/hour	19.98/hour
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:		
WWTP Superintendent	43,702	45,900
Chief Operator	37,603	38,543
WWTP Crew	36,708	37,626
POLICE DEPARTMENT:		
Chief of Police	43,702	45,900
Sergeant	37,299	38,543
Patrol Officer	28,981	30,572
1 year	28,981	} No increase in 1999
2 year	30,572	
3 year	32,300	
4 year	34,066	
5 year	36,708	
TOTAL FT STAFF:	603,390.00	625,652.00
INCREASE '98-'99:		22,262.00
PERCENT INCREASE '98-'99:		3.7%



COACH CHAD DANIELS' Cass City debate team finished second among 9 teams Saturday competing at the high school. Team members are: (l-r) Manisha Raythatha, Becky Oesch, Rose Hoelzle and Kristy Ryan.

Debaters 2nd in new style tourney

Cass City's Red Hawk debate team was edged in a split decision Saturday in the inaugural of a new type tournament held in Cass City. Midland Dow won the championship in a 2-1 decision over the Hawks.

The tournament is a com-

bination of the district and regional formats. Coach Chad Daniels explained.

In the first phase of the competition, all 6 Cass City debaters participated. In that competition Cass City finished with 4 wins and 2 losses.

In the second phase, the teams were restricted to 2 debaters. Selected for the Hawks were Rose Hoelzle and Becky Oesch.

The luck of the draw would have pitted the 2 Cass City teams against each other in the first round. Rather than

compete against each other, Daniels said, we continued with the debaters with the best record and withdrew the other team.

Cass City won the semi-final debate over Flint Powers and lost to Midland Dow in the finals.

Another departure from usual procedure, Daniels points out, is that there were 3 judges instead of one. Two of the judges were students and the third a judge qualified to judge all debates. Cass City was declared the winner.

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New books at the library

Among the new books available at Rawson Memorial Library are:

Quilting School by Ann Poe: (nonfiction) Quilting School is a perfect course of practical know-how and design for quilters of all levels. With the help of this learn-as-you-go guide, anyone can learn to quilt creatively. Advanced quilters can extend their skills and learn a fascinating variety of traditions and styles. Included is an extensive pattern library, featuring exciting piecing and quilting designs - traditional and modern - organized by type of pattern for ease of reference.

Complete Book of Home Crafts by Miranda Innes: (nonfiction) This book can be used to discover the satisfaction of creating sophisticated items for your home, and learn how to give familiar articles a stunning new look. The book combines practical know-how and inspiring ideas with easy-to-learn step-by-step techniques. Samples of crafts ideas include a kaleidoscope cushion, decoupage tray, stenciled hammock and pressed flower picture.

Country Life by Paul Heiney: (nonfiction) This book addresses the needs of both country residents and country dreamers, including advice for those working on the tiniest of plots, even down to the scale of a window box. It presents a series of sample farms, from postage stamp size to several acres. While garden farmers can enjoy keeping a few chickens and growing their own herbs and vegetables, those with larger holdings are able to grow field crops and manage a herd of cattle.

Owen-Gage names Joel Bolzman "Student of the Month"

Joel Bolzman has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for December.

Bolzman has participated and has received many awards throughout high school in the following sports: football, basketball, baseball, and golf. He also served as class president his sophomore and junior years. He was a Homecoming representative as a freshman and a 1998 Homecoming king candidate.



Joel Bolzman

Besides serving as a student aide at school, Bolzman also attends the Huron County Skill Center where he participates in a School-to-Work program at CKS Tool.

Bolzman is the son of Wayne and Rhoda Bolzman of Sebawaing. His future goals are to attend college, play college football, and receive his journeyman's card.



An English highway boasts the smallest underpass in the world—a tunnel one foot wide which was constructed to permit badgers to get to the other side of the road.



by Melva E. Guinther

No matter how much we want to observe the true meaning of Christmas and not lost in the shadow of a plastic Santa's glare or Rudolph's blinking nose, they've at least been enhanced and sanitized.

In reality, the original scene would have been dark, dingy and smelly that first Christmas — not what we'd consider suitable for the birth of the God-man.

Had it not been for the spectacular announcement the angel gave the shepherds, the birth of one baby in a stable in an overcrowded city would likely have gone unnoticed.

Did you ever think what it was like for those shepherds? There they were, going about the humdrum business of watching their sheep, just like any other night. They

had no advent calendar. All of a sudden that blinding, dazzling light encompassed them and the angel made his frightful appearance.

Somehow, I don't think "Touched By An Angel" revelations do the real thing justice.

Imagine what it would be like in the middle of your workday to have such an experience.

There's the shopping, wrapping, striving to find exactly the right gift business.

Even a black belt shopper has to admit that the whole gift scenario can detract from what Christmas should be.

We tell ourselves that the gifts we lavish on one another are merely a reflection of The Gift given that first Christmas. But how often does the thought cross our minds while pushing our way through a crowded mall or standing in a slow-moving line at the checkout?

Do we really think about agape love while frantically searching for a nonexistent Furby?

Even our true-to-the-Text religious services can become stressful. Ask anyone who's worked with kids preparing the annual Christmas program.

The truth is that, in spite of our "Jesus is the reason for the season" buttons and stickers, most of us have made even the good parts of the celebration too hectic, and in the process, lost touch with what it's really all about.

Hopefully, sometime during the holiday season, each of us will find a quiet, peaceful moment away from all the activity, and experience afresh the meaning of that silent, holy night so long ago.

That's my Christmas wish for all of us.

It's a boy!



Jordan McNaughton

Jordan David Garety McNaughton was born Nov. 21, 1998, at Bay Medical Center, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Jordan is the son of John McNaughton and Maria Garety.

Grandparents are Raymond and Delores Garety and David and Connie McNaughton, all of Cass City.

Great-grandparents are Elwyn and Mary McNaughton and Eileen Krug, all of Cass City, and the late John Krug, John and Gertrude Garety and Rudolph and Mary Losik.

Marriage licenses

Thomas John Barnett and Ann Marie Schulz, both of Vassar.

Joshua Donald Dean Dodd and Wendy Marie Kischnick, both of Vassar.

Demetrius Finch and Rhonda Gail Smith, both of Vassar.

Anthony Carl Streeter and Wendy Lee Salgat, both of Fairgrove.

Brian Michael Kischnick and Kari Rose Ruethlisberger, both of Vassar.

Patricia Bratland and Stephanie Prange, both of Ubyly, have been named to the Dean's List for fall term at Northwood University.

Bratland, a freshman, is the daughter of Willard and Susan Bratland, and Prange, a junior, is the daughter of Jerry and Pamela Prange.

To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Dance set for New Year's Eve

The Sandusky Thumb Dancers will hold its next open dance at the Sandusky Maple Valley School New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 8:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Music will be by United Sound.

A potluck dinner will be at 6:30. Everyone is welcome.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

Senior Citizens are asked to make reservations before 9:00 a.m., on the day of the meal, by calling Clara Gaffney, 872-2875.

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Monday - Pork chops, mashed potatoes, marinated cukes/tomatoes, biscuit, peach cobbler.

Tuesday - Old fashion pot roast, sliced zucchini, carrots, onions, potatoes, variety bread, coconut cake.

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Cass City Social Item

Guests of Dale and Mary Damm Sunday for an early Christmas were Randy, Carmen, Jason and Ethan Damm, and Tim and Susan Wooster of Flint. Sunday evening they all attended the children's Christmas program at Cass City United Methodist Church, in which Ethan participated.

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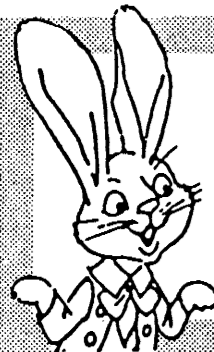
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Nat Tuttle, a Florida snowbird, sent along a clipping from a local paper with information about Rev. Eldred Kelley and his wife, Luanne. Kelley is a Cass City native who was well-known here as pastor in area churches. He served at the Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church, later merged with the Methodists.

He was a prime mover in the establishment of the Evangelical Free Church on Chestnut Street in Cass City and served as its first pastor.

The story tells about an evangelical mission to Kenya. Kelley is now the southeast regional director of World Gospel Mission.

"It was a multi-faceted trip that featured Kelley teaching local pastors, active participation in construction projects, showing residents how to water their cattle and grow vegetables and holding Sunday school classes for eager youngsters."

Kelley is quoted as saying it was a privilege to be with the team and minister to the Masai people. He came home from the trip and announced that he was not only stirred, but changed.

When he left Cass City, he suffered from an illness that threatened his life. However, his mother, Ruth (Kelley) VanAcker, reports that the doctors found a cure and the pastor's health is the best it has been in 30 years.

The Chronicle will close at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24, and Thursday, Dec. 31, for the holidays. Because of the shortened work week, early copy will be appreciated.

Have a wonderful holiday.

On the Haire side of the block on Seeger we feel like backsliders. Our house is the only one that doesn't have outdoor Christmas lights sparkling. Perhaps it's my imagination, but it seems to me that we have more home outdoor Christmas decorations than in recent years.

Some folks say that it's because of the balmy weather that made it easy to work outdoors.

Whatever, it's nice to see.

Long-time residents, I know, will be quick to point out that it doesn't compare with the fifties, when Cass City was "Christmas Town."

Those days are gone forever and let's all enjoy what we have today.

Merry Christmas.

Christmas came early for David Loomis, Cass City. His winning ticket, in the Cass City Chamber of Commerce sponsored contest, was drawn at Cass City Hardware. Shoppers have one more opportunity to win a bike in the last drawing Thursday, Dec. 24.

Just register at all participating Cass City stores.

If you can believe the postmarks, a card was mailed from Gagetown Dec. 24, 1908, to Detroit and returned to Gagetown in 1930. It was a Christmas postcard, saying "Happy Christmas."

The card turned up this week at the Gagetown post office. Linda Downing reports from the post office that the address on the card seems to read: Eve Kinnell, RFD number one, Gagetown, Mich.

It was mailed a long time before zip codes were needed, when a letter cost 3 cents and the penny post card reigned supreme.

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MRS. SANTA CLAUS, also known as Nancy Mason, visited the kindergarten class of Kelly Ball last week. She arrived with a letter from Mr. Claus for every member of the class and entertained with stories about Christmas.

Bean growers meet set

Dean Hadaway, president of the Tuscola County Dry Bean Growers' Association, announces that Jan. 5 will be the annual meeting and program at the Brentwood Restaurant in Caro.

The meeting will begin with breakfast at 7:15 a.m. The annual meeting and program will begin at 8 a.m. and will include: a bean commission update and a market report. Gregg Varner will discuss his variety trials and trip to Argentina. The food quality protection act update will be given by Chris Difonzo, Michigan State University, and Jim Kelley from the Michigan State University Crops and Soils Department will visit with the group about genetic modification of dry beans and make some comments about the direction of the dry bean breeding program.

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It didn't just happen. Three decades or more ago when Cass City was Christmas Town and a tourist attraction for all of mid-Michigan, the key to our success was the volunteer leadership of dedicated residents.

That's not surprising because every cultural and economic advance in Cass City is due to the work of persons willing to give of their time and talents.

Sure, that's quite a statement. But think about it and see if it doesn't stand up. The start of the industry in Cass City was due to a group of volunteers who bought the first industrial park land and worked with Anrod Screen Cylinder and Walbro Corporation to come to the community.

Hills and Dales General Hospital and the Cass City Recreational Park would never have existed without the volunteers that started them and others that monitored their expansion.

The 20 years that the July 4 Festival has been enjoyed by the community earns a great big gold star for a long, long list of volunteers.

It's what has kept the Festival alive and well. Local history buffs can tell you that before the Festival there was an annual Homecoming and before that a fair. When the movers and shakers no longer cared, they quietly slid into oblivion.

In the 20 years that the Festival has operated, a long list of community leaders have helped make it go.

But that was then and this is now. Today, today help is needed to keep the Festival a community event.

The Festival committee includes board members who have long service and are preparing to step down. Alan "Duke" Sward has been at it over a dozen years and Jane Hitler has many years on the committee. Others working are Bob Cnare and Doug Hyatt.

We would love to work with new members to provide a smooth transition, Sward says, and keep the Festival one which we can all be proud of.

A few years ago the Festival was on the verge of collapse because of the lack of

volunteers.

New people came to the front and the Festival continued to prosper.

It needs another infusion to keep on ticking. Just call Hitler, Sward or Hyatt. They are in the phone book.

Do it now. It will probably make it a little more Merry Christmas for current board members and certainly will make it a more sparkling Fourth of July for the entire community.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I'm always a little behind with my column topics. I can keep up in January and February when nobody cares what's happening, but I get behind in the spring and fall.

Maybe I should slow down for a few months and try to get back in sync? That's what happened to a farmer I used to know.

One year my farmer friend got so far behind he wound up harvesting his corn in May. "It's all how you look at it," he said. "Some folks might think I'm 7 months behind, but I prefer to see it as 5 months ahead."

That's why anyone who reads this column after Christmas should consider it a good start for next year. (Only 360 shopping days to go.)

Folks who need a last minute Christmas gift might consider the idea cooked-up by 2 Oregon entrepreneurs. According to a story in the *Portland Oregonian* Homer Abell of LaGrande, Oregon, and John Kimmelshue of Hood River have decided the ideal gift for most occasions is a tree.

Not a dead tree to put up and decorate, or a live tree to plant in the yard, but a real tree — to be left in the woods and enjoyed by future generations of bears, chipmunks, and presumably woodpeckers.

These 2 fellows have formed a company called "Save A Tree" that permits a person to buy a 10-foot tall tree for \$50, a 24-footer for \$100, or a 48-footer for \$200. These trees then go into a trust and will never be logged, the partners say.

The tree buyer gets an identifying plaque, certificate of ownership, and map showing where his or her tree is located. All of these trees are growing in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon.

This is a nice idea for folks who want to get involved in forest management, I think. A plan such as this might eliminate much of the ani-

mosity that has accrued between timber owners and logging protesters in recent years.

Just last week I saw a news clip about a girl named "Butterfly" who has been sitting in a redwood tree in California for nearly a year to protest a timber sale. If these redwoods were owned by a company like Save A Tree we could buy that girl her tree, and she could come down and take a bath.

There might be a downside to the Save A Tree philosophy, though. I call it the "Sad Christmas Story".

This story takes place in the National Forest one December when families begin arriving to cut a Christmas tree. It's about one little fir stand-

ing tall and straight, hoping someone will take him home to celebrate the holidays with their family.

But try as he might, the little fir just couldn't compete with the fancy pines or the elegant spruce that grew close by. One by one the families came to the forest to cut their Christmas trees, but nobody noticed the little fir who wanted so badly to celebrate the holidays with a family.

Finally, the day before Christmas, the little fir tree had almost given up hope — when suddenly, he heard a rustling in the brush! "Was it someone coming to take him home for Christmas?!"

No, it was a big flock of woodpeckers, and they wiped him out.

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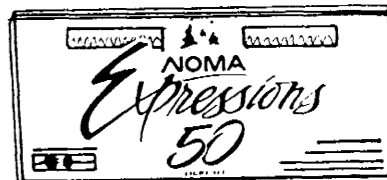


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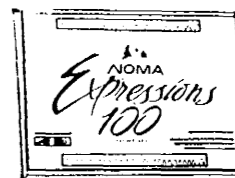


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CHAPPEL'S CORNER

by Amanda Chappel

Enjoying the holiday



This Christmas holiday many students and staff from Cass City High School will be traveling all over to spend time with family and friends. Some students are lucky to spend time down south with the sun and others will be enjoying the snow on the slopes. There are also many students who will be sticking around home to enjoy the holidays in Cass City.

Many people all over the world celebrate the holidays with traditions. Some traditions are pretty normal, getting to open up one present on Christmas Eve or going to Granny's on Christmas Day.

Cass City's high school art teacher, Mrs. Judy Hoelzle, will be traveling to Ohio over the holidays. "Every year my whole family meets at my mom's and we enjoy many festive traditions," said Mrs. Hoelzle.

As she told me the things that her family does every Christmas Eve, my nose curled up and I got a puzzled expression on my face. On Christmas Eve her family has a traditional meal with the main dish always being anchovy spaghetti. Mrs. Hoelzle assured me that the anchovy taste blends with the sauce and you could hardly taste it.

"It's an acquired taste," she said. Fried smelt, fried potatoes and fried cauliflower are also served. Rose Hoelzle, Mrs. Hoelzle's daughter, a senior at CCHS, says, "I like everything, but I've never tried the smelt. It's a little too scary for me."

Those are some traditions that I've never taken part in but they sound kind of neat.

Do the Christmas lights in Washington, D.C., sound like a beautiful sight to you? Mrs. Nancy Folk, the sophomore English teacher, will be visiting her son and daughter-in-law in Virginia. "I re-

ally don't know what we will be doing. The kids are planning everything," said Mrs. Folk. She will be there for New Year's Eve and a few days after. She is looking forward to seeing the Christmas displays and all of the Christmas decorations. Mrs. Folk said, "Like Tiny Tim said, 'God bless us, everyone.'"

On the chillier side, many students and staff will be hitting the slopes for some great skiing, that is if there is snow.

Dave Hobbs, a senior, will be spending four days in Lake Placid, New York, skiing with his family for the holidays. Dave loves to ski and he is totally pumped about getting to go.

Senior English teacher Dennis Meck will be taking his daughter skiing at Sylvan Ski Resort. "My wife doesn't really like skiing but my daughter does. We'll have fun," he said.

Sarah Rutkowski gets to go skiing in Gaylord at the Treetops Resort. She will be going with the Bennett family. "We go every year. I hope there is snow this year," said Sarah. She will be enjoying New Year's Eve and New Year's Day on the slopes. That sounds like a lot of fun.

Things will be heating up in Florida with all of our students going there. Going down south seems to be the popular thing to do this year. I would love to be able to sit in the sun and read a book all day in the beautiful weather.

Shelly Ulfig will be in Florida for one week spending it on the beach and on the golf course. Her parents, brothers and grandma will be enjoying the sunshine. "I don't really want to be away from home for Christmas. I was looking forward to seeing the snow," said Shelly. Erin Creason, a new student

this year, will also be going to Florida for 11 glorious days. She's a junior at Cass City. Erin and her sister will be going south to visit their dad.

"I've been to Walt Disney World and all of the other theme parks so many times I could walk around them with my eyes closed," said Erin. Even though she won't be going to the theme parks like most vacationers, she is looking forward to partying with friends.

Mandy Board will be spending time away from her family to go to Florida from Dec. 22 to Jan. 1 with a friend and her family. She will be enjoying the holiday with Shelly Hendrick, who just returned from Denmark last week, and Shelly's family. Mandy is going to Sea World and is also looking forward to seeing all of the other Florida sights. "I'm going to miss my friends and my family but I'm really excited," Mandy said.

Like most students, Kara Gaymer, a senior at CCHS, will be sticking around home to celebrate. She will definitely be filled with Christmas spirit after this holiday. Kara has around 4 different family Christmas celebrations to attend. "I'm busy preparing for them, but it's nice to see everybody," said Kara.

I will be spending time around Cass City with my family. I will go to Bad Axe to my aunt's house Jan. 2 to celebrate with my aunts, uncles, cousins and my grandparents. We get together for every holiday and it's always very enjoyable. I am excited about this Christmas holiday. My brother and sister are home from college, so now all 4 of us kids will get to be together for a couple weeks.

Holidays are spent giving caring, and loving. I hope that yours is filled with all sorts of happiness and joy. Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year.



A GAS LEAK from the stove (pictured on right) caused an estimated \$40,000 in fire damage Tuesday at the residence of Lee and Theresa Strickland of Gageton.

Laurie Farm Bureau president

Jack Laurie of Cass City, Tuscola County, was re-elected president of Michigan Farm Bureau, Dec. 11, during the group's 79th annual meeting in Traverse City. Wayne Wood of Marlette, Sanilac County, was re-elected vice president. Seven new board members were elected to state posts and 4 farmers were re-elected.

Laurie and his wife, Betty, live near Cass City. The family owns and operates Laurie Acres, a 550-cow, 1,600-acre farm. Their sons are the third generation to manage the farm.

Laurie, an at-large director, has served as Michigan Farm Bureau president since 1986 and as a board member since 1966. He was elected to the American Farm Bureau Federation board of directors in 1989 and now serves on the national executive committee.

Wood, who represents District 6 on the board, lives near Marlette with his wife, Diane. He owns and operates a dairy farm in partnership with a son and brother

Farm workshop scheduled

How to cope with what may be troubling farm gate prices for the next year or 18 months will be the focus of an agricultural risk management workshop Jan. 12 for Thumb-area livestock and cash crop producers.

The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. through 3 p.m. at the Tri-City Airport near Freeland. Speakers will include MSU Extension agricultural agents and farm management experts and officers from Farm Credit Services.

Workshop registration is \$20 per person. The registration deadline is Jan. 7. Make checks payable to MSU Extension and mail to MSU Extension, 5615 Center Ave., Bay City, MI 48708-5994. For more information, contact John Burke at 517-895-4026.

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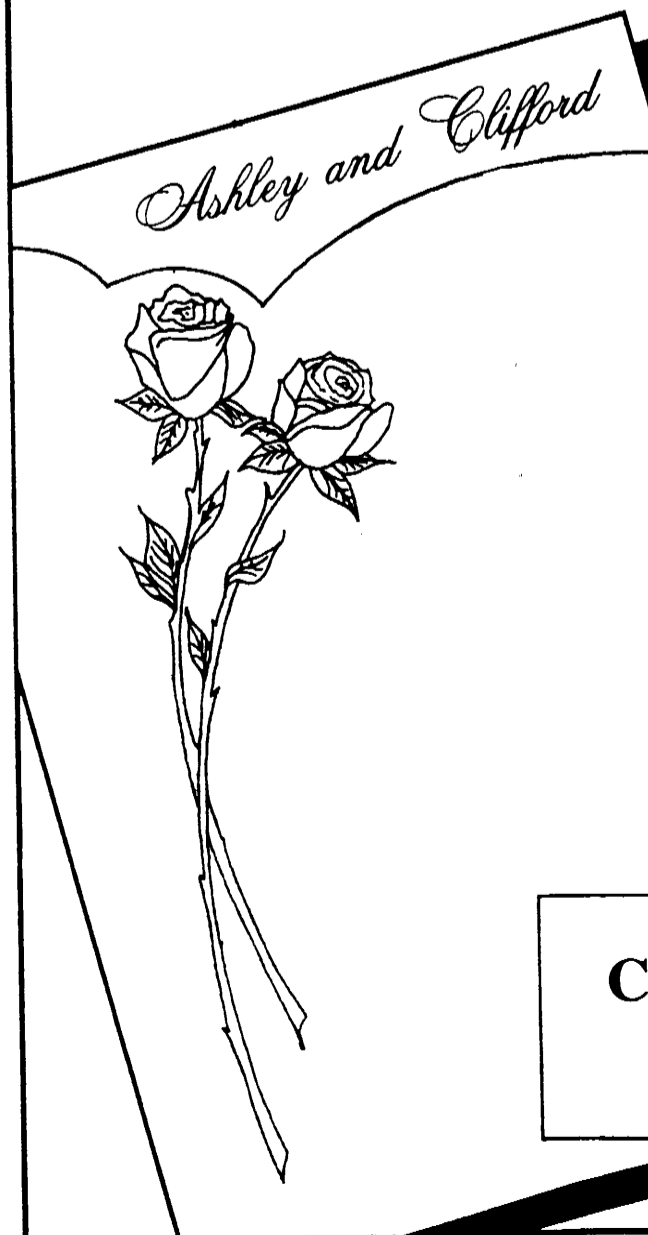
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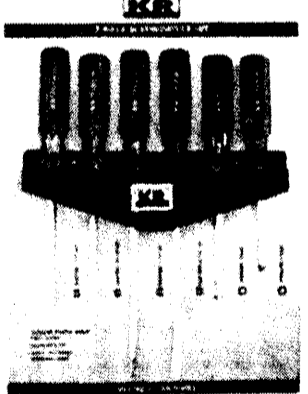


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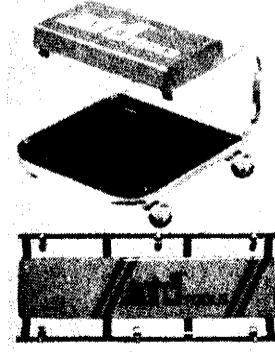
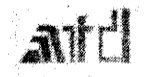


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Marge Febbish and Jim Ballagh won high prizes and Helen Elicott and Leo Febbish won low prizes when 2 tables of euchre were played at the home of Mrs. Martin Sweeney. The next party will be Jan. 14 at the Febbish home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpf.

June Particka, Charlotte Particka, Penny Guigar and Mrs. Curtis Cleland went to Port Austin to see "Miracle on 34th Street" at the Port Austin playhouse Sunday before having dinner at Sweeties in Port Austin.

Betty and Bryce Hagen attended their granddaughter, Jennifer Hagen's, pre-school Christmas program at the Bad Axe K of C Hall Thursday.

Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had dinner at Cousins in Bad Axe Tuesday and later went to Cheryl Allen's home.

Born to Cindy and Richard Depcinski, a 6-pound, 11-ounce daughter, Brooke Elise, Dec. 11 at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe. Grandparents are Cynthia Meldrum and Rita and Ray Depcinski.

Jean Osentoski was a Saturday forenoon guest and Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford spent from Wednesday till Sunday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited her aunt, Susie Grzybowski, Wednesday evening. Betty and Bryce Hagen

were Sunday guests of Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope.

The Holbrook Helpers 4-H group met at the home of Mrs. Jim Doerr Wednesday evening, where the group was instructed in canvas stitching by Marge Murdick. The next meeting will be held in January at the Doerr home.

Bill Cleland of Walled Lake and Bob Cleland of Waterford spent the weekend with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Bob and Mary Lou Harris of Auburn Heights were Monday guests of Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope and later visited Betty and Bryce Hagen in the afternoon.

Rodney Walsh visited Allen Farrelly Monday forenoon.

Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Kinde were Sunday supper guests of Ray and Rita Depcinski.

Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr., Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming spent Monday and Tuesday with Bob Cleland Sr. at Waterford.

Mike Zauner of Indiana spent from Friday till Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly attended the K of C fish fry at Bad Axe Friday.

Mrs. David Hacker was a Monday guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Eleven members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at McDonald's Food and Family Delicatessen Thursday morning.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

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 Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Last week's fatal shooting at Chelsea High School sent shock waves through the Cass City School District. 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. Leith, a former Cass City High School teacher, was taken into custody.

The homes of Robert and Donna Wischmeyer, 6860 Herron Dr., and Dana Truemmer, 6577 Huron St., were each winners of \$150 in the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's "Decorating for Dollars" contest.

Owen-Gage teachers, who have been without a contract for 18 months, staged an informal picket prior to the annual elementary Christmas program Monday night at Gagetown Elementary School.

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

10 YEARS AGO

An early morning accident on M-81 just east of Cass City claimed the life of James G. Haley, 23, of 4824 Kelly Road, when his vehicle slammed broadside into a tree. A passenger in his vehicle, Penny K. Terbush, 18, also of Cass City, was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital and then transferred via helicopter to St. Mary's Medical Center, where she was listed in "critical" condition Monday morning.

Bill Woodward of Cass City was injured Wednesday while working in the woods near Kalamazoo when a dead limb fell on him and he suffered a broken vertebra in his neck.

The Chemical Financial Corporation has given 4 large lots on Main Street between Ale and Sherman Streets to the Economic Development Corporation of Cass City. In recent years, the lots have been leased to the village for a token rental and used as a public park.

Jeremy Stieler of Marlette was the grand prize winner of a 21-inch color TV for his guess that 2950 "Big Deluxe Burgers" would be served during Hardee's grand opening. Stieler's guess was only 4 shy of the actual number of burgers served by the fast food restaurant.

Attending the Christmas Show at Whiting Auditorium in Flint Saturday were Doris Evans, Shirley Strickland, Helen Lorenzen, Vera Hoadley and Alexia Cook.

25 YEARS AGO

It was revealed by Trustee Dr. D.E. Rawson that the bulk of the estate of the late Helen Stevens will be left to the village specifically for the construction of an outdoor municipal swimming pool.

A Sunday night fire destroyed a house and contents belonging to Ben Lesoski, at the corner of Green and Bay City-Forestville Roads, about one and a half miles west of Gagetown.

Sandy Scott was the winner of an all-expense paid trip for 2 to Las Vegas recently in a raffle conducted by the Rotary Club.

Dr. James Ballard, his wife, 2 sons and married daughter and son-in-law returned home recently from a 3-month cruise of the Bahama Islands. The Ballard crew set sail in a 46-foot yawl called the Wanderjahr - - year of the wanderer. The voyage began from Bay City Aug. 30.

The Village Council Tuesday night reviewed the proposed M-81 widening project. The widening will increase M-81 to 4 lanes to both village limits, 2 lanes for traffic and 2 lanes for parallel parking.

35 YEARS AGO

John Marshall, former employee at Cliff Ryan's John Deere Tractor Sales, has purchased the business from owner Cliff Ryan.

Santa Claus received more orders for color television sets for area homes this year than ever before, according to reports from Cass City's 2 leading television centers. Bud Schneeberger, of Schneeberger TV Sales and Service, speculates in a few years there will be just as many color sets as black and white.

A group of carolers visited Stevens Nursing Home Saturday night. Cheering up the patients were Betty Jo Agar, Roger Parrish, A.J. Stevens, Ken Eisinger, Helen Stevens, Linda Schram and Dick Erla. Santa was also present.

Gavel Club officials have estimated that Santa Claus handed out between 300-400 packages of candy to area youngsters Friday evening, Dec. 2.

Huron Memorial Hospital Childbirth classes set

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, will be offering a 6-week series of childbirth classes to be held Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., beginning Jan. 7. These classes are for any expectant mother who is due before April and wants to learn more about nutrition, the labor process, relaxation

Santa Letters

Drew Guinther



Drew Guinther

Dear Santa,

I am six years old now and for Christmas this year I would like a Thomas The Tank Engine Roundhouse with the green doors and a Round About Action Turntable. I would like a new green engine with a yellow face on the front, Henry's log car and the log loader. I could use some new track if you have room in your sleigh and Tigger the dog.

Merry Christmas. I love you.

Drew Guinther
Cranberry Twp., PA

Morgan



Morgan

Dear Santa,

Hi, it's me, Morgan. As you already know, this is my 4th Christmas and I'm very excited about it! I have been a very good girl this year. Mommy is a little concerned that you may see it different, but come on Santa, I'm only 3 1/2 and I really have been a good girl!

Enough about that, let's get down to business. The only thing I really want for Christmas is Baby come to me. She is so neat! Mommy says I need some new jeans and my own slippers. But my dog, Sass-Cee, needs some chew toys so she'll leave my slippers alone! My cat, Raisin, he needs some exercise equipment (he's a bit chubby)! And Mommy, well she don't need anything, but I'd like it if you brought her a pair of snow pants. And I want the rest of my family to have lots of love and happiness.

Love,
Morgan

P.S. I'll leave you some of my NaNa's cookies, they're the best! And a glass of milk and some carrots for the reindeer. Be careful Santa, see you next year.

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Hawks top Patriots Friday for fourth straight victory

The Cass City Red Hawks broke open a tight game midway through the third quarter to win their fourth straight game of the young season, defeating visiting USA Patriots, 60-47, in a Greater Thumb West league tilt.

The win set the stage for the Hawks' trip to Caro Tuesday to meet the undefeated Tigers, arguably the best team Cass City will face this season.

It appeared as if the Patriots had yet to shake the ef-

fects of the long football season and subsequent celebration as state champions in the opening quarter.

USA had trouble finding the hoop at the start of the game. Cass City utilized its fast break to move into a 13-5 first quarter lead.

The Patriots picked up the pace and found the range in the second quarter, moving to within 4 points midway through the period. Coach Jeff Hartel then called the first of 2 time-outs in crucial

times of the game to break the USA rally.

When play resumed, Jason Wright hit a trey, Craig Emmert added 3 quick hoops and Cass City was comfortably in front again, 28-14, with 2 minutes left in the half.

USA was far from through, and in the first 3:45 of the third quarter staged its best rally of the season, moving to within 2 points, 30-28, when Hartel called his second time-out.

It proved effective. The Patriots did not score again for 4 1/2 minutes and, led by Dan Cuddie, who scored 11 points in the charge that saw the Hawks net 17 unanswered points, Cass City went in front, 47-28, and virtually assured the victory.

Craig Emmert had a triple double for the Hawks. He had 17 points, 17 rebounds and 10 blocked shots.

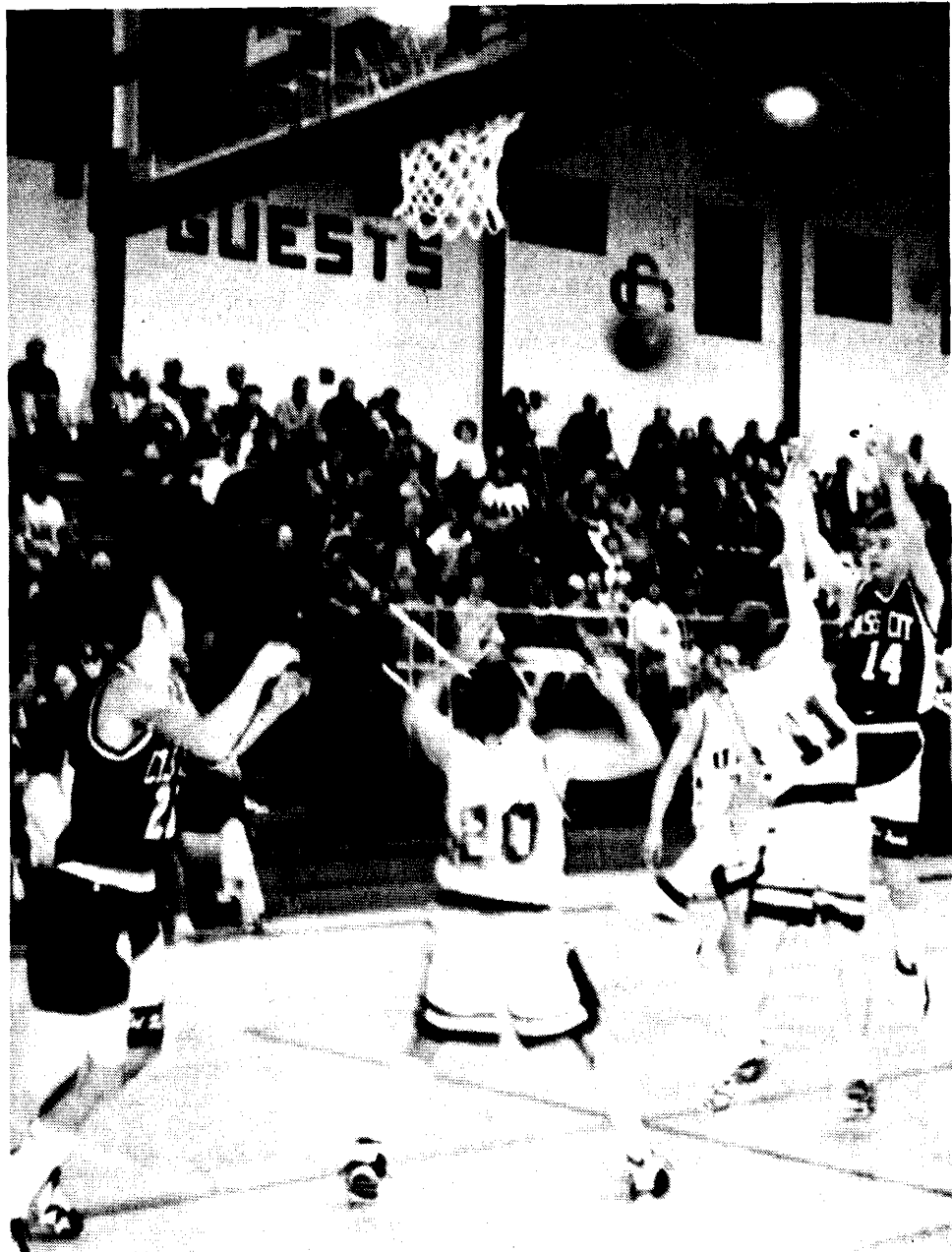
Dan Cuddie produced what was probably the best all-around game of his career. He anticipated passing lanes and came up with 7 steals. He also had 10 assists and 12 points.

Heath Zawilinski netted 18 points, about standard for him this season.

Hartel said that the team defense is still a question mark even though the team is giving up only an average of 51 points per game.

Rebounding continues as a strength of the team. Cass City topped the Patriots on the glass, 36 to 24.

Hartel said that the team's free throw shooting is a concern. We would like to be at 70 percent or better. Against the Patriots Cass City was 12 of 18 for 67 percent. USA hit just 7 of 12 for 58.3 percent.



RED HAWK Dan Cuddie finds Heath Zawilinski along the baseline in Friday's Greater Thumb Conference tilt with visiting Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools. The pair combined for 29 points in the hosts' 60-47 win.



BULLDOG CORY FRITZ squeezes through a pair of Port Hope defenders Friday in Owendale. The sophomore guard scored 6 points in the hosts' 53-46 North Central Thumb League victory. Attempting to block the shot is Blue Star Casey Eggert.

CASS CITY - Cuddie 3-1 (3-4) 12; Wright 0-1 (0-0) 3; Zawilinski 8-0 (1-1) 17; King 0-0 (2-2) 2; Hartel 0-0 (2-2) 2; Goodall 3-0 (1-3) 7; Emmert 7-0 (3-6) 17. **TOTALS - 21-2 (12-18) 60.**

USA - Nitz 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hahn 1-0 (0-0) 2; Sting 1-1 (0-0) 5; Vermeersch 3-0 (7-11) 13; Kriesch 2-0 (0-0) 4; Arnold 4-2 (0-0) 14; Kemp 2-0 (0-0) 4; McNeil 0-1 (0-0) 3. **TOTALS - 14-4 (7-12) 47.**

Hawks top Bearcats 74-38

Cass City basketball fans are rarely treated to dunks and when one occurs, it usually briefly ignites the fans.

Against the Ubyl Bearcats last Tuesday, the fans were treated to a doubleheader when Heath Zawilinski jammed a pair as the Hawks rolled over Ubyl, 74-38.

The outcome was nearly decided in the opening moments of the game as Cass City converted 8 straight shots and roared to a 16-0 lead and never looked back.

The first quarter explosion was led by Dan Cuddie and Zawilinski. Cuddie posted the best quarter of his career with a trey, 2 2-pointers and 4 of 4 free throws. Zawilinski saved his 2 dunks for the last half, but collected 4 hoops anyway and when the carnage was over, the Hawks had a 20-point lead, 27-7.

The teams played on even terms in the second quarter as Craig Emmert took over in the scoring column with 10 of his 16 points for the evening. At the intermission, The Hawks were coasting 43-22.

Jason Wright showed that he is capable of scoring as he converted a pair of treys in the third period and Zawilinski added 4 hoops in the quarter on his way to a team-high 22 points for the night. He also collected 5 rebounds and blocked 2 shots.

Cuddie ended with 18 points, 6 assists and 5 steals. Emmert blocked 5 shots.

The Hawks won the battle of the glass with a 30-20 advantage.

CASS CITY - Cuddie 5-1 (5-8) 18; Wright 0-2 (0-0) 6; Zawilinski 11-0 (0-0) 22; Hartel 0-0 (2-4) 2; VanVliet 2-0 (0-0) 4; Goodall 2-0 (2-2) 6; Emmert 6-0 (4-5) 16. **TOTALS - 26-3 (13-20) 74.**

UBLY - O'Berski 0-1 (4-4) 7; Zulauf 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dekoski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Gobie 0-2 (0-0) 6; Weber 2-0 (0-2) 4; Ligrow 0-2 (1-2) 7; Maurer 2-0 (0-0) 4; Block 0-0 (2-2) 2; Anthony 1-0 (2-4) 4. **TOTALS - 7-5 (9-14) 38.**

Bulldogs open NCTL play with 53-46 win

A pair of North Central Thumb League foes opened their cage conference campaign Friday in Owendale searching for their first win of the season.

When the final whistle sounded, the Owen-Gage Bulldogs (1-1) had evened their season mark with a 53-46 decision against visiting Port Hope.

The Blue Stars (0-3) will get a chance to avenge the loss this Monday as the 2 schools are scheduled to meet again during the Tom Thumb Tournament in Owendale.

With the hosts' win, Coach Leon Westover celebrated his first victory at the helm of the Bulldog program.

Westover used large substitution patterns, sometimes in groups of 5 players, much of the opening half that ended with the hosts in front 24-20.

"I mixed the kids up," said Westover. "One problem (we have) is the kids haven't played much."

Reserve Ryan Richards gave Westover some valuable minutes during the opening stanza. The Bulldog center notched a couple of buckets in the paint, which helped to spot the Bulldogs to an early 8-7 edge.

More important to Westover, however, was another aspect that Richards brings to the floor for the Bulldogs.

"Ryan is able to alter some shots," said Westover of the team's only true shot blocker. Mark Iseler carried much of the scoring burden for the guests. Iseler connected on a pair of triples for Port Hope in the initial frame, which ended with the guests holding a 10-9 advantage. Iseler registered game scoring honors with 15 points.

Shane Mellendorf sparked a Bulldog run prior to the intermission when he drove the length of the floor and pulled up for an 8' jumper shot that tied the score at 15-15.

Mellendorf's antics commenced a 9-5 Bulldog run with slightly over 3 minutes remaining till the break.

The visitors were able to slice into the Bulldog margin after the break, but couldn't overcome an 18-13 scoring advantage by the hosts in the final frame.

Chad Mellendorf led all Bulldog scorers with 10 points. Joel Bolzman earned top rebounding honors for the winners with 8.

Besides Iseler, the Blue Stars had Casey Eggert in

double figures with 13 tallies. Cliff Roggenbuck chipped in with 9.

OWEN-GAGE - S. Mellendorf 1-1 (2-2) 7; Fritz 3-0 (0-0) 6; J. Salcido 1-1 (0-0) 5; R. Salcido 0-0 (1-2) 1; Howard 2-0 (2-5) 6; Anthes 2-0 (0-0) 4; C. Mellendorf 5-0 (0-0) 10; Bolzman 1-0 (4-6) 6; Warack 2-0 (0-1) 4; Richards 2-0 (0-1) 4. **TOTALS - 19-2 (9-15) 53.**

PORT HOPE - R. Zick 2-0 (0-0) 4; C. Roggenbuck 3-1 (0-0) 9; M. Iseler 4-2 (1-2) 15; T. Miller 2-0 (1-2) 5; C. Eggert 3-0 (7-10) 13. **TOTALS - 14-3 (9-14) 46.**

Owen-Gage spikers compete Saturday at Vassar tourney

Coach Judy Campbell's Owen-Gage spikers leaped into action Saturday at the Vassar Invitational Tournament.

The defending North Central Thumb League champions compiled a 2-2-1 mark during pool play with tilts against Clio, Reese, Genesee and North Branch Wesleyan.

The Bulldogs were edged on the day by Clio and Vassar. Campbell's squad suffered defeats of 15-13 and 16-14 by the hosts, while Clio recorded easy victories of 15-3 and 15-5.

Campbell pointed to the Bulldogs' lack of offense during the beatings.

"We got in spells where we were afraid to play offense. I lack people willing to hit," said the veteran mentor.

Owen-Gage's 2 wins over the weekend came at the expense of Genesee by the scores of 15-3 and 15-5, and North Branch, who lost by

the identical scores of 15-5.

Campbell's spikers split with Reese at the tourney, winning 15-8 and suffering a 16-14 setback.

"It was a good experience," said Coach Campbell. "Most teams there had a lot of seniors. I messed around with the lineup a lot."

Kristie Radabaugh led all Bulldog scorers at the event with 30 points. Following Radabaugh in the scoring column were teammates Erin Salcido and Danielle Fritz, who split 44 points.

At the net, Cassie Vargo paced the Bulldogs with 30 kills. Vargo topped her team with 80 sets.

Also helping the Bulldog cause at Vassar were Stephanie Lowry with 69 digs and Jenna Root with 15 blocks.

The Bulldogs will travel to compete at the Bad Axe Invitational Saturday, Jan. 9, in their next outing.

Standings

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	W/L
Cass City	2	0	4
Reese	1	0	4
EPBP	1	0	4
Mayville	0	1	1
USA	0	1	1
BCAS	0	1	1
Bad Axe	0	2	1

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	W/L
Decaturville	2	0	3
Brown City	2	0	3
Sandusky	1	1	2
Cros-Lex	1	1	2
Harbor Beach	1	1	1
Marlette	1	1	1
Ubyl	0	2	0
Yale	0	2	0

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB			
Team	W	L	W/L
Cassville	2	0	3
Owen-Gage	1	0	1
Peck	1	0	1
Kingston	0	1	0
Clio	0	1	0
A-Fairgrove	0	1	0
Port Hope	0	1	0
North Huron	0	2	1

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

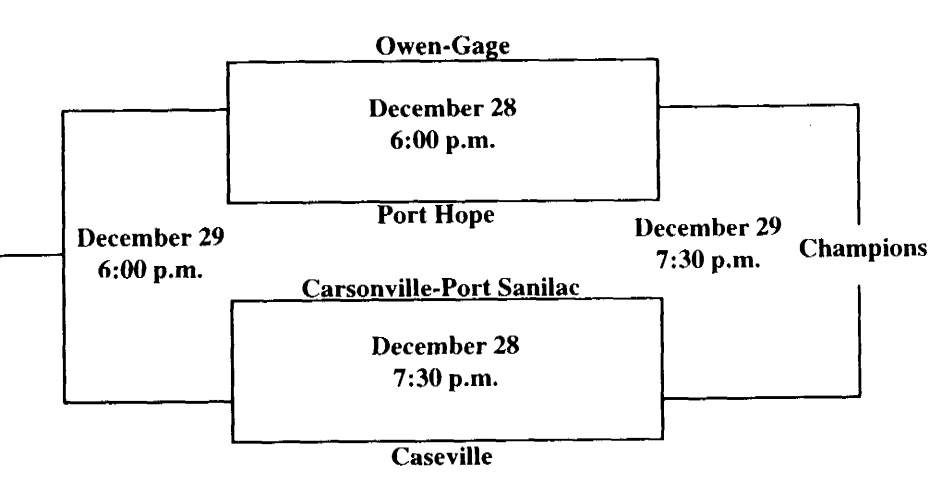
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 Cass City 60, USA 47
 Mayville 59, BCAS 55
 Decaturville 70, Ubyl 32
 Reese 85, Vassar 63
 Marlette 52, Cros-Lex 40
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 Harbor Beach 62, Sandusky 46
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 Owen-Gage 53, Port Hope 46
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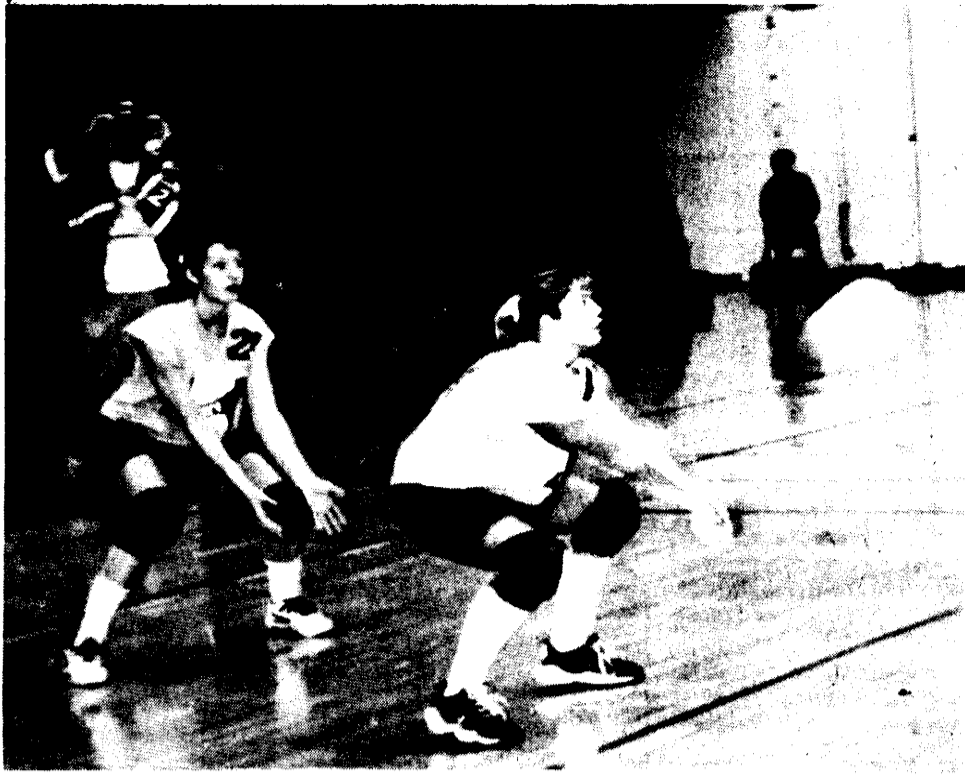
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RED HAWK SPIKERS Sara Homakie (left) and Monica Dorland are in position to return a shot during Saturday's Caro Invitational Tournament. Cass City compiled a 2-6 record during pool play at the event.

Cass City spikers short-handed at Caro tourney

The Cass City volleyball team traveled to Caro Saturday and competed in its first tournament of the season, won by Millington.

Coach Beth Howard's squad compiled a 2-6 record in 4 2-game sets with Nouvel, Freeland, Bridgeport and Mayville during pool play.

Nouvel registered wins of 15-9 and 15-5 against the Hawks, while Freeland earned decisions of 15-6 and 15-0.

"It was a learning experience," said Coach Howard, who played without a full roster.

Missing were the services of front line force Shelly Ulfig, who was on vacation. Howard pulled 2 players from the Hawks' junior varsity team - Kayla Wolschlagler and Heather Edwards - to help fill the void.

"I looked on the court and we had 2 sophomores and one freshman playing," said Howard.

The Hawks mustered splits in games with Bridgeport and Mayville. Cass City's 15-4 victory over Bridgeport was the only defeat the Tri-Valley Conference foe suffered in pool play. The scores between the Wildcats and Hawks were 15-13 and 12-15.

"We missed Shelly a lot," said Howard. "She keeps everyone going. She's our leader on the floor."

Howard cited the efforts of several Hawks on the day. Senior Kara Mellendorf led

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Foster grandparents learning computers

The Human Development Commission's (HDC) Foster Grandparent Program recently proved that "it's never too late to learn." As members of HDC's Foster Grandparent Program, grandparents from Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties joined together at Great Lakes College in Caro for the opportunity to use and become more familiar with computers. For some grandparents, it was their very first time behind the keyboard and monitor.

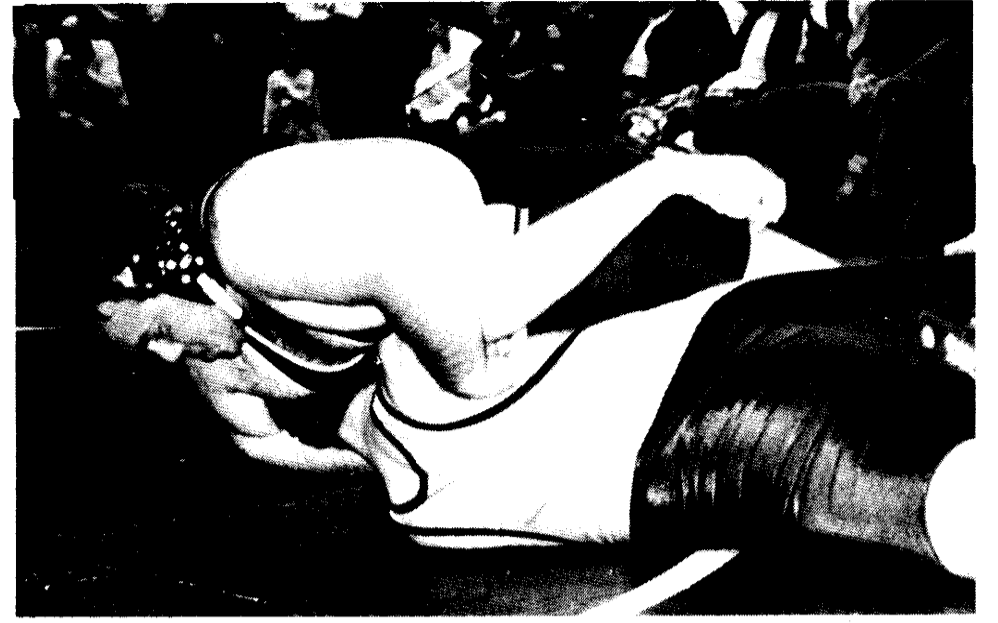
HDC's AmeriCorps members, along with local youth volunteers, were in charge of teaching the foster grandparents basic skills and usage of the computer. The first 2 days were spent on essential computer skills, such as how to turn on the machine, and what the mouse is. Gradually the grandparents became more comfortable with the computers, and eventually learned how to compose letters, make banners and certificates, draw pictures, and, best of all, play solitaire.

The second 2 days of the training were spent learning how to use the Internet. HDC's own staff provided the grandparents with the Internet and e-mailing training. Grandparents took full advantage of their time on the net by visiting several different sites which they had heard about, but never had the opportunity to explore. "It was a success, they really enjoyed learning," stated Michelle Gayari, HDC's fos-

ter grandparent director. "Our grandparents work with children who are always talking about using computers and the Internet. This training gave the foster grandparents an opportunity to become familiar with what the kids are talking about. I believe it will help both the grandparents, and children they work with."

The foster grandparent program is designed for those 60 years or older who have limited income. Foster grandparents have a special job, working with children who need the most attention, love, stability, food, clothing and shelter. They see, hear and know the child's needs. Grandparents establish one-to-one relationships with children, providing love and understanding. Most foster grandparents work with children in regular classroom settings, at a site close to their home. Currently grandparents serve in public and intermediate schools, detention centers, camps, libraries, headstart, day care, crisis centers and health departments.

HDC's Foster Grandparent Program currently has spaces available in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties for anyone interested in becoming a grandparent, and eligible to participate in the program. To learn more about the Foster Grandparent Program, contact Michelle Gayari at the Caro HDC office at (517) 673-4121.



RED HAWK heavyweight Chris Dubay pinned Anthony Matson 47 seconds into Wednesday's match with Burton Bendle. Cass City disposed of Bendle 54-28 and Lake Fenton 60-16 to up their non-tournament season record to 6-0.

Hawk wrestlers remain perfect with 6-0 mark

Coach Don Markel's Cass City wrestling team will take a perfect non-tournament record into the new year following a rare home meet Wednesday night.

The Hawks improved to 6-0 on the season by defeating Lake Fenton 60-16 and Burton Bendle 54-28. Cass City is now off until Jan. 9, when they are scheduled to compete in the Yale Invitational.

"We're off to a good start," says Markel. "Our young kids are doing a good job filling in."

One such youngster is Jeremy Klinkman. Klinkman recorded 2 wins Wednesday night. The sophomore opened the evening by recording a first period pin against Fenton's Michael Jackson in the 130-lb. weight class. Klinkman then pinned Bendle's Nick Abbey while competing in the 125-lb. weight class.

Other double winners on the night included Travis Schneeberger, Roy Davis, Adam Dorland, Aaron

Dorland, Dave Sutter and Phil Mathewson.

Against Lake Fenton, the Hawks also had Luezn Dickson, Chris Hyatt and Kris Patera picking up wins. Sutter recorded the fastest pin for the Hawks against Fenton that came just 18 seconds into the match.

Against Bendle, Red Hawks Chad Wolschlagler and Chris Dubay helped the hosts' cause by collecting pins. Slosser earned the quickest pin with 24 ticks removed from the clock.

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High Team Series: Cass Tavern 1925.

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CASS CITY ROTARY'S "Christmas for Kids" campaign handed out toys Saturday to more than 90 area families. Helping with the arrangements were Rotary Club members (from left) Pat Curtis, Alan Klco, Phil Rice, Jeanne Lohela, and senior Jim Dale.

Circuit Court proceedings

The following people appeared last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court on various criminal charges.

• Joseph R. Lafontaine, 29, Caro, stood mute before the court on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearm possession Nov. 26 in Almer Township. An innocent plea was entered by the court.

Lafontaine was remanded to the sheriff's custody and a pretrial date is to be set. Bond was continued at a combined \$200,000.

• Robert J. Bujak, 43, Port Sanilac, pleaded guilty to a charge of malicious destruction of police property Oct. 3 in Cass City.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and sentencing is to be set. Bond was continued at \$10,000.

• Harry J. Cook, 41, Cass City, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct (relationship) involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years in Elmwood Township between 1994 and the present.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond continued at \$100,000. Cook was remanded to the custody of the sheriff. Sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 5.

• Christopher J. Sweatland, 17, Caro, pleaded guilty to 2nd degree home invasion Nov. 19 in the village of Gageton.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and sentencing set for Feb. 5. Sweatland was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

• Michael J. Smith Jr., 24, Grandville, pleaded guilty to charges of malicious destruction of a building in Wells Township and to malicious destruction of personal property in Indianfields Township Nov. 9, 1997.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond

continued at a combined \$10,000. Sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 5.

• Eugene M. Bilicki, 42, Caro, stood mute while an innocent plea was entered by the court, to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, 3rd offense, Nov. 7 in Wells Township.

Bond was continued at \$2,000 and a pretrial date is to be set.

• Aaron J. Eickhoff, 22, Millington, pleaded guilty to a breaking and entering charge of March 19, 1997, larceny in a building on Feb. 26, 1997, and breaking and entering and larceny in a building charges on Feb. 16, 1997. The crimes occurred in the village of Millington.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and Eickhoff was remanded to the custody of the sheriff. Sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 5.

• Corey M. Sockow, 19, Akron, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail with work privileges and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to attempted 3rd degree criminal sexual conduct with a person at least 13 years of age but under 16 years old July 5 in Akron Township.

Sockow was also ordered to pay \$600 in court costs and fines, \$1,000 in attorney fees, and \$60 in Victim Crime Rights.

• Joseph H. Brady, 32, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in the Sanilac County jail with work release on the charge of felony firearm possession May 11, 1997, in the village of Caro.

Brady was ordered to pay \$200 in court costs and fines, and \$60 in Victim Crime Rights fee.

• Rex A. Severn, 36, Flint, was sentenced to 270 days in the county jail with credit for 89 days served for his guilty plea to attempted malicious destruction of personal property over \$100 June 6 in

Arbela Township. Severn was also ordered to pay restitution of \$1,176.83.

• Anthony D. Slayton, 17, Clio, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail on the charges of 2nd degree home invasion and weapon firearm larceny July 5 in Arbela Township.

Slayton was also ordered to pay attorney fees of \$1,000, \$60 in Victim Crime Rights fee, and oversight fees of \$240.

Suit filed against hospital

Dee McKrow, Hills and Dales Hospital Administrator, said this week that she had received no notification of the suit filed in Tuscola County Circuit Court on behalf of Sharon Nowicki of Parisville.

Nowicki is seeking damages of \$25,000 or more for wrongful discharge at the hospital. She claims she lost her job because she blew the whistle on a doctor who, she claims, presented incompetent medical care. She also alleges that drug samples given to the clinic were missing.

According to the complaint, Nowicki is a licensed practical nurse employed at Hills and Dales Hospital and later transferred to the Ubyl clinic.

She had carpal tunnel surgery and when she returned, she was assigned to be a floor nurse on a contingent basis. Previously, the complaint alleges, she had worked in the emergency room or the operating room and was not offered those positions again.

She resigned in December 1997.

Obituaries

Aletha Fox

Aletha R. Fox, 85, of Cass City, died Friday, Dec. 18, 1998, in Tendercare Nursing Facility.

She was born Aug. 30, 1913, in Greenleaf Township to Charles and Esther (Kittendorf) Morrish, and married Ronald Fox May 14, 1932, in Tuscola County.

She attended business school, ran an egg route in Detroit for 13 years, and was the treasurer of Greenleaf Township for 35 years. She also worked at the Colony House for 8 years. She traveled extensively and had visited all 50 states, Europe, Australia, South America, China and most of Canada.

She was a member of the Ladies Aid of Fraser Presbyterian Church. All 4 of her sons attended MSU ROTC and had 75 years between them in the U.S. Air Force.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald; children, Jim (Karen) Fox of Olympia, Wash., Robert (Marilyn) Fox of Wooster, Ohio, Ed (Sharon) Fox of Cass City and Raymond (Clotile) Fox of Tustin, Calif.; 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren; a nephew, Walter (Sue) Laming of Cass City; 3 brothers, Charles (Delores) Morrish of Traverse City, Calvin (Iris) Morrish of Cass City and Floyd (Sally) Morrish of Cass City, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 3 brothers, Jim, Jack and Tom, and 2 sisters, Nettie Simpson and Shirley Kramer.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Thursday, Dec. 24, at 1:00 p.m. at the Minden City United Methodist Church with Pastor Ellen Burns officiating.

Arrangements were made by the Smigielski Funeral Home of Minden City.

husband, Orville, of Manistique; one stepdaughter, Michelle Zdrojewski and her husband, Kenneth, of Cass City; one stepson, Guy McGladdery and his wife, Dawn, of Negaunee; 10 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Robert Thompson of Port Huron and Merle Thompson of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother-in-law, Wilfred Kramer, of Palms; 2 sisters-in-law, Saralee Thompson of Minden City and Martha Thompson of Commerce Township, and many nieces and nephews.

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Arrangements were made by the Smigielski Funeral Home of Minden City.

• Irene Trzeczalski, 68, of Kingston, died Friday, Dec. 18, 1998, in her home after a long illness. She was born April 15, 1930, in Detroit to Gladys (Pienkowski) and Bruno Wykowski. She married Stanley Trzeczalski April 14, 1951, in Detroit.

Having left for Poland when she was 3 years old, she returned in 1948, and has lived in Kingston since her marriage. She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Stanley; 2 children, Donald (Karen) Trzeczalski of Silverwood and Debra (James) Kolacz of Kingston; 6 grandchildren; a brother, Casimir Wykowski of Warren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held Monday at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot, with the Rev. Paul Bala and Sr. Ruth Adamites officiating.

Interment was in St. Michael Cemetery, Wilmot. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

William Thompson

William Hunt Thompson, 76, of Minden City, died Monday, Dec. 14, 1998, at the Saginaw Veteran's Hospital, after a long illness.

He was born April 3, 1922, in Minden City, son of James and Elsie (Hunt) Thompson. He married Germaine McGladdery May 10, 1958, at the Minden City United Methodist Church.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in North Africa. He was a life member of the Parisville VFW Post #5740 and the Sandusky Disabled American Veterans. He was also a lifelong Marion Mason of Lodge 392. He farmed his entire life in the Minden City area and retired in 1984. He was a member of the Minden City United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Germaine, of Minden City; one son, Craig Thompson and his wife, Donna, of Columbus, Ohio; one daughter, Patsy Collingwood and her

Letter to the editor

Vandals disappoint Cass City couple

Dear Editor,

Cass City wants to be known as a Christmas Village. My husband and I spend many dollars buying figurines, strings of lights, extension cords, and rolls of electrical tape to decorate the outside of our house. It takes hours to get everything out and arrange it on the shrubs and porches. The money and time spent is worth it when everything is lit up.

We decorate for ourselves and also for all of the people who drive down our street after dark. Christmas is a time for sharing, so we have our lights on a timer so even if we are not home, others can enjoy them.

Saturday night, in a matter of minutes, someone ruined our display of lights. As I sat in the living room watching the news, someone tore our Snoopy Santa Claus out of the power strip and ran off with it. Things were unplugged as a result of the way the person ripped the figurine off the porch. Snoopy was stolen and everything else went dark.

I can not express the extent of our disappointment and disgust. Someone in our village is sneaking around on people's porches, stealing and destroying what does not belong to them. The previous Saturday, someone tried to steal a Detroit Red Wing flag and a Michigan Wolverine flag off the same porch. Luckily, I heard him and I went to look out the door in time to yell and scare him

into dropping the flags and running away.

Why should we keep decorating outside, when in minutes it is destroyed? How can Cass City be a Christmas Village if the decorations are being stolen? The theft and vandalism take the joy out of decorating.

I am writing this in the hope that whoever is responsible either reads this or hears about it and stops so that no one else has to experience the disappointment that my husband and I did this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Melanie & Tom Rutkoski

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

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THE ST. PANCRATIUS CHURCH annual "Giving Tree" aided over 30 area families with gifts for Christmas. Among the many helping to oversee the project were: (l-r) Father Paul Bala, Arlene Szarapski and Gregory Lenda.



CASS CITY Police officer Don Miller stands next to one of 2 new 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors that the department will utilize in the new year.

Council proceedings

The Regular Meeting of the Cass City Village Council was held Nov. 30, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 1998, and Special Meeting of October 29, 1998, were approved as presented.

The October 1998 Financial Statement was reviewed.

The Treasurer's Report shows that 94.53% of taxes have been collected to date and 94 Real Property Tax Bills were turned over as delinquents to the Tuscola County Treasurer totaling \$46,143.37.

Dick Erla presented a petition, signed by the residents in the Hills and Dales Subdivision, requesting that curb and gutter not be placed on Huron Street from West Street to Dale Street, on Hunt Street from Huron Street to Dale Street, and on Dale Street from Hunt Street to Hill Street.

Dennis Porter, representing downtown small business owners, was present and read a letter, signed by residents and business owners, regarding Zoning regulations.

As advertised, the Public Hearing was opened at 7:30 P.M. to consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission to adopt the proposed changes to the Village Zoning Ordinance No. 71, as amended, Section 1608, Signs, concerning primarily exterior banners and temporary portable signs. Business owners voiced concerns regarding different regulations for non-profit and church organizations, governmental units exemptions, definitions of portable and temporary signs, and refunding of sign fees. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 P.M.

Motion by Trustee Halcy, Supported by Trustee Kropewnicki to reject the Zoning Ordinance amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission concerning banners and portable signs and to return the issue to the Planning Commission for further study. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays

The Proposed 1999 Village Budget Plan and the Five Year Capital Improvement Program was presented by Village Manager Downing.

Motion by Trustee Kropewnicki, Supported by Trustee Karr that the bills due through December 2, 1998, be approved for payment as

reviewed by the Budget and Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays

Motion by Trustee Kropewnicki, Supported by Trustee Haley to hold a Special Council Meeting on December 14, 1998, at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of a Study Session regarding the Proposed 1999 Village Budget Plan and the Five Year Capital Improvement Program, to change the Regular December Meeting to December 21, 1998, at 7:00 P.M. and to conduct the Public Hearing for the Proposed 1999 Village Budget Plan and Five Year Capital Improvement Program at 7:30 P.M. Monday, December 21, 1998. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays

Parks and Promotion Committee reported that Kappen Tree Service will demonstrate a brush cutter for clearing dead wood and brush from the trail area of the Cass City Recreation Park. The charge for cutting and removal would be \$100.00 per hour. It is estimated that the job would take 4 or 5 days. Council would like to have a demonstration after the 1999 Budget is finalized.

Motion by Trustee Weaver, Supported by Trustee Karr to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose to discuss the employee wage and fringe benefits proposed for the 1999 Budget year. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays

The Regular Session postponed at 8:32 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Weaver, Supported by Trustee Haley to close the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting at 9:18 P.M. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays

Motion by Trustee Weaver, Supported by Trustee Karr to purchase a 1999 Dodge pickup for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Cass City Chrysler in the amount of

\$15,786 including the trade-in allowance of \$3,000.00 for the 1997 Dodge Intrepid Police vehicle. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays

President Althaver recommended the appointment of Sandy Tierney to the Downtown Development Authority to fill the vacancy of Thomas Herron, who has resigned, with a term to expire May 1, 1999. Motion by Trustee Haley, Supported by Trustee Kropewnicki to appoint Sandy Tierney to fill the vacancy as recommended. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays

The Manager's report was reviewed. Jane Downing noted that a 100'x120' Ice Rink is planned for placement on half of the tennis courts with a new type of ice rink liner to be installed and tested for the Winter season. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

Joyce A. LaRoche Village Clerk

As advertised, a Special Meeting of the Cass City Village Council was held Dec. 14, 1998, at 7:00 P.M. to review and discuss the Proposed 1999 Village Budget Plan. All Trustees were present.

Discussion was held regarding the Proposed 1999 Budget and an overview of the Proposed five (5) year budget plan.

A Motion was made by Trustee Haley, Supported by Trustee Karr to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose to discuss the employee wage and fringe benefits proposed for the 1999 Budget year. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays

The Regular Session postponed at 8:20 P.M.

Motion by Trustee Kropewnicki, Supported by Trustee Weaver to close the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting at 10:32 P.M. MOTION CARRIED 7 yeas 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 P.M.

Joyce A. LaRoche Village Clerk

Wage boosts announced by village

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• Matt Prieskorn called the council's attention to a car in one of the parking lots off Main Street, saying that it has been there for at least a month and has 2 flat tires. The other lot is going downhill, too, he pointed out.

• The removal of dead trees and other brush from the park was discussed after a letter to the editor complained about the potential harm to wildlife. Trustees said they had heard of no complaints about clearing the area and feel that it is a hazard to users the way it is today.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, December 23

Duplicate bridge will not be meeting during the holidays. Next session, Jan. 6. Last week's winners: Don Warner and Jim Herndon.

Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas!
Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Monday, December 28

Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.
Cass City School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 p.m.
Cass City Women's Club, 6 p.m., Charmont.

Tuesday, December 29

Rotary Club, noon, Charmont.



CHRISTMAS CAME early for Heather Woidan (left) when Linda McMahan, from McMahan's Auto Supply, presented her with an all expense paid trip to Disney World. Woidan entered a drawing in the store that included all the Auto Value Part sStores in Michigan.

Engler announces loan to village of Caro

Governor John Engler has announced that a \$50,000 loan to the village of Caro will assist in a redevelopment project near the downtown.

The funds are awarded under the Department of Environmental Quality's Revitalization Revolving Loan program. The loan will be used for environmental assessment work and demolition at a former gas station on State Street. Upon completion of the response activities, the property will be marketed to and redeveloped by a private party.

"Rejuvenating brownfield sites not only enhances our environment, but invigorates local economies and curbs urban sprawl a well," Engler said. "I applaud the Caro community for taking advantage of this loan program."

Revitalization loans were established in 1996. The pro-

gram was signed into law by Engler as part of the state's comprehensive strategy to return contaminated sites to productive use.

Loans are provided by the DEQ to local units of government to conduct environmental investigations, interim response activities and demolition at sites which are known or believed to be contaminated. They are provided at an interest rate of 2.25 percent and are repaid in annual installments over 15 years.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 15, 1999.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF KINGSTON, TOWNSHIP OF KINGSTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: A piece of land commencing at a point on the East boundary of Pine Street, said point being 12 rods South of the South boundary line of Kingsbury Alley; thence East to a point 22 1/2 feet West of Alder Creek Drain; thence South 4 rods; thence West to East boundary line of Pine Street; thence North to the place of beginning. The same being part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 11 East. Parcel B: The West 60 feet of the North 5 feet of those premises described as, commencing 100 feet North of State Street and the East line of Pine Street; running thence North 4 rods; thence East to a point 22 1/2 feet West of Alder Creek drain; thence South 4 rods; thence West to point of beginning; the same being part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 11 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 23, 1998

Norwest Mortgage, Inc.

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File # 981211887

12-23-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert W. SCHULTZ and Helen C. SCHULTZ, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Standard Federal Bank, f/k/a Heritage Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 2, 1993, and recorded on July 6, 1993 in Liber 643, on Page 821-826, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND 97/100 dollars (\$44,400.97), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 5, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1 - Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 29 which is East along said South line, 493.40 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 29, thence continuing East along said South line, 200.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds East, 1346.49 feet to the South 1/8 line as occupied by Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 37 seconds West along said South 1/8 line as occupied, 690.54 feet; to the North-South 1/4 line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 16 seconds West along said North-South 1/4 line, 197.23 feet; thence East, parallel with the South line of Section 29, 520.97 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West, 856.80 feet; thence West parallel with the South line of Section, 30.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West, 300.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 23, 1998

Standard Federal Bank

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12-23-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis MARTIN, a married man and Suzanne MARTIN, a married woman (original mortgagors) to American Financial Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 24, 1996, and recorded on July 1, 1996 in Liber 693, on Page 143, Tuscola County records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the UNION FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS, as assignee by an assignment dated June

28, 1996 which was recorded on July 1, 1996, in Liber 693, on Page 151, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 11/100 dollars (\$56,134.11), including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 15, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 6 of DAVIDSON SUBDIVISION, according to the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 10.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 2, 1998

UNION FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam D. Sherman, a single man, Individual (original mortgagors) to First Choice Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 1998, and recorded on May 28, 1998 in Liber 740, on Page 1011-1018, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Flagstar Bank, FSB, as assignee by an assignment dated May 15, 1998 which was recorded on May 28, 1998, in Liber 740, on Page 1019-1021, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE AND 84/100 dollars (\$71,369.84), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 29, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF DAYTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 27 and 28 of Cat Lake Hills Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 18. Also part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 27 of the recorded plat of Cat Lake Hills Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 18, which is located from the Southwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 by the following four courses: (1) North 01 degree 27 minutes 25 seconds East (previously recorded as North 01 degree 06 minutes East), along the West line of said Southwest 1/4, 873.24 feet; (2) North 86 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds East (previously recorded as North 86 degrees 49 minutes East), along the South line of said Plat, 183.62 feet (3) North 79 degrees 14 minutes 38 seconds East, continuing along said South line, 115.48 feet (previously recorded as North 79 degrees 08 minutes East, 115.28 feet); (4) 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds East, continuing along said South line, 99.99 feet (previously recorded as North 82 degrees 39 minutes East, 100 feet); to said Southwest corner of Lot 27; thence continuing along said South line North 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds East, 199.98 feet (previously recorded as North 82 degrees 39 minutes East, 200 feet) to the Southeast corner of Lot 28 of said plat; thence South 07 degrees 19 minutes 02 seconds East, along the West line of a previously recorded survey (recorded in Liber 608, Page 1143), 100.00 feet; thence South 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds West, parallel with said South line 199.98 feet; thence North 07 degrees 19 minutes 02 seconds West, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 1998

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Blind, deaf author has book of poems published

Although Patricia (Karner) Grendel is a life-long resident of Clio, the family has close connections with Cass City. Her mother grew up on a farm in Cass City and her father on a farm in Gageton. They were married in St. Agatha's Church in Gageton. Her grandparents, Jacob and Laura Hiller, lived in Cass City and she spent summers with them. She is the sister of the late Karen Walther of Cass City. Other family members are in the area.

Patricia Grendel had a 250-page book, "Patty's Poems", which contains over 100 poems, published by an Ann Arbor publisher.

The book is really a triumph over adversity because Grendel is legally deaf and blind as a result of a bout with encephalitis.

Her first poem was written in 1991, composed for the funeral of her husband, Mel Grendel.

The poem, "What Mel Has

Meant to Me", tells that her husband was her eyes and her ears.

Her disability never deterred her. She attended Clio schools and she and her late husband have 3 children and she is now the grandmother of 2 young boys.

"I have never felt sorry for myself and I'm not a quitter", Grendel asserts. She believes there is a silver lining to afflictions. "You don't hear all the gossip or bad language."

The poems in Grendel's book explore a variety of themes, including family, friendships, religious faith and memories of special times.

She has also written poems about such diverse subjects as Michigan potholes and the game of Scrabble.

Her main source of inspiration for poems is her faith in God. "He is very special. He has put several poems in my mind. Sometimes I'll have an idea about what to write, but the Lord has other ideas."

"Once, I sat down to write

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Which led them to Bethlehem from afar
Jesus was born as God's love from above
May your Christmas be filled with His Peace and Love!

Patricia Grendel

about a rainbow, but God put something else in my mind, so I ended up writing a poem about inner peace."

Several of Grendel's poems mention St. Charles and Helena Catholic Church, to which she has belonged for 40 years, ever since it opened.

Grendel is able to read with an enlarger that displays works on a screen in large

print. Her favorite authors include Mary Higgins Clark, Sue Grafton and Ann Landers.

Grendel continues to write every day and will have no trouble producing a second edition of poems if the sales of the first one are successful.

To date she has sold 161 books. Persons who desire a copy of "Patty's Poems" should contact the publisher at 800-343-3034. The cost is \$12.95 plus \$3 shipping for the large type paperback book.

Copper essential

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CASS CITY SENIOR Becky Oesch delivers her 8-minute argument during Saturday's debate at the high school.

Debaters 2nd in tourney

Continued from page one. by this judge, but was declared defeated by the 2 students.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Daniels said that experiences at this debate taught him what they need to improve on for the regionals. There were 9 teams in the

tournament: Cass City (2 teams), Elk Rapids, Lakers, Midland Dow, Frankenmuth, Livonia Churchill and Flint Powers.


All of the coaches expressed a desire to do it again next year. It's possible, Daniels feels, that more teams will be entered next season, as 5 teams that had expressed an interest were unable to attend because of

the holidays. The next debate for Cass City will be Saturday, Jan. 9, at Marshall.

All of the coaches agreed, Daniels said, that the tournament was a great learning tool. It allows coaches to find out in which area various debaters are the best. It's good preparation for the state tournament.

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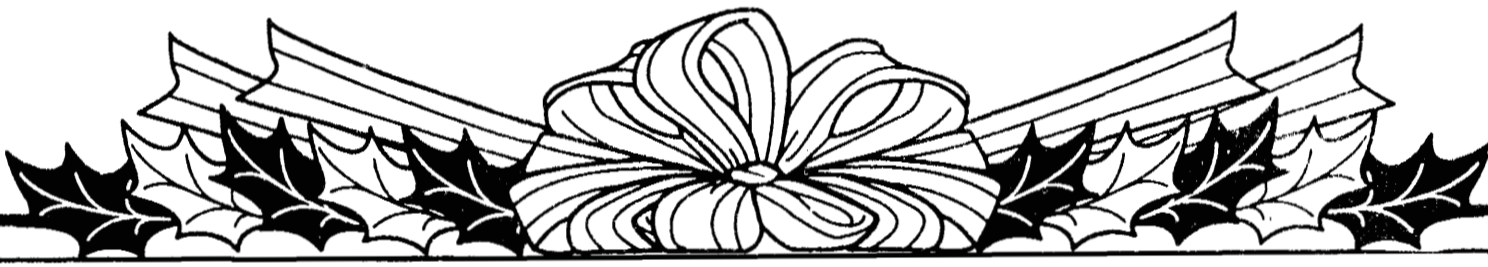
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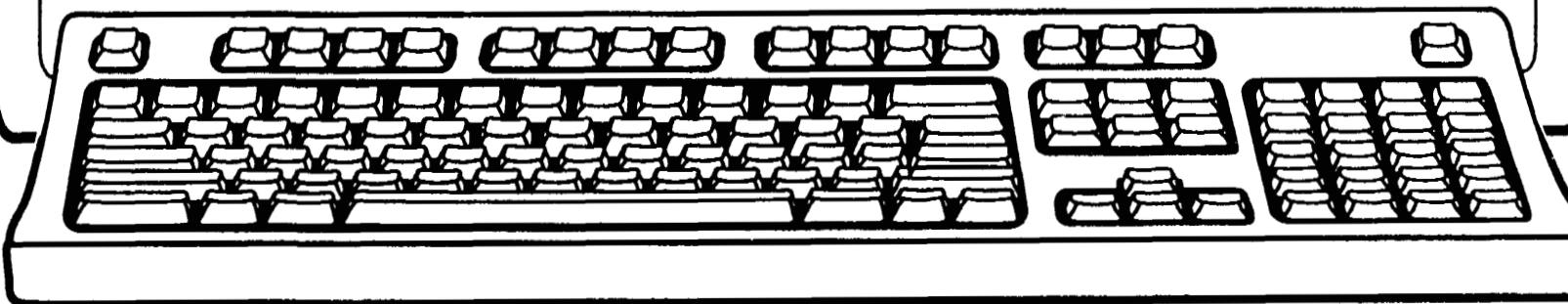
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Holiday Greetings from the Staff of the Cass City Chronicle

We wish each and every one of you
a Safe and Blessed Holiday Season
filled with love and laughter.

John Haire
Clarke Haire
JoAnn Asher
Emily Bennett
Collier Bogart
Larry Bogart
Mary Damm
Melva Guinther
Rachel Hoard
Tara McNeil
Louise Ponder
Deb Severance
Janet Severance



"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"



SPREADING THE CHRISTMAS message is the Chancel Choir of the Cass City United Methodist Church, which presented a cantata, "Shepherds Rejoice", at Sunday morning services. Front (l-r): Dora Fobear, Yvonne Sherman, Susan Stoutenburg, Megan Powell, Joan D. Merchant, Kerry Shagene, Cathy Cooper, Connie Schwaderer, Barb Kirn. Middle row (l-r): Marilyn Hobart, Laura Hill, Betsy Dillon, Sharada Seurnyck, Marilyn Green, Pam Ross, Ruth Hoffman, Charlene Rice. Back row (l-r) John Cooper, Tom Proctor, Gil Schwaderer, Ronald Kittle, Marvin Hobart, Morris Powell, Phil Rice. Missing were Steve Fobear, Amy Hoffman, Barb Haas, Don Greenleaf, pianist, and Jim Veneziano.

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There's something magical about Christmas - Loewe

There is something absolutely magical about the Christmas season. A certain feeling of warmth and caring is in the air. Families gather together; memories, laughter and good tidings for the new year are shared. Everyone

holds dear a secret Christmas wish. The anticipation builds, and finally Christmas Eve is here.

"...The stockings are hung by the chimney with care in hopes that St. Nicholas would soon be there." This line from "The Night Before Christmas" truly expresses that feeling of anticipation that is experienced on Christmas Eve by old and young alike.

As a child, Christmas Eve was always a sleepless night for me. Every creak or slight sound would send me downstairs looking for Santa. I now often wonder what Christmas really meant to me back then. Was it merely the presents that caused such excitement? Or did I even as a child understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is what we make of it. A religious celebration to many or a celebration of family, love and togetherness. However, all too many people get wrapped up in gifts. Christmas simply becomes a competition of who can buy the most, and who can buy the best.

We cannot, with any amount of money, buy the Christmas spirit, nor can we capture the love of someone by offering them treasures. People need to understand the true meaning of the season lies not within the money they spend, but in the love that they give.

Jennifer Loewe
Grade 12
Dawg St. Journal Editor
Owen-Gage High School

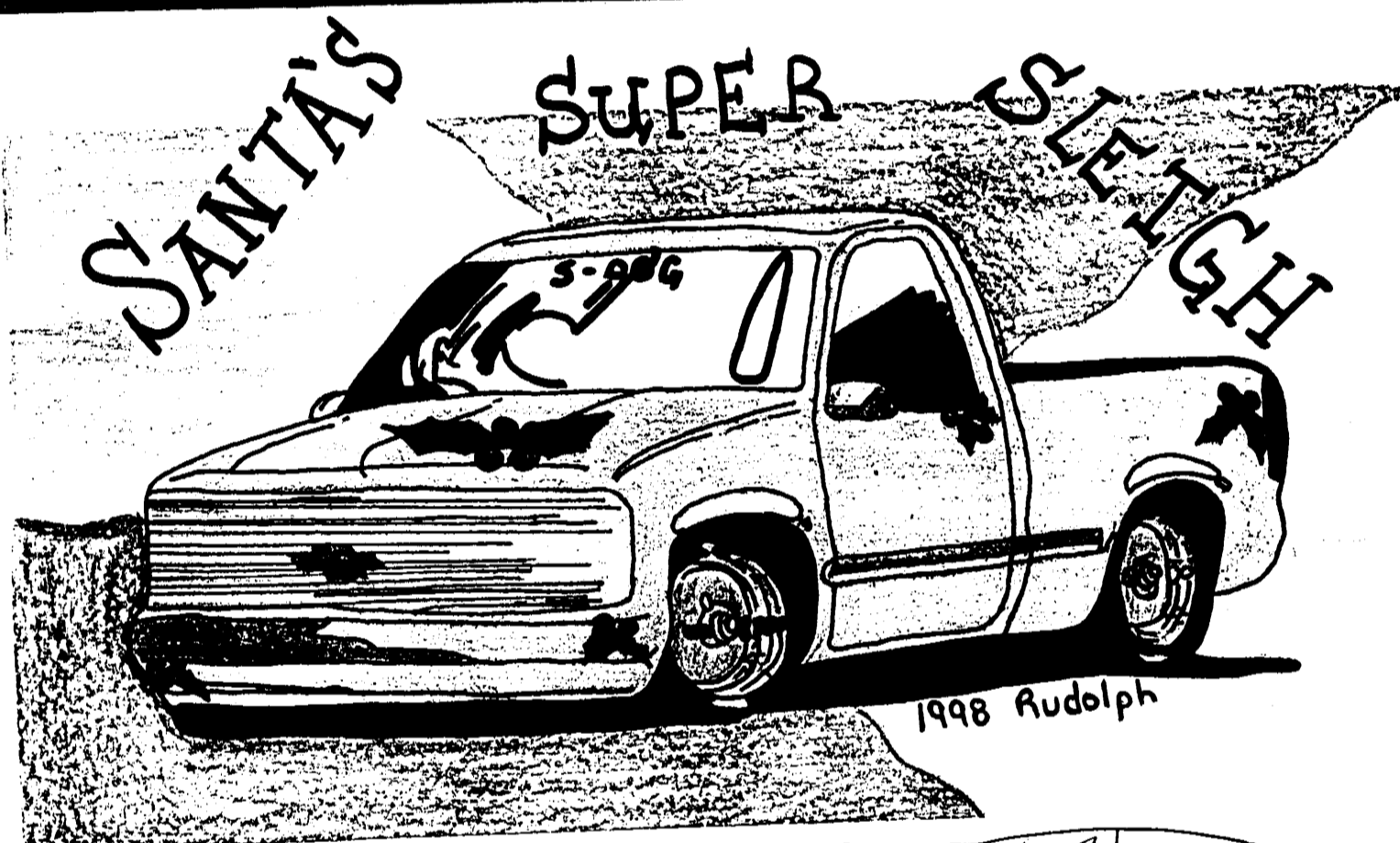
Art work and Christmas messages by talented Cass City and Owen-Gage students

We would like to thank all our customers for their business this year and are looking forward to "1999".

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Happy Holidays

Marty & Lola Osentoski



A real trip - Justin Humes - Cass City 12th grade

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Santa Letters

Joshuah Guigar



Joshuah Edward Guigar

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Joshuah, and I am 3 1/2 years old and this is my fourth Christmas. I really have been a very mischievous little boy even though my mommy and daddy say I tried to be good, and I should tell you what I want for Christmas. Santa, I

would like a new bicycle, watch, shop and cook kitchen, a work shop with lots of tools, a remote control bulldozer and truck, Little Tykes coupe, V-tech children's computer, Gator Golf, Lucky Ducks and fishing around games, a Hot Wheels race set and lots of money! I am sure I have not remembered everything, but you know what I have forgotten.

As for my mommy, if you could make sure that my baby brother or sister is healthy so I can have a nice playmate to share my toys. Also, if you would bring the baby some new baby bottles, rattles and blankets with silk and anything else you can think of. I will keep them for the baby as a present from me since the baby will not arrive until after late spring. As for my daddy, bring him some new clothes for work since he always complains about having small holes in

them. I want to wish my nanna a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with all my love, hugs and kisses.

Santa, I will leave out a big glass of milk and a plate full of cookies. For your reindeer, I will leave out lots of carrots, and for Rudolph, a big bag of sugar to give him energy so his nose will shine bright red.

Love,
Joshuah Edward Guigar

Jacob Wismer



Jacob Wismer

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob Wismer. I have been a pretty good boy this year. I am 2 1/2 years old. My mom says I am in the terrible two's, but I am trying to be good. I want Tigger the Pup, a tractor and candy for Christmas. Please bring my cousins, Morgan, Keegan and Sam, something too!

Love,
Jacob

Justin Powell



Justin Powell

Dear Santa,
My daddy and I think I have been a good boy this year. Mommy thinks a little different. But they both agree you

will be coming to see me.

I would like a Rug Rat game for my play station, computer, train set, and some NASCAR cars for my collection. And anything else you'd like to bring me.

And please don't forget my little cousins, Pauly, Steven, Tyler and Joey. They will like anything you bring them.

Also, my sister Tara would like a Barbie and Twister. She's been good.

Lastly, don't forget my grandparents. They are always nice.

Lots of love,
Justin Powell
Age 4

P.S. Milk and cookies will be waiting!!!

Ashley & Bobbie Keys



Ashley & Bobbie Keys

Hi Santa,
I'm Ashley and I'm 10 and this is my little sister Bobbie Jean. She's 3 1/2. We've been good this year and this is what we want for Christmas. I want Tantrum, Tornado, and Henry the game. Bobbie wants Make Me Better Baby and Sing-Along Blues Clues, clothes and some movies. Don't forget to fill our stockings. P.S. I will leave you a Surge & Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

Love,
Ashley & Bobbie Keys

Cameron Dunnuck



Cameron Dunnuck



Santa needs the rest - Grant Gould - Cass City 11th grade

Lowers fat

A form of the B vitamin niacin suppresses hunger, according to tests at the University of Georgia. High doses lower food intakes and weight gain in laboratory animals. Diets supplemented with the vitamin could one day be a useful therapy in treating human obesity.

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike because I can ride a two-wheeler really fast. Also I would like the movie Dr. Dolittle and the game Bop-it. I've been trying not to tease my sister Kristina and brother Austin too much. Sometimes I forget, but I'll keep working on it. Thanks a lot Santa.

Love,
Cameron Dunnuck
5 years old

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Christmas snowman - Eric Hunter, Cass City 10th grade

Christmas Eve service at Novesta

Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Road, will hold a Christmas Eve candle-light service at 6:30 p.m. The program will include special music as well as congregational singing, a communion service and candle lighting. The public is invited. For further information call 872-3658.

All the best to you

Hope Christmas brings all good things for you.

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Santa Letters

Nicholle Hartel



Nicholle Hartel

Dear Santa,
Thank you for everything you brought me last year. My mom says that I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like a Bitty Baby from Uncle Tim's store, some clothes for her and some farm animals. Please don't forget my cousins, Sean, Brad and Brent. I will leave some cookies and hot chocolate for you and some carrots for the reindeer.

Thank you,
Nicholle Hartel
Age 3 1/2

Whitney & Angela Braun



Whitney & Angela Braun & Frosty

Dear Santa,
My name is Angela Braun. I was a very good girl this year so could you bring me a computer, and a toy kitty. My sister Whitney was really good too! Could you bring her some jewelry and a big calculator. My mom and dad were good too. So could you bring them something special. We already got something for my Grammy and Grampy so they don't need anything this year. Thank you!
Merry Christmas

Love,
Angela Braun, age 4.

P.S. Please bring our dog, Frosty, a toy bone. Thanks!

Rick



Rick

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a laser tag, daddy clock, Harley Davison, Halographic pyramid, T.V., Yahtzee. I wish that Steven Gear gets a race car set. Hope my mom and dad have a Happy Christmas Day.

Love, Rick 2nd grade

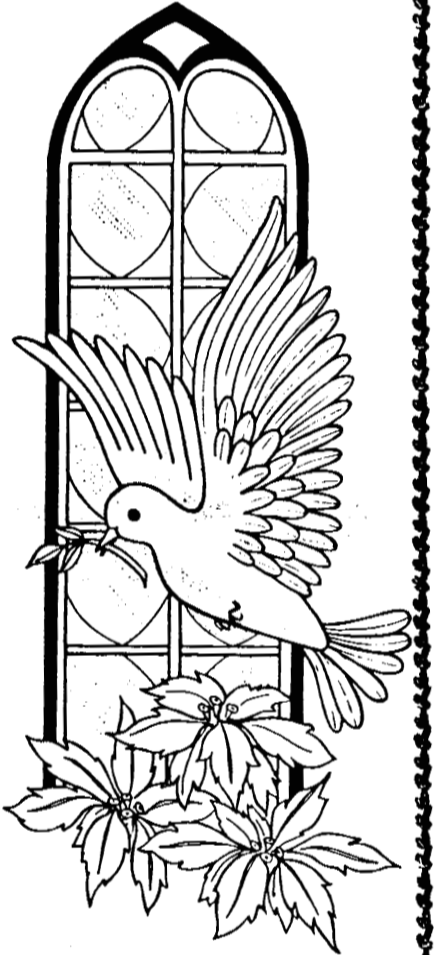
Wishing you peace and joy this Holiday Season

Merry Christmas

The Staff & Management

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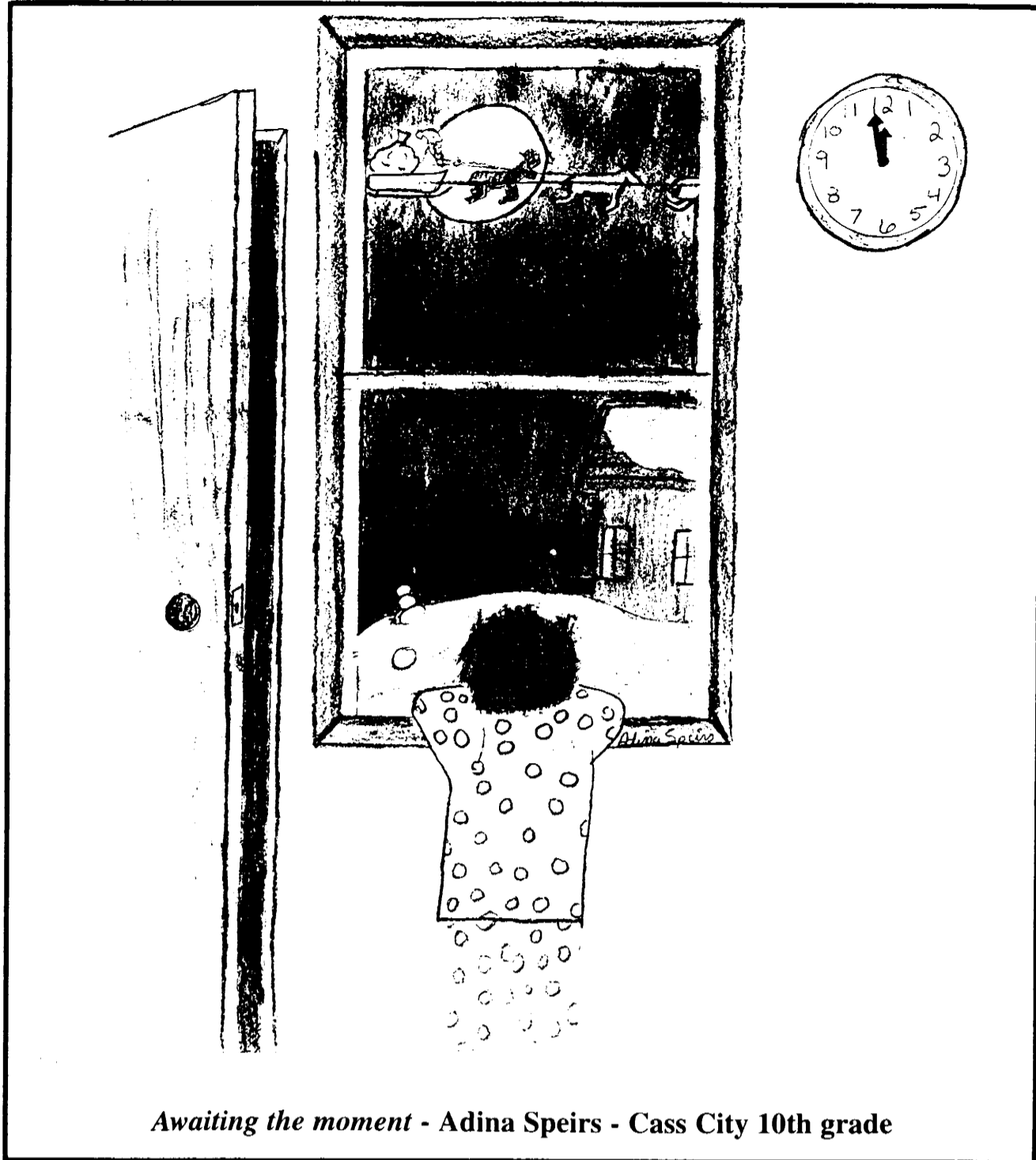


Wishing the Cass City Community a Happy and Healthy Christmas Season

Best Wishes to One and All!

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Awaiting the moment - Adina Speirs - Cass City 10th grade



Stefanie Humpert - Cass City 10 grade

Merry Christmas from Dr. deBeaubien and Dr. Pankratz and the staff

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Perspective

At Christmas time we always complain someone got a better present or someone stole our candy cane.

We don't stop to think about those on the street or about those without shoes on their feet.

We don't think about those without a home or those without property on which they can roam.

We don't think about those who have no food to eat we don't think about those who repeatedly get beat.

This poem is truth the meaning is clear for those who are close for those who will hear.

Danielle Fritz
Owen-Gage
10th grade

Santa Letters



Breanna Frank

Dear Santa,
My name is Breanna Frank. I will be 2 years old in January. Dad and Mom said I have been pretty good. I would love to get some fishy's so I can watch them swim. I also like the Teletubbies. Please don't forget my cousins. They have been pretty good too. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Breanna
P.S. I would also like some snow so I can build a snowman.



Katie & Blair Tiseo

Dear Santa,
My name is Katie Tiseo and I am 4 years old. My sister's name is Blair and she is 2 years old. My mommy and daddy say we have been pretty good girls. We only fight a little bit each day. For Christmas this year I would like a Barbie Dream House and a doll that blinks her eyelashes. Blair would like a computer game and some new Barbies to play with. We will leave you some milk and cookies for a snack. We will also leave a drink of water for Rudolph.

Love,
Katie & Blair Tiseo

Holiday Spirit!

We appreciate and thank you for your patronage.

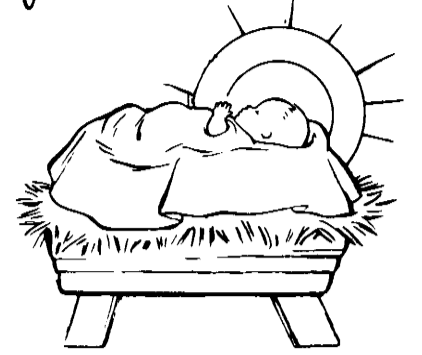


Ralph, Becky and Kim

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Jesus is the reason for the season



John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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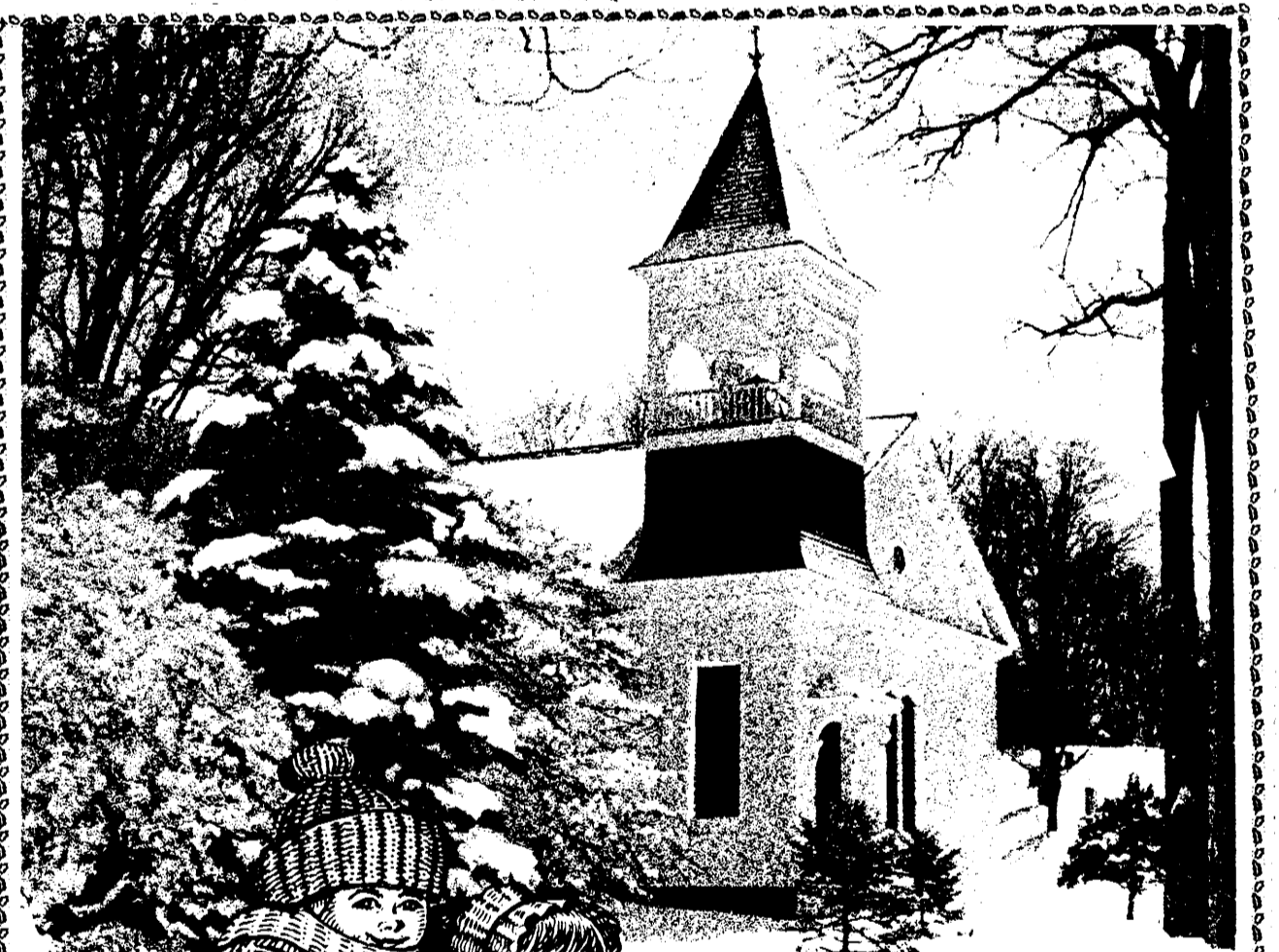
Be filled with the spirit of Christmas

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 greatest of gifts are family and friends, as the magic of the season never ends! To wish you...

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Santa Letters

Kristen & Shannon Kawecki



Kristen & Shannon Kawecki

Matthew Paul Meri Dzielinski



Matthew, Paul & Meri Dzielinski

Dear Santa,
Thank you for everything you brought us last year. This year, I would like another Teletubby, some more Barbie stuff, and a chocolate Santa Claus. Please bring my big brothers some new C.D.'s that we can listen to.
Please bring my teacher, Mrs. Tuckey, a girl baby in the spring.
We will leave you some cookies that I helped Mom bake and some sugar for the reindeer.

Love,
Meri Dzielinski
4 yrs. old

Erika Emily Andrew Martin



Erika, Emily & Andrew Martin

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl this year helping my mom around the house and with my new baby sister Shannon.
I would like a Barbie house, 2 Barbie cars, Simba's Pride video and Lady & The Tramp video. Please bring Shannon a remote control Elmo.
I will leave some cookies for you and some lettuce and carrots for your reindeer.

Love,
Kristen & Shannon Kawecki
4 1/2 & 6 months
Decker, MI

Justin Kerkau



Justin Kerkau
Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Justin Kerkau. I'm 4 years old. Mom said I've been a good boy this year — except when I pick on my little sister. Could you please bring me a Batman toy, the Rudolph movie and CD-ROM game for my computer. Thank-you.

Love,
Justin

P.S. I'm going to leave some milk and cookies for you and the reindeer.

Stephanie Kaitlyn Bock



Stephanie & Kaitlyn Bock

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like a 66" caterpillar, a doll and a Rug Rat tape.
Kaitlyn would like a doll, a toy to ride on and a Teletubby tape. We will leave you some milk and Girl Scout cookies.

xoxo
Love,
Stephanie & Kaitlyn Bock



Dear Santa:
My name is Erika Martin. I will be 2 years old the day after Christmas. I've been good all year because my brother, Andrew, and my sister, Emily, have told me all about you. My Daddy and I will leave out cookies and milk for you with the carrots for Rudolph.

Love,
Erika

Patriotic snowman Julie Westfall Cass City 12th grade

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS SHINE!

May everyone have a most joyful and memorable Christmas this year.

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Christmas Blessings

In this season of wonder and celebration, we wish love and peace to all. We appreciate the blessings bestowed upon us, and look forward to wishing the happiest of holidays to each and every one of you, personally. Many thanks and best wishes, this most joyous of seasons.

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Cass City - 517-872-2121
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We wish you a Merry Christmas!

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(Dr. Ray)

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872-5010

Santa Letters

Spencer Guinther



Dear Santa,

My name is Spencer and I am 3 1/2 years old now. I would like to ask you for a Tonka crane, a Chiming-Bell Train car, the Busytown Train, the Wee Sing Train, some more train track and Smoochy Pooch.

Thank you Santa. Give Rudolph a big hug for me. I will leave him some magic reindeer food to help him find our house.

Love,
Spencer Guinther,
Cranberry Twp., PA

Spencer Guinther

Merry




Christmas..



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Cass City

Kendra Kerkau



Kendra Kerkau

Dear Santa,
My name is Kendra Kerkau (Kennie). My mom is writing this because I can't write yet — I'm only 2 years old. I've been a pretty good girl this year. Could you please bring me a baby doll with her own cradle, some pretty dresses and the Teletubbie LaLa. Thank-you.


Love,
Kendra
P.S. — I'm going to leave you some milk and cookies for you to share with the reindeer.

Laura O'Dell - Cass City 10th grade

Happy Holidays to all our clients and may you be blessed in the New Year.

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Paul Slater, Jr.



Paul Slater Jr.

Dear Santa,
My mom and dad said I've been a good boy this year. I would like you to bring me a play station, soldiers, clothes and any toys you would like to bring me. And please don't forget my sister Ashley. She has been good, too. I'm not sure what she wants, but maybe you know.

With Love,
Paul Slater Jr.
P.S. I will leave out cookies and milk.

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Lindsey Gaszczynski




Lindsey Gaszczynski

Hey Santa it's Lindsey. I got the car, the C.D. player and the boyfriend. I got everything I need, so this year could you just bring all my family, friends, Ken and Theresa and Tim, a great big bag full of big hugs, smiles and good cheer to last them a whole year. And Santa, T.J. wasn't too bad this year so please bring him that Nintendo to keep him out of my room.

Love,
Lindsey G.


HAPPY HOLIDAY FROM OUR HOUSES TO YOURS!

The Village of Cass City would like to thank its Village Council, Employees, Boards and the Community for their support in 1998 and to wish them Happy Holidays!



HAPPY HOLIDAY FROM OUR HOUSES TO YOURS!

Be sure to pick up your red ribbon at the Village Hall and support the "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign thru the Holidays



tie one on...
for Safety

Santa Letters

T.J. Marker



T.J. Marker

Dear Santa,
I got everything I need except a Super Nintendo, so you could bring me that if you want to. Since you live in the North Pole I think you're closer to the sky than me so could you please tell Jesus I said Happy Birthday. Oh, and Santa, you didn't drink all your milk last year and mom makes me drink all mine. Try to plug your nose while you drink it. It works for me.

Love you Santa,
T.J. Marker
6 years old

Victoria Smutek



Victoria Smutek

Zachary Deitering



Zachary Deitering

Dear Santa,
My name is Zachary Deitering. I am 3 1/2 years old. And my cousin, Victoria, is 8 months old. We have been very good. Victoria would like a rocking horse because she loves to rock. And I would like a Walking Elmo and a race track. But most of all we would like my Grandma and Grandpa Smith home for Christmas and Uncle Kevin, too.

Love,
Zachary & Victoria

Mason Doerr



Mason Doerr

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason Doerr. I would like a Batman, some Legos, and Laser tag. Please leave something for my sisters and I will leave you cookies and milk. Thank you.

Love,
Mason Doerr

**Read
Meg's Peg**



Winter Wonderland - Katie Hacker - Cass City 10th grade

For food, shelter

New funds available at HDC

The Human Development Commission (HDC), acting in its capacity as fiduciary for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), announces that it has received the 1998-1999 FEMA funding allocations for Hu-

ron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties. Locally, FEMA funds help to provide emergency shelter, food and utility assistance to eligible recipients. Persons who are eligible may gain access to these funds through a variety

of non-profit agencies within the Thumb area.

Local FEMA Board meetings will begin during the week of Dec. 21 and will conclude during the week of Jan. 4. Agencies who may desire to have a representa-

tive serve on these local FEMA Boards, or who wish to request funds, are invited to contact Lori Offenbecher at the Human Development Commission, (517) 673-4121 or 1-800-843-6394, for further details.

Peace to All

Kranz Funeral Homes
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Cass City & Kingston
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683-2210

SAINT LUKE

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

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Santa Letters

Carley Hendrick

Dear Santa,
I have tried real hard to be a good girl this year. I would like a Bouncing Tigger and an ice cream maker. Don't forget something for my big sisters, Lindsey and Ashley, and my little cousins, Brennen and Chase.

I will leave some milk and cookies for you and some sugar for Rudolph.
Merry Christmas

Love,
Carley Hendrick
4 years old



Carley Hendrick

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Kareen



Kareen

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Joyful Day on Christmas! I hope you do not give me coal. I hope you give me presents and I will say thank you and I will put cookeys and milk on the table for you, and you will say thank you too, and I hope you will put candy in my stocking and I will appreciate it and I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy Jolly night, and I no you wish me a merry Christmas too.

Ho ho ho Santa
I love you
Kareen
4th grade

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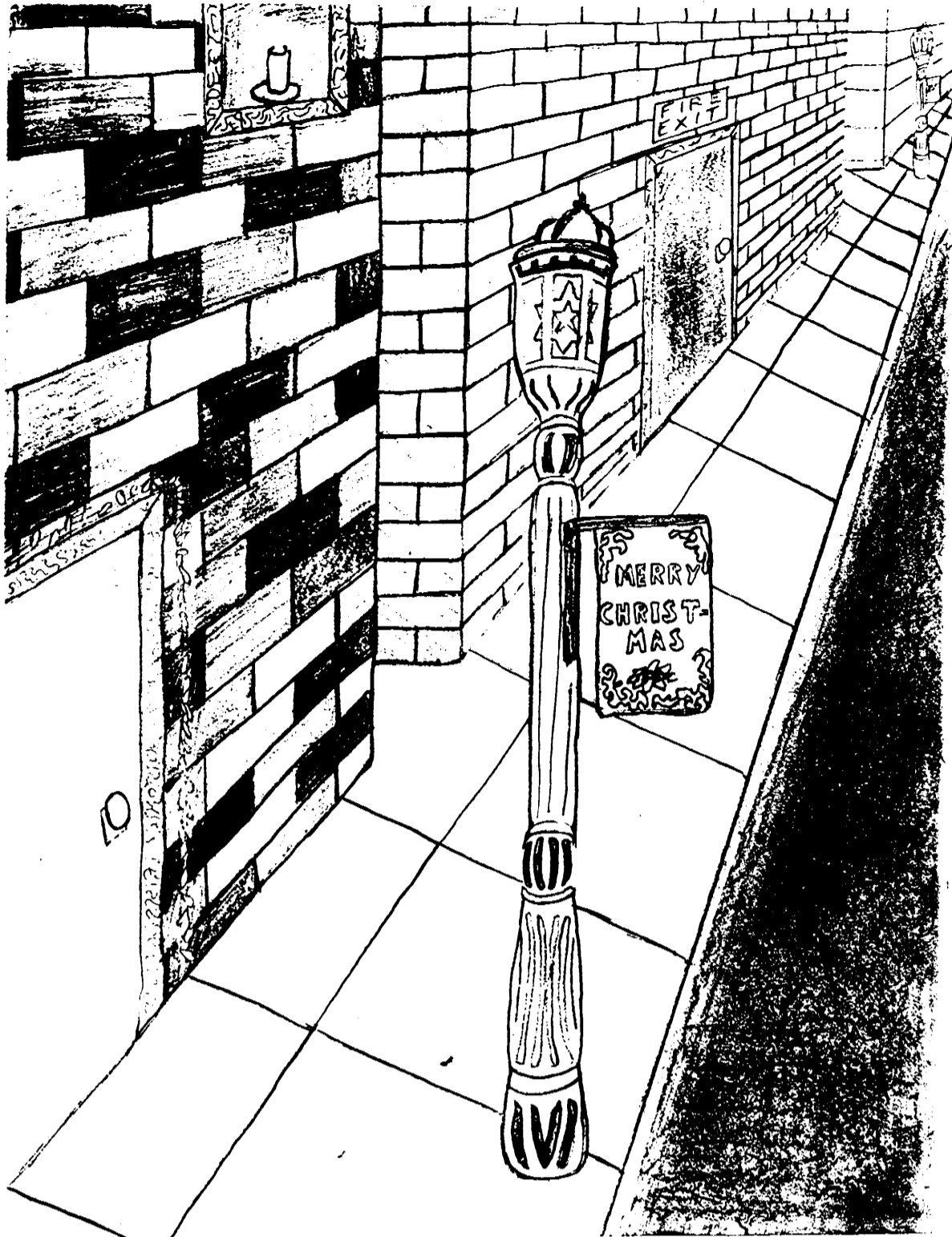
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Christmas in California - Andy Dale - Cass City 10th grade

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"Snowflakes"

Snowflakes

Snowflakes fall so slowly
 Land on my tongue so softly.
 So perfect and white.
 It seems like they have
 So much fun...
 falling from high above.

I look and sometimes wish
 I was a snowflake
 With no cares.
 We play in the snow
 Running and falling.
 I hope it stays always.

God's creation is so beautiful
 And different with each
 flake.
 Like little angel kisses
 Coming to protect us.
 It falls all around us.
 With a little more protection
 For each and every one.

By Megan Rochefort
 age 17
 grade: 10

Christmas Together

My Christmas list has just
 one wish.
 I want to spend Christmas
 with
 my mom and dad.
 Lately, separate Christmases
 seem so sad.
 I get lots of presents, that's
 pretty cool.

But Christmas together, that
 would rule.
 I wonder what that would be
 like.
 Christmas together,
 Me, mom, dad and Mike.
 I know it couldn't last for-
 ever,
 But just once, could we
 spend
 Christmas together?

Jamie Limberger

Yule meet for Owendale women

The Owendale Women's
 Club held its meeting Mon-
 day, Dec. 14, at Sherwood on
 the Hill in Gagetown where
 a Christmas dinner was en-
 joyed. Ten ladies were
 present.

Instead of a gift exchange,
 each member brought food
 goods and paper products to
 be given to the St. Agatha
 Church for the annual food
 delivery to families in the
 community.

The door prize, brought by
 Bonnie Gaeth, was won by
 Janet Retford, who had her
 Christmas gifts wrapped.

The January meeting will
 be at the home of Jeannette
 McDonald with the topic be-
 ing on the Huron County
 Arboretum near Oak Beach.

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