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SANTA AND MRS. Claus came to life once again in Cass City courtesy of Don and Barb Ball, 6328 Main St. The jolly couple along with a pair of elves, Ryan Larson, 6, and Galen Kuebli, 11, handed out goodies to passersby Saturday night.

Warack, Candela assistants

O-G taps Britt for K-12 principal post

Owen-Gage School officials didn't have to look far to find a qualified candidate for the district's vacant principal's post, and they ended up with a veteran administrator with more than 3 decades of experience to boot.

The Board of Education Monday hired Gagetown Elementary Principal William Britt to serve as K-12 principal.

The hiring marks a downsizing in the district's administration. Previously, the staff included elementary and junior-senior high principals. However, new Supt. Dan McKenzie recommended a single administrator, in part to offset anticipated red ink in this year's budget.

The board formally hired Britt, along with 2 administrative assistants - one at each building - after meeting in executive session for 45 minutes to discuss proposed contracts.

Britt, who earned roughly \$52,000 as elementary principal, will now receive \$67,000 annually, pro-rated to \$60,000 for the remainder of the current school year. The newly hired administrative assistants, longtime district employee Diane Warack and Athletic Director and teacher Joe Candela, will receive \$4,600 per year - pro-rated to \$3,016 for the remainder of this school year.

Britt has been employed at Owen-Gage for 35 1/2 years. He began his career as both teacher and principal, but spent the bulk of his tenure as elementary principal.

ISD in partnership with other school districts in our county to create a preschool program," McKenzie said.

According to Warack, who served as Owen-Gage Preschool director until finances forced elimination of the program in 1993, explained that school and other agency officials are seeking a \$1 million competitive grant through the Department of Education to serve all preschool age children.

Although the effort is a cooperative venture, each school or agency has written its own grant proposal, and Warack has completed the Owen-Gage request for \$102,000. She said that amount would fund the program locally, including an instructor and equipment, for 3 years.

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Pool campaign inching forward

The campaign to secure three quarters of a million dollars in matching funds for a new indoor swimming pool inched forward Monday night as interested residents and members of the Cass City School Board aired problems and possible solutions in the fund drive.

Supt. Ken Micklash discussed the school's role in the campaign. He pointed out that the school has been spending about \$300,000 from the school's general fund for capital improvements and most of the major expenditures for facilities have been completed. The board is obligated for 4 years at \$100,000 a year for improvements at Campbell Elementary School.

That is all the major building expenses that we face today, Micklash said, and that makes this a prime time for the school to take on the expense of operating a pool. That's estimated at some \$100,000 a year.

Micklash said that he had been asked about the school donating funds to have the pool built at another location.

He said that he didn't feel that taxpayer funds should be spent on a building that would not be part of the school system any more than the school should pay for roads in the village that serve the school.

While the school would operate the pool, by the terms of the proposed grant it would be required to be open at least one-third of the time to the community at large. Dick Donahue and Mike Weaver stressed that the head of the family foundation wanted a facility that would be a health benefit to the community and especially senior citizens. The Foundation is under the direction of a former resident who now lives in the Traverse City area.

Donahue said that the grant was suggested to 2 other communities by letter but not acknowledged.

The Foundation representative originally wanted a walking ramp built within the pool area, but agreed to a separate attached building.

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Bill targets gun permit process

The Michigan House and Senate last week approved legislation requiring local gun boards to issue gun permits to most applicants provided they are at least 21 years of age, have no criminal record and are not mentally ill.

House Bill 4530, which is expected to be signed by the governor, increases safety for Michigan residents by implementing a standard, state-wide concealed weapon permit policy, according to state Rep. Mike Green (R-Mayville), who introduced the legislation.

Green explained the so-called "shall issue" legislation establishes uniform eligibility requirements for residents applying for gun permits, and standard guidelines for local county boards that issue the permits.

"Some people will say we are going too far, others will say we didn't go far enough," Green said. "Either way, this is definitely a step forward for Michigan's gun permit system."

The House passed the measure by a vote of 62-39, and in the Senate, 23-13.

"We now will have something in place far better than what is currently being done across the state, where no real rhyme or reason is involved in the permit approval process."

Under the state's existing

Green pushes "shall issue" law

concealed weapons law, county gun boards may issue a concealed weapon permit by majority vote only if "it appears that the applicant has good reason to fear injury to his or her person or property, or has other proper reasons, and is a suitable person to be licensed."

The problem, according to Green, has been widely varying interpretation of the law among gun boards.

"Right now, there's no standards to get a CCW (carrying a concealed weapon) permit. Nothing," he told the Legislature. "There's no uniformity anywhere in the state."

Green's legislation would:

- Prohibit people convicted of a felony and certain misdemeanors, and who are mentally ill, from legally carrying a gun.
- Increase the age limit for carrying a gun from 18 to 21.
- Require completion of a gun safety course.
- Prohibit people from having guns in schools, day care centers, establishments that serve alcohol, large arenas or stadiums, casinos, and college and university buildings.
- Provide \$1 million for distribution of trigger safety locks.

"We've tightened this thing up so tight... we will have

the records are easily accessed - but how do you determine if someone has been hospitalized with mental illness, he said.

Lautner also wonders if the

new law would "water down" prosecution of individuals arrested for illegally carrying a concealed weapon. For example, he said, if that individual can prove he could have obtained a gun permit, will he receive the same sentence as if he

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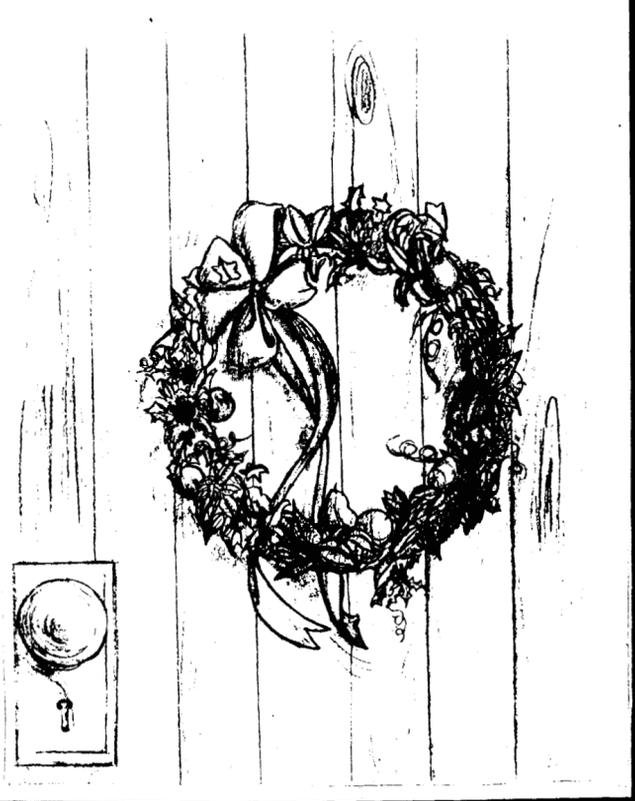
PRE-SCHOOL?

Turning to other matters during the rescheduled monthly session, board members learned of efforts to secure grant funding that would revive the district's preschool program.

"We are working with the

From Santa letters to artwork, area students have been busy this holiday season, and their work is featured in this special Christmas issue of the Chronicle. Readers will find plenty of letters to Santa Claus as well as some very impressive works of art and prose submitted by students at Cass City High School and Owen-Gage Junior-Senior High School. Among the talented young people sharing their work is Cass City freshman Jeff McMahan, whose drawing is featured here.

Enjoy!



Non-resident lesson fees increased Council approves budget

The Cass City Village Council Monday adopted the proposed 2001 budget and 5 year capital improvement plan submitted by Village Manager Jane Downing during its monthly meeting.

After a brief public hearing, during which no public comment was heard, the council approved a plan which calls for \$3,512,466 in spending.

Village President Les Karr said the plan, which calls for \$291,549 and \$215,175 in major and local street expenditures, respectively, will not result in any tax increase.

Karr says the general fund millage will remain at 12.4625 mills and both the major and local streets will continue at their 3.5 mill levy.

The budget also calls for a 3% wage increase for full time wage and salary workers. A chart outlining the village's wage schedules accompanies this story.

Continuing with employee compensations, the village also adopted a resolution that enhances the current benefits provided to workers. The council approved increasing

the employer contribution from 8% to 10%, provided that employees will also mandatorily increase their contributions from 2% to 4%, beginning Jan. 1, 2001.

The proposed budget also includes changes in its 2001 fee schedule. Council member Dale McIntosh says that "while keeping our fees in line", 2 major amendments are included in the fee schedule.

At the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool, non-residents of

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Cass City teen pleads in robbery

A Cass City teen faces sentencing on a robbery charge after entering a plea of guilty Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Charles E. Damoth IV, 17, pleaded guilty to a charge of unarmed robbery, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Under a plea agreement, charges of armed robbery, conspiracy, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and larceny in a building will be dismissed. Damoth will be required to make restitution.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the teen was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Damoth's brother, 15, who is also charged in the crime, stood mute Friday to charges of armed robbery, conspiracy and larceny in a building.

A plea of innocent was entered on his behalf and he was remanded to the custody of his father. Bond was continued at \$5,000 and the court ordered a pre-trial hearing.

The charges stem from the Nov. 21 armed robbery of Ackerman's Bike Repair, 6247 Pine St.

Police say Charles, armed with a .177 caliber, 6-shot CO2 pellet revolver, and his brother entered the business at about 4:19 p.m. Ackerman told investigators that Charles pointed the pistol at him and told him to get on the floor. Ackerman also told officers that Charles told him to put cash in a bag and place it on the floor near the store entrance.

Police say the teens then ordered Ackerman into a bathroom. The boys allegedly walked out of the business with \$230 in cash and a new bicycle valued at \$439.

Police, assisted by a neighborhood boy who identified Charles, had both boys in custody just 40 minutes later.



Maynard & Lucille Stine

Stines to mark 50th anniversary

Maynard and Lucille Stine celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 23.

They have 8 children, Maynard Jr. (Cathy) of Saginaw, David of Ypsilanti, Michael (Denise) of Deford, Diane (Michael) Lowe of Deford, Karen (Peter) Fittante of Durand, Susan (Robert) Smith of Snover,

Brian (Peggy) of Applegate and Laura (Bob) Cotton of Deford. They have 20 grandchildren, one step-grandson, and 3 great-grandsons.

Having retired from dairy farming and nursing, the Stines have kept busy with their church, community, dancing, family and friends.

CPR class on tap

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, is offering a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class Monday, Jan. 8, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., in the hospital's third floor solarium.

Instructors certified by the American Heart Association will teach techniques for adult CRP, rescue breathing and obstructed airway (choking). There is a charge for this class.

To register please call the Huron Memorial Hospital at 517-269-9521 before Monday, Jan. 5. Class size is limited.

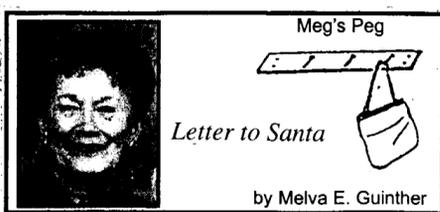
Attention expecting mothers

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, will be offering a 6-week series of childbirth classes.

The classes will be held Wednesday evenings, at the Huron Area Tech Center, from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Jan. 3.

These classes are for any expectant mother who is due before May 2001 and wants to learn more about nutrition, exercise, the labor process, relaxation techniques, pain management and more.

There is a charge for the class. For more information or to register, call Huron Memorial Hospital at 517-269-9521.



Letter to Santa

by Melva E. Guinther

Dear Santa,

This is my Christmas list. I hope you can fill it.

For the kids from California (This shouldn't present a problem this year.) — Lots of snow, so grandson Drew can fulfill his wish that he and his grandpa can "build a snowman and a snow fort and go sledding at the park where there is a big hill and I sled with my uncle Andy and my dad and my Grandpa and my brother (Spencer) and we go really fast."

After they leave, Santa, please take it all back to the North Pole.

Of course, we don't want the snow to cancel any flights, and would you please keep the highways clear between Dayton, Ohio, and Cass City so our other kids can get here safely?

As always, I'd like continued good health for all my family and continued success in their chosen fields.

For Cass City Schools, a workable plan to raise the \$750,000 needed for construction of the indoor swimming pool would be nice.

The proposed assisted living/Alzheimer's facility could use some funding, too. A successful season would be appreciated for the CCHS basketball team.

George W. Bush and Dick Cheney need wisdom and the ability to restore dignity and respect to the White House and the presidency, and unity between the parties.

For the state of Florida (and the rest of the country) — a simple, consistent method of voting.

Please don't leave anybody any more chads — dimpled, pregnant, hanging, dangling, or whatever other kind there may be.

Jay Leno, Dave Letterman, et al., could use an alternate topic for their nightly humor.

While we're on the subject, how about some new TV shows that aren't obsessed with sex. You may recall that they used to make them years ago.

And could you give the heads of families the courage and conviction to turn the tube off more often and spend time reading and getting to know their families?

Please give kids the opportunity to learn the joy of giving, not just receiving. I'm afraid you — and we dotting grandparents — have made this a daunting task.

Peace would be a good, one-size-fits-all gift. It's certainly at a premium in the part of the world where the Prince of Peace was born 2 millennia ago. But it's needed not only for nations, but for individuals at odds with one another. It's a commodity that we hear a lot about this time of year, but few actually experience it.

It's not just outward peace we need either. Most people are caught up in the hectic frenzy of trying to get everything done and lose all perspective of what the holiday is really all about.

Santa, no offense, we all know you're a jolly old fellow and all, but after reviewing my list, I think maybe I need to submit it to a Higher Authority.

Novesta cantata slated

The adult choir of Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., will present the cantata/drama "Bringing Christmas Home" during its 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

This cantata/drama shows how the message of Christmas makes everyone evaluate their relationship to Christ. As one song says, the Savior understands our pain and feels our heartache. He

came not only to offer healing and forgiveness, but redemption. It was His way of "Bringing Christmas Home."

The public is invited to this special evening of worship and communion. For more information call 872-3658.

Caregivers share support

Helen has been home caring for her husband 24 hours a day since he had a brain attack 6 months ago. She has been devoted to caring for all of his needs, but has not always cared for her needs.

But Helen has recently found someone who understands. She has been attending the monthly support group at Marlette Community Hospital for caregivers. She brings her husband John with her to enjoy the friendship of others also. The group has already discussed the importance of caring for her, the caregiver, and in October learned the importance of setting up a will with a patient advocate, and designating a Power of Attorney.

Dec. 21 the support group will discuss stress management for the holidays, and how to include family in activities with a homebound family member.

The group will meet from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. with free refreshments served.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Judy Pfaff at (517) 635-4500.

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Open Registration at Cass City H.S. - Thursday, Jan. 4, 4 to 7 p.m.
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Enjoy Solving Our Yuletide Teaser!

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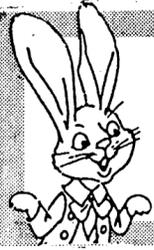
Front, l-r: Cindy Kruse, Carey Chard, Charlotte Kritzman, Barb Irer, Alice Zaleski. Back, l-r: Joyce King, Kelli Hendrick, Colleen Langenburg, Ben Schott, Michelle Hill

Can you find 11 differences between these photos?

Ben 2 - hat
Colleen - hat
Kelli - hat
Cindy - vest
Michelle - hat
Alice - hat & gloves
Joyce - gloves
Ben - hat
Barb - scarf
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

The Holiday Inn on M-20 in Mt. Pleasant has an upscale restaurant that on Saturday, the day we attended, featured a buffet as well as menu items.

The salad bar on the buffet was about average, similar to what's available most places. The buffet featured shrimp, pork, carved beef, and a variety of vegetables. An added touch was fresh smoked salmon. The dessert bar was above average. Warm rolls were good, but didn't arrive until over half the meal was eaten.

The cost was \$16.95 plus tip. For that money, rank it at about a 5 on the one-10 scale.

Our lame duck representative, Mike Green, is one of the sponsors of the bill that makes it easier for Michigan citizens to carry concealed weapons. Now that he doesn't have to answer to the people he was elected to represent, he can forge ahead with his own agenda.

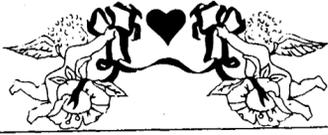
After all, the most recent poll I read said that folks were in favor of more, not less, gun control by a wide margin.

All may not be lost. Already there is a campaign under motion to get a petition signed to put the issue up for a vote at the next election.

We trust that it will not take another slaughter of students to get the issue before the electorate.

The Chronicle will be on the street Wednesday instead of Tuesday for the next 2 weeks. The office will be closed for Christmas and New Year's Day. All advertising and news deadlines remain the same.

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Sentenced Friday

Caro man faces prison

A Caro man arraigned on 16 charges, including several counts of child sexually abusive activity, faces a prison term of 2 1/2 to 7 years.

The sentence was handed down Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court to John A. Martinez, 41, who pleaded guilty to 3 counts of distributing child sexually abusive material and one count of possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 24 grams) between Feb. 26 and March 11 in Indianfields Township.

In other circuit court proceedings:

•Donald E. Duncan, 42, Akron, was sentenced to 24 months to 7 years in prison for his conviction on charges of delivery of a controlled substance and false report of a felony in June-July in Akron.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$260.

•Joseph M. Quinn, 21, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and ordered to pay \$260 in costs and fines for his plea of guilty to larceny in a building May 24 in Caro.

•Dennis M. Harris, 47, Caro, pleaded guilty to writing a non-sufficient fund check of \$200 or more Feb. 14, 1997, and to absconding or forfeiting bond April 14 in Caro. He also pleaded guilty to having 2 prior felony convictions.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$12,500 and the defendant

was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be continued.

•Charles M. Boyle Jr., 36, Akron, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 8 in Akron Township, and to having 2 prior felony convictions.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$50,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Board supports liquor application

Last week's ferocious winter storm shortened the Elkland Township's Board's monthly meeting, but not before the board voted in favor of supporting a local business' liquor license application.

Township Clerk Norma Wallace reported the board endorsed the application Kevin Mulligan is submitting to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Mulligan and his wife, Dee Ann, purchased the former Northwood Shores Golf Course last summer from Joe and Barbara Howard, Cass City, and have since renamed the business Mulligan's Irish Links.

Wallace noted the liquor license application process requires input from local governmental units.

In other business during the Dec. 11 session, the board:

*Learned the state will no longer pay for insurance on a 1986 pickup truck recently donated by the Department of Natural Resources to the township fire department.

*Re-appointed Roy Wagg, Elwyn Helwig and Bob Wischmeyer to the township Board of Review.

*Swore-in board members, including new Trustee Terry Muntz. Also serving on the board are Supervisor Dan Erla, Wallace, Treasurer Art Randall and Trustee Cindy Kruse.

The Haire Net



Recycling center hours set

Tuscola County Recycling will be closed Monday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 26, and Friday, Dec. 29, for the Christmas holiday.

The center will be open Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 27 and 28, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The center will be closed Jan. 1 for the New Year holiday and will reopen Jan. 2 with regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Merry Christmas. Merry Christmas to the village maintenance crew. Since the Tuesday when the storm broke, 424 truckloads of snow each holding at least 6 yards were removed. That totals 2,544 cubic yards or more.

It all started at midnight Tuesday when Craig Helwig was called to help with an emergency and the crew started work at 1:30 a.m. From then on the battle with the snow was essentially a 24-hour job. Thursday morning clean-up started at 4 o'clock. Four of the 6 workers cleaned snow until 10 p.m. Two took a brief rest at 5 p.m. and returned at 10 p.m. to work until 4 a.m.

The quick removal was a bonus to business. Pat Curtis, Chrysler dealer, said that when he was in a dealership in Detroit, snow removal was an expensive, almost impossible situation. The village made it only a minor annoyance here, he said. Kay Warner, Chamber of Commerce director, says that several business people said that the snow helped keep business at home.

In all, the crew of 6 men worked 32 regular hours and 24 overtime hours in the emergency. A total of 336 man-hours.

Merry Christmas to the anonymous donor of a half million dollars to the school for the new pool and to the donor of land involved in the proposed new housing project for assisted care.

Merry Christmas to high school coaches whose reports of games this fall-winter hit a new high in efficiency. It was clearly the best ever. The mentors I worked with make the holiday ever so much more enjoyable.

Kudos to Jeff Hartel, athletic director; John Maharg, girls' basketball; Don Markel, football and wrestling; Dr. Paul Chappel, golf, and Jim Green, boys' basketball.

Merry Christmas to all of the homeowners who have responded to the Chamber of Commerce's request to decorate for Christmas. The winners in the contest include all of us who have enjoyed the profuse lighting on homes all around town. There were no losers.

Merry Christmas to all the volunteers who are working to make certain that every family has something for the holidays. The Cass City Rotary Club, under the direction of President Pat Curtis and members Jeanne Lohela and



The back forty

by Roger Pond

Christmas is loaded with memories. Most of us have a long list of traditions that seem to go with Christmas.

I can't speak for others, but I remember a few things that probably never happened. That's the thing about traditions: They generally aren't as deeply-rooted as we'd like to believe.

A recent newspaper article reminds us how stressful the holidays can be if we let our traditions get us down. The author suggests a different approach to the holidays.

He says we should concentrate on relationships and let other things take care of themselves. Rather than planning for the best Christmas ever, we should strive to survive.

Now wait a minute, before anyone yells "Grinch!" or sics Martha Stewart on me, let's take a closer look at what this man is saying. He suggests we remain flexible and remember some things won't happen the way we planned.

My family is a good example of this. We try to keep things in perspective and respect everyone's traditions to be sure no one feels left out.

My wife's siblings, for example, always opened their presents on Christmas morning. My family opened our presents Christmas Eve.

After we married, we had to compromise. So our kids got up at 4:30 a.m. every Christmas morning for nearly 20 years.

I laid in bed and groaned, "It's too early to open presents. Why can't we do this on Christmas eve?!" (Some compromise, huh?)

Do I resent this deference to family tradition? Of course not.

Why do I keep bringing it up? Never mind about that.

One year I convinced Connie and the kids we should be allowed to open presents on Christmas Eve. They said, "Fine, you can if you want to. That's when I realized: it only takes a few

years to ruin your kids.

Then, we might consider my family's tradition of sending Christmas cards. I hate to get Christmas cards the first part of December. That's too early.

So I send mine closer to Christmas — before Christmas if possible. Some folks get theirs a little later.

If you didn't get a card from me last year, you'll just have to hold your bitches on. It's probably stuck in the mail.

I feel the same way about Christmas letters. I don't re-

ally like them, but I always enjoy reading them.

I don't care whose kid graduated from medical school and who pulls the sailboat behind his Mercedes. They probably didn't catch any more fish than we did.

I've always said a personal note is better than a Christmas letter or a card by itself. Did you get my personal note last Christmas?

Maybe a Christmas letter isn't such a bad idea?

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	27	-4	0
Wednesday	25	10	3 1/2"
Thursday	26	-4	0
Friday	33	-3	0
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Cass City Public Schools

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

CHILDREN ARE WONDERFUL

Earlier this year I agreed to serve as a volunteer consultant to work in a fourth grade classroom with the Junior Achievement program. Initially, I was concerned about being able to fulfill the time obligation required for this project, but I decided to make a personal commitment to do so, and am I now ever happy that I did.

The children were a wonderful group of students. This activity proved to be one of the most favorable I have been involved with in many years. After the first week, I looked forward to each of the next sessions, when I again could meet with this great group of kids.

When thinking about my good fortune to experience a small part of one classroom, I quickly realized that our school district is comprised of dozens and dozens of classrooms with wonderful children in them. These children are the reasons our schools exist.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all of the parents of our school district for allowing our staff to work with your wonderful children. Staff, I want to thank you for the dedicated efforts you put forth on a daily basis in order to provide our children with the very best educational programs possible.

During this special time of the year, I want to wish all of our children, their parents, staff of the Cass City Public School District and entire community a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

Red Hawk Beat
by Cass City Senior,
Katie Hacker

**Thoughts on
Christmas**



Students and teachers at Cass City got a little taste of old man winter when a snow storm hit mid-way during last week. This led to Cass City Public Schools being shut down Tuesday and Wednesday due to snow. Along with more snow on the way, so is Christmas vacation, but for some it's not soon enough.

I got the opportunity to talk to students from the elementary, middle, and high schools about their plans and thoughts on Christmas.

I asked my younger sister, Rebecca Hacker, who is first grade and part of the multi-age program, her thoughts on Christmas. Becca is looking forward to Christmas break because she will be able to play in the snow. She's re-

ally hoping Santa will bring her "cuddly soft Kelly," which is the top gift on her Christmas list. Rebecca is almost done with her shopping for her family, but I think she has to get her big sister another gift.

Becca said, "Christmas is when Jesus was born and you give presents to your family."

Emily Martin, a third grader, is looking forward because she gets to go Christmas caroling, and go to parties. On Christmas day Emily and her family go to her Grandpa and Grandma Martin's and they go to church for a candlelight service Christmas Eve with them.

Emily said, "Christmas means celebrating Jesus' birthday and it's a season for giving. I usually make art projects and wrap and give them to my family. This year I got Andrew (her brother) a huge gift."

Courtney Rabideau, a sixth grader, is looking forward to Christmas break because there won't be any school or homework! On Christmas day Courtney, her sister, Mom, and Dad open presents and then go to their Grandma Rabideau's.

Courtney said Christmas to her is a time, "to get and give presents, spend time with family, get a break from school, and celebrate Jesus' birthday."

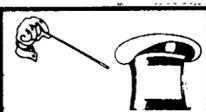
Jaime Fluegge, who is a senior, is looking forward to vacation because this will be her last Christmas before college. She also is excited to have a break from school and all the homework. On Christmas day Jaime and her family sit in their PJ's all day, eat, open presents, and just simply relax.

Jaime said, "Christmas to me is the birth of Jesus Christ and spending time with family."

Library to host movies

Children are invited to Rawson Memorial Library Dec. 26-29, at 1 p.m., for movie time.

The following films will be shown that week: Dec. 26 - "The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland"; Dec. 27 - "Lapitch, The Little Shoemaker"; Dec. 28 - "The Road to Eldorado"; Dec. 29 - "Underdog vs. Riff Raff" and "Underdog vs. Simon Barsinister."



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Letters to the editor

Invest in Cass City's children

A handful of Cass City High School students gathered together one evening last year in the school library. The lights were dim and the room had tables scattered about it that were strangely decorated with odd tabletop lamps — it had the air of a small bistro in the '60s. The students, however, weren't sitting at those tables. They were instead milling about in one corner, making last-second arrangements and looking more than a little nervous. The room was filled to overflowing with an expectant crowd of adults and a few kids. Finally, the students and their leader, Marc Palma, took their places standing or sitting behind music stands and they began to play jazz. And what wonderful jazz it was! The audience was immediately awed by the sheer talent exhibited by those young men and women as

they played a real gig of fast, slow, big band, and more contemporary pieces.

What thrilled me most as I sat there immersed in music that could easily have been from a professional band was the fact that I was witnessing the result of some of our kids who took on the huge burden of learning and performing an extremely difficult feat as a team. They didn't have to do that. They didn't have to care about it. They could have stayed home and done whatever most high school kids do. But under the skilled leadership of their band director, they worked their tails off and, to use a cliché, made a difference for their school and community. They were coming off a fantastic inaugural year in 1998 highlighted by performing as the opening act for a Maynard Ferguson concert in Caro.

In another town, perhaps even in Cass City, some of those kids could have easily been on the streets that evening, hanging around and doing nothing useful. So many of our youth today are jaded and apathetic — a refrain sounded by adults through many generations, I'm sure. Yet it is our duty as their parents to complain about it and to try to change it, to get our kids interested in something useful and beneficial. Whether it's volunteering in the community, working a paper route, or playing music in front of an audience, anything in that vein would be greatly welcomed.

Sadly, there won't be a jazz band this year. The school

administration refused to support it. Mr. Palma tried very hard to bring it back — but it takes money to make such an effort successfully work. In the previous 2 years he volunteered all his time with the jazz band, but we all know that he can't do that forever. All the kids in the band need is the small amount of funding to cover their director's time and the miscellaneous costs associated with their operation.

It isn't much. Compared to the benefits we as a community and the kids themselves receive from their dedication to making such wonderful music, they don't ask for much. Voice your opinion about this matter to the Cass City Schools administration. Let them know that the jazz band is a valuable asset to the community and is sorely needed. Let there be more letters to the editor and letters sent directly to Mr. Micklash and other administration officials. Let there be letters and signs of encouragement to Mr. Palma, who through his skill, determination, and devotion to his students has made such a great effort succeed in the past. I have spoken at length with him about the jazz band and he has impressed me with his plans, especially with making the band self-supporting by playing professionally throughout the area. The entire Thumb needs that. We need a live band for a large variety of events and this is the opportunity to make it happen and provide a source of great pleasure in the Cass City schools. Don't let the school administration cut it

down in its infancy. Let them hear you. It's probably too late this year to start up the jazz band again, but we can at least provide a solid foundation of support for next year's effort and get it into the school budget.

As the audience rose to its feet and loudly applauded

that evening's performance in the library, we all shared the feeling of pride in these kids of Cass City. These are OUR kids! They are amazing and courageous and so very talented. They are our future and most would agree that within them shines the very nature of our village. As

we now make plans and spend money to enhance Cass City, let us also make plans and spend just a little money to enhance its most valuable assets — its young citizens.

Jim Veneziano
Cass City

Hills and Dales staff proved it CARES

Dear Editor,

I need to let our community know about the CARE that we have in healthcare in our community. During the snowstorm that struck the Thumb Dec. 11 and 12, we showed our true dedication to our profession, our organization, and our community.

Employees Denise, Diane, Rose, Gail, and Toni all braved the weather to come in on the night shift. They left the comfort of their warm homes to strike out in blizzard-like conditions to be here for our patients.

Special commendation to Susan and Lorraine who worked double and triple shifts respectively. Lorraine deserves our gratitude for cooking breakfast for the hospitalized patients and stranded families and employees. She could have as easily said, "That is not my job". But she didn't. She did what needed doing. That triple shift she worked was after working her job at Deford Elementary. And Susan was back for the afternoon shift after doing a

double shift the night before.

Thank heaven for the stranded employees, Kristen, Sue, Laura, Jon and Tony, who were here to pick up the day shift on the 12th. And God bless Carrie, Laurie, and Dee, Rita and Winnie, Lena, Lillian and Juliet, and Dorothy (X-ray) for their efforts in reaching the hospital to relieve the staff that had been here through the night.

The same goes for the OR crew: Marilyn, Mickey, Deb, Sue and Becky, who made it here so that no interruption in surgical services happened. Extraordinary effort was made to get here even so far as coming through the fields, avoiding the plugged roads to get here.

The support staff of Hills and Dales General Hospital were exceptional. Lena stayed late and Travis stayed all night and into the day to help with our helicopter transfer from the emergency room. The many hours our maintenance crew put in clearing snow to make that happen will be long remembered.

To our excellent staff physicians, Dr. Hasni and Dr. Aqil, who worked the emergency room Dec. 11 and 12 - "You did a great job!"

All of our patients were well cared for during the snow emergency and no interruption of services occurred because we all worked together to provide care for our community. God has truly blessed Cass City and the surrounding community with dedicated health care professionals.

This was just one incident where our dedication showed. It happens many more times throughout the year when we have high census and staff illness. Many of our staff have shown as much dedication as those mentioned above.

We are very proud of each and every one of them also. It is an extraordinary group we work with.

Gratefully yours,
Rosanne Prill
director of Nursing Services
Hills and Dales General Hospital

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.
The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.
We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS

ELKLAND TOWNSHIP

The Township of Elkland Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed revisions to its current zoning ordinance. The changes are on file at the Elkland Township Town Hall at 6691 Church Street, Cass City, MI 48726.

Minor revisions are proposed in the "Dimensional Requirements" of the M-1 Manufacturing Zoning District.

Changes in the M-1 Manufacturing Zoning District would be to change the Front Yard Setback from 35 ft. for all buildings to 75 ft. for all buildings.

Maps and detailed texts of these changes will be presented at the public hearing, which will be held as follows:

Tuesday, January 16, 2001
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Cass City, MI 48726

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Elkland Township Planning Commission

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OLD MAN Winter's buddy, Jack Frost, really outdid himself Friday morning, painting the landscape with bright white crystals that clung to every twig and branch.

Council approves spending plan

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the village will pay a \$5 surcharge for swimming lessons for each category. Also approved was a new fee for the collection of bad checks by the Cass City Police Department. The fee is one hour of the Chief's pay in an attempt to collect bad checks for businesses and individuals.

In other business, residents of the village can expect to see a monthly water and sewer bill beginning in January. The council approved switching its current quarterly billing statements to a monthly basis.

Council member Steve Wright moved to rename Weaver Street to Veterans Drive. After a brief discussion, the motion was passed.

Pool campaign

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when it was determined that the pool's humidity would be too great.

Representatives from the Pinney Foundation were present because the Foundation has agreed to give \$250,000 if the community can match both grants. Both of the grants will be paid over 5 years.

QUESTIONS POSED

If all goes well and the money is raised without a hitch, it is estimated that the pool would be available in the spring of 2002.

The school's location was questioned. Present plans call for it to be either at the high school or adjacent to the middle school. Micklash said that the high school location would be less expensive because the middle school location would require rebuilding a large portion of the lot.

Micklash said that a supporter of the project feels that perhaps \$200,000 can be

raised in the community. It was generally agreed that a millage will be necessary to match the grant money.

A mill raises about \$160,000 a year in the school district. Without any more donations, 4.5 mills would be needed. If the donations bring the total down to \$500,000, a little over 3 mills would be sufficient.

Board President Jim Turner pointed out that the pool may well make the school more attractive to students and the community more attractive for persons looking for Thumb locations.

Questions about staffing the pool and hiring a swimming coach were posed. Micklash said that he was seeking input from other schools about whether or not instruction cost was included in the cost of maintaining the pool.

A committee from the board has been appointed and residents attending the meeting were asked to sign name and phone numbers if they want to be a member of the committee.

Gun law

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were a convicted felon? "I just don't think it's (new law) the right thing to do," he added. "I just don't see anything good coming of it."

OTHER BUSINESS

In the brief regular meeting, routine business matters were conducted. The board voted to keep Cass City as a school of choice, willing to take all eligible students from other districts except in grades 6 and 7, which now are full with an average of 28 and 28.8 students in each class.

Tammy Zmierski was granted permission to hold a craft show at the Cass City Middle School Friday, Nov. 30, starting at 4:30 p.m. and all day Saturday, Dec. 1. All proceeds are used to help pay for the Chamber of Commerce's July 4 Festival.

A change in the discipline policy that clarified the points charged to a student suspended or expelled the previous semester was approved.

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY 2000-2001 BASE WAGE AND SALARY CHART FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES ANNUALIZED

ADMINISTRATION:	2000	2001
Village Manager	56,000	57,680
Village Clerk/Treasurer	36,000	37,080
Executive Assistant	29,800	30,694
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS:		
DPW Superintendent	48,000	49,440
DPW Crew	38,550	39,707
Crew Out-of-Class Pay	20.47/hour	21.08/hour
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:		
WWTP Superintendent	48,000	49,440
Chief Operator (Vacant)	39,500	40,685
WWTP Crew	38,550	39,707
	30,572*	32,300*
Crew Out-of-Class Pay	20.47/hour	21.08/hour
POLICE DEPARTMENT:		
Chief of Police	48,000	49,440
Sergeant	39,500	40,685
Patrol Officer	32,300*	34,066*
TOTAL FT STAFF:	\$ 638,972.00(16)	\$ 620,043.00(15)
INCREASE '00-'01:		\$ (18,929.00)
PERCENT INCREASE '00-'01:		3.0%

STEP INCREASE CHART:

	2000	2001
1 year	28,981	28,981
2 year	30,572	30,572
3 year	32,300	32,300
4 year	34,066	34,066
5 year	36,708	36,708

*Employees in Step Increase System

Owen-Gage taps Britt

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Warack noted the grant, if approved, will require a 20 percent local match, with half of that figure in in-kind services and the other half in cash, or about \$10,000.

McKenzie expressed confidence in the district's chances of receiving the funding, citing Warack's extensive experience in grant writing and the evident need for a preschool program in the area.

School officials expect to learn whether the grant has been approved in February.

In a related matter, McKenzie noted he is also working on several grant applications, including funding for distance learning, Universal Fund Service dollars and a Technology Literacy Grant.

In other business Monday, the board:

- Briefly discussed but tabled a proposed 3-percent pay increase for the district's

21 non-certified staff members, including secretaries, cooks, bus drivers and custodians.

The issue was tabled to address concerns voiced by Trustee Mike Mandich, who said he would like the board to address pay differences among long-time and newer employees with the same job descriptions.

- Learned school officials have implemented job descriptions and evaluations for the district's custodial staff.

- Voted to end a monthly work session held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The board will continue to meet regularly on the second Monday, with special meetings scheduled as needed.

- Approved the nomination of senior Allen Roe as "student of the month" for December.

- Recognized a student in each grade, all nominated as best exemplifying the De-

ember "adult role focus" of being cooperative, collaborative workers.

The students, in grades K-12, are: Jeremy Jamieson, Amanda Muntz, Megan McLaren, Ashley Rockefeller, Ashley Sockow, Bethany Kovach, Joshua McLaren, Nathan Rogers, Josh Powell, Cody Howard, Crystal Brown, Danni Bricker and Shannon Pitches.

Milk production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 476 million pounds of milk during October, up 4.8 percent from a year ago, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

The daily production per cow was 50.6 pounds, an increase of 1.6 pounds from 1999 and 2.7 pounds from 2 years ago. The dairy herd was estimated at 303,000 head in October, up 1.3 percent from 1999.



THE CASS CITY DPW crew has worked tirelessly to keep village streets clear since last week's snowstorm, but the white stuff just keeps coming. As of Dec. 11, Cass City had received 19.5 inches of snow, with another 3 to 5 inches predicted for Monday night.

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THE DEFENDING NCTL championship Owen-Gage volleyball team. They are: (front l-r) Melissa Ziehm, Ashley Adams, Amy Pawelski, Tazkia Alhilal, Shannon Pitcher, (back l-r) Kelly Zaleski, Dee Fritz, Jenna Root, Erin Salcido, Kelly Tomich, Becky Hartman, Sarah Rievert.



THE RED Hawk junior varsity volleyball team members are: (front l-r) Amy Howard, Samantha Sabo, Amanda Sullins, Courtney Green, Lindsey Hendrick, Heidi Hartwick, Coach Sally Pergande (back l-r) Samantha Cummings, Heidi Cheng, Talisa Talaski, Aleasha Edwards, Jessica Samons, Krystee Dorland.



THE RED Hawk freshman volleyball team members are: (front l-r) Jessica Covarrubias, Elizabeth Sobczak, Leeann Missovich, Kristi Fluegge, Erica Delamarter, Teresa Woodward, Andrea McIntosh, Coach Amy Cuthrell (back l-r) Kaylene Ziehm, Megan Toner, Mallory Powell, Sarah Hobbs, Maegan Laurie, Kayla Karr, Jamie Robinson, Mandy Sparks.

Bulldog spikers ready to defend NCTL crown

The defending North Central Thumb League volleyball champion Owen-Gage Bulldogs have some big shoes to fill this season with the graduation losses of 4-year starters Cassie Vargo and Melanie Lemanski.

Add setter Stephanie Lowry, along with Teresa Richmond to the list of graduates and one might think the Bulldogs are in store for a down year.

However, it's usually re-load, not rebuild, in Owendale and this year's roster should be more than capable of keeping the winning tradition safe for the Bulldogs.

A slew of proven players will take the court for Owen-Gage when they open their season after the holiday break. Among them are senior team leaders Erin Salcido, Dee Fritz and Jenna Root.

Root will be the team's best front line performer, but will

get plenty of help from Salcido, who can bang with the league's best. Fritz is one of the team's quickest players and a consistent server. Both Fritz and returnee Melissa Ziehm will provide Campbell with plenty of speed defensively.

The Bulldogs also have experienced players in Kelly Tomich and Shannon Pitcher. Both were members of last year's squad that finished with a 33-10-2 record.

Campbell will seek help from last year's junior varsity squad from juniors Becky Hartman and Ashley Adams, while talented Kelly Zaleski is the lone sophomore on the squad.

New to the varsity ranks are Amy Pawelski, Sarah Rievert, and foreign exchange student, Tazkia Alhilal, out for her first year.

Campbell sees Caseville as the Bulldogs' biggest challenge in defending their NCTL title.



TROPHY buck - Ron Jamieson, Cass City, bagged this nice 10-pointer while hunting in the Gagetown area Dec. 8. The buck dressed out at about 190 pounds.

Holiday motorists to see gas price hike

An estimated 1.4 million Michiganders - 15 percent of state residents - have travel plans for the upcoming Christmas/New Year's holiday period, according to a AAA Michigan survey.

The majority - 80 percent - will travel at least 100 miles from home, and slightly less than half (46 percent) will remain in Michigan.

Michigan motorists can expect to pay about 22 cents more for a gallon of gas this year (\$1.549 as of Dec. 6).

The official 78-hour Christmas holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, and runs to midnight Monday, Dec. 25. The 2000-2001 New Year holiday period (also 78 hours) begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, and runs to midnight Monday, Jan. 1.

During last year's 78-hour Christmas holiday period, 15 persons died in Michigan in 12 fatal traffic crashes. Of the 12 fatal crashes, 4 (33.3 percent) involved alcohol. Of the 12 victim occupants killed, 7 (58.3 percent) were not restrained.

During last year's 78-hour New Year holiday period, 19 people died in 16 fatal crashes statewide. Of the 16 fatal crashes, 9 (56.3 percent) involved alcohol. Of the 13 victim occupants killed, 13 (100 percent) were not restrained.

Michigan's safety belt law requires that the driver and all front seat passengers be buckled, and that all children up to age 16 be restrained no matter where they're riding. AAA Michigan urges motorists to allow extra time, buckle safety belts, get plenty of sleep and avoid alcohol (for a complete list of non-alcoholic drink recipes, visit News & Info at www.aaamich.com).

Hawks spikers defeated in quarterfinals at Caro

The Cass City volleyball team opened its season Saturday, advancing to the quarterfinals of the 10-team Caro Invitational volleyball tournament.

Coach Beth Howard's spikers compiled a 4-4 record in pool play before Greater Thumb West foe Mayville ousted the Hawks in the quarterfinals by the scores of 16-14, 1-15, 15-10.

opening game jitters," said Howard.

Despite typical early season mistakes, Howard was pleased with her team's outing, citing the play of several players.

"Becky Bulla was awesome," says Howard. "As a back row player, sometimes you don't get the credit you deserve. She is an excellent passer."

"We ran more set-up plays Saturday than we did all of last year,"

Coach Beth Howard

"Cass City started the day splitting tilts with Marlette and Saginaw Nouvel. Howard's spikers then dropped a pair of games to Freeland before ending its pool play with 2 wins over Bridgeport.

Against Marlette and Nouvel, the Hawks dropped both openers but came back to win in the nightcap. "I think the girls had those

Howard also said that sophomore Deidre Deering played a good all around game and senior Holli Cooper played well on the front line.

"We ran more set-up plays Saturday than we did all of last year," commented Howard.

Cass City is off until after the holidays, when they entertain Caro Jan. 4.

OWEN-GAGE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Jan. 4	Port Hope	6:00	A
6	Hatchet Inv. - Bad Axe	TBA	A
8	Peck	6:00	H
11	CPS	6:00	A
15	Kingston	6:00	A
18	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00	A
22	North Huron	6:00	H
25	Caseville	6:00	H
Feb. 1	Port Hope	6:00	H
3	Lakers Tourney	TBA	A
5	Peck	6:00	A
8	CPS	6:00	H
10	USA Tourney	TBA	A
12	Kingston	6:00	H
15	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00	H
17	Lakers Tourney	TBA	A
22	North Huron	6:00	A
24	Caseville Tourney	TBA	A
26	Caseville	6:00	A
March 2 or 3	Districts	TBA	TBA
10	Regionals	TBA	TBA
13-16-17	Finals	TBA	TBA

Cass City Bowling Leagues

MERCHANETTES Dec. 14

Thumb Octagon Barn 19
All Season Rent-All 18
FBI Gals 16
Thumb Auto Wash 16
Marlette Chrysler 16
LaFave Steel 14*
The Chiropractors 12
J.B.'s Crew 12
Adamczyk Masonry 9*
Detroit Edison 8
* To be adjusted

Par-T Ranch 17
Chemical Bank Pinheads 16
Inn-Laws 15
CB's 10
Sparkle City Rollers 10
High Series & Games: J. Mathewson 618 (278), R. Wright 632, C. Brown 541 (216), J. Baker 251.
High Team Game: We'll Get Back to You 738.
High Team Series: Chemical Bank Pinheads 2027.

MERCHANTS LEAGUE

L. Morgan Painting 18
Stafonos 17
Charmont 15
R.H. Body Shop 15
S.S. Builders 13
New England 13
Anthes Movers 9
Triple R 8
T. Furness Builders 7
Trisch Septic 5

High Team Series:

Charmont 3171.
210 Games or 575 Series:
R. Hull 726 (211-226-289), M. Lutz 704 (224-225-255), R. Salcido 684 (299), R. Wright 672 (265), J. Finkbeiner 671 (242-246), J. Smithson 650 (224-236), J. Krol 650 (221-256), M. Jackson 646 (234-235), C. Maurer 638 (245), G. Robinson 638 (216-226), L. Morgan 633 (224-235), T. Patingill 623 (244), D. Schultze 620 (211-236), D. Salcido 617 (236), M. Gettel 600, J. Gorkowski 594, R. Kessler 592 (232), R. Byrnes 581 (223), M. Frappart 580 (217), T. Halasz 576, T. Kuck 576 (233), K. Zawilinski 231, T. Davis 229, B. Kupiec 214, K. Desimpelare 213, C. Anthes 210.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Dec. 14

Marlette RV 30

Osentoski Farm Equip. 30
Cass Tavern 29
Thumb Auto Wash 25
Wickes 24 1/2
New England Financial 24
Schmaltz Construction 23
Martin Electric 23
Generally Low 22 1/2
Cellular One 21
Marlette Oil & Gas 20
Mycogen Plant Sciences 14

Individual High Series & Games: K. Martin 641 (225-211), E. Schmaltz 640 (211-216-213), D. Doerr 638 (222-210), G. Robinson 623 (236), G. Pringle 619 (212), D. Hyatt 613 (215-220), R. Doerr 612 (221), O. Beecher 601 (218-221), K. Pichla 599 (221), D. Roth 596 (232), L. Summers 243, G. Smith 233, T. Summers 229, Duane O'Dell 215, Doug O'Dell 214.

High Team Series & Game: Marlette Oil & Gas 1800 (635).

SUNDAY NO ROLLERS Dec. 3

We'll Get Back to You 19
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High Team Game: L. Morgan Painting 1123.

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JEFF BLISS SHOT this nice 8-point deer Saturday morning hunting on private land east of Cass City. The 15 1/2" spread buck was Bliss's 2nd this season and in his 16-year hunting career.

Hawks whip Pirates

The Cass City Red Hawks took advantage of stone-cold shooting by the Harbor Beach Pirates and coupled it with an aggressive defense to rack up an easy 54-34 decision Friday.

The game didn't start the way it turned out. The Pirates took the tip-off and Jason Zurek quickly turned it into the first hoop of the game.

Cass City countered that with a basket by Craig Emmert. The Beachers then ran off a 2-pointer and a trey to lead 7-4 in the first 2 minutes of the game.

But after that Cass City kept the Pirates from many good shots and those that they managed failed to drop. With

Zach Glaspie, Jeff Storm, Emmert and Joel Brinkman sharing the scoring load, the Hawks went on a 15-3 run to lead at the end of the first quarter, 19-10.

The shooting freeze continued for the Pirates in the second quarter. There was just 2.02 minutes left in the half before the Harbor Beach scoring drought ended as Brandon Plester connected for a trifecta. Those 3 points were the only scores of the quarter for the Pirates.

The Hawks didn't exactly burn the nets in the quarter either, scoring 9 points spread among 4 players.

Cass City removed all doubt about the outcome in the third quarter as the de-

fense again shut down the Pirates, this time allowing 5 points.

Paced by Emmert, who scored 3 quick baskets in the opening 3 minutes of the last quarter, Cass City stretched its lead to 47-21 and Coach Jim Green turned to his bench the rest of the way.

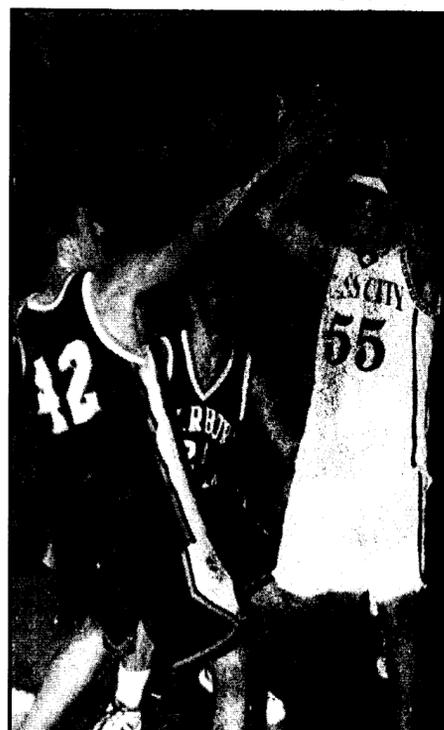
Emmert led Cass City with 18 points and Nathan Brinkman was also in double figures with 12. Brad Wruble led Harbor Beach with 10.

The Hawks were heavily favored to top Ugly Tuesday and end the pre-holiday season undefeated.

CASS CITY - Emmert 7-1 (1-3) 18; J. Brinkman 2-0 (0-0) 4; R. Holmgren 4-0 (0-0) 8; Glaspie 1-0 (1-2) 3; N. Brinkman 2-2 (2-2) 12; Storm 2-1 (0-0) 7; Havens 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 19-4 (4-7) 54.

HARBOR BEACH - Miller 1-0 (1-2) 3; Schock 0-1 (0-0) 3; Plester 0-1 (0-0) 3; McCoy 1-0 (0-0) 2; Keefe 1-1 (0-0) 5; Seidl 2-0 (0-0) 4; Wruble 1-1 (5-8) 10; Geiger 2-0 (0-1) 4.
TOTALS - 8-4 (6-13) 34.

JV score: Cass City 48, Harbor Beach 42.



CASS CITY'S Joel Brinkman is closely guarded by Brad Wruble as he looks for the open man under the basket. Cass City jumped off to an early lead to register a 54-34 decision.

Bulldogs too balanced for visiting Port Hope

The Owen-Gage cage team improved to 2-0 Friday with an easy 67-48 North Central Thumb League win over visiting Port Hope.

Coach Leon Westover's squad used a well balanced scoring attack to turn back the Blue Stars, led by Corbin Swiastyn's 14 tallies.

The hosts used a 20-7 run to the intermission where they enjoyed a 36-16 bulge. Swiastyn had the hot hand early for the Bulldogs. The senior sharpshooter took aim and poured in 11 tallies, which included 2 of his 3 treys on the night.

"I thought we played well in the first half, especially defensively," says Westover. Westover is hoping his team can bring the same intensity to Friday's rematch with visiting AuGres, who will be looking to avenge an overtime loss suffered to the Bulldogs to kick off their campaign.

Unlike the Blue Stars, who dressed just 6 players, Westover received solid performances off the bench in his NCTL opener by Ryan Fritz and Nathan Kain. Fritz recorded 5 steals and Westover credited Kain with 9 great defensive plays.

"Fritz played a whale of a game and Kain played his best defensive game of his career," said Westover.

The Blue Stars received a game high 16 points from Kyle Mausolf.

Corey Fritz added a dozen

points for the Bulldogs, posting a pair of field goals in each of the first 3 quarters. Fritz also pulled down a team high 9 rebounds.

Kain reached double digits for the winners and chipped in 11 points, 9 in the final half.

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Reese	0	0	2	Sardusky	0	0	2	Owen-Gage	1	0	2
BCAS	0	0	1	Cross-Lex	0	0	1	CPS	1	0	1
USA	0	0	1	Deckerville	0	0	1	Peck	1	0	1
ERBP	0	0	1	Harbor Beach	0	0	1	A-Fairgrove	1	1	1
Valley Lutheran	0	0	1	Marlette	0	0	1	Caseville	0	1	0
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Mayville	0	0	0	Brown City	0	0	0	Port Hope	0	2	0

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OWEN-GAGE - Minkler 1-0 (0-0) 2; Swiastyn 2-3 (1-2) 14; Mellendorf 1-1 (0-0) 5; R. Fritz 4-0 (1-1) 9; Rogers 4-0 (0-0) 8; Kain 4-1 (0-0) 11; Warack 1-0 (0-2) 2; C. Fritz 6-0 (0-0) 12; McKee 0-1 (1-2) 4.
TOTALS 23-6 (3-7) 67.

PORT HOPE - Thoms 2-0 (0-0) 4; D. Joy 2-0 (0-0) 4; M. Joy 1-1 (2-4) 7; Schave 5-0 (2-4) 12; Johnson 2-0 (1-6) 5; Mausolf 5-0 (6-8) 16.
TOTALS - 17-1 (11-22) 48.

	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt	Cass City Booster Club
Tuesday, Dec. 19	Kingston at North Branch	Kingston at Millington	Kingston at Millington	Kingston at Millington	Kingston at Millington
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Reese at Vassar	Reese at USA	Reese at USA	Reese at USA	Reese at USA
Thursday, Dec. 21	Bad Axe at Harbor Beach	Bad Axe at Harbor Beach	Bad Axe at Harbor Beach	Bad Axe at Harbor Beach	Bad Axe at Harbor Beach
Friday, Dec. 22	Caseville at Port Hope	Caseville at Arenac Eastern			
Saturday, Dec. 23	Lakeview at Vassar	Lakeview at North Huron			
Sunday, Dec. 24	Marysville at Linden	Marysville at Birch Run			
Season's results	9-3 (75%)	10-2 (83%)	10-2 (83%)	9-3 (75%)	11-1 (92%)

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

The Village Council took the first step Monday in a long-range but aggressive plan to repair poor sections of sidewalk, approving a budget of up to \$25,000 for the improvements next year.

Some holiday grinchies hit the Shabbona United Methodist Church last week, making off with \$800 to \$1,000 in property, including a solid brass cross and candlesticks. Also discovered missing from the church over the weekend were a VCR, 4 microphones, including a cordless mike system, and a small amount of cash.

The Cass City Red Hawks defeated the Sandusky Redskins Friday, 83-65. Cory Ulfig's 43-point effort was better than any single game posted by his brother, Paul, who holds the career scoring record for Cass City, and second only to John Maharg's 44 points set in 1968.

A short-lived but significant ice storm left Thumb area roads treacherous Thursday morning, slowing traffic and closing most schools in the area.

Australian exchange student Brad Fawson, 16, is a guest of James and Sandra Bolton while on an abbreviated Rotary Exchange program in which students visit other countries for 8-week periods.

10 YEARS AGO

Local Toys For Tots officials are hoping for a last-minute rush of toy and cash gifts to make this year's campaign a big success. As of Friday, Coordinator Sue Werschky reported the group had collected roughly 400 toys and \$2,125 in cash. "We have 106 families in the Cass City, Deford and Getageton areas with 310 children to be served," she said.

Rawson Memorial Library's "movie time" for senior citizens will be held Friday. The event will mark the end of movie time due to unavailability of films.

Naida Doerr, Caseville, formerly of Cass City, has her paper Santas on display at the Paint Store in Cass City. Each one is unique and painstakingly hand crafted. It takes Doerr between 14 and 16 hours to produce each one.

The Cass City Red Hawks defeated the Vassar Vulcans Friday, 60-45. Chris Herringshaw netted 26 points for the Red Hawks and was the leading rebounder with 9 boards.

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.

Monday - Closed in observance of Christmas
Wednesday - Beef stew w/ biscuits, applesauce, blueberry muffins
Friday - Closed in observance of New Years.

The Sally Doerr Dancers won a third place trophy Dec. 1 at the Tremaine Dance Convention in Dearborn.

25 YEARS AGO

Voters in the Owen-Gage district will be asked to approve a \$1.675 million bond issue that would construct a new high school building to replace the present 1913 facility.

Nearly all Cass City village office holders whose terms expire next March have said they plan to seek reelection. Only trustee James Ware indicated he is undecided about seeking another term on the village council. Trustees who have said they plan to seek 4-year terms are Richard Hampshire and Nat Tuttle. Lambert Althaver, village president, announced he plans to seek reelection to another 2-year term.

It's a mad scramble for the Thumb B conference crown. No less than 5 teams were tied for the lead after 3 games and one of them is Cass City, thanks to an overtime 53-45 decision over Sandusky at Cass City Friday. Ken Lowe led the scorers with 19 points. Chuck Bliss scored 15.

Kingston Elementary School students are prepared to give 200 bales of hay to the Detroit Zoo. The hay, which will feed one bison for one year, is part of a bicentennial project.

The hay sale being held at the Supplement Store is sponsored by the Jet Cadets of Novesta Church of Christ, is a benefit for the Norman Blue family of Millington, whose 4-year-old son Gary has recently been released from a hospital after a long period of treatments for burns.

35 YEARS AGO

Ronald Randall, 19, Cass City, is listed in critical condition at Pontiac General Hospital with injuries suffered early Monday morning when his car slammed into the rear of a loaded gravel truck just south of Oxford.

Pine Street residents in the southwest section of the village are still being plagued by a foul smelling odor that defies detection and it may be some time until the problem is defined, much less corrected.

Two hundred and eleven persons turned out during the day-long voting on the \$52,000 bond issue to purchase the H.O. Paul building on Main Street for a combination firehall, library and police department. The bond issue was turned down 110 to 101.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Steadman were the grand prize winners of a freezer in the Chamber of Commerce drawing held Saturday. Bond winners were Ron Phillips of Deford and George Fisher Jr. of Cass City.

At Freiburger Grocery - California oranges, 2 doz., 79 cents; Bisquick, 40 oz., 39 cents; cooking onions, 3 lb. bag, 19 cents.

Village of Getageton - Ordinances

VILLAGE OF GETAGETOWN, MICHIGAN

Ordinance No. 110

AN ORDINANCE TO (1) REGULATE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE VILLAGE GAZEBO, AND (2) THE USE OF THE VILLAGE GAZEBO BY MINORS

THE VILLAGE OF GETAGETOWN ORDAINS:

- Sec. 1 Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Village Gazebo.**
No person shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverage, including 3.2 beer, in or within a ten foot radius of the Village of Getageton's gazebo.
- Sec. 2 No minors.**
No person under the age of sixteen (16) shall make use of the Village of Getageton's gazebo unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Sec. 3 Village property closes at 11:00 p.m.**
All Village of Getageton property and buildings that are usable by the public after normal business hours, including the gazebo, shall close at 11:00 p.m.
- Sec. 4 Warning.**
Before issuing a citation for a violation of either Section 1 or Section 2 of this ordinance, any police officer of the Village may give an oral warning, or issue a written warning ticket. If the person or persons receiving the oral warning or warning ticket do not discontinue the violation, a citation for ordinance violation shall be issued to the violator. If it appears necessary to make an arrest to preserve the public peace, a police officer may make an arrest for violation of this ordinance, with or without a previous oral warning or warning ticket.
- Sec. 5 Signs and Notices.**
Signs shall be posted and notices shall be placed on bulletin boards in the gazebo or within a ten foot radius of the Village of Getageton's gazebo, stating substantially as follows:
"NO ALCOHOLIC OR 3.2 BEER MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THIS GAZEBO OR CONSUMED IN THIS GAZEBO OR WITHIN A TEN FOOT RADIUS OF THIS GAZEBO WITHOUT A PERMIT FROM THE VILLAGE COUNCIL. NO MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18) SHALL USE THIS GAZEBO UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. VILLAGE ORDINANCE ENFORCED."
- The sign shall be placed in a location to be visible on entering the gazebo but, when possible, be conspicuous to persons in the vicinity of the gazebo.

Sec. 6 Permit.
Any person, firm or corporation may apply to the Village Council for a permit allowing the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages including 3.2 beer under certain circumstances within the gazebo or within a ten foot radius of the gazebo, and upon granting of such a permit, enforcement of this ordinance shall be suspended during the period and for the location specified in the permit.

Sec. 7 Penalty.
Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

Sec. 8 Effective Date.
This ordinance shall take effect 20 days from the date of adoption.

Sec. 9 Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith.
Any and all other Ordinances of the Village of Getageton, or any provisions or portions thereof, to the extent that they are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of the within Ordinance, are hereby expressly repealed.

Adopted: 12-4-2000
 Village President: *Charles Wright*

Published: _____
 Village Clerk

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

VILLAGE OF GETAGETOWN, MICHIGAN

Ordinance No. 115

An ordinance regulating the keeping of animals including dogs in the Village of Getageton and providing for the prohibition of certain activities and further providing for penalties on violation of the terms of the ordinance and repealing all prior ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

THE VILLAGE OF GETAGETOWN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS HEREIN.
All ordinances of this village and parts of ordinances of this village in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS.
The following words, terms and phrases when used in this ordinance shall be defined as follows:

- Animal** - Means a dog, cat, bird, reptile, mammal, fish or any other dumb creature.
- Animal Control Officer** - Means the agent of the county department of animal control and any other officers designated for such duties by the Village of Getageton.
- Animal Shelter** - Means the County Animal Shelter.
- Department** - Means the County Department of Animal Control.
- Director** - Means the Director of the County Department of Animal Control.
- Impounded** - Means any animal retained into the custody of the Animal Shelter pursuant to this ordinance or any state statute.
- Owner** - When applied to the proprietorship of an animal, means every person having a right of property in the animal and every person who keeps or harbors the animal or has it in his or her care and every person who permits the animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by him or her. For purposes of this ordinance, any person keeping or harboring any animal for seven consecutive days shall be deemed the owner thereof within the meaning of this ordinance.
- Vicious Animal** - Any animal which has attacked or bitten any person or domestic animal without molestation or which by its actions gives indications that it is likely to attack or bite any person or domestic animal without molestation shall be deemed a vicious animal.

Section 3. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE
It is deemed by the village that the ownership of an animal, is a privilege which carries with it responsibilities to the village and its residents with regard to the care and custody of such animal. In interpretation and application, the provisions of this chapter shall be construed to impose a primary responsibility for compliance with the provisions of this chapter on the owner of the animal.

Section 4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT
Responsibility for enforcement of this chapter shall be vested in the director of the county department of animal control, his agents and employees, and in the police department of the village. Primary responsibility for enforcement is vested in the agent or employee of the county department of animal control assigned to duty in the village.

- REQUIREMENTS FOR KEEPING ANIMALS**
- A. APPROVAL FOR KEEPING CERTAIN ANIMALS.** No farm animal, wild animal or non-domestic animal such as a horse, cow, swine, sheep, goat, chicken, goose, duck or snake shall be kept in any dwelling or on the same lot or premises as any dwelling without obtaining prior written approval from the Village Council.
 - B.** No person shall house or maintain fowl or small live stock such as pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, geese, or similar live stock within any residential area within the village less than one acre in size. Large live stock such as horses, cows, and ponies shall not exceed one animal per acre.
 - C.** Any person owning or having charge, care, custody or control of a vicious animal shall at all times when the animal is not securely confined, to keep the animal securely muzzled and led or restrained by a leash.
 - D.** No person owning or having charge, care, custody or control of any animal shall permit or allow by failure to exercise due control the animal to bite or attack or threaten to bite or attack a person or domestic animal except in the defense of itself or in defense of a person during the commission of a crime by another.
 - E.** Any beehive used or occupied is hereby declared to be a nuisance and it shall be unlawful to keep or maintain any such hive in the village.

- F.** All dogs over the age of six months within the village shall at all times be currently licensed in accordance with the requirements of state law and of the County Animal Control Ordinance. A license tag issued by the county shall be securely affixed to a collar, harness or other device which shall be worn by the dog at all times.
- G.** No owner shall keep more than two dogs in or about the premises of any single family dwelling. Dogs born to a female dog kept within the provisions of this ordinance may be kept on the premises with the female dog for a period of not more than six months following the date of birth.
- H.** No person owning or having charge, care, custody or control of the dog shall permit such dog at any time by loud or frequent or habitual barking, yelling or howling to cause annoyance to people in the neighborhood or to persons utilizing the public walks or the streets of the neighborhood.
- I.** No person owning or having charge, care, custody or control of any dog shall cause, permit or allow the dog to run at large or to be upon any highway, street, lane, alley, court or other public place or upon any private property or premises other than those of the person owning or having charge, care, custody or control of such dog within the village unless such dog is restrained by substantial chain or leash and is in the charge, care, custody or control of a person with the ability to restrain it.

Section 5. RIGHT OF ENTRY
Representatives of the county animal shelter or the village police department or other duly designated representatives may enter any premises where animals are maintained for investigation or inspection as to whether or not any portion of such premises, building, structure, enclosure, pen, or cage is being used, kept, or maintained in violation of this chapter or any county ordinance or state statute. No person shall deny, prevent, obstruct, or attempt to deny, prevent or obstruct such access. This section does not permit any person to enter a private dwelling except where necessary except where necessary to rescue an animal.

Section 6. IMPOUNDING OF ANIMAL
Any animal in violation of the provisions of this ordinance or any animal found to be running at large in the village which because of its disposition or diseased condition is hazardous to the general welfare shall be impounded and held at the County Animal Shelter and shall be cared for, released or disposed of as provided in the County Animal Control Ordinance and the rules and regulations of the county for the operation of its animal shelter.

When an animal wearing a current valid license tag issued by the county or any municipality in the village is impounded pursuant to this ordinance, a police officer for the Village of Getageton shall give written notice of the whereabouts of such animal to the person to whom the current license for such animal was issued.

Section 7. CARE OF ANIMALS
Every owner and person acting in the care and custody of an animal shall comply with each of the following conditions:

- 1. Construction of housing facilities.** Housing facilities for animals shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to contain the animals and to restrict the entrance of other animals.
- 2. Food and water.** All animals shall be supplied with sufficient food and water as often as the feeding habits of the respective animals require.
- 3. Sanitation.** All animal buildings and all buildings or enclosures shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- 4. Leaving animal unattended.** No animal shall be abandoned. An animal shall be deemed abandoned if left without attention or without proper provisions for the animal for a period of more than 24 hours.
- 5. Protection from mistreatment.** Every reasonable precaution shall be used to ensure that animals are not teased, abused, mistreated, annoyed, tormented or in any manner made to suffer by any person or means.
- 6. Injurious conditions.** No condition shall be maintained or permitted that is or could be injurious to animals.
- 7. Contact with public.** All reasonable precaution shall be taken to protect the public from the animals and the animals from the public.
- 8. General standards for enclosures.** Every building or enclosure wherein animals are maintained shall be constructed of materials easily cleaned. The building shall be properly ventilated to prevent drafts and to remove odors. Heating and cooling shall be provided as required according to the physical needs of the animals with sufficient light to allow observation of the animals at all times.
- 9. Veterinary care.** The owner or custodian of any animal shall take any animal to a veterinarian for examination and treatment if the director of the County Animal Control or his agent finds this is necessary in order to maintain the health of the animal.
- 10. Size of enclosures.** All animal rooms, cages, kennels and runs shall be kept of sufficient size to provide adequate and proper accommodations for the animals kept.
- 11. Protection from weather.** All animal buildings and enclosures shall provide proper shelter and protection from the weather at all times.
- 12. Allowing an animal to be a hazard or menace.** No person shall allow any animal to constitute or cause a hazard or be a menace to the health, peace or safety of the community.
- 13. Confinement of female dogs or cats in heat.** No person owning or having in his possession a female dog or cat in heat shall commit the animal to be contained in such a fashion that stray animals shall have access to the dog or cat or permits the dog or cat to escape.
- 14. Keeping animal on chain.** A person having custody of any animal shall not permit either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control such animal to commit any nuisance by defecating upon the sidewalk of any public highway or upon any building, fence or wall immediately abutting a public sidewalk or without the consent of the owner or person in lawful occupation thereof on a lawn, yard or any other private property which is either improved or occupied.
- 15. Animals committing nuisance.** A person having custody of any animal shall not permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, such animal to commit any nuisance by defecating upon the sidewalk of any public highway or upon any building, fence, or wall immediately abutting on a public sidewalk, or without the consent of the owner or person in lawful occupation thereof, on any lawn, yard, or any other private property whatever, which is either improved or occupied.

Section 8. NUISANCE.
The keeping of any animals in violation of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The Village may institute an action in the Circuit Court, to prevent such unlawful acts in violation of this Ordinance. The procedure for such actions shall be the same as for an injunction or abatement of a nuisance under Circuit Court Rules, under the statutes made and provided by such cases, or under the common law. The Judgment of the court in such case may direct the removal of the nuisance or abatement of a nuisance, may authorize a reasonable time within which the defendant may make such correctional abatement, and may authorize the Village to execute and carry out the provisions of the judgment in case of default by the defendant. Whenever the Village has incurred any expense for the enforcement of this Animal Control Ordinance or the judgment of the court, the Village may be entitled to a monetary judgment against the responsible party in respect to which expense was incurred and may recover the amount of such expense in addition to the costs of the lawsuit. The judgment of the court may order the responsible party to cease and desist from the violation of this Ordinance.

Section 9. PENALTY.
A person who violates any provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days.

Section 10. SEVERABILITY.
The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application.

Adopted: 12-4-2000
 Dated: _____
 Village President: *Charles Wright*

Published: _____
 Dated: _____
 Village Clerk

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION ORDINANCE

VILLAGE OF GETAGETOWN, MICHIGAN

Ordinance No. 116

The Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, clearly regulates the practice of open burning in the State of Michigan. Recognizing that good public health practice requires that open burning be prohibited, we have given consideration to a uniform approach in the control of open burning. The following guidelines and restrictions have been developed to clarify the status of open burning in the Village of Getageton.

It is also in the interest of the public welfare, safety, and health of the citizens of the Village to protect access to fire hydrants, and restrict persons within the Village from using any fire hydrant owned by the Village.

THE VILLAGE OF GETAGETOWN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. TITLE
This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the "Village of Getageton Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to control open burning within the Village of Getageton and to restrict and limit access to fire hydrants owned by the Village.

SECTION 3. OBSTRUCTING FIRE HYDRANT

No person shall obstruct free access to any fire hydrant in the public streets, or deposit any rubbish or building materials closer than 25 feet from any fire hydrant.

SECTION 4. CONTAINERS FOR ASHES, CLINKERS AND SIMILAR RESIDUES

No person shall place or cause to be placed any ashes, clinkers, smoldering coal, embers, or similar residue from any heating appliance in any other than metal or nonflammable containers.

SECTION 5. USE OF FIRE HYDRANT

No person other than authorized Village personnel or other authorized emergency personnel shall unscrew or remove the cap from any fire hydrant in the Village or use water therefrom without first obtaining permission of the Village council therefor. No wrench or other tool shall be used on a fire hydrant other than a regulation fire department hydrant wrench.

SECTION 6. PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING

A) Open fires on street, alley, curb, or gutter
No person shall kindle any fire on any street, alley, curb, or gutter in the Village.

B) Burning of leaves and grass clippings
The Village of Getageton will allow the burning of leaves and grass clippings along the dirt portion next to any street, alley, curb, or gutter. The fire must be a minimum of 24 feet away from any structure and the fire must be attended by a responsible adult at all times while it is burning. After the fire has gone out, the ashes must be observed until they are also cooled.

C) Outdoor burning generally

- (1) Except for bonfires for community activities or special requests which have been approved by the village president or village council, no person shall create open fires out-of-doors for the burning of rubbish, combustibles, building materials, trees, branches, or any form of waste material for the purpose of disposing of such material.
- (2) For purposes of this section, an open fire is deemed to be any fire where flames are open and visible and are not covered by a hood or furnace with a suitable chimney to carry away the smoke.

SECTION 7. PENALTIES
A violation of this ordinance by any person is a civil infraction which shall, upon a determination of responsibility, subject the violator to payment of a civil fine as set forth by the court. Repeat offenses under this ordinance shall be subject to increased fines as set forth by the court.

SECTION 8. REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH
Any and all other Ordinances of the Village of Getageton, or any provisions or portions thereof, to the extent that they are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of the within Ordinance, are hereby expressly repealed.

Adopted: 12-4-2000
 Dated: _____
 Village President: *Charles Wright*

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VILLAGE OF GETAGETOWN

GETAGETOWN, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NUMBER 117

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE STORAGE OF JUNK OR JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF GETAGETOWN AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTY IN THE EVENT OF VIOLATION THEREOF.

The Village of Getageton ordains:

Section 1: The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Getageton by prohibiting the junking of motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts in the Village of Getageton.

Section 2: Definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance:

- (1) "Junked motor vehicle" is defined as any self-propelled, wheeled vehicle which:
 - (a) is substantially damaged and will not operate under its own power; or
 - (b) is dismantled or partially dismantled; or
 - (c) is in such state as to disrepair that its only value is for salvage or parts; or
 - (d) is unregistered, has no valid license plate affixed thereto, or has an expired registration.
- (2) "Junked vehicle part" is defined as any part of a motor vehicle that has been separated or removed from the vehicle and can no longer be used, including, without limitation, doors, engines, fenders, tires, wheels, radiators, and seats.
- (3) "Junk" is defined as personal property other than clothing, household furnishings, and office fixtures or store fixtures that are unusable, have been discarded or abandoned, or may be salvaged for reuse, resale, or similar disposition.
- (4) "Person" is defined as any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity.
- (5) "Village of Getageton" is defined as the area within the Village limits.

Section 3: It is unlawful for any person to store or permit to be stored or placed on or allowed to remain on any platted or unplatted parcel of land located in the Village of Getageton junk, a junked motor vehicle or any junked vehicle parts, unless the junk, the vehicle, and/or the parts are kept in a wholly-enclosed structure. The presence of any junked motor vehicle, or junked vehicle part, dismantled part of a motor vehicle, or junk on a parcel described in the preceding sentence is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. This section shall not be construed to permit parking or placing of a junked motor vehicle or junked vehicle part on any street or alley of the Village.

Section 4: This ordinance shall apply to a junked motor vehicle or junked vehicle parts located on the premises of a garage, service station, or other business enterprise engaged lawfully in the repair, storage, or sale of motor vehicles if such motor vehicles or parts of a motor vehicle are located on the premises for a period of more than 90 days, unless the vehicle and/or parts are kept in a wholly-enclosed structure.

Section 5: If any person violates this ordinance, the Clerk shall send a notice by either personally delivering a copy of the notice or by sending a copy via registered mail to (1) the owner of the junked motor vehicle, the junked vehicle parts, or the junk at his or her last known address; and (2) if different, to the owner of the premises on which the junk, vehicle, or parts are lying at his last known address. The notice shall contain a description of the junked motor vehicle, the junked vehicle parts, or the junk and its location, a statement that the person is in violation of this ordinance, and the statement that if the violation continues for 14 days from the date of the notice, criminal sanctions will be applied and the junk, the motor vehicle and/or the parts impounded. If the owner of the motor vehicle, junked vehicle parts, or the junk cannot be determined after a reasonable search, notice shall be by publication once a week for two weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village of Getageton.

Section 6: If the ordinance is not complied within 14 days from the date the notice is mailed or after notice by publication for two weeks where appropriate:

- (a) The person violating the ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00, and each day that a violation continues after the 14 day notice period has expired, constitutes a separate offense and;
- (b) The Village may impound the junked motor vehicle, the junked vehicle parts, or the junk and it may sell them for salvage or destroy them.

Section 7: The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section, paragraph or provision is declared void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance.

Section 8: This ordinance shall take effect 20 days from the date of adoption.

Section 9: Any and all other Ordinances of the Village of Getageton, or any provisions or portions thereof, to the extent that they are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of the within Ordinance, are hereby expressly repealed. By adoption herewith, Ordinance 105 is specifically repealed.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by PAUL E. TROIA AND SANDRA M. TROIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE to REPUBLIC BANK, A MICHIGAN CORPORATION Mortgagee, dated July 29, 1999, and recorded on July 30, 1999, in Liber 778, on page 278, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and was modified by an agreement dated March 29, 2000, and recorded June 14, 2000, in Liber 803, on page 654, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty eight thousand four hundred forty seven and 23/100 Dollars (\$38,447.23), including interest at 9.000% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, TUSCOLA County, Michigan and are described as:

PARCEL 4 - Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East Section line that is N00 degrees 29'32"W, 660.24 feet from the Southeast corner of said section 25; thence S89 degrees 30'28"W, 498.52 feet; thence N00 degrees 30'07"W, 219.33 feet; thence N89 degrees 13'07"E, 498.57 feet; thence along said East Section line, S00 degrees 29'32"E, 221.85 feet to the point of beginning.

DATED: December 13, 2000

REPUBLIC BANK
Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

mease assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. Assignee by an assignment dated May 22, 1998, which was recorded on October 13, 1998, in Liber 752, on Page 1065, Tuscola County Records, and re-recorded on November 16, 2000, in Liber 815, on Page 1262, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINE AND 75/100 dollars (\$99,709.75), including interest at 8.250% 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 12, 2001.

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

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

PARCEL 3 - Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East Section line that is N00 degrees 29'32"W, 439.63 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 25; thence S89 degrees 30'28"W, 498.48 feet; thence N00 degrees 30'07"W, 220.61 feet; thence N89 degrees 30'28"E, 498.52 feet; thence along said East Section line, S00 degrees 29'32"E, 220.61 feet to the point of beginning.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian J. Balch, a married man and Laura J. Balch, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 6, 1998, and recorded on April 7, 1998 in Liber 734, on Page 763, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by

The South 290.4 feet of the West 300 feet of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 9 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: November 29, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 991112438

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 12, 2001.

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entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2001.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Township of Koylton, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South Section line that is East 426.00 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 32; thence continuing East 583.00 feet; thence North 372.80 feet; thence West 583.00; thence South 372.80 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: November 22, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by VANCE H. H

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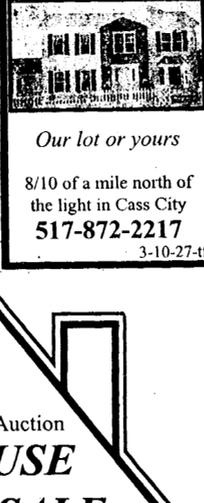
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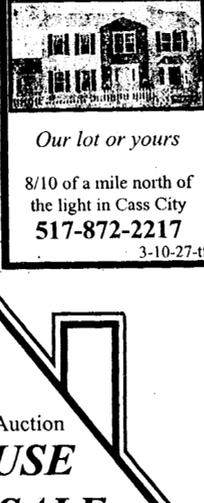
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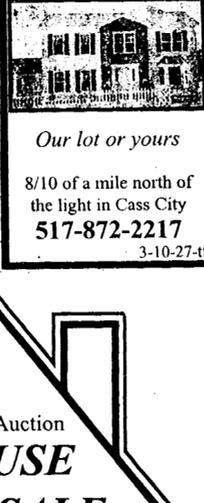
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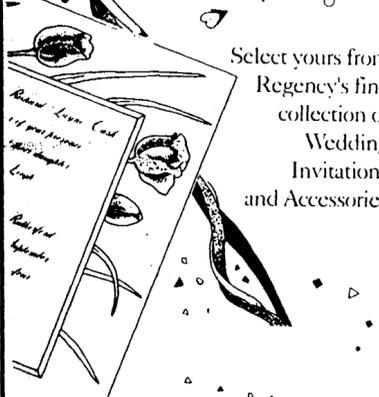
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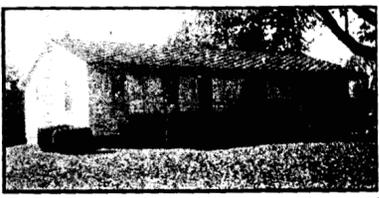
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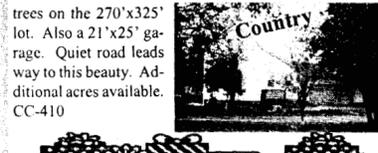
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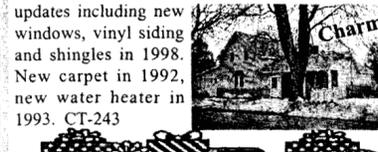
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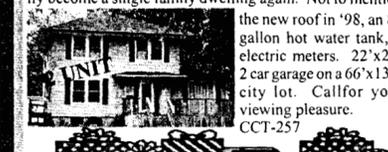
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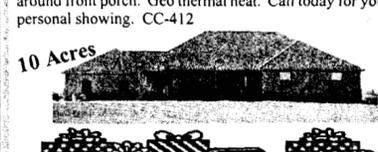
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Dear Santa: how's everything going?

Jarred Glaza
11th grade
Cass City



Dear Santa,
How is everything going this year? I can't wait till Christmas. I have been a really good girl this year. I haven't been biting anyone in a long time. I try to help my mom around the house. I really like to help her fold the laundry. I also have been very helpful giving my little cousin G-G (Jamison) his toys and blanket. I would really like the little people fun sounds garage, a doll, and Winnie the Pooh books. Please don't forget G-G. This will be his first Christmas. I will leave lots of milk and cookies for you. Thank you so much.

Love,
Alexa Dawn Goss (18 months)

Dear Santa,
How have you been this year? I am so excited this will be my very first Christmas! I have been a very good boy for my mommy and daddy. I even eat all my vegetables. I really like squash. Please bring me the Fisher Price Intel table and anything I can



Alexa Dawn Goss & Jamison Kristopher Biskner-Kruse

chew on. I think I'll be getting a tooth pretty soon. I hope that this snow doesn't keep you away. Also please don't forget my cousin Alexa. She has been very helpful lately making sure my toys are always close by. She really likes dolls. Thanks a lot.

Love,
Jamison Kristopher Biskner-Kruse (4 months old)



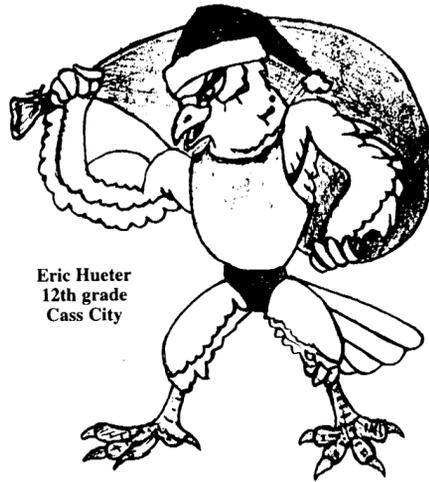
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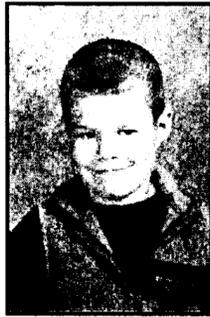


Eric Hueter
12th grade
Cass City

I've been good this year - just ask mom

Dear Santa,
My name is Mitchell Langlois. I'm 7 1/2 years old. I've been really good this year, just ask my mom. I would like some hot wheel cars, a scooter, remote control truck and a truck with a trailer that comes with a 4-wheeler and a snowmobile. I will leave carrots for your reindeer and cookies and a Pepsi for you. Thank you and have a good night!

P.S. Please remember Bethany, Anthony and cousins, Mason, Melissa, Christina and Craig! Also my cousin Bret who lives in the big city.
Love,
Mitchell Langlois



Mitchell Langlois

Where are we? Under the sea

Under the Sea
Where, oh where, can we be,
Of course under the sea.
We like to go free,
So we swim with glee.

We all are pretty in many ways,
Some of us just like to sway.
We turn many different colors,
A lot of us hide from our mothers.

We like to eat worms,
Some of us are firm.

We all like the ocean,
We all live in motion.
Some of us are slow,

Also some of us can glow.

Amy Powell
age 13
Owendale-Gagetown Schools

Christmas a time to give, share, rejoice

Christmas is a time to giving and sharing.
Hope is a good thing to pray.
Rejoice to your family and friends.
Ice skating is fun for Christmas.
Singing Christmas songs to the elderly.
Thanking the Lord for what you have.
Making people happy for Christmas.
Arranging Christmas dinner for the family.
Santa is watching children all around the world.

Dancing to the Christmas music.
Apple pie dessert for Christmas.
Yule log you make wish and it comes true.

Carlene Nicol,
age 17, Junior
Cass City

Jesus is the reason
for the season

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Dear Santa:
Hi, my name is Breanna Frank and I am almost 4 years old. Dad and mom said I have been pretty good this year, for Christmas I would like a Lil Sniffles doll, a snow cone maker, and a water garden baby. Please bring all my cousins presents. They have been pretty good this year to.

I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer.

Breanna Frank

Love, Breanna



Laura O'Dell
12th grade
Cass City

An Elf's Christmas

Once again, it's that time of year. The time that I always dread and fear. I go around and bust my butt, To make the things kids like and want. Everyone is so glad that Christmas is here. It's supposed to be a time of good 'ol cheer. Well, ha ha to that, is all I can say.

I do have to say, that is the only perk. After all, we are the ones that do all the work. We pass out the presents, batteries and all. For the bad kids, we lay out the coal. We plunge out the boss, and then we're done. We go home, another Christmas gone.

We go to sleep early on the only day we're on break. For all the kiddies' Christmases are at stake. You know, if they didn't want so much, I could finally get Christmas off.

Heidi Cheng
10th grade
Cass City

I'm almost 2, Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Hailey Sue Guinther. I am almost 2 years old. My grandpa and grandpa Guinther say that I have been a very good girl when I am at their house.

clothes. You can leave the toys and clothes at my grandparents' house because I'll be there for most of the holidays.

By the way, my grandparents are Jerry and Jackie Guinther, 4230 S. Elkton Rd., Gagetown. My dad would like a '96 Grand Am. I'll leave some milk and cookies for you and some carrots for the deer.

Good-bye means forever

When you say "good-bye" it means Forever. When you say "bye" it means never. When my best friend left, I said "good-bye". Then she moved somewhere I would not have thought. When we saw each other again, it was like we never saw each other ever. So that is why I never say "good-bye".

Love,
Hailey



Hailey Sue Guinther

Nicole Wright
7th grade
Owendale-Gagetown Schools

Chenelle Smentek
11th grade
Cass City



Being good isn't easy

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Joshua and this is my sixth Christmas. I am 5 1/2 years old and in Kindergarten. I really try to be good, but it is getting harder every year. My sister's name is Tiffanie and this is her second Christmas. She is 19 months old and tries to be a good little girl, but is mischief just like me. I could not ask for a better sister or friend who gives me lots of hugs and kisses and makes me so happy and smile.



Joshuah Edward & Tiffanie Kay Guigar

our love, hugs and kisses. Santa, we will leave out a large glass of milk and lots of sugar cookies that Tiffanie and I helped mom bake. For your reindeer, we will leave out a bag of sugar, carrots and apples. Tell Rudolph he is still our favorite.

Love,
Joshuah Edward and Tiffanie Kay Guigar

Is he going?

Dedicated to Jason Limberger

Is he going?
That's my question.
He's going into the Army.
He's going in June.
It hurts me so
and my mother, too,
but what can we do?
I want him to know
I love him so.
Is he going?

Nicole Wright
7th grade
Owendale-Gagetown Schools

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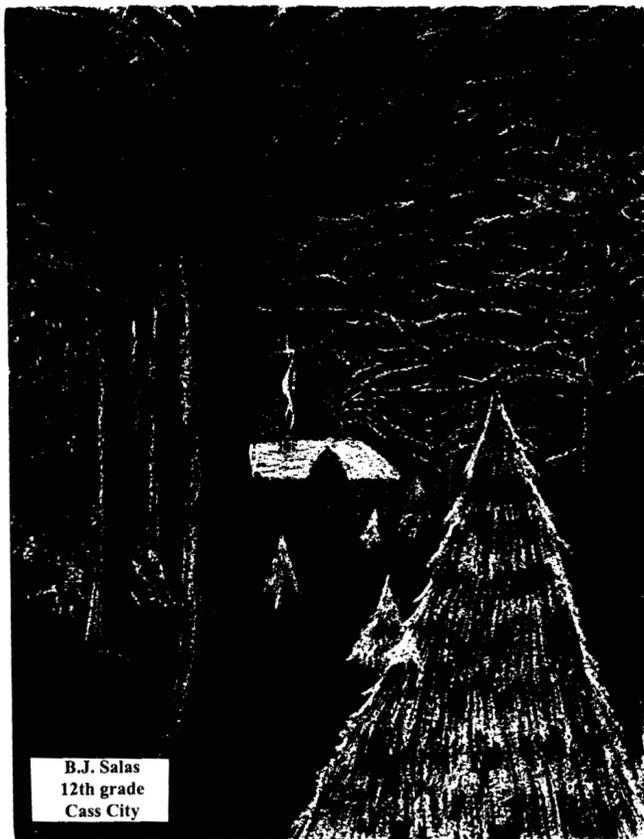
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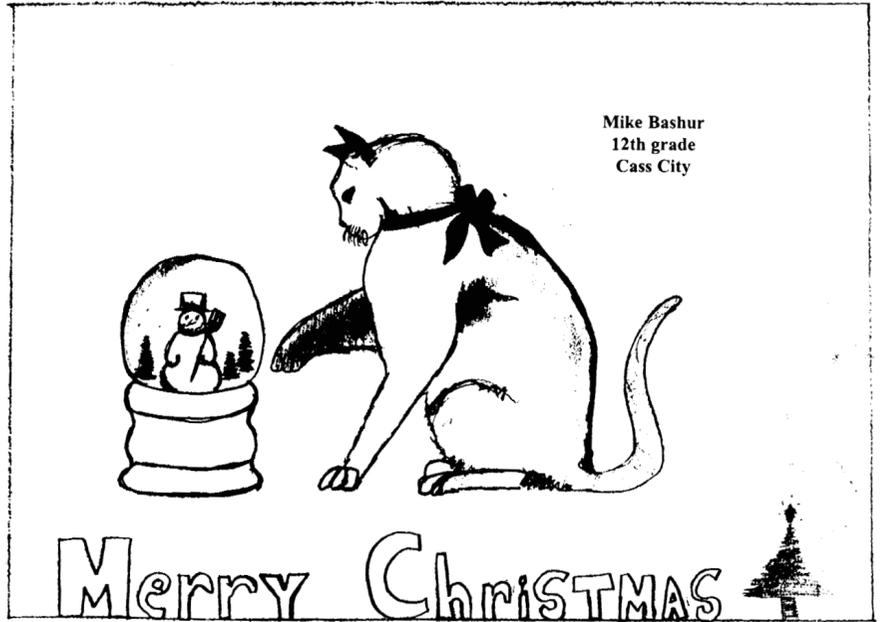
Have a safe trip, Santa



Justin Davis

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Justin Davis and I am 12 years old!! For Christmas this year I am asking for wrestling things and play station tapes. Also my aunt, uncle and 3 cousins are coming from Virginia to spend the holidays with my family so I pray they have a safe trip to Michigan. Tell Mrs. Claus I said hello and for Santa to have a safe trip!!

Justin Davis



Mike Bashur
12th grade
Cass City

What might or could have been?

What might or could have been? Is not the question that we should have asked - but why don't I live my life? and be able to say to myself - Why I don't stop now - start now is far beyond me. Far beyond being myself - but giving up those we love and with a growing fondness - one that grows and can only grow - day by day, of those we love. What might or could have been - is another way of saying if this or if that had happened? And, if this could or would only happen? Why? It all doesn't make sense to me; but misconceived thoughts become clearer - as the meaning of this: While remembering take things slowly - especially in remembering those we love. Idolizing them of human nature - but

immortalizing is far beyond me - far beyond a normal human beings ability. This, far beyond me now! For I can live - live day by day - one small step taken in childlike faith as one holds onto the fingers of a mother - the same I do with God. Without immortalizing so much more.

Jamie Benjamin
Grade 9
Cass City

Santa, here's my list

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I am okay. I have been very good this year. Just in case you are wondering, I could use some pj's, jeans, sweatshirts, books, a football, a wall-hanging tub toy, a wagon, something really big to climb on and some running shoes. Oh, and if you have any extra, I will take a set of golf clubs so I can figure out why Grandpa likes to hit such a small white ball. Gheesh! That is it!
Please bring Grandpa and Grandma something good as well as Ligi, Uncle Thad, Aunt Sharona and Daytona. They have behaved quite well this year.
Thank you for all of the great presents last X-mas. I hope you have a nice trip!

Love,

Jack T. Bowen
Grand Rapids



Jack T. Bowen

I'm learning to read and write, Santa

Dear Santa,
This year I am learning to read and write. My teachers are great, Mrs. LeValley and Mrs. Ball. I have Mrs. Shirley Tuckey too.
Santa, last year you didn't bring me what I asked for, telescope, binoculars and a flashlight.
This year I want a scooter, skateboard and snowboard, but my mom said, no. I still want them. So the present department doesn't look bright or fun.
This year I really want! I want to go to the Moon and Mars. Can you give me a ride if you go there? My mom said I can go to those places if I can get a ride. I have to come back home too. I will bring popcorn balls, hot cocoa, cookies and candy canes.

Your friend,
Theron Bogart
Age 5 3/4 years
Kindergarten

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Jessica Bootz

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Tell everyone "hi", Santa

Dear Santa,

What's up? I've tried to be good since I was born 15 months ago, so I think I deserve everything on pages one through sixty-six in all the toy catalogs in the world. I also want a new car, so me and my cousin Ciera can go cruisin' together. I also really

need a big screen T.V. When you deliver it just set it by my crib upstairs to the right. I'm sure next year I'll want more than this. Remember to bring something for my mommy and daddy, my grandparents, my cousins, Kristen, Shannon, and Ciera, and all my aunts and uncles, especially

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We will leave some carrots out for the reindeer and some cookies for you.

Merry Christmas
Love,
Emily Martin
Age 9



Emily, Erika & Andrew Martin



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Through the anger, we pick up the pieces, putting them in place. Only the strongest love for friends will survive. Friends are different, but yet the same. We laugh, we cry, we fight, but through it all, friends are we till death do us depart. Once a friendship is estab-

lished, build it up with towers and turrets, thorns and roses, sweetness and gentleness, fire and heat, through it all we survive, picking up the remnants left. Building and rebuilding again, that's what friendships are all about!

Friends have close friends, friends hate other friends, but through it all as we grow closer to our friends, we as Christians grow closer to God. The time grows near when we as friends fly out of our cozy nest.

All is so new, so different. We date, we marry, we have kids, but the old friendships still persist. Friends are we till death shall depart us.

Jamie Benjamin
9th grade
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Johanna Hoelzle
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Owen-Gage's Enderle shares experiences

Holiday greetings from Belgium

Editor's note: The following is a letter recently written home by Owen-Gage High School junior Dawn Enderle, who is spending a year in Belgium as an exchange student under the sponsorship of the Sebewaing Rotary Club.

Dear friends and family,
A specialty of Belgium: lace. Now famous all over the world, Brussels lace was

developed during the mid-15th century and soon adorned the collars and cuffs of European nobility. Brussels lace was unsurpassable as regards both the fineness of the thread and the beauty of the motifs. Even expert lacemakers can produce no more than a few inches a day.

The week of Oct. 30 through Nov. 5 was the holiday of Toussaint. Toussaint means All Saints' Day. A good friend and I spent time exploring new interesting things in Brussels. We went to Mini-Europe, which is a little park that has miniature models of many main attractions from every country in Europe. We went to a huge cinema called Kinepolis, which has 29 cinema rooms. There are 29 different movies that are shown at the same time.

The 11th and 12th of November I went to a Halloween party organized by Rotex. Rotex was formed in 1982 by a group of former Rotary exchange students who wanted to still be involved with the Rotary exchange year of others. They organize fun activities throughout the year for the exchange students who are living in Belgium. Belgium has one of the best reputations for good involvement

with exchange student activities.

The party was held in the small town of Verviers, which is located in the east of Belgium, about 15 miles from the German border. Like any fun Halloween party, you have to have a costume. I went as an Indian girl.

On the 9th I was invited to Lady's Night, which my Rotary Club organizes several times a year. One of the members and his wife had just returned from Michigan the day before. They said it was a very beautiful state and they enjoyed their stay.

On the 17th I went with my class to an informational Social and Humanities Actions Day. They had numerous organizations which all serve a special social and humanitarian service to the world. For example, donating food, building homes, giving medical care, saving the environment, giving money to those in need, or organizing activities for children who live in foster care homes.

On the 18th I went to an exposition in Brussels at the Expo Center called, "I Don't Like Culture". It was an excellent exposition and the title is definitely not appropriate for it.

Every year in Belgium there

is a day called Saint-Verhaegen that takes place around the 21st of November, when the Belgian students who are attending college this year come back to their former high schools wearing long, colorful coats and hats with long bills. They stand at the gates or doors of the entrances of the schools, holding glasses in which the students who would like to pass have to put change into. If they don't think that you have given them enough money, they won't let you through or they throw eggs at you or dump flour on you. It was quite fun, but not when I almost got bombed by a flying egg.

The first Thanksgiving in Belgium took place on the 26th. I had this crazy idea that I would make my host family a Thanksgiving dinner to show them a special American holiday and how very thankful I am that they have hosted me with such love and kindness.

My host parents had never eaten a turkey before this grand day. Turkey isn't a very popular bird in Belgium, so my host mom had to order one from the local butcher.

The Friday night before, we go on a very interesting shopping spree. They don't have Stove Top here so I had to make my own mixture. They don't have squash either, so I compromised with yams. With an intention of making pumpkin squares for

dessert, they don't have the right pumpkin mixture, so we bought a real pumpkin and I made do. We couldn't find any of the spice sage, so we bought the entire plant.

This is the second Thanksgiving dinner that I have attempted on my own and I have to say that it is an experience that I will never forget. It certainly made me think of how I take the little things for granted every day. When you are put into a little different situation than usual and the things that you expect to be right there aren't, and you find yourself struggling, you remind yourself once again to be thankful for the simple things in life.

About 3 weeks in advance I had written and attempted to translate, "The History of the First Thanksgiving in America", to present to my host family. Thanks to my English teacher, Mr. Frenoy, for a little help with the language barrier, it was perfect.

I served my host parents, both of my host grandmas Mic and Mammy, my host brother and sister and her boyfriend, Jazz and Lindi, because in South Africa they don't celebrate Thanksgiving either. After the dinner and dessert I gave them all gifts of appreciation and thankfulness for hosting me. The turkey and all of the side dishes turned out tasting very delicious and it was a very special night.

Every Wednesday in Belgium there is only a half a

day of school, so all of the exchange students hop on a train to Liege. Liege is a town in the east of Belgium. All the exchange students meet here and socialize for the afternoon at a little café. I went for the first time on the 29th. It was a lot of fun to be around other exchange students.

In my school there is a girl named Florence Vanderborcht, who will be an exchange student in New Iberia, La., the next school year. She will be going through the WEP (World Education Program) program.

The 6ieme (seniors) at my school are planning a prom-type occasion for the end of the year. This is the first year that they have ever planned anything of this sort.

The schools don't have any sports, dances, clubs or social activities. Although, my school has a drama club. If you want to play sports, you have to join a special club outside of school. In school, they don't offer any band or art classes. A couple times a month my school shows movies in the auditorium. This was all certainly a change for me, not having any of the extracurricular activities.

I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and an exceptional New Year.

Sincerely,
Dawn
"Belgium 2000"



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I think I've been pretty good

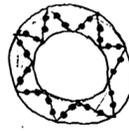


Victoria Davis

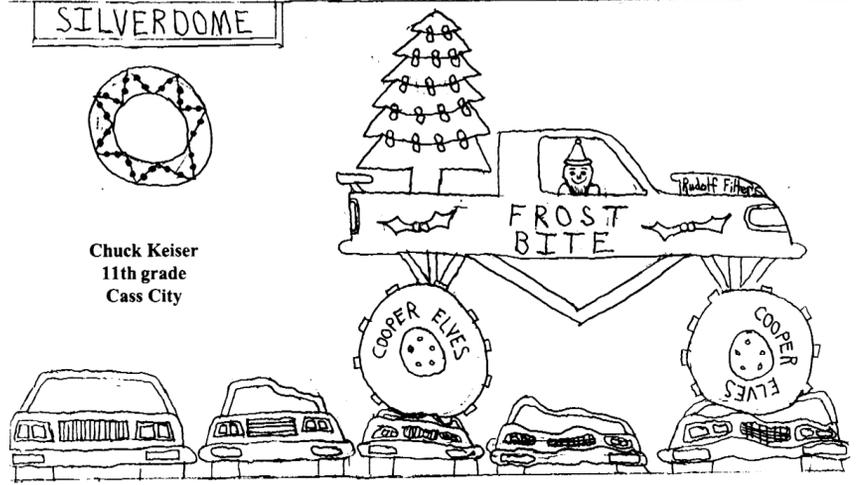
Dear Santa,
My name is Victoria Davis. I am four years old. I think I have been pretty good this year, even though my daddy disagrees. I would really like you to bring me some "Wizard of Oz" Barbies. I already have the Dorothy one, so I need the rest.
My mom and I will make you some really good cookies this year.

Love,
Victoria

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Chuck Keiser
11th grade
Cass City



Could you take care of my list?

Dear Santa,
Thank you for everything you brought last year. I have been TRYING to be good this year, although my big brothers sometimes aggravate me. Could you please

bring me a new big baby doll, an alphabet computer so I can practice my phonics, and some candy in my stocking.

Also, could you please

bring Paul some more Legos and Matthew would like a new CD Walkman. I just don't have enough money to get these for them, so could you take care of this for me? Thanks for everything, Santa. I love you!

Happy Holidays to ALL!

Meri Dzielinski
(Matthew & Paul, too)

Meri, 6
Paul, 12 3/4
Matthew, 15



Matthew, Meri and Paul
Dzielinski

Dear Santa Paws, even puppies have a Christmas list

Dear Santa Paws,
I just wanted to let you know that I have been a very good puppy. I've learned how to come, sit, shake, and down in 3 months. I never chase the cats next door and I hardly ever chew on the rug in the kitchen now. And I always take my puppy vitamins, even though they smell really bad. Plus, I hardly ever flinched when I got my shots! As you can see I've been the perfect puppy. So, I would like you to get me a new Teddy Bear since I angelically chewed Fuzzy's nose and ear off. I'd also like a Buster Cube please. Those looked really cool in the pet magazine. That's all I want. I'll leave some cookies for you and some biscuits for

your sled dogs. Enjoy the snow and keep warm!

Love,
Riley Forrest
6 months
P.S. Please bring presents for my family, even the cat.



Riley Forrest

Santa, please fill this holiday list

Hi Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl this year, except I need to work on being nicer to Shannon. My name is Kristen and I'm 6 1/2 years old and I want a purple game boy and a game. I also want an Easy Bake oven and a Mermaid Barbie. Also, some Barbie games for the computer.

My name is Shannon and I am 2 1/2 and have been a



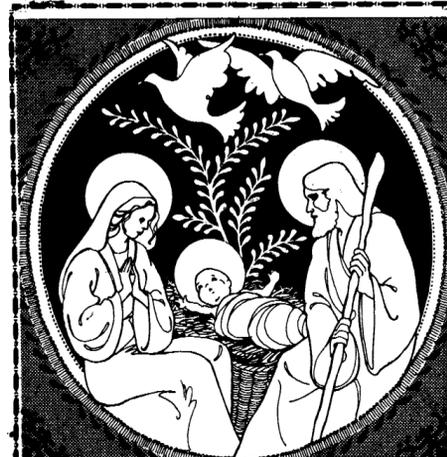
Kristen & Shannon
Kawecki

good girl, except I need to leave my sister alone when she is working on something. I want a stove so I can cook for mom and dad. I also would like some Barney toys.

We will leave some cookies and milk for you and some carrots for your reindeer.

Don't forget our cousins, Andrew, Ciera, LeAnn, Jessica and Allie.

Love,
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Hope the snow won't stop you

Dear Santa,
Hello. How have you been this past year? I've been trying real hard to be a good girl. I really hope you excuse those times I pulled hair and bit everyone. I've been working on that. I hope all this snow doesn't keep you away because I really need the Little Tykes miniature kitchen. I also would like a Just my Size wooden rocking chair. Please don't forget all my cousins. I even want you to bring Shannon something, I have forgiven her for being mean to me for so long. I'll leave you milk and cheese.

a.k.a. Baby C
15 months



Ciera Forrest

Love,
Ciera Forrest

Santa, thank-you for the presents

Dear Santa,
My name is Katie Tiseo and I am 6 years old. I have tried hard to be a good girl this year but my mommy and daddy say that I could try just a little bit harder. For Christmas this year I would like a Clapper, the American Girl doll kit, some Dick and Jane books, an Easy Bake Oven, an ice cream maker, and the game Mouse Trap. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. I will leave muffins and milk for you and some cabbage for your reindeer.

Love,
Katie Tiseo



Katie Tiseo

I've been a pretty good girl this year



Blair Tiseo

Dear Santa,
My name is Blair Tiseo and I am 4 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas this year I would like some lincoln logs, some ribbons for my hair, some jewelry, a new game, and some new clothes. I will leave some cookies out for you on Christmas Eve and some carrots for your reindeer. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year.
Love,
Blair Tiseo

I'm a very active girl, Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Bobbie Jean. I'm 5 years old and I'm a very active little girl. My mom says I've been pretty good this year. For Christmas this year could you bring me a swimming Barbie, a Barbie House, a Power Puff Girls sleeping bag, the Tigger movie and Britney Spears CD (Oops I Did it Again). Could you also fill my stocking with lots of candy and a Jeff Gordon race car for me and my dad. Mine is the Tigger stocking. My big sister Ashley said she wants money this year in her stocking and some toe socks. We will leave you some homemade cookies and a coke.

Hugs & Kisses
Bobbie Jean Keys-Chappel



Bobbie Jean Keys-Chappel



CATHY Szostak of Kingston brought her dog "Bear" to have its picture taken with Santa (Bud Salgat of Caro) in Caro during a recent fund raiser sponsored by the Humane Society of Tuscola County. The event raised more than \$200 to help support the spay/neuter fund.



Jeannette Schilling
11th grade
Cass City

FYI accepting grant requests

Future Youth Involvement (FYI), the youth advisory council of the Tuscola County Community Foundation, will be accepting grant applications beginning Jan. 1 through Jan 31.

To be eligible for this cycle, applications must be post-marked no later than Jan. 31. FYI makes grants available twice annually with cycles beginning Jan. 1 and Sept. 1.

Grants will be awarded to applicants who best address the needs identified in a "needs assessment survey" of Tuscola County youth conducted by FYI. The top 5 concerns identified were: drug use and underage drinking, lack of social activities, dissatisfaction with school curriculum, stress and low self esteem.

Originally funded by a one million-dollar challenge grant, FYI is a student-based organization that uses interest earnings to support programs that assist the youth of Tuscola County.

FYI is made up of representatives from all high schools in the Tuscola Intermediate School District. They learn the basic concepts of philanthropy by measuring program objectives outlined in

grant applications against established guidelines. After grants are made, programs are monitored as the final step in the grant-making process. Additional activities must be completed by FYI to maintain the eligibility requirements imposed by the

start up grant.

Since its inception in 1999, FYI has awarded grants totalling over \$33,000. Recipients have included programs for improving self-esteem, reducing social and emotional risks, challenging the gifted, enhancing the learn-

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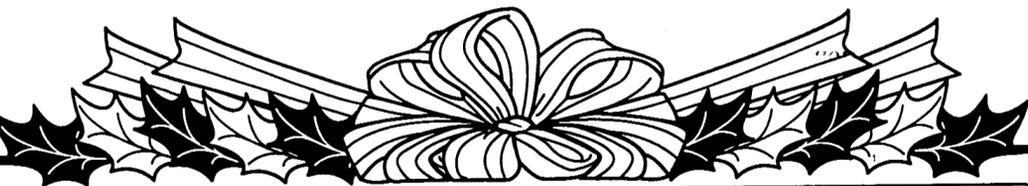
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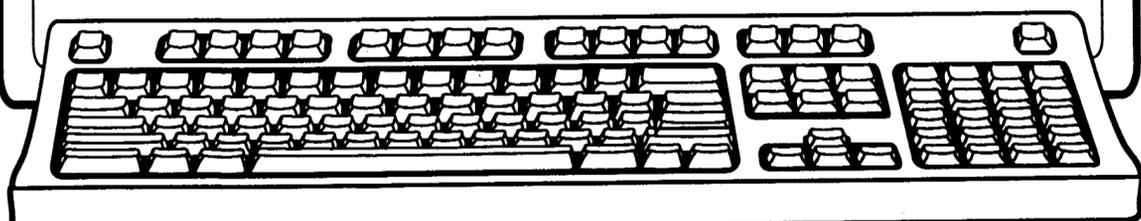
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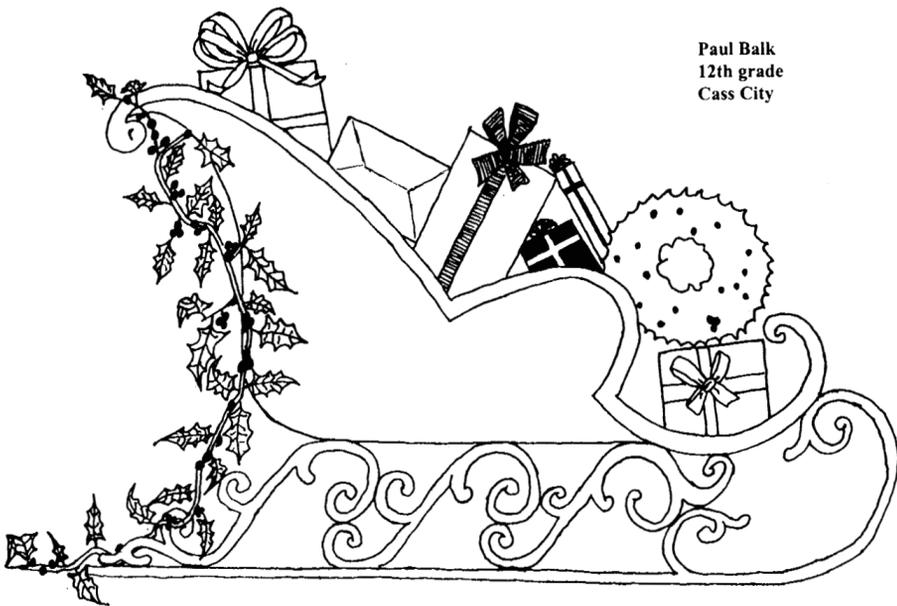
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Obituaries

Genevieve Crawley

Genevieve A. Crawley, 59, of Cass City, died Wednesday Dec. 13, at the Lapeer County Medical Care Facility.

She was born May 31, 1942, in Elkton at the home of her parents, Olivia (Martinez) Torres and the late Louis Torres.

After graduating from Elkton High School, she enrolled at St. Lawrence Mercy School of Nursing in Lansing, graduating as a registered nurse in 1965. She worked in the metro area a few years before coming to Hills and Dales in Cass City where she remained for 15 years. In the mid-80s she traveled to Chicago's Mt. Sinai Hospital and returned to Hills and Dales in 1997, retiring in 1998 for health

reasons.

Surviving are her son, Jimmy (Shannon) Crawley in the army at Fort Stewart, GA.; 3 grandchildren; her mother, Olivia Torres of Lapeer; 3 sisters, Anita (Alex) Lopez of Lapeer, Louise Torres of San Antonio, Texas, and Margaret Stevens of Lapeer, and 3 brothers, Louis (Pamela) Torres of Boone, N.C., Robert Torres of Cass City and Paul (Elaine) Torres of Midland.

A funeral mass was conducted Monday, Dec. 18, at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon. Sr. Theresa Fox officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.

McQuinn served in the U.S. Army as a nurse during WWII from 1943 to 1945 in the South Pacific, where she met her husband, Harry R. McQuinn. The couple married Jan. 19, 1946, in Royal Oak. He died Sept. 9, 2000.

She worked from 1945 to 1971 as a nurse in the Metro Detroit area and at McKenzie Hospital in Sandusky for 13 years until her retirement.

Surviving are a daughter, Ellen Rosmosier of Kingston; one grandson, and a brother, Ainsley Hippe of Edgerton, Wis. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a son-in-law, James Rosmosier.

Cremation has taken place at the Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City.

A memorial service will be held at McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Basil Curtis officiating.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel Inc., Marlette.

one brother, Glenn Groth of Cass City; one sister, Violet Czerwinski of Clinton Township, and one sister-in-law, Agnes Warchock of Kalkaska.

She was preceded in death by 2 daughters, Leonora and Lucille Sadro; one grandson, Jim Sadro; a son-in-law, Jim Hartsell, and 5 brothers, Martin, Fred, Arnold, Harvey and Alfred Groth.

Mass of Christian burial was scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 19, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg, with the Rev. Stephen Fillion, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be in the church cemetery.

Zinger-Smigielki Funeral Home, Ubyly, was in charge of arrangements.

Hazel Zinnecker

Hazel S. Zinnecker, 81, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000, in her home.

She was born May 16, 1919, in Deford to John and Goldia (Cook) Pringle. She married Clark F. Zinnecker Sept. 1, 1938, in Detroit. He died June 17, 2000.

She at one time worked for Agnes McPhail. She sold Tupperware and Avon in the Cass City area for over 11 years before retiring to Florida. Hazel and Clark lived in Sorrento, Fla., from 1979 to 1995 and in Haselton Village, Eustis, Fla., from 1995 to 1999. She was a member of the Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, and a 20-year member of the First Church of Christ in Eustis, Fla.

She is survived by her sons, Grant (Donna) Zinnecker of Emery, SD, Ralph (Patricia) Zinnecker of Deford; 2 granddaughters; a sister, Iva Field, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Grant Pringle.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Leona Heilig

Leona M. Heilig, 82, died Dec. 14, 2000, in Macomb County.

She is survived by her husband Marcus J. Heilig; children, Carol Beauchamp, Joseph (Betty) Heilig, Joan (Gary) Mitchell, Margaret Hewitt, Bonnie Heilig, and Judy (Adam) Rodriguez; 15 grandchildren, and 3 1/2 great-grandchildren. She was one of 17 children in her family.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 18, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Clinton Township.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Diabetes Foundation.

Frances McQuinn

Frances L. McQuinn, 85, of Kingston, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky. Mrs. McQuinn had lived in Kingston since 1971 and was previously from Clawson.

She was born Nov. 16, 1915, in Edgerton, Wis., daughter of Ephraim and Agnes (Swenson) Hippe.

She graduated from Edgerton High School in 1933, received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1938, and her RN degree from Presbyterian Hospital Nurses School in Chicago, Ill., in 1941.

Cub Scouts help make Christmas brighter

With Christmas fast approaching, many children's eyes are bright with anticipation as they look through the latest toy catalogs. They see the commercials for the newest and greatest toys and are busy making their special lists for just what they want Santa to leave under the Christmas tree.

Sadly, many of those lists may not be filled without help. Which is why the Cub Scouts from Cass City Pack 3594 decided to help Santa Claus make some of those children's Christmas morning a happy one.

The Cub Scouts recently set their own "wish lists" aside to raise money to donate for "Christmas for Kids", organized and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cass City.

The Cub Scout Pack held their second annual Cub and Parent Cake Bake Auction. Forty boys, along with their adult partners, baked cakes in every size or style they could imagine.

Their creations were then auctioned off with the help of Osentoski Auctioneers Dave and Marty Osentoski.

Many of these cakes were uniquely designed. "The Cub Scouts and parents were real artistic this year," said Rita Hanby, committee chairman to the pack. "We have cakes that look like turkeys, check-boards, flags, snowmen and even a kitty litter cake. I am not sure I could eat that one, but it's a good idea," she joked.

Kathy Varney, chairman for the event, organized categories of competition for the scouts and their partners to participate in. The pack awarded prizes of free video rental from Videomation and All Season Video and pizza at Little Caesar's.

Some of the categories consisted of the largest, smallest, yummiest looking, and best in a Scout theme. Members of the Pack's Charter Organization, the Gavel Club, did the judging.

When asked what he thought about the judging, Colin Mason from Wolf Den 2 said he just missed out on winning the tallest cake. He added with a big smile, "Next year I am going to add another layer."

This year the auction raised \$1,214.50, topping last year's donation of \$837.

When asked if they planned an auction next year, Lora Kulinski, Cubmaster, replied, "I think we will continue to do the event on a yearly basis as long as there is a need and the Cub Scouts want to continue. We would like to see more business and community people attend the next one. It is fun and the boys like it but it would be great to see more people from the area attend."



Sweet treat!

AUCTIONEER Dave Osentoski (far right) and Ben Varney get a close look at Cub Scout Joseph Rule's sweet creation during the second annual Cub and Parent Cake Bake Auction.

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Santa's workshop on tap Wednesday

"Santa's Secret Workshop", canceled last week due to inclement weather, has been rescheduled for today (Wednesday) from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Cass City Middle School.

The fourth annual event allows youngsters in grades K-7 to share in the excitement of the holidays by doing their own shopping. Designed with kids in mind, the workshop features volunteers who guide young shoppers as they choose that special gift for those on their list. All gifts range from 25 cents to \$2 and gift wrapping is included.

Parents, meanwhile, are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and purchase holiday baked goods.

All proceeds from the event will go towards the annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Kingston community rallies around children

The Kingston Schools and community have joined together for their 4th annual Winter Warm-up Project.

Local businesses once again have donated prizes for an annual raffle or donated money to go towards the purchase of winter apparel for children. Staff members, parents, grandparents and students are all doing their part by selling raffle tickets or by donating crafts.

"The Kingston people take great pride in working together for the children in this community. It is important to us that we take care of all our children. I am very proud to live in this town," said Patti Rodenbo, director of the Winter Warm-up Project.

"When I started this project 4 years ago, I was thankful to be able to put coats and boots on the children," she added. "More and more people continue to get involved in this project and because of their generosity, we now have been able to put

several articles of winter clothing on the needy children."

The Kingston American Vets Post 1072 continues to be a strong supporter of the effort, donating \$750 last year.

"Bob Miller had called and said that they again would donate to the Winter Warm-up Project and that their donation would be more than last year's," Rodenbo said. "I never expected \$1,277.46."

"The check that was donated is the result of the third annual Orange Coat Round Up," said Mark Lynn, commander of the American Vets 1072. "Some of the money was donated by various businesses and concerned individuals, ladies who served refreshments at the site, as well as from hunters who entered our event. We are proud to make the Winter Warm-up Program the recipient of this year's proceeds. The money stays in the village where it benefits

our children."

"We feel this is a good thing to donate to," Miller said.

"This year we worked a little harder and encouraged more to get involved, and we were able to raise more money for the kids.

All of the money raised goes toward the purchase of winter apparel for needy children. Last year, the effort provided a coat, snowpants, boots, hat and gloves, warm pants and shirts, and a package of socks for several children.

"We are very excited about this year's money raised thus far," said Char Torrey, head coordinator for the warm-up project.

"Working together is what this is all about," added Jackie Bastian, assistant coordinator. "We hope to get pictures of the children that this project has helped... so everyone can see the smiles that are put on children's faces."

This is Bastian's third year and Torrey's second year as project coordinators. Joining the team this year is Pat Eschtruth, who is in charge of putting together the letters sent to businesses.

"These ladies are the root of what makes a successful organization. They are very caring and dedicated individuals," Rodenbo said. "They are an asset to helping this project continue every year. I am lucky to have them and I appreciate them very much."

Rodenbo also lauded the American Vets Post 1072. "Every year they come through for our children. It is people like them that make Kingston a town worth living in."

John Eschtruth and General Cable of Cass City were gracious enough to donate \$400 and I thank them so very much. The businesses here and within our area are

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, December 20

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Bill and Alice Lovejoy.

Friday, December 22

Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 1-800-267-5692.

Saturday, December 23

Kids', Crafts and Christmas 10:00 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Rawson Memorial Library open 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25

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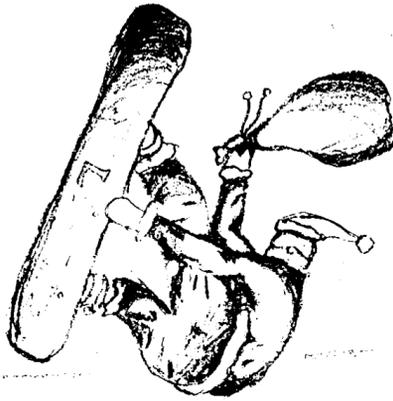
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- Thumb Area Dialysis Center
- Thumb Insurance Group
- Tom Thumb Singers
- Steve Wright

FREE Events Slated This Week

December 22

*4-7 p.m.: Visit Santa at the Municipal Building

December 23

*10:00-11:00 a.m.: Kids', Crafts & Christmas

Decorate Christmas Cookies

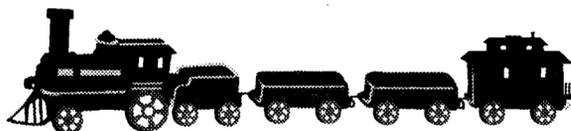
at Rawson Memorial Library

*11:00-1:30: Visit Santa at the Municipal Building

*2:00 p.m.: Movie at the Cass Theatre

"Babe, Pig in the City" 12 and under free.

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