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MIKE MANDICH presented the photo of John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Bouvier he purchased at an auction about 3 months ago to fellow Owendale area resident Harold Church last week. The photo was a personal gift to Church from the Kennedy family, whom Church shared a friendship with after meeting John F. Kennedy in Wisconsin in the late 1950s.

Rare find

Mandich learns signed photo belongs to neighbor who knew the Kennedy family

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A chance meeting brought Harold Church face to face with former U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt when he was just a youngster. Years later, while working in Wisconsin, another chance meeting brought the Owendale man face to face with John F. Kennedy who, at the time, was in the midst of his presidential campaign. More recently, another chance meeting, this time with an acquaintance living just a few miles from him, led to the return of a personal gift from Kennedy - a signed photo of himself and wife Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy - which had disappeared while Church was preparing to host an auction of antiques at his home in Silverwood in the early 1990s.

That photograph ended up in the hands of Owendale area resident Mike Mandich, who purchased the item at the Jim Mosher estate auction about 3 months ago.

Mandich recalled he was looking around at auction items displayed in a 2-car garage at Mosher's Owendale area residence. "This was hanging on the wall. I saw it, and I just kind of fell in love with it," he recalled. "Everything was going so fast, so I bid on it," he said, noting he won a small bidding war with a woman who was also interested in the piece. "I paid \$10 for this picture."

Mandich took the photo home and, as he went to hang it on a wall, noticed a handwritten greeting at the bottom. It read, "To Harold,

good luck, John".

"I said, 'I don't know who Harold is, but I know it's John (Kennedy),' " Mandich said of his reaction.

Mike called his brother-in-law, Bob Eremia, to tell him about his discovery and to ask if he had a clue of who Harold might be. Eremia played out a hunch by calling Church, an acquaintance of his, and learned that the photo, in fact, had belonged to Church.

Interestingly, Eremia had introduced Mandich to Church just a couple years earlier, when he hired Mandich to build a deck for Church.

Mandich wasted no time visiting Church. "I didn't

say anything, but when I left that place, I had decided - that picture's got to go back to him," said Mandich, who presented the photo to Church last Wednesday.

The meeting sparked waves of memories for Church, a retired electrical engineer and lifelong antique buff who has restored some 300 antique cars - from a 1911 Model T Ford to a 1955 Packard - during his lifetime.

KENNEDY

"I met him in Wisconsin. I was doing a job over there," recalled Church, who was on his way to lunch in the late 1950s when he looked ahead

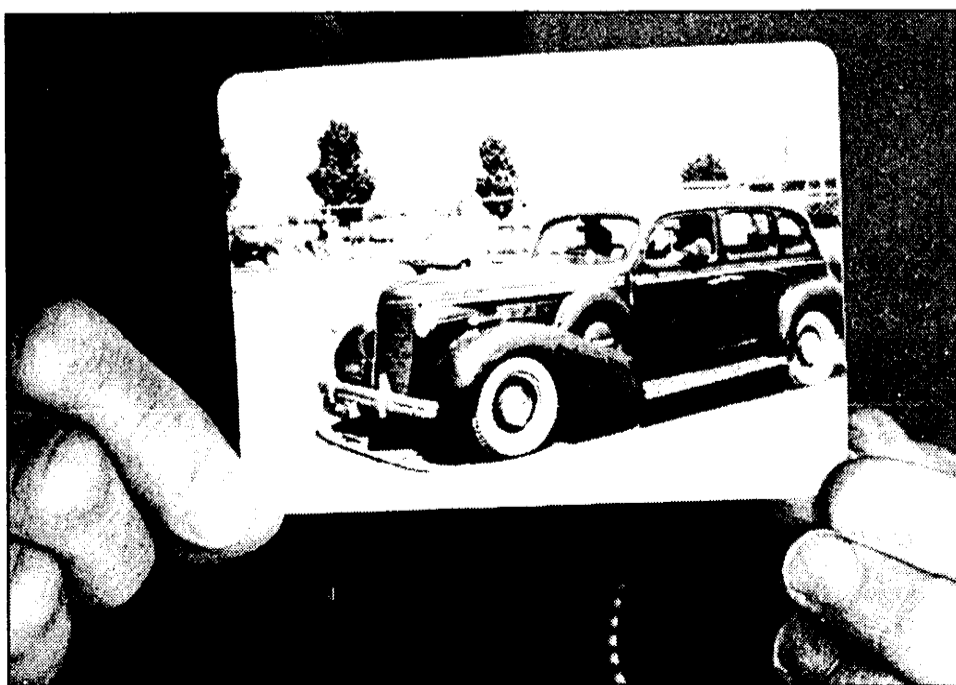
and saw 2 large, black Cadillac pulling up. Church said he waited for the vehicles to pass so he could get across the street.

"These 4 guys get out of the Cadillac and said, 'follow me, please'," Church said. "I thought, what'd I do now?"

Moments later, Church found himself greeting Kennedy. "He said, 'I hope we didn't upset you. We're looking for a good place to eat, but nothing spectacular.'"

Church directed the men to a nearby Coney Island restaurant. "He (Kennedy) said, 'well, climb in'. We went down there and he bought me

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ROBERT Kennedy made a gift of this 1937 Buick to Church. The vehicle had been used as a U.S. Embassy car in England.

Council reviewing plan Capital improvement projects top \$775,000

Cass City residents will benefit from a host of capital improvement program projects included in the village's 2003 spending plan.

The projects, totaling an estimated \$775,000, are included in the village's proposed \$1.31 million budget and range from equipment and vehicle purchases to street paving and sidewalk construction.

The Village Council was scheduled to meet in special session Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the municipal building to review the 2003 proposed and 5-year budgets as well as the 2003 capital improvement projects. Final action is expected during a rescheduled monthly meeting slated for Monday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

Although the capital improvement program includes some "wish list" items that rely on available funding and could be delayed, village Manager Frank Sheridan indicated he's confident that a majority of the projects will be completed.

One exception is \$165,000 local match to a \$165,000 federal grant officials hope to secure for a storm sewer upgrade at Doerr Road and Garfield Avenue in Cass City's Industrial Park. "We won't do any of that unless we get the grant," Sheridan said.

"I don't think we're going to get this because we're not flooding private property," he added, referring to a standing water problem at the intersection. "It's inconvenient. We're not flooding industry or private property. We're flooding a road and a parking lot, so we're not high on the priority list."

Sheridan said certain heavy equipment purchases for the Department of Public Works could also be delayed for one year.

The plan currently calls for \$188,500 in purchases, in-

cluding a replacement dump truck (\$65,000) and blade truck (\$80,000), a John Deere lawn mower (\$14,000) and a motor grader (\$29,500, lease to buy).

Another \$100,000 is set aside for regular exterior maintenance of the village water tower.

"The rust is bad on the outside. It isn't affecting the performance, but we've been delaying this about 3 years, and a new tower costs about \$750,000," Sheridan said.

No new road construction is planned next year, he added, "but we are putting \$125,000 into paving and resurfacing local and major roads."

Those projects include Pine Street, Oak to Seeger (\$9,579), Spruce Street, Beechwood to cul-de-sac

(\$8,800), Virginia Street, Hunt to west terminus (\$15,820), Huron Street, Ale to Seeger (\$25,650), Hospital Drive, Beechwood to Tendercare (\$23,440), Oak Street, Third to Pine (\$11,100), and alley paving (\$7,000).

In addition, the village has set aside \$32,000 for sidewalk construction.

Sheridan expects to spend the lion's share of the money. In recent years, officials have spent less than budgeted because they have relied on resident requests for sidewalk repairs. However, Sheridan said the village is at a point now to where special assessment districts are necessary.

"We've run out of volunteers and we do have some bad sidewalk," he added,

noting he expects to schedule public hearings in the spring to set up the assessment districts, which will require residents to pay one-half the cost of sidewalk repairs.

In other departments, \$87,500 is earmarked for equipment purchases and maintenance at the wastewater treatment plant in 2003; \$36,500 will go towards the village's new well payment; \$32,000 is budgeted for police department patrol car leases and purchase of radar/video/equipment; \$13,000 will be spent on hydrant replacements; \$9,000 will go towards a water main replacement on Elclair Street, Pine to Houghton; and \$3,500 will be spent on a water valve replacement at Main and West streets.

Holiday crashes claim 4

The Thanksgiving holiday proved deadly on Tuscola County roadways, with 2 traffic crashes claiming a combined 4 lives, including a Huron County couple and their grandson.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies responded to the first accident, a 2-vehicle collision, last Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at the intersection of Bradleyville Road and M-138 in Gilford Township.

According to reports a southbound vehicle driven by Seth Schupan, 23, of Kalamazoo, failed to stop for a posted stop sign and was struck on the driver's side by a westbound van driven by Chad M. Vanderlaan, 23, of Linden.

After impact, both vehicles along with a utility trailer being towed by the van came to rest in a deep ditch at the southwest corner of the intersection. The van then caught fire and was destroyed.

Deputies said Schupan was pronounced dead at the scene. Also pronounced dead were Schupan's passengers and grandparents, Clarence Gettel, 82, and Phyllis Gettel, 78, of Pigeon.

Clarence Gettel owned Gettel Implement Co., working as a John Deere dealer in Pigeon for more than 35 years. He was also a World War II veteran. Phyllis Gettel, a former school teacher and homemaker, was also active in the family business for many years.

Fairgrove Ambulance personnel transported Vanderlaan to Bay Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

Deputies were assisted by the Tuscola County Road Commission, Michigan State Police, Fairgrove Fire Department, Reese Blumfield Fire Department, Fairgrove Ambulance and MMR Ambulance.

The accident remains under investigation.

SATURDAY CRASH

Icy road conditions contributed to a fatal accident Saturday morning in Fremont Township. The crash occurred at about 11:43 a.m. at the intersection of Brown Road and M-24.

Troopers from the Michigan

State Police post in Caro reported Roni Benedict 20, of Mayville, lost control of her westbound car on the icy road surface, spun several times and was struck by an oncoming eastbound pickup truck driven by Gregory Hormel, 29, also of Mayville.

Troopers said the Benedict vehicle landed in a ditch and a passenger, Jamie Mason, 22, Mayville, was thrown from the vehicle. Rescuers used the Jaws of Life to extricate Benedict from the wreckage. She was transported to Caro Community Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Mason was transported to Lapeer Regional Hospital and later transferred to McLaren Hospital, where she was listed in stable condition.

Benedict was wearing a seatbelt but it isn't known if Mason was, according to reports, which state both Hormel and his passenger, Brent Hoag, 32, Vassar, were wearing seatbelts.

Troopers said alcohol was not a factor in the crash, but speed may have contributed to the accident.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by Mayville Fire and Rescue, the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department

Santa to arrive in village Saturday

If the success of Cass City's Christmas in the Village open house is any indication, organizers will enjoy record participation in this year's Holiday Extravaganza activities.

The community open house, held Nov. 24, was nothing short of outstanding, according to Cass City Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Kay Warner, citing cooperation from local businesses as well as the crowd of shoppers that filled Main Street stores through much of the afternoon.

"It was the best participation we ever had. That was phenomenal for us," she said. "We really had an excellent turnout."

One of the biggest draws was the sale of "Cass City Cash", a promotion in which shoppers could purchase the fake money at a 20 percent discount and then spend the cash just like legal tender at local businesses.

In all, \$5,000 worth of Cass City Cash was available, and every dollar had been sold in just 4 1/2 days. "It just went so fast," Warner said. "We're still selling it, but only at face value for gift certificates."

The Christmas in the Village Holiday Extravaganza

will kick off Saturday with a host of special events, start-

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CASS CITY DPW crews were out long before sunrise Monday, clearing about 4 inches of snow that fell Sunday night. The snowfall total to-date is nearly 7 inches, according to statistics compiled at the village wastewater treatment plant.

Area students honored

The names of several area residents are included in the 36th annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002".

The area students are:
Decker — Charissa L. Broecker, Melissa Broecker, Janette Hull, Cory Rickett, Matt Shaw, Paul R. Redman, Brent A. Shaw and Dustin Stolzman.
Gagetown — Stephanie L.

Dorsch, Justin J. Rogers and Nicole Drinkard.
Kingston — Tiffany M. Adams, Holly M. Boyne, Megan A. Clapsaddle, Adam E. Hackel, Aaron J. Kolacz, Brianna M. Ross, Brian Wolak, Samantha Anger, Nathan Childs, Coren C. Crane, Melissa M. Hill, Gabriel Romosier and Christy L. Willis.
Owendale — Philip M. Fibranz, Kristen L. Kreh, Kimberly J. Wiederhold,

Timothy J. Kain and Candi Rhodes.
Who's Who, published by Educational Communications Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based on students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99 percent of Who's Who students have a grade point average of "B" or better and 97 percent are college bound.
 The 36th annual edition of Who's Who features more than 850,000 students, or just 6 percent of the nation's 15 million high school students.

It's a girl!



Kimberly Ray Yoe

Ed and Sheila Yoe of Deford announce the birth of their daughter, Kimberly Ray Yoe. She was born Nov. 5, 2002 at Lapeer Regional Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.
 Grandparents are Clinton and Diana Spencer of Decker and Mary Yoe of Mayville. Great-grandmother is June Szappon of Cass City.



If the TV commercials and the "Day After Thanksgiving" shopping frenzy wasn't enough to remind you that Christmas is coming, the snowy winter weather should have given you a clue. You have 3 short weeks to get ready.
 With the past couple weeks I encountered a radio broadcast and a printed article, both associated with Focus on the Family, that got me thinking about Christmas traditions and expectations.
 The radio program was an interview with Kim Wier and Pam McCune, authors of "Redeeming the Season: Simple Ideas for a Memorable and Meaningful Christmas."
 Their suggestions for fun activities that would help restore some sanity and meaning to the season prompted me to order the book. Possibly I can share some of their ideas either this Christmas or before the holiday next year.
 The printed piece was a humorous but meaningful article by Dave Meurer in the Focus on the Family magazine entitled "In Search of the Perfect Christmas" and was right on target for many of us.
 We want to observe the real meaning of the season, but somehow it just never seems to work out the way we hoped and planned.
 Meurer wrote, "For many years, I had embarked on a futile attempt to achieve that elusive ideal - the romanticized holiday captured in magazines and 30-second TV commercials.
 "The ingredients seemed so

simple: a warm fire glowing in the hearth, hot cider brewing in the kitchen, the glow of the tree and my family snuggled together on the sofa as we recounted the touching story of Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus.
 "But something always went wrong. The fire belched smoke back into the room, a drink got spilled, or one of the kids asked if he could play a video game right when the angels were about to bring good tidings of great joy."
 In fact, on one occasion, in the midst of his attempt at a perfect Christmas, a piece of wrapping paper got too close to a candle and not only ignited, but exploded.
 He says, "In less time than it takes to sing 'presents roasting on an open fire', our quiet holiday evening was transformed into a modern day version of Dante's Inferno, only stupider and less poetic."
 Meurer says that as each year passed without fulfilling his dream, he became more uptight, compulsive and ridiculous. Can any of us relate to that?
 To sum up the author's conclusion, he eventually discovered that the perfect Christmas is a myth. He was reminded that the first Christmas was hardly perfect.
 "It was glorious and difficult, miraculous and earthy, sublime and sweaty, tender and yet so harsh. Angel songs were mixed with animal smells. The hopes and fears of all the years were jumbled together as heaven invaded a stable."
 Since it was true of the first Christmas, why should we expect things to be perfect today?
 Maybe we need to learn to be more flexible and enjoy the holiday as it is and forget about what we think it should be.
 Meurer concludes, "Nothing has really changed since then. Hopes and fears still meet. Christmas may not be perfect. But it can still be good."
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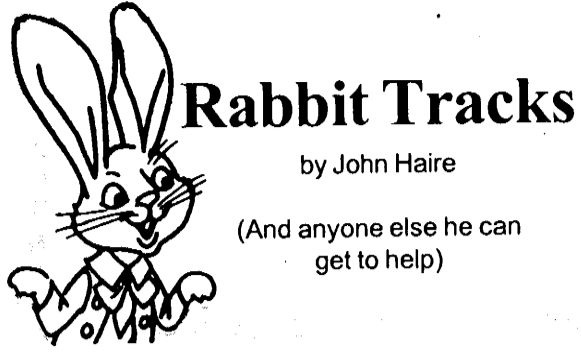
Adam T. Dorland of Cass City has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony at Central Michigan University.
 "It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Adam be recognized by Golden Key," said Alexander D. Perwich II, Golden Key executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Geneva Richards confides that when the Tom Thumb Community Singers was organized skeptics predicted that the group wouldn't last 5 years.

When the group performs Dec. 14 and 15 at the Cass City Methodist Church it will be for the 20th year and counting, she said. Admission is free and no tickets are required.

Maybe it was the weather, Scott Mills said. It was such a nice day perhaps the people just took off for the holiday.

Maybe it just wasn't meant to be. All fall long Clarence "Bud" Schneeberger was banking on seeing his grandson, Anton Schneeberger play with the Constantine football team...

Hills and Dales unveils Registered Nurse Plan

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Administrative Team and Board of Trustees recently announced their newly developed Registered Nursing Plan.

"We realize how truly valuable our registered nurses are to our team," said hospital President and CEO Dee McKrow.

The plan includes: *Incentives for cross-training. *Twelve-hour shifts working every third weekend with a fixed rotation.

*Continued educational support for continuing education. *Double the R.N. staff ratio to meet a high R.N.-to-patient ratio, with a goal of one nurse to every 6 patients.

"We intend to use the 14 forces of a Magnet Hospital as our role model. The physicians, board of trustees and the administrative team believe nursing to be a key component of Hills and Dales General Hospital in providing the highest quality of care to our patients."

Click it or Ticket campaign still on

Thanksgiving may be over, but strict enforcement of the state's seatbelt law is still going strong.

Hundreds of Michigan law enforcement agencies will continue their zero tolerance enforcement of the state's seat belt law through Sunday. The effort began Nov. 25.

"A short enforcement period isn't enough to really make seat belt use a habit for some," said Betty J. Mercer, division director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

The "Click it or Ticket" campaign involves 448 Michigan law enforcement agencies, including the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department...

Following the Labor Day weekend, Michigan's seat belt use rate is at 82.9 percent. The state's goal is to reach 88 percent by the end of 2003.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

Most of us have fallen asleep during a meeting at least once? (Or wished that we could.) I can remember college students who wore sunglasses all day so they could sleep through classes without being detected.

A snoozing audience member presents a problem for the speaker. Should we wake them up, or let them sleep?

If we wake them up, who should do it? The person conducting the meeting? Someone sitting next to them?

I think we should let sleeping dogs snooze. They wouldn't be napping if they didn't need the sleep - and waking them up is sure to embarrass someone.

Washington coach, Steve Spurrier, recalls a team meeting when he was quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1976.

The coach explained that most football games are lost in the trenches, by failing to block and tackle on the front lines. (At least he wasn't blaming the quarterback.)

McKay called the lineman by name, woke him up, and asked, "Where are most games lost?"

And the lineman says, "Right here in Tampa, sir."

A similar thing happened at a county agents' meeting many years ago. There were about 15 characters in the room, but only three are involved in the story.

There was Bill, the university beef cattle specialist; Dennis, a county livestock agent; and Andy, an area livestock agent. (I'm sad to report all three are now deceased.)

Bill was a serious sort of fellow and very task oriented. He tried his best to keep everyone on track.

Andy was the opposite. He was full of humor. Andy never heard a joke he didn't like and spent much of his time thinking up pranks to pull on his co-workers.

Dennis was a really nice guy with a serious weight problem. Denny had sleep apnea. He could doze off in the

middle of anything and had a tendency to snore when he did. It was late afternoon on the third day of meetings, and Bill was deep into some research on nutritional requirements of pregnant cows.

He was especially concerned about cows grazing on low quality forage, such as wheat stubble. Bill had slides, charts, over-

head transparencies, and a short movie. (He probably should have skipped the movie.)

Denny fell asleep during the slide show. Then he began to snore.

Bill stopped in the middle of his presentation and said, "Andy, wake Dennis up."

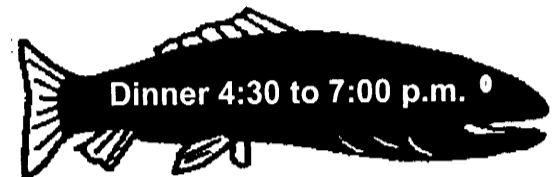
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(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

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An international survey conducted by a management consulting firm Accenture found that new electronic innovations did little to excite car owners or stir up much demand.

There were a host of new electronic devices exhibited in a show last month. One includes 6 tiny cameras strategically placed to see things that the driver can't.

Ford's T2s vehicles have Night Eye vision system, a color camera system that enhances what the driver can see in low light. There are also radar collision warning systems that trigger audio alarms and tighten seat belts when collision appears imminent.

More in the development stage is vehicle-to-vehicle communication including sensors that detect when the driver slams on the brakes or the traction control activates and then transmit a warning to other vehicles within a range of nearly a third of a mile.

The Accenture survey shows that the demand for these advances is limited. They are exciting to read about, but the bottom line is the cost.

It takes awhile for the public to be convinced that they need these luxury items in their cars. One thing a senior citizen can do is recall how some of the basic changes in cars were received.

Start with automatic transmissions. Back then it was who needs it. I can do a lot of shifting for the extra bucks it costs. Even more unessential were power steering and power brakes. Now taken for granted on most cars, it was followed by anti-lock brakes that began as an extra option and are now slowly becoming...

Homakie studying in Australia

Melissa Homakie, a Hope College junior from Cass City, is spending the fall 2002 semester studying off campus.

About 100 students from Hope are studying off campus during the fall semester. Hope students study throughout the United States and around the world through a variety of programs.

Homakie is studying in Wollongong, Australia.

While attending Hope, Homakie has also participated in College Chorus; Gospel Choir; intramural sports; and the Nykerk Cup contest, a traditional event in which members of the freshman and sophomore classes compete in song, oration and plays. She has been named to the dean's list as well.

Homakie is the daughter of John Homakie and Michelle Homakie of Cass City. She is a 2000 graduate of Cass City High School.

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Alissa's Article

by Alissa Pasant



Independent bank workers raise \$250

Employees at Independent Bank East Michigan recently held a "Casual Because We Care Day" and raised money to support the Unionville Fire Department.

Each month, Independent Bank East Michigan holds the event to raise awareness, interests, and funds for various national and community organizations. In November, the Unionville office chose to support the Unionville fire fighters.

Independent Bank employees, customers and members of the community donated more than \$250 to the cause. All the proceeds will be used for the purchase of new equipment to assist with quick response times for auto accident calls.

"The Unionville Fire Department, operated by volunteers, is a critical service to the Unionville community," said Ronald Long, president and CEO of Independent Bank East Michigan. "I am proud to see the amount of support by our customers, employees and members of the community we serve."

The "Casual Because We Care" program originated more than 11 years ago at Independent Bank and continues to be a highly regarded employee program. Those employees who choose to make a donation dress casually as an outward sign of their support.

Throughout the year, bank employees and others have donated more than \$2,700 to local charities and organizations.

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner was once again a success. The dinner this year was held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28 at the VFW Hall.

The tradition of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner began about 15 years ago. This dinner was organized in an effort to give community members an opportunity to celebrate this holiday together. Some people in Cass City would sit home on Thanksgiving, because they didn't have any family close to celebrate with. This gives everyone the opportunity to spend the holiday with other people they know, even though they aren't family members.

Many people pulled to-

gether to make this day a success. All of the food and labor for the dinner was donated. The food served at the dinner is turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, stuffing, corn, rolls, and pie. The Knights of Columbus purchased the 16 turkeys for this event while Sutter's Bakery cooked the turkeys and donated 30 dozen rolls. The students from the high school home economics class prepared the dressing for the event while area volunteers cooked it. Many churches help out in various ways to make this event work. People from the community baked pies for dessert and volunteered their time to help greet people and serve them.

The dinner had many students that volunteered some of their own time on Thanksgiving Day to help out at the dinner. Students in art classes at the high school made posters to put up around the school and around town to let people know when the dinner was and where it would be held. The students also helped out at the dinner. There were sign up sheets at the high school for students to pick when they would like to work. They could pick between 3 different shifts. The shifts were: set-up at 9:30-11:30 a.m., serving from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and clean up from 1:30 p.m. until it was done. Many students took advantage of volunteering their time. The set up crew made sure that everything was ready to go. They set the tables with silverware, cups, napkins, placemats and plates. They also cut the pies and set them out to be served. When they finished, the serving crew was already there. There were enough students to have at least 2 people to a table. This helped to make sure that people had enough to eat and drink. They also got dinners ready for shut-ins, or people who requested take-outs. Ally Bell was on the serving crew and said, "I like to donate my time to help out at the dinner. I think that it's a good experience and you should get involved if you can."

This event pulls the community together as a whole. I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to see how the number of people attending has grown and how all the people in the community come together to make Thanksgiving special for everyone.

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Hills and Dales to host Christmas tree lighting

Hills and Dales General Hospital will host its first Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. outside of the hospital near the gazebo.

The public is invited to donate \$5 or more to light a light on the tree in honor or in memory of a loved one during the Christmas season. The names will be listed on a donor board being created by the Christmas Committee of the Hills and Dales employees.

The "Caring Tree" is being donated by John and Dee McKrow and will be planted as part of the landscape at the hospital.

Dee McKrow, president/CEO said the ceremony will start off with reading of the

names, then the Hills and Dales choir will lead the public in singing Christmas carols. Punch, hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the lobby following the ceremony.

McKrow said she would like to see the ceremony continue annually, which may happen depending on this year's popularity. She appreciates the efforts of the people involved with the ceremony "people give a lot of their time, talent and money to help us out. It is a good

reminder of what the Christmas season is all about," she said.

This year's goal is to raise \$2,000 and the proceeds from this event will provide needed equipment for patient areas.

Donations can be sent to Caring Tree, HDGH and mail to Hills and Dales General Hospital, 4675 Hill St., Cass City, Michigan 48726. Include the name and address of donor, name of the person(s) to be remembered or recognized, check or money order preferred.

5th Annual Tour of Homes



The LaVern and Carol Rutkoski home at 4043 E. Cass City Road will probably seem almost new to folks who visit during the fifth annual home tour Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

After all, the Rutkoski home was built in 1980 and is the baby among the 5 homes that will be open for the tour.

The home owned by Gerald and Dana Bennett, 5085 Bay City-Forestville Road, will

be 100 years old in 2003.

The Robert and Cindy Joseph home, 5399 Huron Line Road, is an 1880 style Victorian farmhouse that was slated for the wrecking ball before it was restored. Both the Jack and Betty Laurie home, 5440 Dodge Road, and the Dave and Kris Milligan home, 6226 Bay City-Forestville Road, were built in the early years of the 20th century.

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The tour costs \$10 and ad-

mission is with a commemorative tour book that pictures each house on the tour. They can be visited in any order. Pat Curtis Chrysler is providing free shuttle service that starts at 1 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library and the tour is estimated to take about 2 hours.

A reception is planned at the library from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

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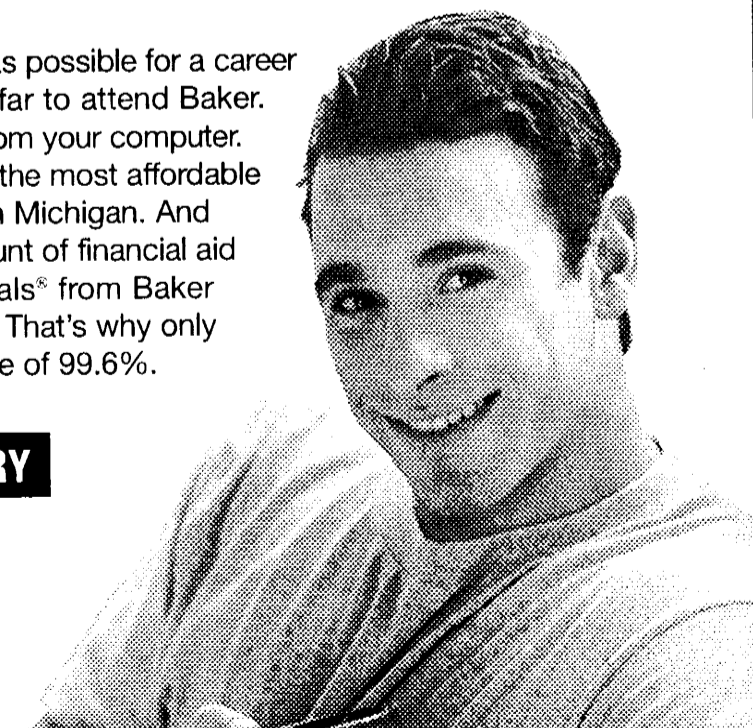
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Snapshots in History...

OWEN-GAGE Elementary School's November Pageant is in its second year and gained momentum as the entire school worked to create the Nov. 26 production. The idea is curriculum driven as it ties activities that the students are learning about daily. Entitled "Snapshots in History", the production explores a variety of themes such as patriotism, Thanksgiving and winter activities. Below, covered wagons were built by Sandy Parks' second graders. Students learned how settlers lived, built their homes and traveled as they studied history and prepared for the play. Many of the students decided that, although they would like to ride in a covered wagon, they would not like to live in one for as long as the settlers did.



Several appear in circuit court

The following people recently appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court on various criminal charges:

•David J. Warren, 22, Caro, pleaded guilty to failure to register as a sex offender Sept. 5 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Steven F. Franks, 35, Millington, pleaded guilty operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor with a passenger under the age of 16 years, second offense, Oct. 25 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Eric M. Jobson, 24, Millington, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 270 days in the county jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense.

He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling (residential treatment) and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,620.

•Sheri A. Twyman, 39, Caro, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work release, for her plea of no contest to assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer Aug. 22 in Indianfields Township.

She was also ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling (residential) treatment and pay \$1,420 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$85 and a \$150 forensics fee.

•Michialle A. Collins, 52, Decker, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release, for a plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle

while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 10 in Kingston Township.

The defendant was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,620.

•Richard T. Bauer, 51, Saginaw, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 22 in Wisner Township.

He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling and pay \$1,620 in costs and fines, restitution of \$85 and a \$150 forensics fee.

•Luke Krug, 19, Cass City, was sentenced to 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to attempted larceny of livestock March 23 in Elmwood Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$620 plus \$350 in restitution.

•Kenneth R. Dubay Jr., 25, Cass City, pleaded guilty to attempted arson of real property Nov. 17, 1998, in Ellington Township.

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

•Ryan N. Sholes, 26, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 16 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Jessica L. Lester, 18, Mayville, pleaded guilty to attempted breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Feb. 4 in Mayville, and resisting and obstructing a police officer July 16 in Mayville.

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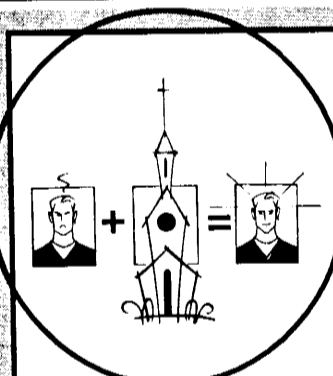
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A Good Attitude

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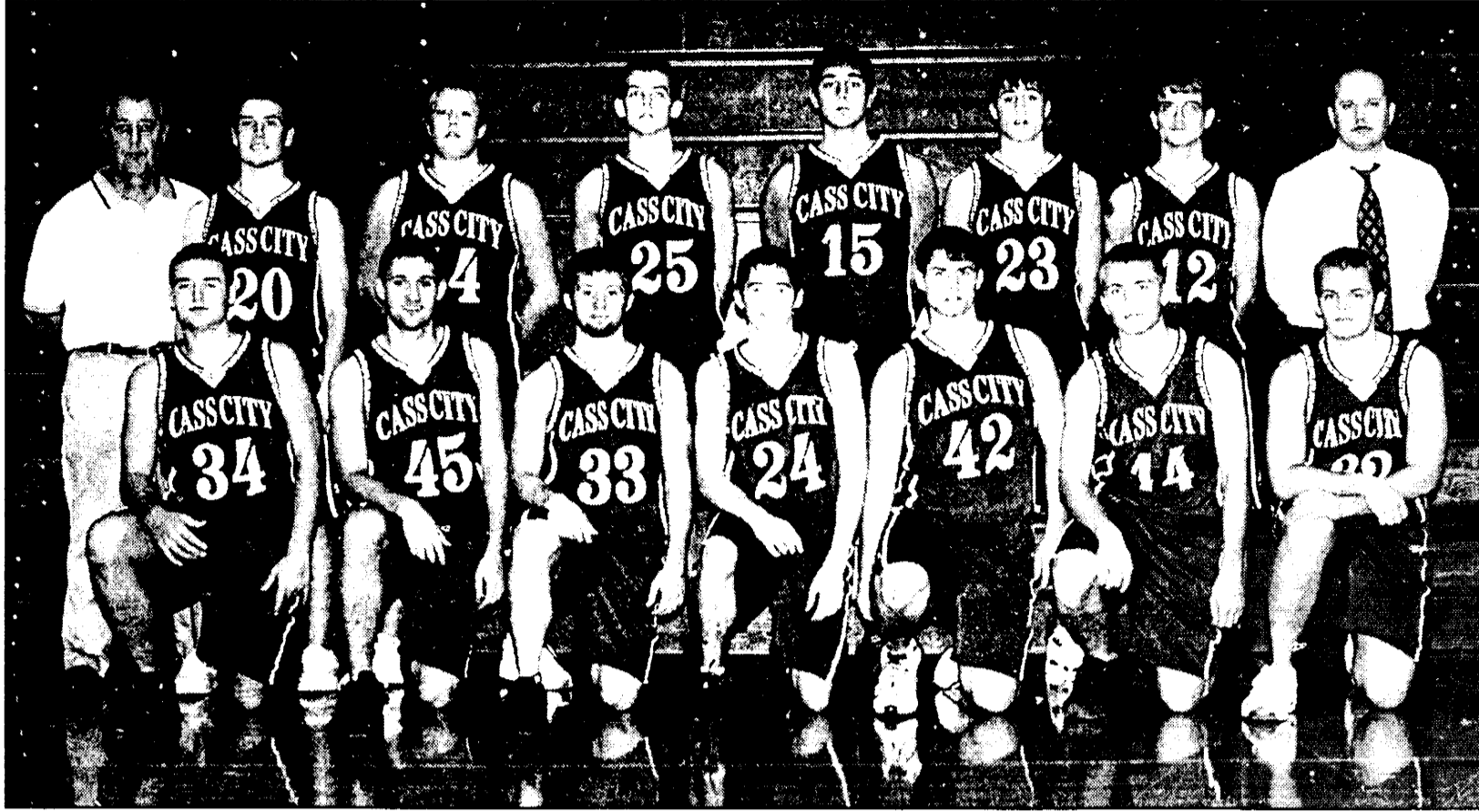
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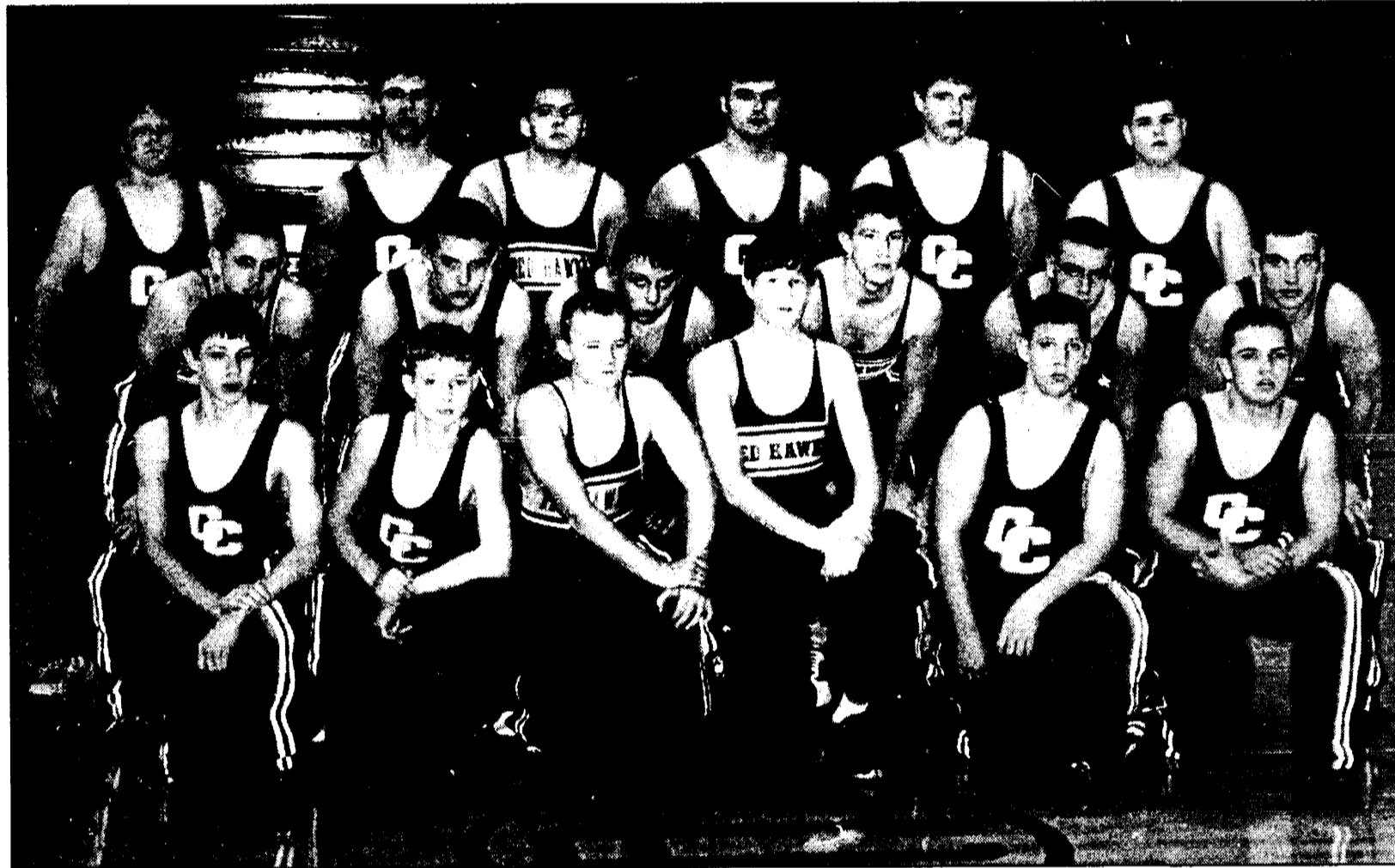
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THE CASS CITY RED HAWK varsity basketball squad. Front row, from left: Aaron Diegel, Nick Stoutenburg, Matt Stoutenburg, Zac Toner, Chris Dillon, Nick Swanson, Gavin Frederick. Back row: coach John Maharg, Jake Brinkman, Tyler Erla, Craig Holmgren, Chris Maharg, Leon Sullins, Coty Gohsman, coach Aaron Fernald.



THE CASS CITY RED HAWK wrestling team, from left: (front row) Marcel Helland, Justin Sturm, Floyd Moorish, David Erla, Justin Grice, Jerry Crandall; (middle row) Josh Smith, Jeff Tenbusch, Jason James, Trevor Copeland, Wes Becker, Eric Hollis; (back row) John Crandall, Cody Halasz, Shelby Russell, Travis Jensen, Steve Meeker, Lee Hutchinson.

Graduation losses leave Hawks young and short as cage season nears

Cass City Red Hawks will be young and short this year, coach Aaron Fernald said as the squad prepares for the opening game of the season at Brown City Tuesday.

Graduation has decimated the front court for the Hawks. Gone is Jeff Storm, a 4-year veteran, and the leader of last year's team. Also gone is Rob Havens, (6.0') Bill Thane, (6.3'), Grant Frank (6.1') and Nick Chappel (6.0').

Cass City's strength will be out front. Jake Brinkman, a junior, and Matt Stoutenburg, a senior, were mainstays for last year's team. Chris Maharg, 6.1, senior, was a starter or first reserve off the bench last year and combined a scoring touch with rebounding on the wing.

Aaron Diegel and Noal Powell, seniors, played limited minutes last year and round out the veterans on the squad. A sophomore, Nick Stoutenburg, has won a spot on the varsity.

Fernald will need plenty of help from players up from the junior varsity. They include Tyler Erla, Zac Toner, Nick Swanson, Craig Holmgren and Gavin Frederick.

The Hawks will face strong teams in the Greater Thumb

West this year, Fernald believes. Unionville-Sebewaing and Laker High will top the list. USA has a veteran team spearheaded by the guard tandem of Steve Cramer and

Matthew Kitchen. Laker has a veteran team with plenty of board power built around 6-5 David Gross, a junior. Valley Lutheran has everyone back and Reese is Reese, Fernald said.

Cass City Red Hawks 2002 Boys' Basketball

Dec. 10	Brown City	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 13	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.	H
Dec. 17	Uibly	5:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 20	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 27	Caro	5:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 3	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 7	Marlette	5:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 10	USA	5:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 14	Mayville	5:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 17	Reese	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 21	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 24	BCAS	5:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 30	Valley Lutheran (F)	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 31	Valley Luth (JV/V)	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 4	Lakers	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 7	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 11	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 14	USA	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 21	Reese	5:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 25	BCAS	5:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 28	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.	H
March 3-8	Districts @ Cass City		

Cass City wrestlers look for improvement over last year's 12-15 mark

Last season was a rebuilding year for coach Don Markel's Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team that finished 12-15, 5-4 in the league, with a squad loaded with freshmen.

These young men showed marked improvement, Markel says, and they need to continue to improve if we are to have a successful season.

Markel will have only a pair of seniors and a junior to anchor the squad.

Travis Jensen, senior, wrestled at 189 pounds and compiled a 45-7 record last season. He was a regional qualifier. Josh Smith, senior, returning after setting out last season will wrestle at 145/152 pounds and is expected to anchor the middle-weights. Eric Hollis, junior, was 23-21 last season and will wrestle at 171 pounds.

The sophomores, now with a year's experience, will be a core part of the team. These wrestlers and their weight classes are: Marcel Helland, 112; Jerry Crandall, 145; Jeff Tenbusch, 152; Wes Becker, 160; and Lee Hutchinson, 275 pounds.

There are some gaping holes to fill this season. Gone is Aaron Dorland, who finished 8th in the state at 160 pounds with a 49-5 record. He holds the school record with 167 career victories. David Mayer who wrestled

at 215 pounds was a solid 4-year performer.

There are 20 athletes out for the team this year, but the team's strength is in the big guys. Markel says that the school will probably need to forfeit in some weight classes.

The league has changed this year with perennial wrestling powerhouses, Cros-Lex and Yale, moving to another league. Markel feels that Mayville and Marlette will

be the teams to beat.

Coach Markel has been coaching for 19 years and at the helm at Cass City for 17 years. He has an outstanding 203-108-2 record in Cass City and a 223-114-2 mark overall.

The wrestlers will kick off the season Thursday with a triangular meet at North Branch and follow it with another non-conference invitational Saturday at Cros-Lex.

Cass City Red Hawks 2002 Wrestling

Dec. 5	N. Branch/Bridgeport @ N. Branch	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 7	Cros-Lex (JV/V)	10:00 a.m.	A
Dec. 12	Caro/Gaylord	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 14	Marlette (JV/V)	8:00 a.m.	A
Dec. 19	Pinconning/Gaylord	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 3	North Branch (JV)	5:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 4	North Branch (V)	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 8	USA/Brown City @ Brown City	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 11	Cass City Invite	10:00 a.m.	H
Jan. 15	Valley Luth/Lakers	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 18	Mayville Invite	8:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 22	Marlette/Novel/CC @ Marlette	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 25	Imlay City	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 29	Sandusky/Mayville	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 1	Standish/Sterling	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 5	Millington	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 8	League Invite @ Mayville	10:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 12	Team Districts	TBA	

Deering, Howard honored on GTW dream team

Cass City's Amy Howard, a junior, and Deidre Deering, a senior, were named to the 6-person Greater Thumb West all conference first team selected by conference coaches.

Howard was an honorable mention selection last year and Deering is a repeat selection for the dream team.

Berths on the squad are selected by league coaches that rate candidates on a scale of 12 points for the best down to one on a descending scale. The top 12 players made the teams and the re-

mainder receive honorable mention. The top 6 are on the

first team and the next 6 on the second team.

Reese also placed 2 players on the first team. Corey Schluckbier, senior, moved up from a second team post last year. Diedre Reinert, junior, was not named last season.

Rounding out the first team are Amy Sutherland, senior, Bad Axe, and Kristy Sting, junior, of USA.

Cass City was also well represented on the second team as Lindsey Hendrick, senior, was elected for the second year and Becky Hartel, senior, also made the squad. Ashley Hendrick, a fresh-

man, and Krystec Dorland, junior, received honorable mention.

SECOND TEAM

Other second team members are Diana Humphrey, senior, Lakers; Terri Walker, senior, Bad Axe; Kim Sheltran, sophomore, Valley Lutheran; and Michelle Burgess, junior, Reese.

Honorable mention members are Katie Middleton, Julie Giowiak and Megan Bergeron, all of Bay City All Saints; Amanda Chiotti, Julee Swartzendruber and Jena Wroblewski, all of Lakers; Stephanie Minda, Valley Lutheran; Ashley Winter, USA; and Janelle Bierlein, Reese.



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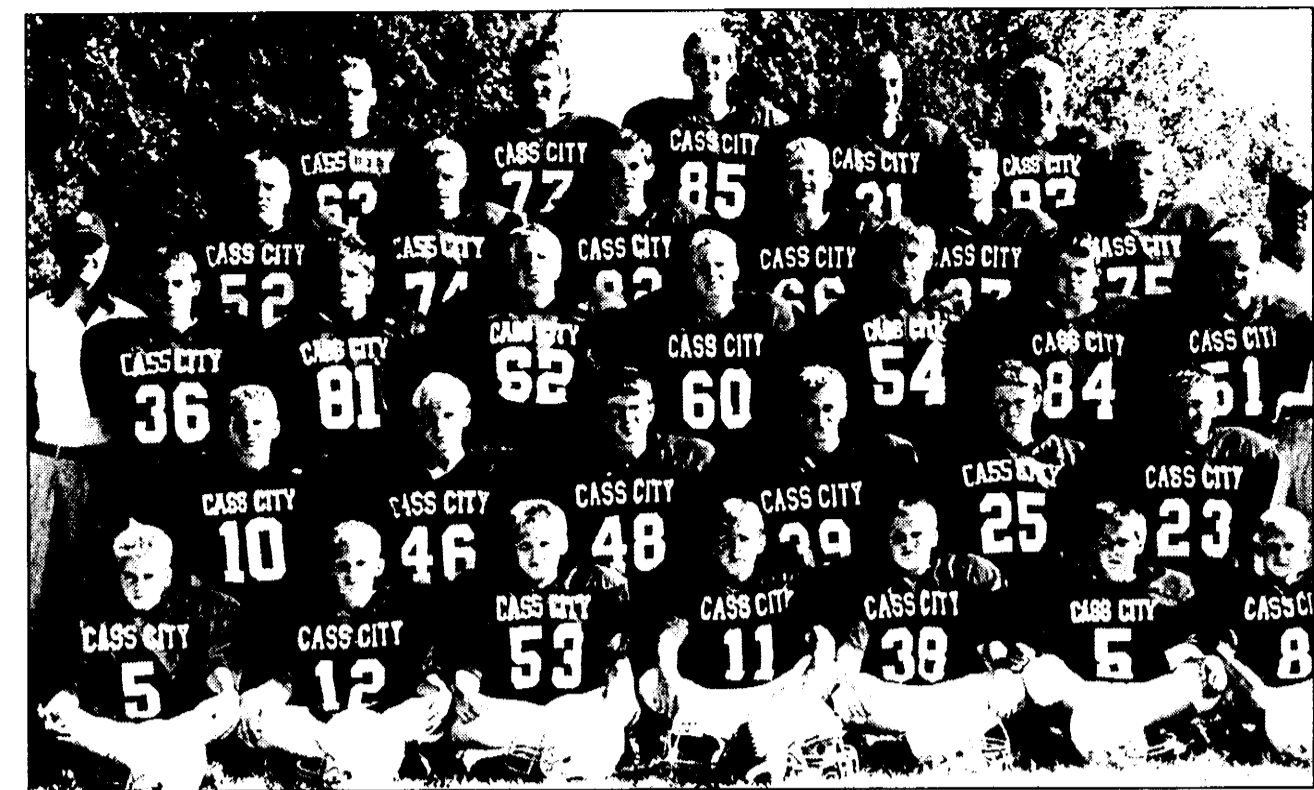
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THE CASS CITY RED HAWK middle school cheerleaders are: (front row, l-r) Ashley Wilmoth, Courtney Voss, Danielle Johnson; (second row, l-r) Marissa Summerset, Amanda Brock, Caitlyn Rickett, Becca Doerr, Scarlett Helland; (third row, l-r) Ashly Deel, Chelsea McCallum, Sam Currier, Sam Wright, Ann Deel. Missing: Ashley Hutchinson, Cassie Simpson, Lauren Dillon, Ashlee Spencer.

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So out on his journey Santa left with a bound, Light on his feet and hopping around.

He was heard to exclaim, as his Cadillac pulled out of sight, "Merry Christmas to and to all a good night."

Dr. John DeSantis checks over Santa's Christmas list!



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Calendar of Events

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Friends of the Library, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, December 6

Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 7

All day - Christmas in the Village Extravaganza. Ronald McDonald, Craft show, Home Tour, Big Community Gathering, Free Food & Carriage and Sleigh rides. Santa arrives. See complete schedule in this edition.

Christmas in the Country Tour of Homes, 1-5 p.m. Pick up tickets at Rawson Memorial Library.

Gospel Christmas Sing, 6:30 p.m., Log Cabin Church, Bad Axe.

Monday, December 9

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Dairy producers face referendum on advertising

Michigan dairy farmers have the chance this winter to continue the effective advertising and education programs of the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM) with a "Yes" vote in the upcoming referendum, held Dec. 9 through 20.

Through the referendum, every dairy farmer will be asked whether or not the Michigan programs should continue.

Under national law, 15-cents-per hundredweight is deducted from dairy producers for advertising and educational programs. The law

allows for 10 of the 15 cents to remain here in Michigan for local programming. The upcoming referendum will decide whether that 10 cents remains in Michigan or goes to the national level. This referendum is held every 5 years.

"It is important to understand that this referendum determines how the money is divided between state and national activities," says Elwood Kirkpatrick, Michigan Milk Producers Association president and dairy farmer from Kinde, Mich. "Regardless of the producer referendum results, the 15-cent-per hundredweight checkoff will continue."

"We strongly encourage our members to vote "Yes" on the referendum, to keep the successful programming of UDIM alive."

The ultimate goal of the American Dairy Association and the Dairy Council of Michigan (known collectively as UDIM) is to increase consumption of dairy products. UDIM meets this goal each year by implementing effective nutritional campaigns that tout the importance of a healthy diet that includes the right amount of calcium and other important nutrients found in dairy products.

"UDIM has gone to great efforts to establish partnerships with organizations like the Michigan Department of Education and the Department of Community Health to provide schools with nutrition education materials," says Earl Horning, UDIM Chair and dairy farmer from Manchester, Mich. "These partnerships have created a greater awareness of the importance of milk and other dairy products in the diets of students and young adults." One of the most unique promotion efforts in the schools is the school vending program.

There are now nearly 200 milk vending machines in school districts across Michigan. These vending machines give students a healthy beverage choice during the school day. Michigan was one of the first states to successfully implement a milk vending machine program in the schools.

"Keeping the 10 cents here in Michigan will allow UDIM to keep its effective programming in place," Kirkpatrick says. "A positive referendum also keeps in place the 13-member dairy farmer board of directors that helps direct UDIM's programming."

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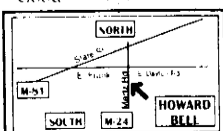
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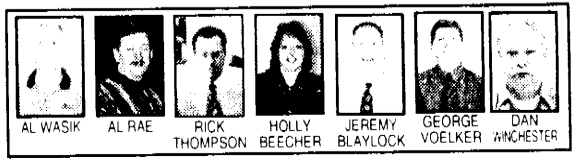
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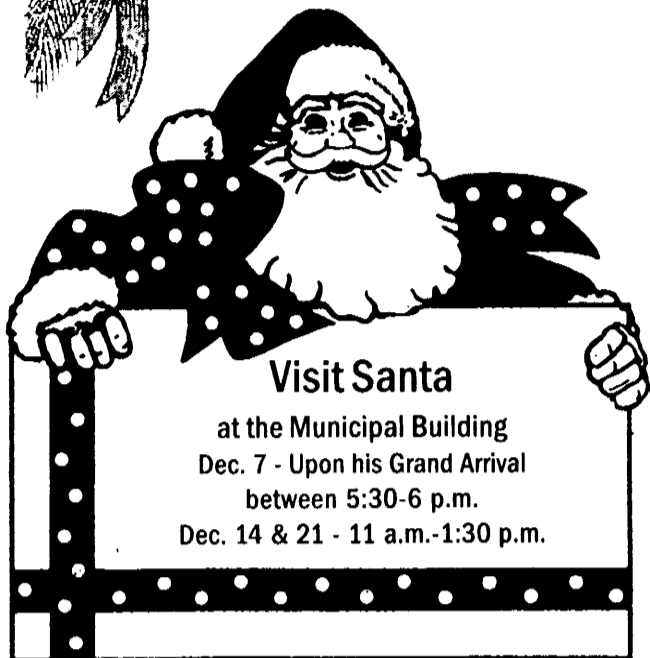
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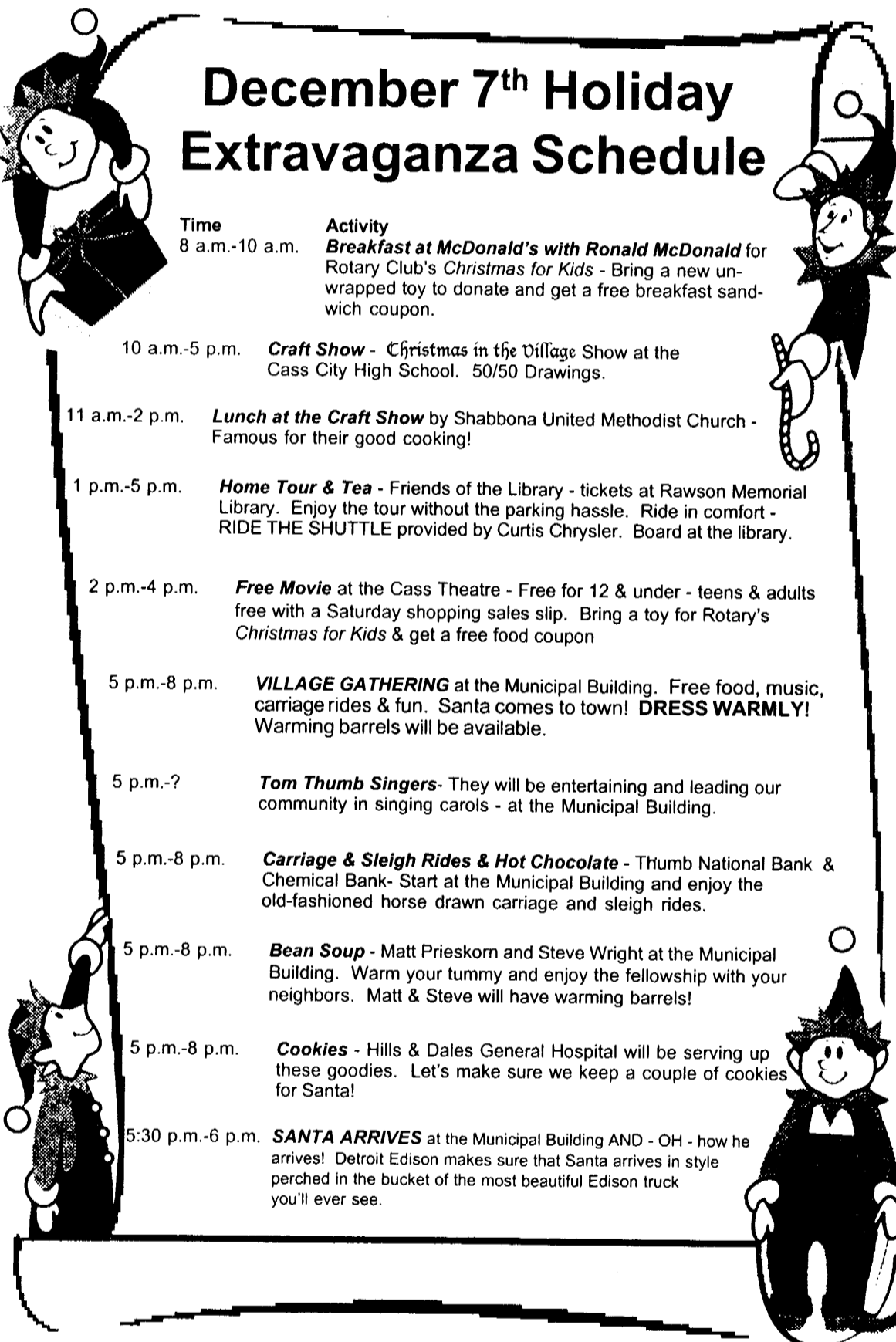


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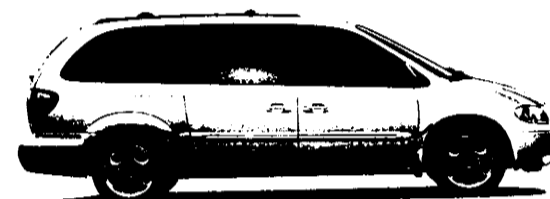
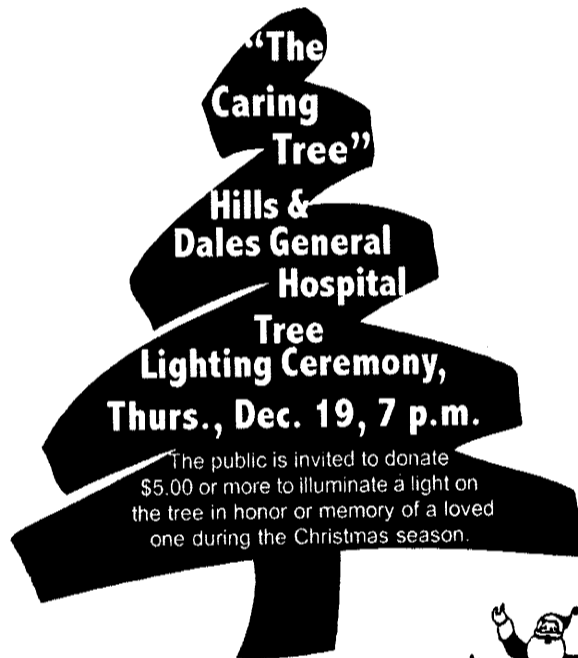
December 7th Holiday Extravaganza Schedule



Time	Activity
8 a.m.-10 a.m.	Breakfast at McDonald's with Ronald McDonald for Rotary Club's <i>Christmas for Kids</i> - Bring a new unwrapped toy to donate and get a free breakfast sandwich coupon.
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Craft Show - Christmas in the Village Show at the Cass City High School. 50/50 Drawings.
11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Lunch at the Craft Show by Shabbona United Methodist Church - Famous for their good cooking!
1 p.m.-5 p.m.	Home Tour & Tea - Friends of the Library - tickets at Rawson Memorial Library. Enjoy the tour without the parking hassle. Ride in comfort - RIDE THE SHUTTLE provided by Curtis Chrysler. Board at the library.
2 p.m.-4 p.m.	Free Movie at the Cass Theatre - Free for 12 & under - teens & adults free with a Saturday shopping sales slip. Bring a toy for Rotary's <i>Christmas for Kids</i> & get a free food coupon
5 p.m.-8 p.m.	VILLAGE GATHERING at the Municipal Building. Free food, music, carriage rides & fun. Santa comes to town! DRESS WARMLY! Warming barrels will be available.
5 p.m.-?	Tom Thumb Singers - They will be entertaining and leading our community in singing carols - at the Municipal Building.
5 p.m.-8 p.m.	Carriage & Sleigh Rides & Hot Chocolate - Thumb National Bank & Chemical Bank - Start at the Municipal Building and enjoy the old-fashioned horse drawn carriage and sleigh rides.
5 p.m.-8 p.m.	Bean Soup - Matt Prieskorn and Steve Wright at the Municipal Building. Warm your tummy and enjoy the fellowship with your neighbors. Matt & Steve will have warming barrels!
5 p.m.-8 p.m.	Cookies - Hills & Dales General Hospital will be serving up these goodies. Let's make sure we keep a couple of cookies for Santa!
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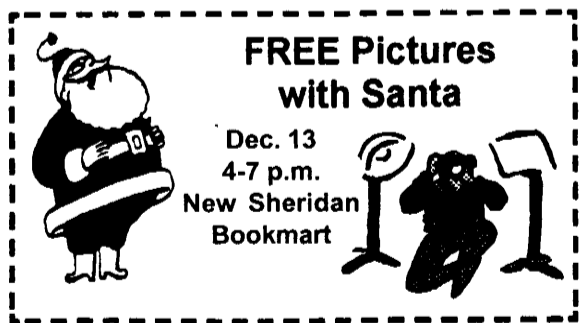
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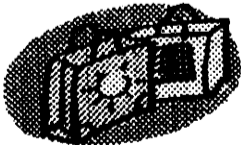

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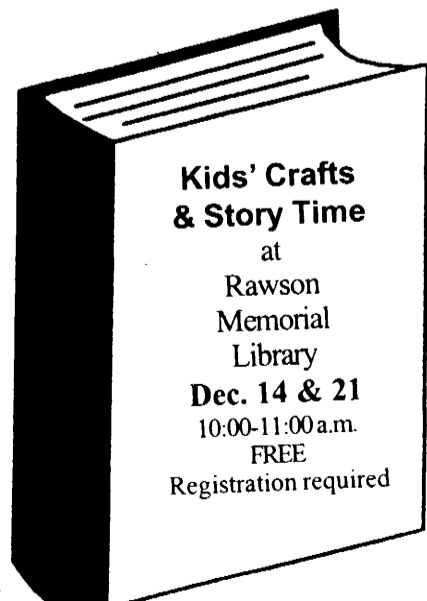


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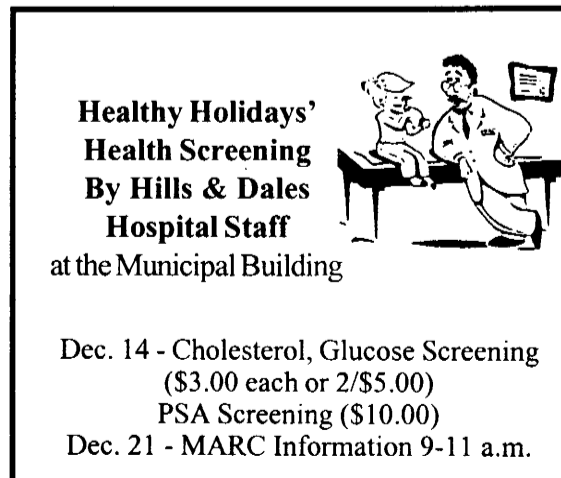
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