

Merry Christmas!

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CASS CITY MIDDLE School students did their part during last week's move by helping to carry what they could to their new classrooms. Thanks to the help of volunteers, 510 students and 50 staff members made the move to the new school in just 2 days.

Help of students, parents makes school move easy

Box by box, chair by chair and globe by globe, Cass City Middle School students enjoyed an early Christmas present last week as they moved into their spanking new school building.

The smooth transition from old to new was made possible thanks to the help of many hands.

More than 100 parents and other community residents pitched in to help, lending their backs as well as a small convoy of pickup trucks and trailers.

Students abandoned the 71-year-old school in shifts over a 2-day period, 21 months after voters approved a revised construction plan and bond issue to pay for the new building.

Fifth and sixth grade classes were the first to parade up the hill just north of the old school Wednesday, marching in nearly single file lines through the doors of the newly completed \$6.8 million, 78,000-square-foot middle school. The seventh and eighth grade classes followed on Thursday.

It was no small task, considering volunteers and staff members had to empty more

than 2 dozen classrooms as well as transfer some 510 students from one building to the other.

But the weather was picture perfect, and there was plenty of help and cooperation to go around, middle school Principal Jeanne Lohela said. "It

was excellent, just excellent," she said.

Supt. Ken Micklash agreed. "It was very well organized. It went much better than I would have anticipated," he said. "I never dreamed we would complete (the move) in 2 days."

Work on the new middle school is all but complete, according to Micklash, who noted the project contractor, R.C. Hendrick and Son, Saginaw, will be wrapping up some minor finishing

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OK settlement for cash

Seek campgrounds on school property

The first step in what promises to be a lengthy process to establish a primitive camping area in conjunction with the Cass City Development Association and the village of Cass City was taken at the regular meeting of the Cass City School Board Monday night at the school.

Geraldine Prieskorn and Tom Herron appeared before the board with a rough drawn site for camps on school property north of the village park with access from Ale Street.

Prieskorn said that there

isn't a suitable site in the vicinity and that a campground might well draw people to the community.

The tentative plans call for the site to have electricity and water. It would be near the park facilities and the golf course. Herron told the board.

Superintendent Ken Micklash said that he would not be in favor of selling or giving the land away, but favored a lease arrangement to protect the interests of the district 20 years or so in the future.

Trustee David Knight said that he had concerns about a camp of strangers so close to the school when it was in session.

However, generally the board agreed that the idea had merit and agreed to study the camp prospects with other groups involved.

ACCEPT SETTLEMENT

The board voted to accept the Durant settlement from the state and accept the money offered as outlined in the Chronicle last week. While the settlement will not materially be a big financial boost to the district next year, long term it promises to deliver substantial monies to the district.

The settlement calls for a total payment of \$250,000, with half paid in November 1998, together with a reduction in retirement costs from 14.6 to 11.2 percent, which

saves the district \$190,000.

Because it will not receive its annual bonus from the state for operating for less than the money allotted per student to schools, Micklash said that the school could have \$176,000 less to spend next year. The school is expected to have the bonus payments resume in the 1998-99 school year.

OTHER BUSINESS

•John Cooper and Dean Hoag, of General Cable Corporation in Cass City, were presented with a letter of appreciation from the district for supplying wiring for the new middle school building.

Micklash said that a construction firm working on the building told him that the donation saved the district between \$15,000 and \$20,000 dollars. Cooper told the board that it is rare that the company sees its products in their end use. They are sold to suppliers.

We are happy that all the wire furnished was manufactured in our Cass City plant, he concluded.

•Bids for 2 new buses were opened. After the bids are examined to see if they meet the bid specification, they will be awarded. It is expected that the bid of Wieland Sales, Saginaw, will be accepted for \$30,436.99 for each bus and the low bid of the Squires Company of \$15,572 each for the chassis. Please turn to back page.

One of 5 in state

New MDOT center set for Cass City

Area residents who have questions about a road project underway in their area, or who just want to pick up a map will soon have a place to go for both and more, right in their own backyard.

Cass City is one of 5 cities and villages across the state that have been chosen as sites for additional Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Service Centers.

State Transportation Director James R. DeSana made the announcement last week. Aside from Cass City, the new centers will be located in Newberry, Jackson, Lansing and Cadillac.

DeSana noted the new transportation service centers are in addition to 12 others announced in October, and other restructuring efforts that support increased efforts to fix Michigan's roads and bridges.

DeSana said Doug Wilson will become manager of the Cass City Transportation Service Center, which will serve communities throughout the Thumb.

Wilson brings 13 years of MDOT experience to Cass City, ranging from field and soils engineering to materials, technology and construction. Most recently, he was responsible for overseeing construction in Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee counties as a member of the Davison Transportation Service Center.

State transportation officials are phasing in 25 new transportation service centers throughout Michigan as part of a reorganization of the department between now and the end of 1999. The new service centers are expected to increase efficiency and improve service for the movement of people and goods across the state.

"This new organizational structure is a new way of doing business, resulting in savings that can be put into road and bridge improvements while increasing flexibility and bringing MDOT closer to its customers —

those using Michigan's transportation network," Gov. John Engler said.

Officials said the service centers play a vital role in the governor's program to fix Michigan's roads and bridges, as they provide a full variety of multi-model transportation services within a designated multi-county area.

DeSana said the full service centers will focus on directing the delivery of services to extend pavement life and improve safety and drivability for motorists. The centers' responsibilities will

also include scoping and design of projects, construction oversight and coordination of maintenance.

"These responsibilities will be met with increased understanding of local community needs while also providing a wide range of walk-in and call-in services," DeSana explained.

"The walk-in and call-in services will include permits, construction and upcoming project information; transit, rail and air service availability; referrals, road maps and other information specific to the area."

"One of the top priorities

right now is to make state offices more accessible to the public," said Terrion Maxwell, communications representative for MDOT's 13-county Bay Region, which includes the Thumb.

"We've had a lot of success with these (transportation service centers). We've had a good response," she added.

The service center location for Cass City has not been announced yet.

"At this point, I don't think one has been selected," Maxwell said, adding the priority at this time was to choose managers for each of the new

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Budget adopted

Cass City site for dialysis center?

Cass City could become home to a tri-county dialysis center.

Sale of village land for the site was discussed during the Cass City Village Council's monthly meeting Monday night. The council also adopted a proposed 1998 spending plan.

Council Trustee Elwyn Helwig noted the village's Streets and Parking Committee recently met to discuss the sale of property to a consortium of 7 Thumb area hospitals that is interested in locating a dialysis center in Cass City.

The preferred site, he said, is the former Mort Orr property, 2 lots totaling 1.57 acres just north of Main Street at the east end of the village.

The village purchased the property for \$40,000 in the early 1980s, according to Helwig, who said Village Manager Jane A. Downing is in the process of having the land appraised to determine the fair market value.

The council approved a motion to pursue sale of the property.

BUDGET

Turning to the budget, the council approved a proposed 1998 spending plan totalling \$2,794,834, an increase of about \$137,000, or 5 percent, over actual estimated 1997 expenditures.

Village President L.E. Althaver briefly outlined the budget, noting the spending plan includes no change in the millage rate and assumes an increase in state equalized valuation of just 2 percent.

Additional revenue is expected in the form of water and sewer rate hikes approved Monday night (see related story). However, the village tax rate is expected to remain unchanged at 18.5 mills — 12.5 mills for general operations, 3.5 mills for streets and 2.5 mills for debt retirement.

On the expenditure side, the spending plan includes a 3-percent pay increase for full-time village employees.

Major expenditures in the coming year include: \$86,200 in street repaving

projects; \$56,000 to replace a water main that serves the Huntsville Mobile Home Park; \$43,000 for heating work and repairs at the municipal building as well as improvements to the arts and crafts and pool buildings; \$16,000 for computer upgrades in all departments; \$28,000 for maintenance and equipment purchases for the wastewater treatment plant, and \$32,000 for a new patrol car and communications equipment.

According to Downing, the village is expected to end the current fiscal year with a combined fund balance of \$761,438. She said the fund balance is expected to dip to \$526,044 by the end of 1998, largely due to plans to accelerate payment on the debt for the wastewater treatment plant, and an aggressive street improvement plan.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the council:

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Inside

Cass City High School's hoop squad will start the year undefeated after posting victories over Ubyly and USA. Page 7.

Cass City and Gageton students present Christmas essays and drawings in special section in this issue. Santa letters are included in the section and on page 9.

There were no objections to the increase in water and sewer rates, so the increases were adopted Monday at the village council meeting. It will cost the average family of \$451.43 more in the 5 years over which the increases are spread.

Story page 4.

Retiring village superintendent Lou LaPonsie was feted at a farewell party Monday with 50 guests attending. Page 4.

Accepting a letter of appreciation in behalf of General Cable Company in Cass City Monday were John Cooper and Dean Hoag. The company donated wire worth between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to the new middle school. Page 12.



CASS CITY POLICE Sgt. Craig Haynes (left) and a state police trooper look over the scene of Thursday's rollover accident in the village. The crash involved 3 vehicles, but all the drivers escaped serious injury. (See story page 4)



Jim and Virginia Sweeney

Sweeneys mark 50th anniversary

Jim and Virginia Sweeney celebrated 50 years of marriage Oct. 26, 1947. The celebration began with a blessing from the Rev. Randy Kelly at mass at St. Columbkille Catholic Church. A reception immediately following was given by their children in the parish hall.

James B. Sweeney and Virginia Sowden were married Oct. 25, 1947, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City with the Rev. Fr. John Bozek officiating. They have lived in Sheridan Town-

ship and farmed there all their lives.

The couple has 6 children, Ron (Joanne) of Bad Axe, Jerry (Barb) of Ubyly, Bernie (Mary) of Harbor Beach, Theresa (Tom) Polega of Kinde, Dean of Ubyly and Donna (Dale) Nunnaman of Middlebergh, N.Y. They have 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Many relatives and friends attended from the local and surrounding areas of Michigan, New York, Illinois, Indiana and Nevada.

Cass City Social Item
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Richard Kubacki recently graduated from ITT Technical Institute in Tampa, Fla. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electronics engineering. Kubacki has returned to Michigan and is employed at Jabil Circuit, Inc. in Auburn Hills.

Marriage licenses

Daniel Edward Wenzlaff and Carol Lee Adamczyk, both of Kingston.
Marc Harry Waske and Elizabeth Anne Spencer, both of Reese.
Andrew Christian Banks, Lapeer, and Angela Marie Curell, Mayville.
Duane Gerald Houghteling and Colleen Sue Easlick, both of Caro.

TEC names decorating winners

Thumb Electric Cooperative announces the winners of its outdoor Christmas light decorating contest. A total of \$450 was credited to 9 TEC member accounts throughout Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties.

Tuscola county winners were: first place, Gladys Wilbur; 2nd place, Dale Fox, and 3rd place, Greg Raymond.

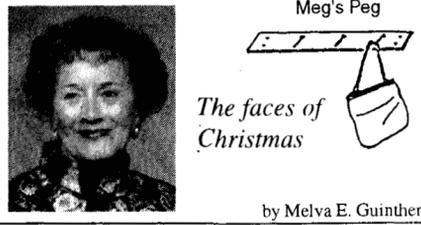
Huron county winners were: first place, Jerome and Alice Hessling, 2nd place, Martin and Lucy Kubacki, and 3rd place, Gene Kubacki.

Sanilac county winner were: first place, John Nicol; 2nd place, Don and Cleo Carter, and 3rd place, Ronald McCoy.

First place winners had \$75 credited to their accounts, second place \$50, and third place \$25.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

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Meg's Peg

The faces of Christmas

by Melva E. Guinther

There are many ways to celebrate Christmas as there are people who celebrate it. For a few, it's a deeply religious, devotional time. For others, it's parties, presents, food and festivities. Some go all out with decorating, while others don't even bother with a tree.

Obviously, Christmas means different things to different people.

To many, it's lost all meaning.

It's become too commercialized, they say.

People spend far too much on presents, decorations, etc.

Getting ready for the holiday has become hectic, with too much going on. And when it's over, it's just a big letdown.

Santa Claus and greed have taken the place of the Savior, whose birth is supposedly being celebrated.

Shopping is a nightmare. Bah humbug!

Others actually enjoy the hustle and bustle of the season. They love the crowds, the shopping, wrapping, decorating and festive atmosphere. They look forward to the busyness of the holiday.

For some, it's that rare special time when all the kids and grandkids gather around. It's a season for remembering old times with those they love.

They admittedly spend too much money buying things they hope will please their special people. But it's only once a year.

Thankfully, there are those who make Christmas a time of service to others less fortunate.

They provide food, clothing and toys for those in need. Perhaps these folks who give of themselves come closest to capturing the true spirit of Christmas.

However you choose to celebrate, our wish for each one is for a happy, healthy, blessed holiday.

And when the feast has become leftovers, when the beautiful, bright wrappings are just a colorful discarded heap and the carols have faded into memory for another year, may we take time to consider the real purpose of the celebration.

Jesus IS the reason for the season.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

Senior citizens are asked to make reservations on the day of the meal between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. by calling Berene Sowden, 872-2397.

DEC. 29-30

Monday - Stuffed cabbage with tomato sauce, parsley potatoes, baby carrots, variety bread, fruit cocktail

Tuesday - Chicken Ala King, herb stuffing, carrot curls/green peppers, roll, fruit gelatin.

Correction

In the birth announcement last week of Megan Badgley the Chronicle was misinformed when it stated Carol Nanny was great-grandmother. She is a cousin.

With veterinarian

Girl Scouts enjoy visit

Girls in Junior Girl Scout Troop 239 recently took a field trip to Dr. Susan Hoppe's veterinary clinic.

One of the requirements in order to earn the Pet Care badge calls for a visit to a local veterinarian hospital, and Dr. Hoppe offered her time to answer questions thrown at her during an hour-long visit.

Junior Girl Scouts Brittany Brinkman, Jessica Chappel, Allison Ellis and Elizabeth Hoxie toured the clinic and learned about animal behavior and how to tell whether a pet needs a vet's care. Each piece of equipment in the office was examined and its use explained.

The patient examination and surgery rooms brought so many questions that Dr. Hoppe spent time explaining each step of the process, from diagnosing a problem, containing the animal, taking X-rays, giving medications, and even surgery, beginning with sterilizing the instruments through the surgery itself.

In response to questions, Dr. Hoppe said the largest animal she has ever cared for was a horse (in the days when she worked at a large animal clinic), the smallest was a member of the rodent family, and the most exotic was a snake. She talked about exotic pets such as pigs, ferrets, birds and monkeys, and some of the special requirements they have. She spoke about the field of veterinary medicine and what a wide range of careers it includes, from zookeepers who deal only with exotic animals and are still collecting data on rare species, to research scientists.

The scouts asked whether there were any ways they could assist the clinic and Dr. Hoppe asked that anyone who wishes to help the clinic should do so by making a donation to the Tuscola

County Humane Society and mail it to P.O. Box 6, Vassar, MI 48768.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 239 also took a trip to a stable owned and operated by Carmen and Ed Longuski on Germania Road to earn their horse lover badge.

Carmen spent 2 hours teaching scouts Brittany Brinkman, Jessica Chappel, Allison Ellis and Elizabeth Hoxie about the care and feeding of horses. The differences between Western and English tack and riding styles were briefly explained, and the girls reviewed the parts of a saddle and bridle.

Miss No Frills, a chestnut mare, was taken from her stall and each girl was given a chance to comb and brush her. Because only one scout

had even been on a horse before, Carmen explained how the movements of hands, feet and legs guide the horse.

She saddled and bridled Frills while explaining the process, and each girl had a short ride on the horse.

The girls enjoyed the lesson and learned that owning a horse is a lot of work.



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We Have Decked Ourselves Out For The Holiday



Thumb National Bank employees, from left, front row: Kendall Rieman, Curt Strickland, Ben Schott and Dale McIntosh. Back row: Kelli Hendrick, Mary Wheeler, Barb Irrer, Alice Zaleski, Cindy Kruse, Joyce King, Colleen Langenburg, Carey Chard, Pam LaFave and Charlotte Kritzman.

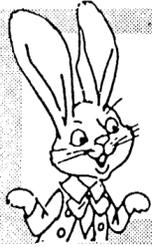
Merry Christmas from the TN Gang!

Take our "Holiday Challenge". Can you find the 13 hidden Christmas/Winter items in our Photo? (Answers on page 8.)

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BANKING for the HOMETOWN LIFE



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Newsweek magazine put out a special edition concerning improvements through technological advances. One fact listed I found astonishing.

In 1954 the first transistor was sold for \$49.50, \$300 in 1995 dollars. In 1997 a half billion were built. *Every second.*

The cost, .00001 each

The Chronicle will have special holiday hours. The paper will close at noon Dec. 24 for Christmas and again at noon Dec. 31 for New Year's. We will not be open the day of the holiday each week.

Credit Jim Sherman, Oxford Leader, for these groaners. Sign seen on the church door: "This is the gate to heaven. Enter ye all by this door. (This door is kept locked because of the draft. Please use the side door.)"

An English sign in a German cafe: "Mothers please wash your Hans before eating."

The state of Michigan will issue a new license plate tab that incorporates the month and year of expiration numerically onto one tab. Example: A plate that expires on the owner's January birthday in 1999 will be shown on the tab as 01-99.

Authorities say that the tab will be more convenient and help deter theft by including the license plate number it is assigned to.



Red Hawk Recap

by Rachel Hoard

Over 40 volunteers showed up Thursday, Dec. 18, to pack toys for needy families in our area. The Toys for Tots program no longer exists in Cass City, but that did not stop generous donations from piling up.

The high school students collected an extensive amount of toys for the new program in Cass City, Christmas for Kids. The new program started after Sue Werschky, who headed the program, could no longer handle the job of collecting and distributing the toys to needy families without more help. The program was then down-sized, hence the U.S. Marine Corps would no longer be affiliated with our group. Senior Ryan Hutchinson and junior Jim Dale headed up the program with Werschky.

The VFW hall was packed with toys and volunteers un-

til about 7:30 P.M. Thursday night, including \$630 in toys donated by the high school students. Drop boxes were left in the English classes for anyone interested in donating a toy or two. Also, extra credit was given to students for their generosity during this joyous season. This year's total defiantly surpassed the total of 22 toys donated last year by the students.

Monday, Dec. 22, the United Way volunteers ventured out in the cold morning weather to deliver food baskets to the less prosperous families in our area. Several students from the high school also volunteered their time to help the United Way board members. In all there were 11 vehicles with routes spanning throughout Tuscola County.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	45	22	0
Wednesday	46	22	0
Thursday	47	35	0
Friday	40	33	1.2"
Saturday	34	24	0
Sunday	33	26	0
Monday	34	32	1.4"

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

TRY THE CLASSIFIEDS!



Cass City Public Schools
PROGRESS IN EDUCATION
from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent
Generosity Is Appreciated

Six months ago we were very concerned about how we were ever going to be able to move all of our middle school items from the old to the new building. Well, our Cass City generosity and spirit of cooperation has been demonstrated again.

Because of the overwhelming number of community and parent volunteers, along with our dedicated staff and wonderful students, we were able to make this move in just 2 days. We cannot satisfactorily express our gratitude to all that helped make this transition go as smoothly as it did. The two words that we do want to pass on to everyone are

THANK YOU!

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



ABOUT 40 volunteers, including (from left) Andrea Rea and Melissa Homakie, gathered at the Cass City VFW Hall Thursday to pack toys for the Cass City Area Christmas for Kids project. At least 86 children from 35 families will have a merry Christmas thanks to the local effort.

Last week in village

Driver hurt in crash

A Cass City woman sought her own treatment for minor injuries suffered in a 2-vehicle accident last Wednesday in Cass City.

Cass City police reported the accident occurred at 1:50 a.m. when Beulah A. Craig, 85, 4811 Seeger St., was driving westbound on Pine Street and slowed for a yield sign at Sherman Street, but

failed to see a northbound vehicle.

The other driver was identified as Christopher E.

Smutek, 19, of Decker. He was not hurt.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts, reports state.

The Haire Net



Grinches damage lights

Christmas grinches have been busy in Cass City, judging by recent reports of minor vandalism.

Cass City police reported handling 4 such complaints, including one Sunday reported by Darren D. Wallace, Cass City. Wallace reported someone slashed the left rear tire on his vehicle while it was parked behind Cass City Floral.

Matthew Weippert, 4272 Woodland Ave., reported last Wednesday that Christmas lights valued at \$25 were taken from behind his residence and damaged.

On the same day, Elaine Proctor, 4797 Hospital Dr., told police someone damaged 3 sets of Christmas lights and ground stakes that had been placed in front of her home.

Also filing a report was Robert Piaskowski, 6645 Third St., who told police that Christmas display lights and garland were taken from a wooden fence at his residence and damaged Dec. 16.

A very happy holiday and a tip of the hat to the good folks who made the year more merry and bright.

Janet Severance, who not only knows most everyone, but also their family tree. You don't really know how much that helps in getting the story unless you've been there.

Cass City's varsity coaches, who were steadfast reporters for the paper, Paul Chappel, golf; Jim Mastie, girls' basketball; Tom Oesch, football; Jeff Hartel, basketball; Larry Robinson, track; Toby Wegener, baseball; Dave Hoard, softball.

While coaching is enjoyable for most of these guys, reporting to the paper is just a job they have to do. Thankfully, they do it well.

Keith Hanmmis, project engineer for the construction of the new middle school building. He went out of his way to keep us posted on the project so that we could do the same for you.

Al Klcio, whose concern for the less fortunate will probably result in the Cass City Rotary taking charge of the toys for tots program in the community.

Doug Hyatt for being Doug Hyatt, always interested in local sports and doing what he can to help.

Ken Micklash, superintendent of Cass City Schools, who stresses communication with folks in the district and has the entire staff on the same track.

Lambert Althaver, village president, for deciding to devote at least one more term to the affairs of the village.

Lou LaPonsie, retiring village manager. His job ranks right up there with the school superintendent as stress-filled. Lasting 25 years is an achievement, leaving the village in good condition with very few detractors is an outstanding achievement.

The staff at the Chronicle.

What can I say? How many places can boast of a crew that allows an ultra-loose management style. I almost never know when staff members will be absent or for how long.

I ALWAYS KNOW that the people left will get the job done.

A very extra tip of the hat to all of you, readers, contributors and advertisers for all the help that truly makes this paper possible.

Merry Christmas.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I guess I'll never understand credit cards. How can companies continue issuing credit and encouraging folks to buy things they can't afford, without running into serious collection problems?

Yesterday I had 2 credit card offers over the phone and one in the mail — and that was a slow day. In recent weeks I've been offered gold, platinum, silver-plated, cadmium-coated and lead-alloy cards with affiliation to the National Rifle Association, Washington State University, Folks Against Wet Dogs, and who knows who else.

I gave them all the same answer, "We've got plenty of cards. Clank!"

It's easy to see why card companies want to extend credit to people like me. We're valued customers, members of a select group, persons of impeccable taste. (Besides that we're alive and breathing.)

I'm not sure when the concept of living within one's means became outmoded, but I think television advertising has something to do with it. I get a kick out of those commercials that suggest, "You need to buy this — not because you need it, not because you can afford it: You need to buy this because you deserve it."

Maybe I have a low opinion of myself, but I don't think I've ever bought anything because I deserve it.

Last weekend I watched a new commercial for the company that offers money to folks who didn't pay it back last time. This commercial features a former football player who has so much money I can't understand why he does these things.

The football player comes on the screen and asks folks with credit problems to call his company and find out how to buy things they can't afford. He suggests a new car is something they might need, but can't pay for.

"Just call 1-800-Loan-Yes and find out how you can buy the car you need and deserve," he says.

I was reminded of a story my brother told me last summer. My brother Kenny was sitting in the coffee shop chatting with an old timer who lives nearby — when a younger man stopped by their table.

The young man told them about his job and his boss and quite a few things that weren't going well at work. "First they changed my hours, then I got a new boss, and now I've got more responsibility, but I don't get paid any more than I did before," he said.

The young fellow described the benefits package his company promised the new

employees and all of the problems he was having with that. This man gave everyone within hearing the distinct impression he wasn't getting what he deserved.

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Over the next 5 years

Water rates up 40%, sewer rates up 30%

Cass City residents probably won't see higher village taxes in 1998, but they will have to dig deeper into their pockets to pay for water and sewer service.

The Village Council Monday unanimously approved water rate hikes totalling 40 percent over the next 5 years — 10 percent in each of the next 3 years and 5 percent in each of the following 2 years.

Sewer rates will go up 10 percent in 1998 and 5 percent in each of the next 4 years.

In addition, water tap-in fees were increased from \$400 to \$750, and new customers will pay for their meter (\$85) plus a 15-percent administration fee.

Currently, residents with a three-quarter or five-eighths inch meter pay \$39.73 for a minimum 10,000 gallons per quarter for sewer service. Another \$2.92 is charged per 1,000 gallons over the 10,000 minimum.

Water service charges are based on a graduated scale starting at \$11.62 for a minimum of 5,000 gallons.

The new rates will be reflected on residents' February bills, covering the months of November, December and January.

The rate increases did not come as a surprise, as plans to do just that were discussed during a review of the village's proposed 1998

spending plan last month. However, the proposed hikes announced at that time were 5 percent in both water and sewer rates in each of the next 5 years.

The council received no public comment on the increases. In fact, the only persons in attendance Monday, aside from the council and Village Manager Jane A. Downing, were 3 village employees and Lou S. LaPonsie, retiring village manager.

Water and sewer rate increases have been a regular topic of discussion at the council table for a number of years, both during budget and audit discussions. Concerns have focused on the water and sewer funds requiring increasingly larger subsidies from other village funds in order to break even.

Both funds should support themselves, however, village officials say age and on-going maintenance costs have taken a toll, both in terms of the wastewater treatment plant and the village's water system.

Maintenance has included a number of major projects, including the recent addition of a third, back-up water well at an estimated cost of close to \$250,000.

Village President L.E. Althaver pointed out Mon-

day that both the water and sewer service facilities have been maintained throughout the years and continue to serve residents well, thanks largely to a top-notch staff.

He acknowledged the planned rate increases are substantial, but added he agrees they are appropriate

considering rates have not been adjusted in more than 10 years, and because both funds must again support themselves.

The rate increases translate into an additional \$36,157 in sewer fund revenues in 1998 and \$12,910 in water fund revenues.

How the water and sewer rate increases will affect a typical family of 4

	3rd quarter 1997	1998 INCREASE	1998	1999 INCREASE	1999	2000 INCREASE	2000	2001 INCREASE	2001	2002 INCREASE	2002
Water	\$36.98	10%	40.68	10%	44.75	10%	49.23	5%	51.69	5%	54.27
Sewer	\$101.34	10%	111.47	5%	117.04	5%	122.89	5%	129.03	5%	135.48
Total	\$138.32		152.15		161.79		172.12		180.72		189.75

- Projected increase per quarter - water/sewer combined \$13.83
- Projected annual increase \$55.32
- Projected daily increase \$ 0.15

Letter to the editor

Survivor: Always buckle up

Dear Readers:

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the help I received during the serious accident I was involved in last Thursday. First, let me give thanks to God for keeping me safe and letting me come out of it without injury. He and my guardian angel certainly were watching over me that day. I thank the lady who called 911 (I'm sorry I never got your name) and the good Samaritan, Jim Finkbeiner, who was at the scene and offered his kind assistance by crawling through the windshield and supporting my neck until the ambulance crew arrived. Next, the Cass City ambulance team who arrived quickly and gave their support until they could

remove me from the wreck. Once out, they transported me to the hospital quickly and checked on me periodically before they left. The Cass City fire department, for safely getting me out with the Jaws of Life and cleaning up the accident scene. The Hills & Dales emergency room personnel and X-ray department for their care and treatment. It was a very scary and traumatic experience for everyone involved, eyewitnesses included, but turned out so fortunately.

Now I would like to step upon my soapbox and urge everyone, especially young people, to NEVER put a car in drive unless you have your seat belt fastened. I firmly believe that if I would not have been wearing my seat

belt, I wouldn't be here to write this letter. Without a doubt, it saved my life, or at the very least, saved me from very serious injuries. I know a lot of people feel that when you're driving around town, a seat belt isn't necessary. I'm living proof that it is. You can be as careful a driver as you possibly can, but you can't control what the other person does. Driving way too fast down a side street and then missing the stop sign caused an ugly accident that should never have happened in town.

I wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas and may God bless you. And remember, please, always buckle up!!

Helen Sweeney



MORE THAN 50 people attended an open house Monday in honor of retiring Cass City Village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie. Above, Police Chief Gene Wilson presents LaPonsie with a pocket watch and display case, both gifts from village employees. LaPonsie also received a plaque from the Village Council, and an aide to Congressman Jim Barcia presented him with an American flag flown at the nation's capitol.

Injuries minor in 3-car roll-over crash Thursday

Four Cass City residents escaped serious injury in a 3-vehicle accident in which one vehicle rolled onto another after being struck broadside.

The accident, which occurred Thursday at 1:48 p.m. at the corner of Pine and West streets in the village, left police officers shaking their heads at the fact that no one was seriously hurt.

According to Cass City police reports, a car driven by Jennifer L. Beckwith, 17, 6720 Severance Rd., Cass City, was westbound on Pine

Street when the driver ran the stop sign at the corner and struck a Chevrolet Blazer driven by Helen J. Sweeney, 43, 6325 Beechwood Dr., Cass City.

The Sweeney vehicle was northbound at the time, according to police, who said the impact of the collision caused the Blazer to roll onto the hood of a southbound car driven by Cathy L. Wooters, 27, 4455 West St., Cass City.

Elkland Township fire fighters used their Jaws of Life to extricate Sweeney from her vehicle. Elmwood-Gagetown fire fighters also

responded to the scene.

Sweeney, Beckwith and Wooters were all transported by Cass City MMR personnel to Hills and Dales General Hospital. A hospital spokeswoman reported all 3 were treated and released.

A child riding in the Wooters vehicle was not injured, according to police, who indicated all 4 occupants were wearing seat belts.

Police cited Beckwith for failing to stop at a signed intersection.

Cass City officers were assisted at the scene by Michigan State Police.



TIS THE SEASON — McDonald's employees in Cass City recently collected food for distribution in the area. Pictured above are (from left) employee and Cass City Student Council Secretary Tom Fulcher, Swing Manager Patti Arthur and Manager Roger Godinez.

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Now 5 years old, the tutoring program in Cass City is alive and well. The program has had 20-some tutors and between 70 and 80 students since it began.

The Cass City School Board has approved the expenditure of \$30,000 for the first stage of a planned update and networking of computers in the high school. The money would buy and equip 14 machines, about half of what are needed in the computer class.

Wendy Wheeler, 22, an aspiring singer from Cass City, will perform with the New York-based Rome Festival Orchestra in Italy, next summer.

Nadine Anne Hoppe, daughter of Melvin and Alicia Hoppe of Cass City, has qualified for the Navy's Mess Management Specialist program and will travel to the recruit training center in Orlando, Fla., to begin training. Hoppe, a 1993 graduate of Cass City High School, enlisted in the Navy in the delayed enlistment program.

High winds last week took their toll on Cass City's Story

Time display at the village's recreation park, toppling and damaging some of the papier mache figures.

10 YEARS AGO

Doug Englehart, Cass City, and co-worker, Dave Newbold, came up with a suggestion at Saginaw Steering Gear, where they work, that resulted in savings of nearly \$2 million for the company. The suggestion earned the top award of \$20,000 that is offered in the plant. The suggestion reduced scrap at the piston rod and rack press. Englehart and Newbold split the money.

Finding more volunteers willing to be trained as tutors was among the topics at a meeting of Cass City Literacy Council volunteers last week.

Cass City High School senior Jane Dickinson was recently named the 1987-88 "Good Citizen" by the Daughters of the American Revolution Piety Hill Chapter of Birmingham. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Harlan Dickinson.

The will of Ethel Collier of Cass City, a Snover native, is

being challenged by 5 heirs. The will leaves the bulk of her \$4.5 million estate to the University of Michigan Hospital and to the establishment of the Collier Foundation to award scholarships to Sanilac and Tuscola students.

25 YEARS AGO

Because of snow-clogged roads Saturday, Gloria Derengowski and Bill Sattelberg, both of Cass City, could not reach St. Michael's Church in Wilmot for their 4 o'clock wedding. Mrs. Josephine Ziemba came to the rescue with her snowmobile when she got the couple to the Delbert Krueger home. Mrs. Krueger called the Rev. Dan O'Sullivan and told him it was impossible to get to the church, so he drove as far as Mushroom and Lamton Roads, where the priest was picked up by Mrs. Ziemba on her snowmobile. The wedding ceremony took place at 4:30. The guests arrived via snowmobile.

Approximately 135 handicapped youngsters were guests of honor at the sixth annual free movie and luncheon last Thursday sponsored by several local businesses. The children were met at the Cass Theater by Santa Claus, who handed out candy donated by the Bauer Candy Company. The children were then treated to a show by Dick Hendrick, followed by luncheon at the New Gordon Hotel, courtesy of General Telephone. They also received coloring books from General Telephone.

Fire completely destroyed the trailer home of the Kerry Ball family, at 4290 Lampton Road, Deford, Thursday when fire apparently started under the trailer. One pair of boots was salvaged but everything else was lost in the blaze.

Newell Harris, a representative of AETna Life-Casualty at Harris-Hampshire Agency, was honored for his outstanding record in

AETna's 29th annual fall life insurance sales campaign Dec. 9-10 at Schuss Mountain, Mancelona.

Mr. and Mrs. James Evans and Brenda were honored at a farewell fellowship following the Sunday evening service at the Baptist church. They expect to leave Dec. 26 en route to the mission field in Peru.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City High School's prettiest seniors are to be invited to a "coke party" Friday, Jan. 4, at the high school to see if they are interested in taking part in a Junior Miss Pageant slated to be held under the sponsorship of the Cass City Jaycees.

Eight teenage Cass City girls are members of a new nurses aide group, the Candy Strippers, at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Members of the group are Arlene O'Dell, Diane Repshinska, Peggy McConnell, Mary Ann Barriger, Lynn Searls, Vernita Partaka and Ann Starmann.

Keith Litle, Cass City, won the last bicycle given away in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas season drawing.

James A. Gallery and Douglas C. Gallery, co-owners of the Tuscola County Advertiser of Caro, announced this week that Rudy Petzold, news editor of the paper, has purchased an interest in the Advertiser.

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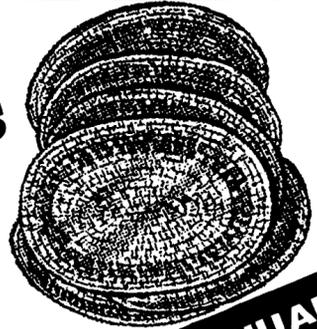
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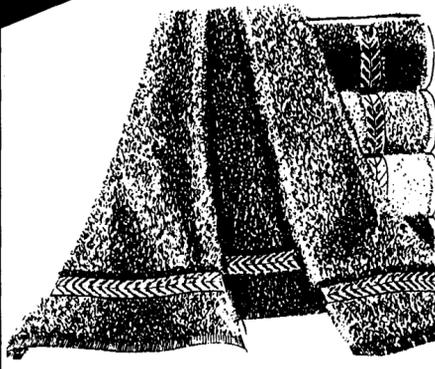
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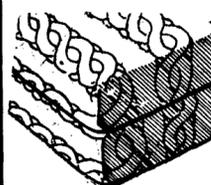
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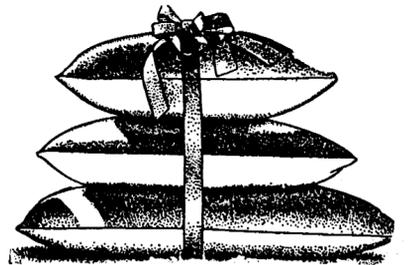
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O-G 1-0 in league play, 1-3 overall

Coach Jim Brinkman's Owen-Gage cagers wrapped up their 1997 hoop campaign with a disheartening showing Saturday at Caseville's annual Tom Thumb Tourney, dropping the consolation tilt 63-45 to Port Hope.

Heading into the new year, the Bulldogs stand at 1-3 on the season. Fortunately, however, Coach Brinkman's troops remain unblemished in North Central Thumb League play at 1-0.

"I've been pleased so far," says Brinkman. "Then Saturday's game. I hope it was just one of those games."

In Friday's tournament opener in Caseville, the host Eagles turned back Owen-Gage by the score of 62-55.

Both squads came out hitting from the perimeter in the opening frame, where Owen-Gage captured a 15-13 lead.

Derek Howard and Joel Bolzman paced the visitors, combining for 11 markers that included one from 3-point land by Howard.

"Derek is the team's most consistent outside shooter," says Brinkman.

Caseville's Ryan Guster helped the hosts keep pace with the visitors as he hit on a pair of treys in the initial frame en route to a game high 23 points.

The pace for both schools lagged in the 2nd frame, where Caseville used a 16-9 scoring advantage to capture a 29-24 edge at the intermission.

Owen-Gage traded hoops with the tournament hosts for much of the 3rd period and was able to shave a point from Caseville's advantage entering the final period. Justin Anthes registered 8 of his 12 points in the period that ended with Caseville claim-

ing a 43-39 margin.

Owen-Gage was able to draw even with Caseville midway through the final period but couldn't overcome a showing from Matt Bednorek, who tossed in 3 field goals down the stretch. Bednorek finished with 12 points.

Howard led all Owen-Gage scorers with 14 points.

CONSOLATION GAME

Port Hope avenged a loss 4 days earlier to Owen-Gage with a 63-45 win Saturday in the Tom Thumb Tournament consolation game.

The Blue Stars gained a 15-9 advantage after one period and expanded it to a 17 point spread by the intermission. Owen-Gage managed only 3 fields goals before the break.

PORT HOPE - Roggenbuck 0-0 (1-2) 1; Tice 1-0 (1-2) 3; Mausolf 1-0 (1-1) 3; Robb 3-1 (0-1) 9; Woodke 1-1 (0-0) 5; Bender 5-0 (2-2) 12; Iseler 4-0 (3-6) 11; Hunley 8-0 (3-5) 19.
TOTALS - 23-2 (11-20) 63.

OWEN-GAGE - Brinkman 0-0 (4-4) 4; R. Salcido 0-0 (3-4) 3; Howard 2-0 (6-6) 10; Anthes 1-0 (2-2) 4; Mellendorf 1-0 (7-8) 9; Bolzman 3-0 (3-8) 9; Rochefort 0-2 (0-0) 6.
TOTALS - 7-2 (25-32) 45.

OWEN-GAGE - Brinkman 1-0 (1-2) 3; Howard 5-1 (1-1) 14; Anthes 5-0 (2-2) 12; Mellendorf 4-0 (0-0) 8; Bolzman 4-0 (2-7) 10; Rochefort 1-2 (0-2) 8.
TOTALS - 20-3 (6-14) 55.

CASEVILLE - Herrin 1-0 (3-6); Guster 5-3 (4-8) 23; Buczynski 1-0 (4-6) 6; Wroblewski 3-3 (1-2) 16; Bednorek 5-0 (2-3) 12.
TOTALS - 15-6 (14-27) 62.

Basketball Standings

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	W/L
Cass City	2	0	4
EPSP	2	1	3
Reese	1	0	4
BCAS	1	0	3
Mayville	0	2	1
Bad Axe	0	2	0
USA	0	2	0

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	W/L
Brown City	2	0	3
H. Beach	2	0	2
Ubyly	2	0	2
Cros-Lex	1	1	2
Marlette	1	1	2
Yale	0	2	1
Sandusky	0	2	1
Deckerville	0	2	0

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB			
Team	W	L	W/L
Kingston	1	0	3
Peck	1	0	3
CPS	1	0	3
Owen-Gage	1	0	1
North Huron	0	1	2
Port Hope	0	1	2
Caseville	0	1	1
A-F	0	1	0

FRIDAY'S RESULTS			
EPSP 57, Bad Axe 39	BCAS 74, Mayville 69	Cass City 53, USA 42	Reese 62, Vassar 50
Brown City 36, Yale 33	Marlette 81, Cros-Lex 62	Ubyly 48, Deckerville 41	Harbor Beach 72, Sandusky 35
Kingston 73, A-Fairgrove 48	Peck 71, North Huron 55		

Tom Thumb Tournament	
CPS 68, Port Hope 45	Caseville 62, Owen-Gage 55

Volleyball outlook

Veteran O-G coach calls squad 'gutsy'

Owen-Gage volleyball Coach Judy Campbell has grown accustomed to winning in style over the past 4 years.

This year, however, she may have to get used to just winning.

That is, if Saturday's showing at the Vassar Volleyball Tournament is any indication of how her defending North Central Thumb League squad will perform throughout the 1997-98 season.

In the Bulldogs' first outing of the year, Coach Campbell's spikers glided through pool play, then slid past Vassar in the semifinals before bowing to Clio in the finals by the scores of 15-7, 15-10.

"It wasn't pretty," says Campbell of her team's winning ways. "(We) still have a lot of work to do."

Playing without superstars Kate Powers, Jennifer Winchester and Amanda Salcido for the first time since 1993, the Bulldogs defeated Reese (15-5, 15-6), Mayville (15-10, 15-2) and Vassar-B (15-9, 15-0), in the pool play rounds without suffering a single setback.

"We're not tall, but we're gutsy and don't quit," says Campbell.

In the semifinals, Owen-Gage rebounded from a 15-5 setback in the opening game to defeat Vassar in a tough 3 game match with wins of 15-7 and 15-10 in the

final 2 games. Several Bulldogs turned in fine showings on the day. Seniors Melissa Vargo and Tonya Smith had team high numbers in points and digs, respectively.

"We're not tall, but we're gutsy and don't quit"
-Coach Campbell

Owen-Gage also got plenty of help from freshman Erin Salcido, who chipped in with 20 kills and 19 points. Sophomore Melanie Lemanski recorded a team best 12 blocks.

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December 29 St. Florian at N. Huron	St. Florian	St. Florian	St. Florian	North Huron
December 30 Harbor Beach at Lakers Brown City at Capac St. Florian at Kingston	Harbor Beach Brown City St. Florian	Lakers Brown City Kingston	Lakers Brown City Kingston	Lakers Brown City Kingston
January 2 Reese at Ubyly	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
January 3 New Haven at C-PS	New Haven	New Haven	New Haven	New Haven
Last Week's Totals Percentages	15-7 (22-11) 67%	17-5 (27-6) 82%	14-8 (24-9) 73%	14-8 (24-9) 73%

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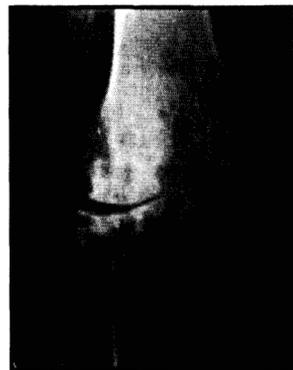
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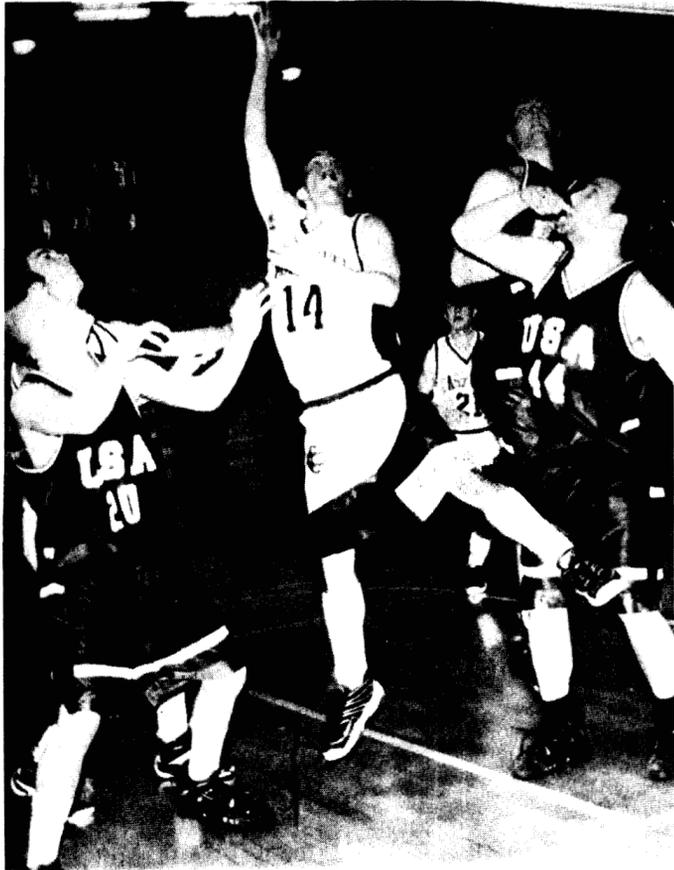


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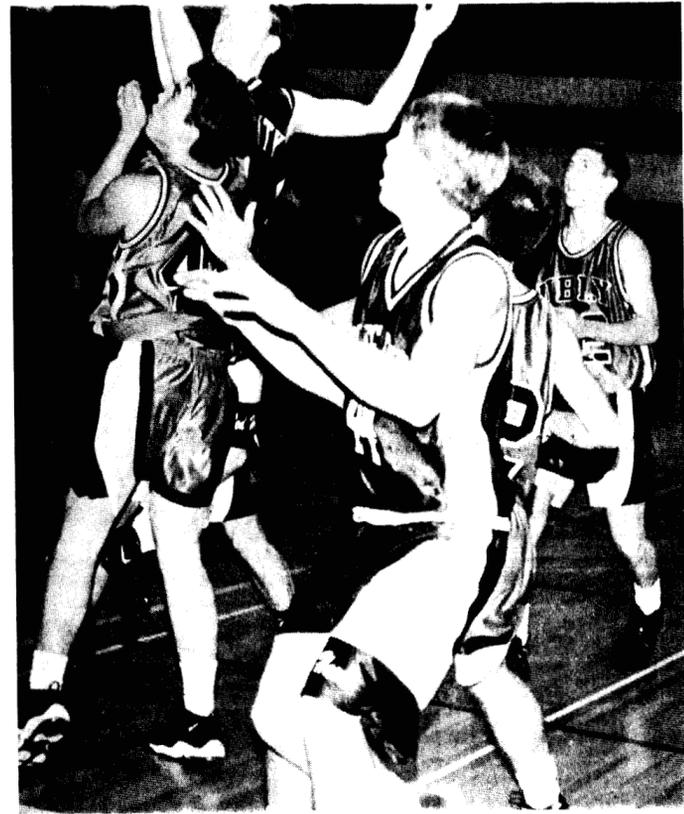
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TIM MICKLASH DRIVES to the basket with USA's Josh Sattler, 20, and Dave Spannagel, 44, defending.



DAN CUDDIE MADE several drives to the basket against Uibly. Waiting for a possible rebound is Ryan Brinkman.

Title drive ahead
Hawks top Uibly, USA to protect undefeated record

The Cass City Red Hawks chalked up a pair of wins last week to protect the team's undefeated record and prepare for the drive to a possible Thumb B West League title.

The Hawks defeated Uibly Tuesday and topped USA to post their second league win and fourth of the season.

Uibly was a victim of what Coach Jeff Hartel termed a very well played game by his charges and bowed, 75-39.

The Hawks combined some excellent shooting and tight defense to earn the victory. Hartel had his team in a box and one to partially stymie the Bearcats' ace Joe Rutkowski, who still led Uibly's scorers with 11 points.

Uibly was the victim of Cass City's best team effort and shooting night of the young season. The Hawks were led by some outstanding outside shooting by Andy Edwards, who collected 6 treys on his way to 20 points, and Tim Micklash, who was 6 for 9 for 13 points.

The Hawks handled the ball well as indicated by their 26 assists and just 13 turnovers.

The game was all but decided in the first half. Using balanced scoring, Cass City jumped off to a 16-4 first quarter lead as Edwards scored 8 points.

The team exhibited balanced scoring in the second quarter while showing the team's depth that Hartel said will be one of the team's strengths this year. Dan Cuddie showed ball handling skills and penetrated well.

Leading 33-14 at the half, the Hawks continued to add to the lead in the third quarter.

Heath Zawilinski, the Hawks' leading scorer, was shut out in the first half, but came roaring back to score 7 in the third quarter to pace the Hawks to a 55-29 lead. In the final 8 minutes, both teams turned to their benches to finish the game.

USA GAME

Our defense kept us in the game, Hartel said after the Cass City Red Hawks overcame a cold shooting first quarter at USA to defeat the winless Patriots Friday, 53-42.

For the night Cass City shot a sub-par 33 percent and in the first quarter the team's entire output was a basket by Cuddie. The Hawk defense kept USA from pulling away and the team trailed 6-2 at the end of the period.

The Hawk offense shifted into high gear in the second period led by Zawilinski, who ripped in 11 points, and at the intermission Cass City was in front 26-24.

The Patriots were within 4 points of the lead early in the third quarter, but that was as close as they were to get and Cass City dominated the game the rest of the way.

Cass City led 42-30 at the end of three quarters and was never in danger of having its win string snapped after that.

While the team's shooting was poor, Hartel said the passing was good and helped the team to hold turnovers to 12.

Zawilinski had a strong game with 19 points and 8 rebounds. However the Hawks were out-rebounded for the first time this year, 28 to 34.

CASS CITY - Goodall 3-0 (1-2) 7; Cuddie 3-0 (0-0) 6; Micklash 5-1 (0-0) 13; Wright 0-0 (1-2) 1; Lenhard 1-0 (2-3) 4; Zawilinski 3-0 (4-6) 10; King 1-0 (1-2) 3; Edwards 1-6 (0-0) 20; Brinkman 2-0 (0-0) 4; Emmert 2-0 (3-3) 7.
TOTALS - 21-7 (12-18) 75.

UBLY - Mullet 0-1 (0-0) 3; Dekoski 0-1 (0-2) 3; Rutkowski 4-0 (3-4) 11; Tyll 2-0 (0-0) 4; Weber 2-0 (0-0) 4; Symonds 3-0 (0-0) 6; Main 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hagen 2-0 (2-3) 6.
TOTALS - 14-2 (5-9) 39.

CASS CITY - Goodall 0-0 (2-2) 2; Cuddie 2-1 (0-0) 7; Micklash 0-1 (3-4) 6; Lenhard 2-0 (1-3) 5; Zawilinski 7-0 (5-5) 19; King 1-0 (1-2) 3; Edwards 0-2 (1-3) 7; Emmert 1-0 (2-4) 4.
TOTALS - 13-4 (15-23) 53.

USA - Nitz 2-0 (0-2) 4; Singer 2-1 (0-0) 7; Sattler 2-0 (1-2) 5; Weinlander 2-0 (2-4) 6; McNeil 2-2 (2-3) 12; Arnold 1-0 (2-2) 4; Spannagel 2-0 (0-1) 4.
TOTALS - 13-3 (7-14) 42.

Mat men defeat Flint Beecher, Burton Bendle

The Cass City Red Hawks continued their strong performances in meets this year with a win over Flint Beecher and Burton Bendle last Wednesday.

Coach Don Markel's charges topped Bendle, 42-36, and Beecher, 54-30.

Six Hawks were double winners. Roy Davis, 103 pounds, pinned Beecher's Grey Price in :45 seconds of the first period and Jack Richards, Bendle, in 3:23 of the second period. Scott Moore, 119 pounds, pinned Joshua Moore. Beecher, in :41 seconds and Mike Sparkman, Beecher, in 1:57.

Adam Dorland, 130 pounds, won by forfeit and pinned Fluterio Gonzales.

Beecher, in :41.

Cory Mayer, 140 pounds, pinned C. L. Smith, Beecher, in :34 and won by forfeit over Bendle.

Wesley Gibbard, 145 pounds, pinned Scott Auld. Beecher, in 1:27 and won by forfeit over Bendle.

Jalal Khoury, 189 pounds, pinned Pars Wilson, Beecher, in 1:51 and Eric Bergeron, Bendle, in 1:53.

Jon Fritz, 125 pounds, pinned Kenneth White of Beecher in 1:59 before being decided by Chris Crandell of Bendle. Dave Sutter, 152 pounds, was decided by Bendle's Mike Abbey and pinned Beecher's Nate Moore in 1:29.

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Roger Parrish presents original music program

Roger Parrish, singer, pianist, composer, and arranger from Cass City, recently appeared "in concert" with a program of original music for the Cass City St. Pancratius Women's Council Christmas banquet, and also at the Cass City Missionary Church.

His original songs included "His Song of Love", "Music of the Master's Symphony" and 2 new Christmas songs entitled, "Christmas Bells are Ringing in the Chapel", and "Ring, Ring, Ring the Bells on Christmas Day" with music by Parrish and words by David Smith, elder and minister of the RLDS Church of Sandusky.

A special feature of the concerts was a song written by Parrish in honor of the late Mother Teresa, entitled "A Tribute to Mother Teresa", which lasts 9 minutes, and includes 6 verses, refrain, and a special ending - all portraying her life of sacrifice, service and dedication to the poor, sick and needy of Calcutta, India, and elsewhere.

Parrish has been presenting his original music at various churches and organizations in the area, and enjoys sharing his music with others.



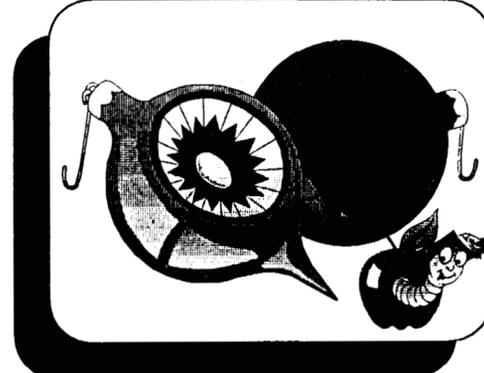
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Owendale club airs meeting

The December meeting of the Owendale Women's Club was a Christmas dinner outing at Northwood Restaurant, Cass City. Nine members were in attendance.

In lieu of gift exchange each member brought something for a newborn baby program that is being started in Huron County through the Health Department. This program will begin in January 1998 for each baby born that lives in Huron County.

The door prize was won by Alice Ricker and furnished by MaryLou Lorenz. The January meeting will be in the Owendale school for a program on Mary Kay products.

The evening concluded with a tour by the ladies viewing the Christmas lighting around the village of Cass City.

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The meeting will begin with breakfast, followed by a short program. The program will include the results of the 1998 variety trials by Greg Varner; a discussion on the white mold detection kits by Tom Zink, Neogen Corporation, and the "Value Added Concept" for agriculture products by Jim LeCureux. The Michigan Dry Bean Commission will also report on its activities during the past year. A bean market update will be given by Neil Mosher, bean merchandiser for Agri Sales in Saginaw.

For more information, contact the Tuscola County MSU Extension office in Caro at 517-672-3870.

Santa Letters



Derek Mozden

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. I would like a remote control car set, a hammer, a new Barney, and a dish for mom. I will leave you a snack of milk and cookies.

Derek Mozden



Joshua Edward Guigar

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Joshua, and I am 2 1/2 years old and this is my third Christmas. Remember, my mommy took me to see you at your house, and I told you that you were the "Best"! I have been mischievous, but mommy and daddy say that I have been a good little boy, and I should tell you what I want for Christmas. Santa, I would like a Rug Rat, Sing 'N Snore Ernie, Tweetie, Mickey Mouse, Elmo's Railroad, Sit 'N Spin, Huff 'N Puff vacuum, Crashback Radio control vehicle, Rev 'N Roar Workshop, Hotwheels Cargo carrier, service center and race set, a radio, an extra snow suit, and anything that is green, especially money! I really will not be mad if you bring me other presents too.

As for my mommy and daddy, they really don't need anything - unless, maybe you could get them another one just like me to keep mommy "double" busy? Otherwise, mommy could use a new vacuum and some new unbreakable ornaments since I probably broke them, and daddy could use a cordless drill/driver so I can help him fix things and a snow shovel so I can help shovel snow. I want to wish my nanna a "Merry Christmas" with all my love, hugs and kisses, but I will have to do that myself because not even you, Santa, can hug or kiss my nanna.

Santa, I will leave out some milk for you to drink and lots of cookies for you to eat. Also, I have seen most of your Reindeer during the year on my lawn, but I have not seen Rudolph yet. Tell him that I am waiting to see him and I will leave out extra sugar just for him to make his nose shine bright.

Love,
Joshua Edward Guigar



Kristen Kawecki

Dear Santa,
I have been growing up very fast these last couple months when mom was not feeling good. You see Mom is going to have a baby. I would like a baby sister. I would also like a Doodle Bear and Little Mermaid things. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Kristen Kawecki
Age 3 1/2 years
Decker



Breanna Nicole Frank

My name is Breanna Nicole Frank and on Christmas Eve I will be 11 months old. I have been, a very good girl this year, at least that's what my daddy and mommy keep telling me. I would love a dolly to play with, one with eyes that blink. I will leave you milk and cookies and some carrots for your reindeer. Please go to all my cousins, they have been good too!

Love, Breanna



Andrew, Emily & Erika Martin

Dear Santa:
Please bring my baby sister, Erika, who will be one year old the day after Christmas, a Winnie the Pooh chair and some toys. My other sister, Emily age 6, would like Nails by Tyco and a purse with jewelry in it. I would like an old fashion boom box and a carry-along computer. We will put some carrots out for Rudolph. There will be cookies and milk on the kitchen counter for you.

Merry Christmas
Love,
Andrew Martin, age 9



Zachary Deitering

Dear Santa,
My name is Zachary Deitering. I am 2 1/2 years old. For Christmas I would like a bike and some tools! I'll leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Zachary



Ryan Allen Koepf

Dear Santa,
Hello, my name is Ryan Koepf and I'm 16 months old. My Grandpa and Grandma Kessler say I have been a very good boy this year. I would really like a Pooh-Bear chair and a Big Bird that plays peek-a-boo. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

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John Guc II

John Paul Guc II, 72, of Cass City, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 1997, at his home after a long illness.

Born Sept. 25, 1925, in Wayne, he was raised by his foster parents, George and Grace Thompson. He married Ruth Lucille Moody Sept. 24, 1949, in Warren.

A United States Navy veteran who served in the European and Pacific theaters during World II, Guc and Robert Ryland co-owned Ryland & Guc Plumbing and Heating for over 40 years. He was a member of the Cass City VFW Post #3644, the Cass City Masonic Tyler Lodge #317, and a former member of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce.

Surviving are his wife; 6 children, Susan Guc of Bay City, Sheila (Kim) Fritz of North Branch, Sheryl (Stephen) Shaw of Decker, John Paul Guc III of Cass City, Sandra (Randy) Kelley of Deford and Jamie Guc of Gaylord; 9 grandchildren; a sister, Julie (Cliff) Witkovsky of Clare, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his foster parents and a brother, Stephen Guc.

Funeral services were to be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home with Chuck Emmert of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Military rites will be under the direction of Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Memorials may be made to

Obituaries

the Cass City VFW Post #3644, Cass City Masonic Lodge #317 or Rawson Memorial Library.

Pauline Izydorek

Pauline A. Izydorek, 97, Decker, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 1997, at the Sanilac County Medical Care Facility, Sandusky, after a long illness.

She was born March 10, 1900, in Detroit to Andrew and Frances Izydorek.

Izydorek never married. She worked for Packard Motor Company for more than 20 years, and was a seamstress for many years, designing and stitching a number of wedding dresses.

She was a former member of Holy Name Catholic Church, St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, and currently St. Joseph Catholic Church in Argyle.

Izydorek is survived by her nieces and nephews, Charles

(Jo) Izydorek of Decker, Ann (Wayne) Johnson of Riverside, Calif., George (Barb) Izydorek of Metamora, Paul (Mary Ann) Izydorek of Decker, Eugene (Pat) Izydorek of Marlette, Sally (Larry) Wood of Deford, Bill (Edie) Izydorek of Decker and Steve (Paula) Izydorek of Springport, and many great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Frank and Valerian Izydorek, and a sister, Cecilia Garras.

Funeral services were scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, Detroit, with the Rev. Francis Skalski officiating.

Interment will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the Sanilac County Medical Care Facility or St. Joseph Catholic Church, Argyle.

Arrangements were made by the Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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Travis Mozden

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Travis Mozden

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

•Robert D. Proctor, 19, Caro, pleaded guilty to armed robbery Nov. 11 in Denmark Township.

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

•Becky J. England, 22, Cass City, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to deliver marijuana June 13 in Elkland Township, and having one prior felony conviction.

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

•Gary A. Sterling II, 32, Millington, pleaded guilty to

receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100 Nov. 19 in Arbela Township.

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

•David L. Tebedo, 18, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 30 days in jail for his plea of guilty to home invasion, second degree, Aug. 6 in Gilford Township.

Tebedo was also ordered to complete his high school education and pay \$720 in court costs and fines plus \$500 in restitution, \$482.50 in attorneys fees, \$540 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

•Ronald C. Christian III, 22, Mayville, was sentenced to 270 days in jail (90 days deferred), with worksite privileges, for his pleas of

guilty to writing no account checks of \$25 and \$94.31, respectively, July 16 in Kingston and July 28 in Cass City.

He was ordered to pay \$385.19 in restitution within 120 days, or serve the full jail term imposed by the court.

•Dustin Browder, 18, Vassar, was sentenced to 14 months to 2 years in prison for his plea of guilty to stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent from the device holder July 23 in Gagetown.

Browder, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department, was also ordered to pay \$184.76 in restitution.

•Jerry L. DeMott, 37, Mayville, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), for his jury conviction on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 22 in Watertown Township.

DeMott was ordered to undergo substance abuse counseling/treatment, and pay \$1,000 in costs and fines plus \$1,318 in attorneys fees, \$720 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

•Lewis E. Henderson Jr., 40, Rowlett, Texas, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (6 months deferred provided his child support payments are up to date) for a plea of guilty to failure to pay child support Aug. 30, 1995, through the present in Caro.

•Chris L. Swinehart, 23, Unionville, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 90 days in jail (deferred) for his plea of guilty to attempted larceny of property valued at more than \$100 Oct. 4, 1996, in Columbia Township.

Swinehart was ordered to participate in mental health counseling and pay \$750 in costs and fines plus \$720 in oversight fees, \$182.04 in restitution and a \$60 victim crime fee.

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Caro man charged with criminal sexual conduct

A Caro man was recently arraigned on 7 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct allegedly involving a victim under the age of 13 years from Jan. 1, 1994, through Oct. 15, 1997.

Bond for the defendant, Christopher A. Perez, 33, Caro, was set at \$350,000. He faces a preliminary examination Dec. 30 at 1:30 p.m. in Tuscola County District Court.

In other recent felony arraignments:

•Rafael Ramirez, 24, Caro, was arraigned on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence Dec. 18 in Almer Township.

Bond was set at \$20,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Dec. 30 at 1:30 p.m.

•Gary L. Nighster Jr., 28, Mayville, was charged with one count of non-aggravated stalking and two counts of aggravated stalking from Jan. 1, 1996, through Dec. 11, 1997, in Indianfields Township.

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Card of Thanks

I WISH TO thank all who have remembered us during the time of Royce's illness. The cards, prayers, friendship and outpouring of love has been greatly appreciated. To our special neighbors, Maynard, Joan and Craig Helwig, for seeing our lawn was always mowed and our house was always cared for. I am thankful for the many friends and neighbors that visited Royce and encouraged him. I am very grateful for the special care the doctors and nurses gave Royce at the University Hospital, Bay Area Regional Dialysis Center, St. Luke's Hospital and Hills and Dales General Hospital. I would like to thank the employers of my children for their understanding of our need to be together during the time of Royce's illness and death. I am thankful that Rev. Morningstar was here for our family and for his personal service for Royce. I appreciate the care and concern Debra Kranz showed our family. Thanks to the Presbyterian ladies for the luncheon that followed the funeral and to the many people who brought food to the house. A big thank you to Geri Perry and Joan Helwig for taking care of the grandchildren during this time. I also want to thank Royce's sister and brother-in-law, Harriet and Jack, my kids and their families for always being there for us. Once again a special thanks to everyone. Betty Russell. 13-12-24-1

IN MEMORY

IN MEMORY of Tim Osentoski - You left us just a year ago. But in our hearts you stay. So young you were, so suddenly You had to go away. You were the youngest brother. You were the youngest son. A husband and a father. All those jobs you had done. I guess we'll never understand. We'll always question why. The void you left still fills our hearts. For you never said good-bye. Sadly missed by family. 15-12-24-1

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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, December 24

No duplicate bridge games scheduled Dec. 24 and 31. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Don Warner and Jim Herndon.

Thursday, December 25

Have a safe and blessed Christmas.

Friday, December 26

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

Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Eve Gospel Sing at New Cass City Middle School, 8 p.m.

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RECEIVING A LETTER of appreciation Monday night for General Cable Company's generous gift of wire worth \$15,000 to \$20,000 were John Cooper, second from left, and Dean Hoag. At left is Superintendent Ken Micklash and right, board President Randy Severance.

Easy transition

Students move to new school

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work over the holiday break. The community is invited to an open house/dedication ceremony slated for Sunday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held Sunday, Feb. 1.

In the months that follow, school officials will continue

to salvage light fixtures, wiring, lockers, ceiling tiles and other items from the old middle school. Micklash said other items may be auctioned off next summer.

The old middle school totals 56,000 square feet, including the east annex, which will be renovated in the summer for use as a childhood center for preschool and kindergarten programs.

New MDOT center in Cass City

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service centers. "We're in the process of trying to decide the most cost effective way" to establish new office sites.

DeSana said the new MDOT structure will improve service while addressing attrition and retirements, which resulted in a 25-percent smaller MDOT since 1992.

In addition, he added, the service center staffs will work closely with local partners such as counties, cities, planning agencies, community groups and businesses to help deliver improved transportation services and facilities to meet communities' needs.

School board meeting

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will be awarded. Squires offered \$900 for a 1987 Chevrolet and \$800 for an 1986 Chevrolet if the district decides to trade them in.

The annex to the former middle school, which is scheduled for renovation, has a new name. It will now be called the Cass City Public School Early Childhood Center.

The school received another payment in a lawsuit started over price fixing of

bus bids. Its share of the damages received is \$4,700.36. George Fisher, custodian-bus driver, announced his retirement April 20. The board transferred Clayton Sawdon to his position in Deford. Mark Stover was hired to replace Sawdon. Wendy Dickson was hired as the p.m. custodian at the middle school. She has substituted at the school previously. Dorland Kuntz, principal, said.

Letters of appreciation were ordered sent to Mary

Jane and Rick VanVliet for funds donated for the middle school sign in memory of Marion Croft. A letter was sent to Kurt and Ruth Strickland and Shirley Strickland for funds donated in memory of Grant Strickland for the scoreboards in the new middle school gym. A letter was also sent to Robert and Sandy Papovich for funds sent to the middle school building fund to be used for building signage.

Consider land sale

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IGA officials explained the water well at the store, located at 6121 Cass City Rd., has been condemned by the Michigan Department of Environmental Health. The council will now petition the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to formally approve the annexation. Briefly discussed concerns

regarding newspaper and shopper carriers tossing papers on lawns and sidewalks in the village. Downing told the council that village officials have the authority to cite offending papers/shoppers under local littering ordinances. Before taking any action, however, she recommended sending a notice to violating companies asking for their cooperation.

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BONNIE FERRIS (seated) and her husband Ray have been the driving force in creating calendars commemorating the old middle school building. Proceeds from the sale of the 1998 calendars will help offset the cost of the school's annual trip to Washington, D.C.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH J. BURROWS AND JANICE C. BURROWS, HIS WIFE to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS, HOME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE now known as USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgagee, dated July 23, 1982, and recorded on July 26, 1982, in Liber 526, on page 704, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy two thousand nine hundred ninety eight and 64/100 Dollars (\$72,998.64), including interest at 13.250% per annum.

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

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Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning on the North Line of Section 32, at a point West 1670.00 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 32, Thence S 00 degrees 14 min 40 sec E 1337.67 feet thence N 89 deg 10 min 40" W 378.35 feet to the East Line of New York Central Railroad thence North 20 degrees 57 min 22 sec West 998.26 feet along said line thence East 401.33 feet thence North 00 degrees 14' 40" West 400 feet thence East 330 feet to the point of beginning.

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

DATED: December 17, 1997

DATED: December 10, 1997

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry L. BOOTH a married man and Deborah S. BOOTH, his wife (Original Mortgages), to FIRST CHICAGO NBD MORTGAGE COMPANY, (f/k/a NBD Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation), Mortgagee, dated May 7, 1996, and recorded on May 20, 1996, in Liber 690, on Page 1098, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve And 55/100 Dollars (\$93,912.55), including interest at 8.60% 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 o'clock A.M., on January 23, 1998.

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Dated: December 3, 1997

Dated: December 10, 1997

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Jesus is the reason for our Christmas

Christmas is the time of year when most everyone is full of cheer the lights are shining on the tree families singing joyfully Presents wrapped and there they sit while children beg to open it Relatives come to share the joy children smile as they open their toy Although everyone is busy

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Stacy Sullins
Cass City H.S.
9th grade

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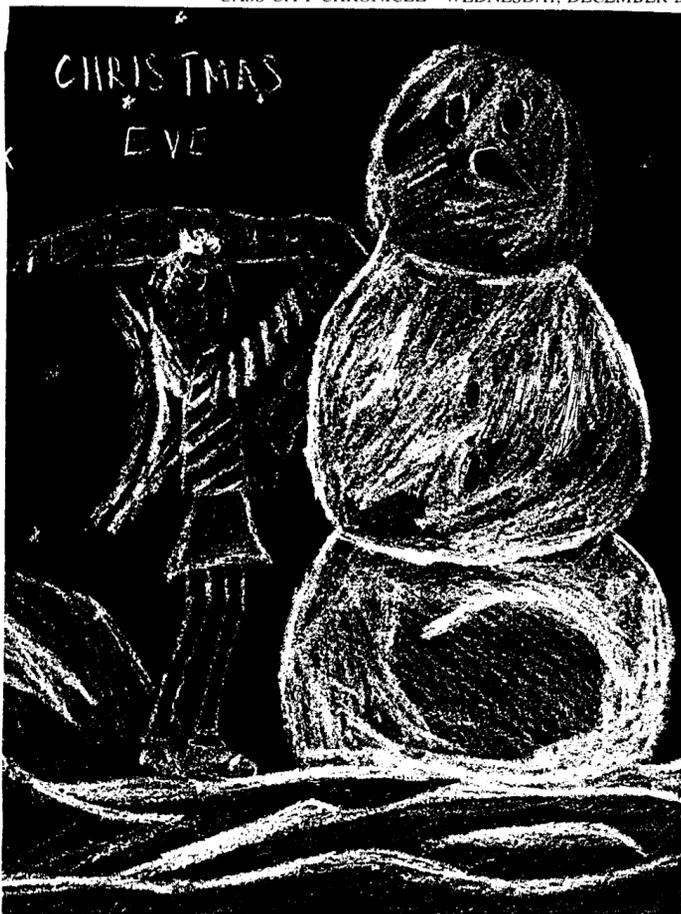
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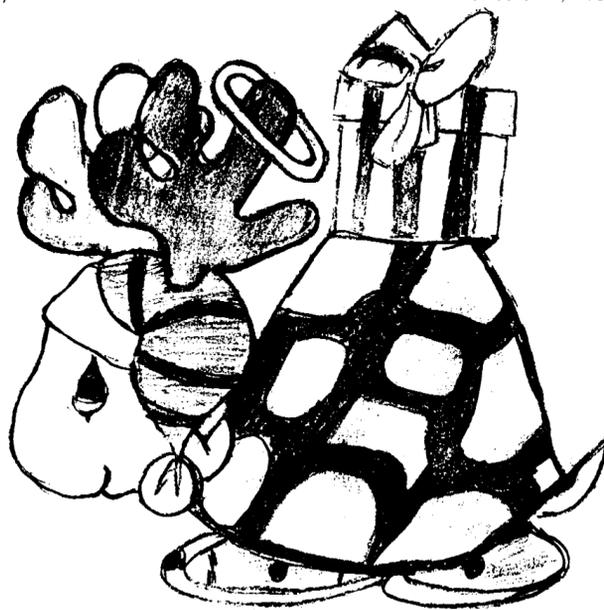
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Thommy

Dear Santa,

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Thanks a bunch,
Thommy
22 months
Cass City



Meri Dzielinski

Dear Santa,

Thank you for everything you brought me last year. I am 3 years old now and Mom says I've been a precious angel. Could you please bring me anything Barbie, especially a sleeping bag. I would also like lots of candy, too.

Please remember my big brothers, Matthew and Paul, again this year. They can be real nice when they want to be.

I will leave you a treat. Remember that I live in Cass City, now.

Thank You,
Love,
Meri Dzielinski
XOXOXOXO



Alek & Arek Creason

Dear Santa,

My name is Alekzander Bryan-Daily Creason. I'm 4 years old. My little brother is 2 years old. His name is Arek Jonathon-Taylor Creason. We have been the best we could this year.

First, I would like a Big truck, Fishing pole, tractor and a Big Batman. My Brother would like a tractor, Batman car, a Pooh that wiggles his nose. Please bring Mom and Dad something nice. They've been great parents. We would also like our new cousin to come soon.

We'll leave you some cookies and milk. We'll also leave some sugar for the Reindeer.

Love,
Alek & Arek Creason



Katie Elizabeth Tiseo
Blair Elise Tiseo

Dear Santa,

My name is Katie Tiseo and I am 3 years old. My sister Blair is 16 months old. For Christmas I would like a Sleeping Beauty book. I think Blair would like a talking rabbit. Thank you for the nice presents you brought us last year. We will leave you some cookies and chocolate milk for a snack.

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Santa Letters



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Andy Kolacz

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P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies

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Ashley Keys

Dear Santa, I will leave you a CD Boom to be good all year. For I'm 9 years old. I've tried Christmas I want a CD Boom Box, a Chicago Bulls clock, Chicago Bulls Phone, Chicago Bulls clothes, the CD sound track from Toy Story and the movies Free Willy III and Lost World. Could you please leave a note under my my cousin Brennan. I will leave some milk and cookies for you and some sugar for Rudolph. Merry Christmas Love, Carley Hendrick 3 1/2 years old



Robbie Jean Keys-Chappel

Hi Santa, My name is Robbie Jean. I'm 2 years old and I'm a busy little girl. I've given up on trying to be good this year. For Christmas I would like a sing and more Ernie, a Little Tikes kitchen set, some pots and pans, some play food and a new stroller for all my babies. I would also like some new clothes and a Chicago Bulls T-shirt like my big sister Ashley's. Could you leave something special for my Aunt Joan and Aunt Connie in E. Lansing. I will leave you a Pepsi and M&M's and a big carrot for the Reindeer. Hugs & Kisses Robbie Jean Keys-Chappel

Hugs & Kisses Robbie Jean Keys-Chappel



Taylor & Kennedy Brown

Dear Santa, My sister and I try really hard every day to be good little girls. You can even ask our mom and dad. Could you please bring my sister Kennedy a small sled and a doll. She'll be 11 mos. old at Christmas. I would like a stroller for my doll and a bigger sled. One for a 2 1/2 yr. old (that's how old I am). We will leave a treat for you and your reindeer. Love Taylor & Kennedy Brown Cass City, MI



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Jessica Apel-Mifsud - 12th grade

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tion of mankind, Through Him, and Him alone, eternal life they will find, As that day drew all the nearer, To Him, His Son seemed so much dearer, The angels waited in anticipation, With ready shouts of acclamation, Suddenly a single baby's cry echoed off the quiet walls,

And cheers of praise and joy rang forth throughout the halls, In His chamber the Almighty sat quietly on this morn, A single tear ran down His cheek, "It's done" he whispered "my son is born."

Colleen Cartwright
Cass City H.S.
12th grade

What Christmas is about

Christmas Day

It was a cold December night, The lights on the tree shown so bright.

We sat around with lots of cheer, Christmas Day would soon be here!

As I crawled into my bed, visions of gifts filled my head.

Out the window I did look, a second of my time was all it took.

Snowflakes floated to the ground, When they hit there was no sound.

I looked up and saw a star, I remembered the Wisemen who travelled so far.

The shepherds had been in the field, Until this time they did not yield.

Then an Angel appeared to them, Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem.

Christmas Day is Jesus' birth, the day He was brought to the Earth.

After 33 years of looking in, He died on a cross to take away my sin.

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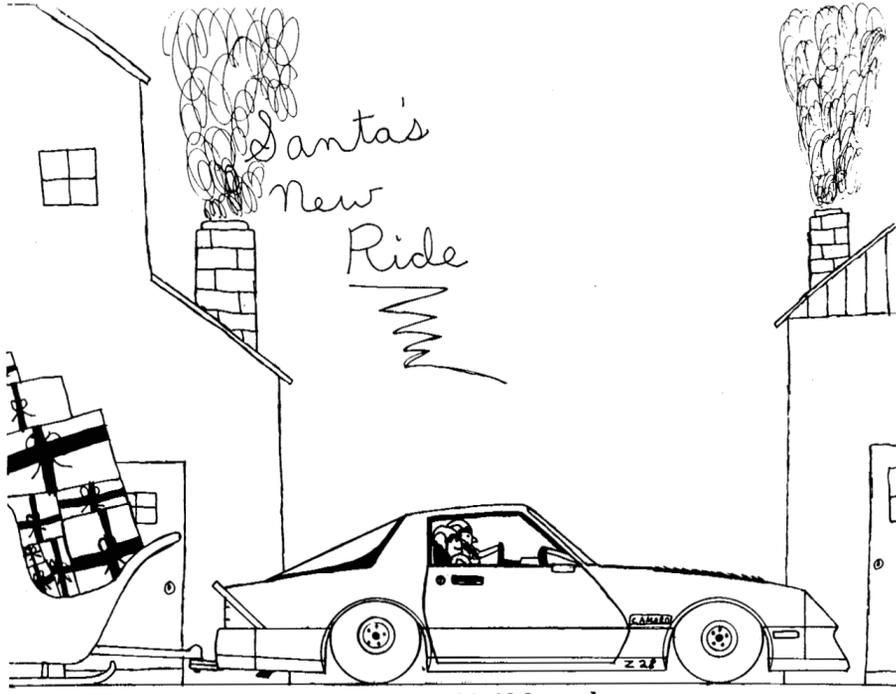
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Scott Rutkoski, 10th grade

Christmas is more than tree tinsel

Christmas, to me, is more than tinsel on a tree. It's more important than presents for me, me, me. It's more than carolers singing. It's more than sleigh bells ringing. Even more than someone calling you on Christmas day. A lot more than the cousins coming over to play.

It's about a lady and a man on a journey. On a journey to a stable. Where someone was able to give them a place to stay. The lady gave birth to a baby, and

layed him in a manger with hay. This baby is my Lord and Savior. Hope came into my life on this precious day. I feel sometimes that we forget the meaning of Christmas. How this could happen I do not know. For in this word Christmas is our reminder **Christmas**. It's not **Presentmas**. It's **Christmas**. That's what Christmas means to me. Christmas.

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ready, we are going to get a new machine."

But, when the elves got to the reindeer they were gone. The elves said, "Santa, how are we going to get a new machine?"

Santa said, "We will have to walk to the store." The wind was so strong it blew Santa away. Mrs. Clause found Santa and took him inside. Both Santa and the elves

were too sick to make the trip.

Santa said, "Call Nathan in Michigan and ask him to get a new machine for us."

Mrs. Clause called Nathan. He said, "Where do I get the machine from?"

"At Best Buy," said Mrs. Clause, "in Quebec."

"How am I supposed to get to Quebec?" he asked.

As he spoke he heard animal noises coming from the front porch. It was the reindeer and Santa's sleigh.

Nathan got in the sleigh and went to Quebec. The reindeer were very tired from flying, so they had to stop often to get drinks. They finally reached Quebec and bought a new machine.

The reindeer dropped Nathan off in Michigan and hurried back to the North Pole. Santa and the elves

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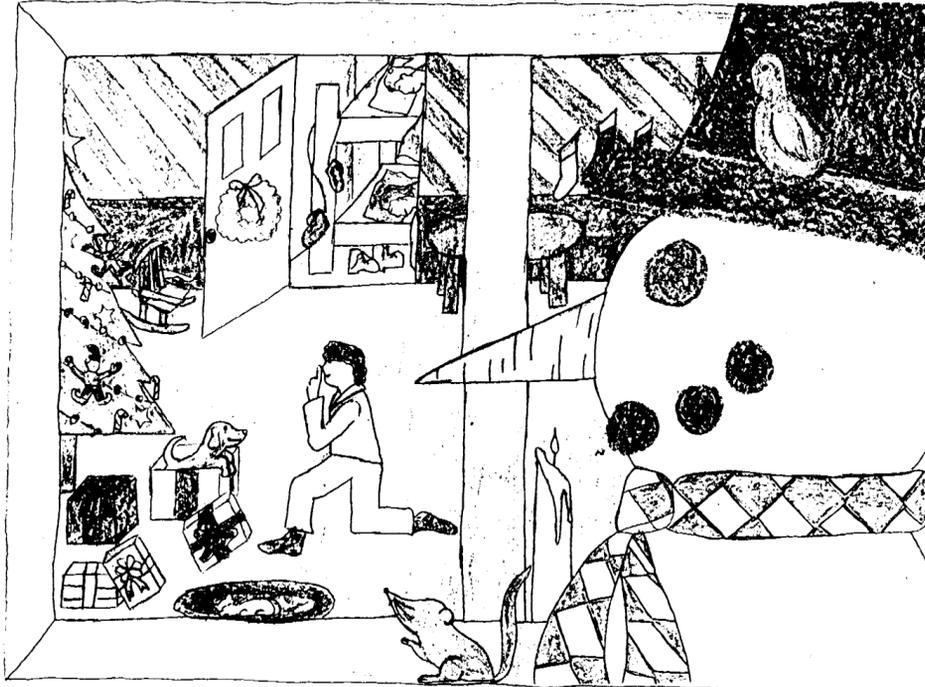
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Heidi Scott, 6th grade

Santa left a lump of coal

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doesn't come to your house unless you're sleeping, well it's true. While the kids were looking for Santa, he was watching them. Santa didn't like it that they weren't in bed, so he decided to play a trick on them. All the kids were getting tired and they still had seen

no sign of Santa. Most of them had went home by 11:30. And it was 12:30 now so all the kids decided to go home. When they got home they saw no presents under the tree for them, but they just thought that Santa hadn't come yet. So they went up to bed. When they got up in the morning they ran down stairs and saw presents under the tree and opened them, but

all that was in them was a lump of coal and a note from Santa. It said, "You should have been in bed instead of looking for me." Ever since then no kid has ever waited up for Santa. So you better be good.

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But, dear sir, when you returned to your room, you missed the greatest miracle of all time. For on that Holy Night, the King of Kings was born in a manger. That manger's purpose was to feed the hungry, how wonderful for my Savior to be born there! For He would later also feed the hungry. On that night, you missed the heavenly host of angels proclaiming the birth of the newborn King. You missed the people come from world-round to adore God's child. The Child who would give them everlasting life. I do so pity you, sir, for on that night you missed the giving of God's greatest gift - his only son. Tammy Acker
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Alcasha Field, 10th grade

Tommy made it a very Merry Christmas

To Give and Receive...

Though it was only November tenth, everyone's minds in New York were on Christmas-especially Tommy Sutherland's. All year he had wished for a Mighty Man Turbo Edition with Laser Gun attachment. Alas, Tommy was just an eight year old orphan who lived on the street. His intelligence, though, was as sharp as any eight year old. For you see, he made an effort to go to school and learn like the other children. So, like the other children, he also learned of the Mighty Man Turbo Edition with Laser Gun attachment and ever since had wanted it. Maybe because it was every eight year old's perfect toy, or maybe he could use it to impress his peers. If he had it, it might be enough to make up for his scabby looks and lack of money. It might be enough to get him a friend.

Tommy knew that if he wanted that toy, he was going to have to get it himself. He couldn't depend on his parents - he didn't even know where they were. Equally, he couldn't depend on Santa because, for all he knew, Santa was a dead-beat just like his parents (only in a red suit). So Tommy quickly came to the conclusion that if he ever wanted to shoot the Mighty Laser Gun, he would have to work to earn the \$29.95.

Tommy lay there, thinking in his box. "I have so much snow on my face. I could shovel it off," he chuckled to himself. Then, like the snowflakes that hit his face, so did an idea. "Wait, that's it!" he proclaimed to no one in particular. "I'll shovel snow for some money and before you know it, I'll have more money than Mighty Man can shoot at with his Laser Gun attachment."

After Tommy had his master plan, all he needed to do was to get started. It was very hard at first because no one knew him, nor the service he offered. But over time, Tommy acquired more and more customers. They were stopping him in the street asking, "Are you that kid who doesn't charge much but does a great job?" Tommy would answer with a modest nod. People all over wanted him to shovel their steps or sidewalks, and with every job well done, his savings would increase "two-bits."

Then, on Christmas Eve, he finally had enough money to buy himself the perfect toy. With his shovel still in hand, he marched down to the store and, trying to hold back a smile, told the clerk "I would like to buy the Mighty Man Turbo Edition with Laser Gun attachment."

"All righty then," the clerk said, "that'll be \$29.95. Would you like that gift wrapped?"

Tommy pondered this for a moment. Even though it wasn't for someone else, he still wanted it wrapped - for himself. So he answered, "Um...yes please."

Now his dream was reality and his tired legs ran him and his new gift all the way home. Once there, he placed his gift to himself underneath his twig tree and tried to go to sleep. However, he was so excited he couldn't sleep! So, to tire himself, he grabbed his tree in one hand and his gift in the other and walked around his neighborhood. Just as he was about to turn back he came across a young boy, even younger than himself, sleeping in an alley. He looked at the boy and thought of his life. He thought of all of those Christmases when he had awakened and nothing was different from the night before. He thought of how he had to give in to "charity" and go to the Salvation Army for Christmas. All he got there was old things and bad memories. He hadn't wanted either, and he knew that neither did this kid.

So, he looked at the toy in his right hand, still wrapped with the laser gun unshot. Then he looked in his heart and he saw himself leaving his tree and gift for this boy. He followed his heart, and left the toy under the tree where it would be the first thing the boy saw when he opened his eyes. As he walked away, he felt himself wanting to cry, laugh, or run back and take the toy. But he didn't - he just kept walking and humming to the tune of "Jingle Bells."

The next morning he was awakened by the sound of a young boy running through the streets screaming, "Look, look everyone! Santa got me a Mighty Man Turbo Edition with Laser Gun attachment! This is the best Christmas ever!"

Tommy smiled, and even though it was only 15 degrees, he felt warmer than he had all year.

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Santa Letters



Drew Guinther

Dear Santa,

I'd like a road grader, a coyote puppet, a pedal truck and a slinky. If the truck doesn't fit down the chimney maybe you could park your reindeer on the lawn and come through the front door. I'll be listening for you if you need me to unlock the door. Tell the elves thanks for the train!
Merry Christmas.

Love,
Drew Guinther, 5

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Paul Dzielinski

Dear Santa,

I would like a Giga Pet, a hockey stick, helmet and gloves, and a Tycos battery charger.
A new RC car would be nice and caps for my cap gun.
Thank you for everything you bring.

Love,
Paul Dzielinski
Cass City



Spencer Guinther

Dear Santa,

I want a trencher/backhoe, a slinky and a talking Bubba for Christmas. I want something else too, but I'm not sure what it is. Maybe a dalmatian chair. You pick for me.

I love you Santa.

Spencer Guinther, 2 1/2



Nicholle Alizabeth Hartel

Dear Santa,

I already told you at the mall what I wanted for Christmas, but Mama said I should write you a letter anyway.

I'd really like more babies to play with. I'd also like bottles, blankets and other things to go with my babies.

I've been really good this year even though sometimes I talk a lot.

Nicholle Hartel, 2 1/2

Christmas time is here

Christmas is filled with happiness and joys. It brings lots of toys. Christmas is a time of fun. A time without the sun. Snow on the ground. People all around. There are songs of tears, and songs of cheers. There was laughter in the air. Santa rushing everywhere. Lights are blinking. Bells are clinking. It surely proves, Christmas time is here.

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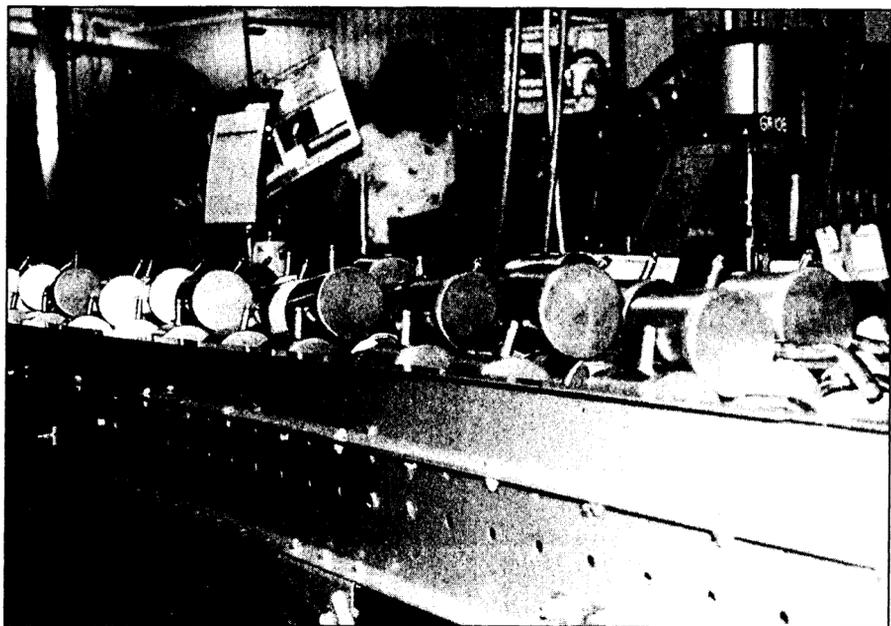
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Millennium: tax-free status a big boost

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

In a year filled with depressing economic news, factory closings and slowed business growth, Gary Vollmar has had plenty to smile about.

In fact, Vollmar, president of Millennium Industries in Cass City, is looking forward to building on the progress he's seen since Millennium officials consolidated their Cass City operations and, along with moving a product line from their Indiana plant to Cass City, began moving into the former General Cable Co. plant a year ago.

Millennium officials closed on the purchase of the building last December. "We immediately started to renovate the building, which really entailed and continues to entail gutting and tearing it down to the bare walls," Vollmar said. He estimated the company has spent a half-million dollars to remodel and refurbish the structure.

Officials hope much of the work will be completed in time for an open house slated for Saturday, Jan. 25. Area residents as well as employees and their families are invited to tour the facility from 9 a.m. to noon.

Millennium manufactures automotive fuel rails, power steering reservoirs, metal stamping and tubular products, precision screw machine components and fuel injection components.

The company at one time was composed of 2 plants in Cass City - Micro EDM, 4429 Doerr Rd., and Millennium Industries, formerly located on Main Street in the former Walbro tool building next to the McDonald's restaurant - as well as a 160,000-square-foot plant in Ligonier, Ind.

Millennium officials sold Micro EDM in conjunction with plans to expand the volume of business they do in automotive-related markets. The firm's major customers include Ford, Visteon, Delphi and TI Automotive.

Securing the 110,000-square-foot General Cable Co. building was a huge step in the company's plans to not only expand and manufacture many of its own components, but also to explore other business ventures.

Vollmar noted much has been accomplished over the past 12 months.

"In addition to (remodeling), we've had some fairly aggressive time tables. We've consolidated the Cass City plant and moved the power steering reservoir business from Indiana, and we're in the process of setting up the Cass City stamping operation," he said, adding an automotive company has awarded Millennium a new stamping contract that is expected to yield \$4 to \$5 mil-

lion in revenue starting in 2003.

The increased business has brought a host of new jobs to the village.

"Back in December of 2001, we had right around 35, 36 employees in Cass City. Today, we're up to about 92, 93," Vollmar said. "We're probably - as of the end of the year - about 25 people ahead of where we thought we would be."

"I would estimate by June of 2003 we'll be up to 125 with the stamping business coming in," added Vollmar. He predicted the company, which currently employs a total of 370 people, will add 50 workers in Cass City 2003.

Adding jobs is a requirement of the company's participation in Michigan's Renaissance Zone program, which is enabling Millennium to operate virtually tax-free over the next several years. The program was established to entice development in the state's rural communities.

So far, Millennium has easily surpassed its promise to add 20 new jobs annually. The company has also exceeded expectations in terms of capital investments.

"We'll be close to meeting that requirement (a half-million dollars in capital per year) by the end of 2003," he said. "To-date we've invested right around \$2 mil-

lion in equipment."

Vollmar said annual sales figures have been close to what officials had expected. Sales were expected to increase from \$40 million in 2001 to the \$60 million range this year. As it turned out, sales this year will total about \$54 million, with the Cass City operation generating \$10 million and the remaining coming from the Indiana plant.

"Next year we're looking at right around \$65 million. Of that, \$17, \$18 million will be here," Vollmar said.

"A big part of our strategy is that we're low cost producer. Our cost structure is

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Goals met

Northwood officials pleased with first year

It's been a year full of challenges for the staff at the Northwood Meadows Senior Living Community, which opened its doors nearly 12 months ago.

Looking back, Cindy Joseph, director of the Cass City assisted living and dementia care facility, says her expectations have been met so far, and she's looking forward to an even better year in 2003.

"It's gone well. I've been very pleased, and the community support has continued," Joseph said.

The \$4.4 million, non-profit Northwood facility is part of

the Hills and Dales Health Care Corporation. The senior living community opened last January and consists of 20 assisted living units - 12 studio and 8 one-bedroom apartments - with another 20 private units in the dementia care section, which was uniquely designed for progressive treatment of patients with various forms of dementia.

"We're at 17 residents in both (sections), and I can have 40, so I'm not quite half full," Joseph said, referring to current occupancy levels.

"My personal goals are a little higher, but we're right

on target with our earlier projections, and we have been right on target."

The difficulty with projections, she noted, is they don't take into account loss of life from a variety of medical conditions related to dementia. Northwood has lost 7 dementia patients this year.

"That's the hardest part of this job because you live with these people - they become a part of your family," added Joseph, an R.N. who has a master's degree in health care systems management. "It's hard, it's hard on the staff."

Financially, the outlook is

promising, according to Joseph, who oversees an annual budget of \$800,000.

"We're doing fine. We're right on budget," she said. "The original projections were that we would operate in the red for 3 years, and it won't even be 2 years."

Northwood offers its residents a myriad of support services, including meals, assistance with personal care, laundry service, medication management, life enrichment activities and an on-site barber-beauty shop.

But it's the staff —nurses aids, LPNs, dietary and maintenance staff, and an administrative assistant/activities director - that make up the real heart of the Northwood operation, Joseph said. She noted that some 300 people applied for the 22 available full and part-time positions.

"I have worked in a lot of places, and I have probably the best staff I have ever worked with here. It's just amazing. They are very caring, very loving to the residents," she said. "The residents here are the priority and everything else comes second."

Equally important, according to Joseph, has been the unyielding support of the community - service clubs, church and senior groups, high school students and others that have donated money, organized activities, and contributed in many other ways. "It's like grand central station here," she said.

"Coming to work here is not like any other job. I'm usually out front, greeting people when they come in and giving them tours," she said.

"We never want

New Year's sing on tap

Gospel music fans can look forward to one of the best New Year's Eve Gospel Sings in the history of the event, according to organizer Arthur Severance.

Severance says there will be something for just about everyone, with each group bringing its own style of Gospel music. "I'm excited. I really think this is going to be a real good sing," he said. "We're going to have a great variety this year."

The event, a community tradition in Cass City for more than 3 decades, again features a full lineup of gospel groups ready to help area residents welcome the new year with music, praise and fellowship.

The 36th annual sing is scheduled to get underway at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, in the Cass City High School gymnasium.

As always, the concert will feature "Michigan's Goodwill Ambassadors," the Flint-based Calvarymen Quartet, whose traditional southern Gospel sound is a perennial

favorite. Although the members' faces and names have changed over the years, the group's faithfulness to Cass City has never waned — the Calvarymen appeared at the first New Year's Eve Gospel Sing and has returned every year since.

Also featured will be a mixed quartet and a trio, both new to the Cass City sing.

1 Destiny, another Flint area group, will bring its contemporary gospel style to the stage with some familiar faces. The trio includes Jeff Glasco and Carl Ledford, both former members of the Calvarymen. "This is a group that can really harmonize," Severance noted.

Sammons Brothers and Company, meanwhile, is a quartet composed of 2 couples from the Woodhaven area whose repertoire includes a number of original songs.

"They're all very easy to work with - they'll do whatever you ask - and they sing about the Lord," Severance

said. "They not only sing about it, they live it."

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

The sing is sponsored by the Cass City Laymen's Club, a small group of area men dedicated to serving God as laymen. The group was officially organized Oct. 23, 1967, with Lloyd Severance serving as president, William O'Dell as secretary and Warren Kelly as treasurer.

The club organized the New Year's Eve concert in an effort to offer residents an alternative to traditional New Year's celebrations. The goal was, and still is, to provide a full evening of Gospel music for the whole family.

The event typically costs about \$2,000 annually, most of which is covered by free-will offerings. Attendance averaged some 400 people during the first few years, with those numbers climbing to 800 or more people in recent years.

Christmas for Kids



RECEIVING ONE of the many gifts distributed in the Christmas for Kids program sponsored by Cass City Rotary was Matthew Ozorowicz, 5, accompanied by his mother, Cathy. Rotarians helping were Jason Krohn and Barb Karr.

Rotary distributes gifts to 350

The Christmas for Kids program sponsored by the Cass City Rotary Club, with the help of a generous community, was able to meet the needs of an estimated 350 area families with a wanted Christmas gift.

Volunteers from the Rotary Club were busy last Thursday distributing a moun-

tain of gifts with a total value in excess of \$10,000. Included were \$5,000 in cash and over \$5,000 in gifts and clothing.

Over \$1,500 was spent for new clothing. Gifts included 2 brand new bicycles and a computer. There were toys and games galore.

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Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bouck of Pigeon spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bouck.
The Young Ideas Farm Bureau met at the home of Clarence and Pat Heleski on Friday evening. After a video was shown and cards were played. High prizes were won by Delores and Russell Bouchard. Low prizes were won by Josephine and Joe Wolschlagler. The next meeting will be at the home of Stanley and Delores Heleski on January 16th. The hostess served a lunch.
Mrs. Hiram Keyser visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly were Friday dinner guests of Margaret Cook for

a Christmas get together.
Courtney Gordon of Harrison Township and Lana Gordon of Port Austin were Tuesday lunch guests of Mrs. Mike Maurer.
Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the K of C fish fry in Bad Axe Friday evening.
Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.
Allen Farrelly visited Don Rackhoff, Florence Labiski and Al Kubacki at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka visited Mr. and Mrs. Cass Grifka in Uby Tuesday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bouck

brought dinner and spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bouck.
Ray and Rita Depcinski had dinner at Hungry Howie's before they spent the evening with Eugene and Mollie Depcinski on Sunday.
Born to Rodney and Suzanne Wakefield a daughter at Lapeer Hospital on December 10. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Keyser and great grandmother is Mrs. Hiram Keyser.
Allen Farrelly visited Don Rackhoff, Irene Bezemek and Al Kubacki on Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Horton visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Wednesday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly had dinner at the Cass City Stockyards Restaurant on Tuesday and dinner at the Peppercorn in Bad Axe on Wednesday and later went to the Franzel home.
Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Lois Wolschlagler and Genevieve Polega at the Huron County Medical Care Facility on Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Particka were early Christmas dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka where Christmas gifts were exchanged.
Eight members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Franklin Inn for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet at McDonald's Deli on January 2.
Archie and Penny Guigar were Saturday dinner and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

Champagne winner of local 'bee'

Grant Champagne, an eighth grade student at Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee held Dec. 17-19.



Grant Champagne

The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 13th annual National Geographic Bee.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the 5 U.S. territories participated. The school winners, including Grant Champagne from Owen-Gage, will now take a written test: up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee April 4, 2003.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 20 and 21. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

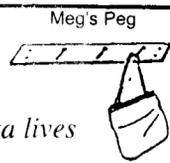
Other participants at Owen-Gage who placed in the competition were: Lucas Powell (6th grade) - second place and Alec Powell (8th grade) - third place.

It's a girl!

Coni and Brent Hudson, of Cass City, announce the birth of their daughter, Paige Bridget Irene Hudson.

She was born Dec. 10, 2002 at 6:13 a.m. in Bad Axe in the Huron Medical Center. She was 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Paige has two sisters: Lauren and Katie. Grandparents are Irene and Jerry Hudson and Lynn and Bill Lowman.



Santa lives

by Melva E. Guinther

This story by an unknown author just might restore someone's faith in the spirit of the holiday season. Whether or not you favor the concept of Santa Claus, you have to appreciate the selfless generosity the Christmas season brings out among so many of us.

I remember my first Christmas party with my grandma. I was just a kid. I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb.

"There is no Santa Claus," she jeered. "Even dummies know that!"

My grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been. I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her famous cinnamon buns.

Grandma was home and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything. She was ready for me.

"No Santa Claus!" she snorted. "Ridiculous! Don't believe it! That rumor has been going around for years, and it makes me mad! Now put on your coat and let's go."

"Go? Go where?" I asked. I hadn't even finished my second cinnamon bun.

"Where" turned out to be Kerby's General Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of everything. As we walked in the door, Grandma handed me \$10. That was a bundle those days.

"Take this and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car." Then she turned and walked out of Kerby's.

I was only 8 years old and had never shopped for anything all by myself. The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping.

For a few minutes I just stood there, clutching that \$10, wondering what to buy and whom on earth to buy it for. Suddenly I thought of Bobby Decker, a kid with bad breath and messy hair who sat behind me in Mrs. Pollock's second grade class.

Bobby didn't have a coat. I knew this because he never went out for recess. His mother always wrote a note telling the teacher he had a cough, but all of us kids knew Bobby didn't have a cough, and he didn't have a coat.

I fingered the \$10 bill with growing excitement. I would buy Bobby Decker a coat. I settled on a red corduroy one with a hood. It looked real warm and he would like that. That night Grandma helped me wrap it in Christmas paper and write "To Bobby from Santa." Then she drove me to Bobby's house, explaining that I was now officially one of Santa's helpers.

She parked down the street and she and I crept noise-

lessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk. Then Grandma gave me a nudge and whispered, "All right, Santa, get going."

I took a deep breath, dashed for the door, threw the present down, rang the doorbell and flew back to the bushes. Finally, the front door opened and there stood Bobby.

Forty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering beside my grandma in Bobby Decker's bushes.

That night I realized that those awful rumors about Santa were just what Grandma said. Ridiculous!

Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.

Auxiliary meets

The Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary met Nov. 25 at Charmont. There were 19 members and 2 guests present.

Kristen Blausey, dietitian at Hills and Dales General Hospital, was the program speaker. She spoke on "Healthy Holiday Eating".

Memorials were given to the hospital in memory of Lyle Truemmer, husband of auxiliary member, Eleanor, and Agnes Milligan who was an honorary member. The Auxiliary also received memorials in memory of Helen Greenleaf and Lyle Truemmer.

Approval was given to purchase 2 La-Z-Boy recliner/rockers for the second floor patient units. Memorial money received in memory of Helen Greenleaf was included in the purchase as requested.

The winners of the auxiliary raffle held Dec. 6 were:

first, handmade afghan - Jean Fisher; second, handmade crocheted tablecloth - Mary Ann D'Addezio; third, Demdaco nativity set - Joann Smithson; fourth, handmade quilted table runner - Sally Siegel; fifth, \$50 - Charlene Wallace; sixth, Enchanted Dreams Fairy - Ilene McCoon; and seventh, porcelain Victorian doll - Charlotte Rabideau.

The Auxiliary will serve punch and cookies during the Hospital Employees Holiday Health Fair. Employees making a purchase in the gift shop during the day of the event will be eligible for a \$15 gift certificate.

The Auxiliary approved to be a sponsor for "Christmas in the Village" and to give a donation of merchandise to "Christmas for Kids".

The next meeting will be Jan. 27 at Charmont.

Plan for financial aid

The start of a new year is quickly approaching and that means one thing: Students who plan to start college next fall should begin working on financial aid. Experts at ACT offer the following information to help families find the resources they need to complete their financial aid paperwork.

The most important form is the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Beginning Jan. 1, students

will be able to submit the form that determines eligibility for student financial aid from federal programs. Students will need family income statements from their 2002 earnings to complete the form. Colleges and universities use the FAFSA, but may also require students to fill out additional forms.

For more financial aid specifics, please visit with your guidance counselor or visit www.act.org.

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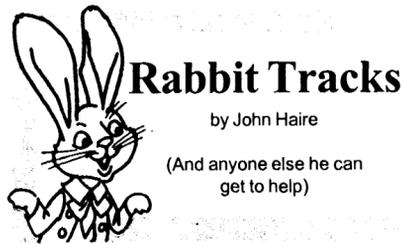


FIVE GENERATIONS are represented above with (from left) Michelle Charlene LaPeer Larson, Randy Lynn LaPeer, Grandfather, Lynwood Gaylord LaPeer, Great-grandfather, Charlotte Marie LaPeer, Great great-grandmother and baby Taylor Irene Lee Larson.

Holiday Greetings
from the
Staff of the Cass City Chronicle

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

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Rabbit Tracks
by John Haire
(And anyone else he can get to help)

Kellogg Center offers convenient parking for Michigan State University basketball games at Breslin Center. The parking is adjacent to the hotel and walking in to eat is very inviting.
Upscale dining is available on the lobby floor and I've enjoyed the meals there. Saturday I visited a semi-cafeteria in the basement. It has a very limited menu. You choose from one kind of soup, a salad, hamburger or chicken sandwiches and a pasta dish.
Servings are on paper plates with plastic utensils. I had the pasta dish. Total cost, \$6.95.
It's all a matter of location, location, location and prices. My dish cost \$6.95. The location rates a 10, the cafeteria a 5 at best on the 1-10 scale.

The Kresge Foundation recently made a grant of \$50 million for development of the waterfront in Detroit.
I don't believe those big bucks had near the dramatic impact in Detroit as the \$25,000 donated to help make Hills and Dales a reality in Cass City.

Dick Wallace, Cass City, is asking everyone, but he has yet to find anyone who has seen a black squirrel in Cass City. He knows, of course, that the black squirrels are the norm in northern Michigan, but are not normally seen in the Thumb. The squirrel evidently was not just passing through. Dick says he saw it on 2 successive days.

This paper will be on the newsstands late Monday evening and delivered to area homes on Tuesday. Just in time to wish you all a Merry Christmas and thanks for all you have done for us throughout the year.
It's redundant, I know, to point out that without the good will and help of all our readers the Chronicle couldn't publish. But it's true.
The paper will also be printed on Monday next week for New Year's and deadlines will be advanced to take care of the early edition.



NEW WHEELS!

Dalton Mellendorf, Cass City 12-year-old, will be riding a new bike in 2003, as he was a recent lucky winner in the Christmas in the Village prize give-aways promotion.

Christmas Eve service scheduled

Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Road, will host a Christmas Eve service beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The church's adult choir will share a selection of songs titled He Has Come. There will also be congregational singing, a communion service, and the reading of Christ's birth from Scripture. The public is invited.



President George Bush will be vaccinated for small pox, because he doesn't believe it's fair to ask our troops to take the small risk of the inoculation if he doesn't also as the commander-in-chief of the armed forces.
That's great politics was my reaction. But if our president really wants to share the risk, he could don a uniform and join our troops in Iraq. That's not practical, of course, or even desirable
Shortly, all of us may face a decision, to take the inoculation or sit this one out. Balance the danger with the cure. My first vaccination happened so long ago that I can't remember the details.
I know we lined up in school probably before we reached high school to get our arms scratched. After a couple of weeks an itching scab formed and when it healed a scar was left. Mine was about the size of a dime. Others were as big as a quarter.
I must have been one of the lucky ones because I can't remember being sick at all. A few victims react and suffer from fever and vomiting and eruptions of pus on the skin that leaves pockmarks when they dry up. Severe cases can cause blindness, brain inflammation and death. The Disease Control and Prevention Center estimates that 2 out of a million will die. Persons previously inoculated are even less likely to have a fatal reaction.
The bad news is that persons that are inoculated will have a high level of immunity for only 3 to 5 years. After that it decreases annually. I have to think that mine is long gone. I haven't thought about it for perhaps 50 years and when I checked to see my scar it was also long

gone, together with any immunity it originally offered.
It hasn't come to decision time yet, but if it needed to be decided today, I'd pass.
Right now there is no chance for the ordinary guy not in the military or the medical fraternity to become inoculated.
I figure there will be time to mend my ways if an attack comes before it threatens an area of such minor importance internationally as the Thumb.
I continue to believe that we will never be attacked with a small pox virus.
For me the bottle is always half full, never half empty.

Nobody said what precipitated Mr. Morganson's outburst, but we can assume he had something against kingfishers.
Sometimes I like to take two old stories and mix them together. Then we have something like, "The state game protector was arrested last night for destroying 33 Magpie nests, seven grown magpies, two hawks, six groundhogs, and a kingfisher. After an examination this morning Mr. Morganson's mind was judged good enough for ordinary purposes, and he was turned loose."
Fabricating stories can be dangerous, though; as Maine author, John Gould, learned back in the 1940s. Gould wrote a humorous magazine article poking fun at agricultural researchers and university professors for the stilted language used in agricultural writings of the day.
He posed as a dairy science professor who was studying the effects of "horn elevation" upon milk production

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That's what worries me about this business of writing. Would an examination of people like Gould and me show our minds are still good enough for ordinary purposes?

The back forty
by Roger Pond

I get a kick out of old newspaper accounts describing events of the day. There's something about styles of writing from 50 and 100 years ago that lends a humorous tone to bygone days.
This week I saw an account of a typical day in The Dalles, Oregon 100 years ago. The story noted, "A resident living in the old garrison was arrested last night, charged with being insane. After an examination this morning his mind was found good enough for ordinary purposes, and he was turned loose."
It's hard to say what ordinary purposes were 100 years ago, but I'm not sure the poor fellow could have passed the test today.
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This high-level research began when an Ayrshire cow named Lulu accidentally knocked her horns off while leaving the barn.
The professor was obliged to have Lulu's horns reset by a taxidermist, resulting in the inadvertent placement of the horns at a higher angle than they were originally. The cow immediately began producing more milk per day.
Chuckling to himself as he wrote, Gould used as many big words as possible to describe further studies in which he tried the same treatment on other cows. His technique required unscrewing the cows' horns with a Stilson wrench and replacing them at a new angle.

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Alissa's Article

by Alissa Pasant



The Cass City Boys' Basketball teams have been working very hard, and hopefully it will all pay off in the long run.

The season for the varsity began in June. This is when the team attended team camp at Central Michigan University. This was a three-day camp that was held the last week in June. At team camp, the varsity scrimmaged the other teams that were there.

Along with team camp, the team also belonged to a summer league at North Branch. They played about a dozen games in the summer league.

Starting in September, the boys had optional morning workouts before school started. These workouts were held three times a week and went right up until the season actually began.

The freshmen team consists of fourteen players. First year freshmen coach, Joe Langenburg, coaches the team. The team has played 4 games, and their record as of right now is 3-1. The freshmen's only loss was to Uby.

The JV team is coached by

Jeff Hartel. The team consists of eight players. There are three freshmen on the team that were moved up at the beginning of the season. Coach Hartel said, "I'm coaching a young team, but they are a very coachable group of guys." The teams' record right now is 3-1. Their only loss was last Friday night at Lakers.

The varsity team is headed by second year coach, Aaron Fernald and assisted by first year assistant boys' coach, John Maharg. Mr. Fernald said, "I enjoy being around the players." The teams' captains are Chris Maharg and Matt Stoutenburg. Chris Maharg said, "We have worked really hard to be a good team. Hopefully it all pays off in the wins column." Matt Stoutenburg said, "We're a young team this year, but we have put a lot of time in that other teams probably haven't. We have a few big wins and hopefully we can build on that." The team consists of thirteen players: three seniors, nine juniors, and one sophomore was moved up to varsity.

Besides team camp, summer league, and optional practices, the team scrimmaged other schools. After mandatory practices started on November 18, the varsity went to Kingston on November 29, to scrimmage Kingston and Frankenmuth. Then on December 5, the team traveled to Flint to scrimmage Flint Hamady.

The team has many goals for this season. Coach Fernald said, "We want to improve every game. We have a young team so we need to gain experience quickly. We want to play smart fundamental basketball."

The varsity boys' basketball team has a record of 3-1 overall, but are undefeated in the league. The boys play on Tuesday and Thursday nights with the freshmen beginning at 5:00 p.m. So, come catch the basketball teams at their next home game.



DISPLAYING THE ribbons and certificates emblematic of their selection as Red Hawk Award of Excellence students are, from left, front: Brittany Loomis, Drew Field and Shannon Stec. In the rear is Dara Iwankovitsch.

Loomis, Field, Stec and Iwankovitsch win award

Four more students, one from each Cass City District school building, were selected for Red Hawk Award of Excellence honors Monday, Dec. 16. The awards are made on contributions to the school or the community and not on grades alone.

During the school year the awards are presented 4 times and limited to one student from each building. From the entire student body only 16 students can be selected each school year.

Supt. Ken Micklash introduced the students and outlined their achievements and each member of the school board congratulated them.

Selected from Deford Elementary School was Drew Field, son of Terri and Darrell Field of Deford.

His first grade teacher Linda Rose says that Drew is a conscientious student who cares about doing his very best. He follows the rules and leads by example, is respectful to his classmates and to the adults around him.

Shannon Stec, daughter of Mike and Linda Stec, Cass City, was selected from Campbell Elementary School. A third grader in the multiage program, she is an all-A student that listens well, follows directions and is a very hard worker.

Shannon is kind and respectful to students and adults and helps others without seeking recognition. She offers help and support to classmates and seeks nothing in return, principal Jody Miklovic reported.

Selected from the middle

school was Brittany Loomis, daughter of Jeff and Deanna Loomis. Principal Jeff Hartel reports that she consistently models the 6 pillars of good character of our school district-respect, caring, trustworthiness, fairness, citizenship and kindness. She is well liked by her teachers and peers.

Dara Iwankovitsch, daughter of Daryl and Connie Iwankovitsch, Cass City, was nominated by teachers

Powell finishes training

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Jesse L. Powell has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the 6 weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

The son of Christine Powell of Owendale, Powell is a 1999 graduate of Owendale-Gagetown Junior Senior High School.

Marilyn Walsh and Joseph Guza for the award from the high school.

An all-A student, she has been involved in a host of school and community activities. She is an active member of St. Pancratius Church. She helps with the community Thanksgiving dinners, St. Jude's Bike-athon and the AAUW Halloween carnival. She has been a member of the debate team and the band program.

Now she is active in quiz bowl, academic games, National Honor Society, choral ensemble and the all-school play. She has sung the national anthem at basketball games numerous times.

Letters to the editor

Society: remember pets

Dear Animal Friends:

The board of directors of the Humane Society of Tuscola County wants to take this opportunity to wish you and your families the very merriest of holidays.

Our year has been long and full of challenges. Many volunteers have worked tirelessly to help animals find new homes that are warm, safe, and happy. Hundreds of volunteer's hours have been spent and over a thousand miles have been driven, to transport unwanted puppies and dogs, kittens and cats to other rescue organizations throughout the state.

After 6 years as a humane society, we find the demand for our services is increasing. One of the biggest challenges in 2003 will be the result of the Tuscola County Animal Shelter being closed by the county commissioners.

In spite of our feelings about the shelter and how it was operated, there will not be a

place to hold the animals for a period of time for them to be adopted, reunited with their families, or rescued by us. Pet owners who feel they should relinquish their pets will not have a facility to turn to.

Our fear is that many will be passed around to anyone who might take them, or worse, dumped on a country road. The humane society would like to be able to rescue all of these, however, this will not be realistic to accomplish.

We need YOU! We can do more with more resources, such as volunteers to transport or foster animals for a short period of time. AND yes, we do need money to continue our efforts.

Our involvement with the Fostoria puppy cruelty case cost us over \$7,000 due to the long and tedious court process. Although the offenders may be brought to justice, the money we spent

will most likely never be reimbursed. Our involvement was for the 3 puppies that were the real victims of irresponsible pet ownership and animal cruelty.

There is such a need in Tuscola County to provide more spay and neuter services and to educate pet owners. While these strategies take time, the need to provide immediate rescue and fostering services is imminent.

As you prepare to celebrate the holiday season, may we ask that you remember the less fortunate of our animal friends and send a donation to help those that cannot speak for themselves. Any amount will help and will be greatly appreciated by our "fur babies".

May God bless you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Most sincerely,
Judy Murphy, president
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Humane Society of Tuscola County

County should live within its means

So Tuscola County is going to ask voters once again for a millage increase. I said no twice and am ready to do so again.

They claim they haven't had an increase in revenues from the taxpayers in years. That's funny because every time I get my tax bill their amount has been increased. Their problem is the amount of the increase is limited by the rate of inflation and the Headlee Amendment. What's wrong with that? Every Tuscola County resident has to live within their means.

There is nobody they can turn to and ask for more

money. The county should try it for a change.

As for the Headlee Amendment restricting their flow of tax money, I thought that's why we voted for it, to slow runaway taxes. Before the Headlee Amendment was enacted, Tuscola County was broke and asking for more taxes.

Things haven't changed much. My advice is try living within your means like the rest of us have to. I'm ready with my no vote anytime you are ready for it.

Raymond Donaldson,
Cass City

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.

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Understanding Technology

(NAPS)—This holiday season, millions of people will receive the gift of technology in the form of computer programs, personal digital assistants (PDAs) and other devices. Understanding that technology, well, that's another story.

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Obituaries

Nancy Brown

Nancy Lee Brown, 65, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002 in Hills and Dales General Hospital. She was born Jan. 18, 1937 in Flint to Francis and Genevieve (Cady) Sowden. She married Robert Brown in Grand Blanc. He died in 1990. Brown worked as a restaurant manager. She lived in Florida and Illinois before returning to Michigan. She was a member of the Moose Lodge in Florida, and remained active in Michigan. She was also a member of the Cass City and Gageton pool league. Brown is survived by her mother, Genevieve Kappen of Cass City; children: Thomas (Cindy) Mellendorf of Gageton, Daniel Mellendorf of Cass City, Lona (Robert) Paskowski of Chandler, AZ; 6 grandsons; siblings: David (Pat) Sowden of Almont, Clifford (Glenna) Sowden of Yale, Myrtle (Dean) Rabideau of Cass City, Marshall Sowden

of Cass City, Susan (Russ) Healy of Cass City; and sister-in-law, Betsy Sowden of Vassar. She was preceded in death by her father, Francis Sowden; and siblings: Donald Sowden, Billy Sowden, Delores Karr and Morris Sowden. Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 19, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. George Ward of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating. Cremation took place at Sunset Valley Crematory with interment in the Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Mary Pallas

Mary L. Pallas, 69, of Decker, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, in Tendercare, Cass City. She was born Sept. 12, 1933 in Detroit to the late Wilford

and Mary (Schweitzer) Caister. She married Herbert Pallas July 14, 1951 in Cass City.

She was a member of the Deford Community Church. She was also a member of the National Bible Society. She taught Bible study at Tendercare, Cass City for over 20 years. She is survived by her husband, Herbert; two daughters: Judith (James) Boyce of Cass City and Sandra (Daniel) Widdis of Jenison; a son, Wayne Pallas of Decker; two brothers: Arthur (Marjorie) Caister of Cass City, Derald (Janet) Caister of Elkton; two sisters: Joanne (Eldon) Beachy of Caseville, Janet (Thomas) Schwannecke of Saginaw; 13 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and other relatives. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Karla Sue Pallas; and a nephew, Brian Matthew Caister. Funeral service was held Sunday, Dec. 22, at Hacker Funeral Parlors, Sandusky, with Pastor David Mercer of Deford officiating. Burial was in the Moore Township Cemetery, Snover. Memorials may be made to the Deford Community Church or the American Bible Society. Arrangements were made by Hacker Funeral Parlors, Sandusky.

John Smith

John Wesley Smith, 72, of Decker, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at his home. He was born Dec. 7, 1930 in McKinley Township, the son of the late James Nesley and Grace Maria (Bradd) Smith. On June 13, 1952 he was married to Mary Blanche Inwood at the Romeo Methodist Church. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Smith received his B.A. from Adrian College and his Master of Divinity from Garrett Theological Seminary. He also received a Master of Arts in Teaching at Oakland University. He served as a United Methodist minister in Wisconsin and Michigan for 20 years, and a teacher of elementary education for 20 years at Huron Valley Schools. He is survived by his wife, Mary; 4 children: John William (Lori) Smith of Pigeon, Rev. Sondra Blanche (Edwin) Willobee of Southfield, James Robert (Victoria) Smith of Chelsea and Sharon Marie (Jerry) Thomas of Lathrop Village; 8 grandchildren; 3 brothers: Bill Smith of Bad Axe, Robert (Joyce) Smith of Pigeon and Sidney (Kaye) Smith of Bay Port; a sister, Lois (Fred) Chisholm of Pigeon; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 2 granddaughters: Elizabeth Anne and Wendy Marie. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Shabbona United Methodist Church, Decker, with the Rev. Ellen Burns, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Caseville Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to A.L.S. of Michigan ("Lou Gehrig's Disease") or United Hospice. Arrangements were made by Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

Several appear in circuit court

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

•Robert C. Rembisz, 51, Reese, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 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, Aug. 14 in Tuscola Township.

He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling (residential treatment) and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,370.

•Michael F. Taylor, 19, Silverwood, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (time served) and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile Oct. 4 in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling, complete his high school education, and pay costs and fines of \$1,320.

•Aaron E. Miller Jr., 33, Mt. Morris, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 10 in Arbel Township.

He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling, complete his high school education, complete 100 hours of community service, and pay \$1,370 in costs and fines.

•Tina L. Bleau, 33, Vassar, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 14 in Vassar. She was also ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling, complete her high school educa-

tion and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,370.

•Ralph D. Englehart, 27, Marlette, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of no contest to arson of insured property (truck) Nov. 21, 2001, in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$720.

•Gregory S. Myers, 47, Gageton, pleaded guilty to attempted failure to register as a sex offender Oct. 23 in Koylton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•David M. Tallman, 35, Caro, stood mute to 3 counts of assaulting a police officer Nov. 5 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$8,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•George P. Carter, 21, Vassar, pleaded guilty to false statement of identity in procuring a financial transaction device between Oct. 1, 2000, and May 1, 2001, in Vassar Township.

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

Food crop

Cotton is food crop. Almost 200 million gallons of cottonseed oil are used in food products such as margarine and salad dressing. Cottonseed and cottonseed meal are used in feed for livestock and poultry.

In fact, even products such as toothpaste, ice cream, and the paper money used to buy them contain by-products of the cotton seed.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5YEARSAGO

Cass City could become home to a tri-county dialysis center. Sale of village land for the site was discussed during the Cass City Village Council's monthly meeting Monday night. Council Trustee Elwyn Helwig noted the village's Streets and Parking Committee recently met to discuss the sale of property to a consortium of 7 Thumb area hospitals that is interested in locating a dialysis center in Cass City.

Cass City Middle School students did their part during last week's move by helping to carry what they could to their new classrooms. Thanks to the help of volunteers, 510 students and 50 staff members made the move to the new school in just 2 days.

Area residents who have questions about a road project underway in their area, or who just want to pick up a map will soon have a place to go for both and more, right in their own backyard. Cass City is one of 5 cities and villages across the state that have been chosen as sites for additional Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Service Centers.

10YEARSAGO

The Cass City School Board, at its regular meeting Monday night at Deford School, approved the expenditure of \$30,000 for the first stage of a planned update and networking of computers in the high school. George Bushong, who is in charge of the program, estimated that the money would buy and equip 14 machines, about half of what are needed in the computer class.

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

Marek is hoping this will be the season of giving back. Marek is asking for the return of his memorabilia that had been taken by vandals who broke into the old Dillman School last spring, including a special collection of military coffee mugs, no questions asked.

When the Cass City Literacy Council was formed in the fall of 1987, the group's organizers wondered how they would reach the area's non-reading adults. But that didn't turn out to be a problem, and today, more than 5 years later, the local literacy program is alive and well. In fact, officials say finding enough tutors to meet the demand has presented a challenge. "I would say we have grown each year. Some of the tutors we started with we still have," said Jane Hitler, a tutor and chairman of the Cass City Literacy Council.

25YEARSAGO

A Cass City man last week lost his pickup truck - but not to thieves, as he had thought. The man reported to village police Wednesday morning, Dec. 21, that his pickup was stolen from his home sometime after midnight while he was at the Charmont. Police Chief Gene Wilson recalled seeing a pickup at the Charmont, so he went back there and checked. It was the one reported stolen. The chief theorized the man drove it to the bowling lanes and was too intoxicated to drive it home, so got a ride with someone else, and forgot where he had left it.

The booms will be "boomier" and the noise noisier if the Air Force is allowed to expand and lower its military operations area (MOA) over the upper Thumb Area. The Air Force wants to lower the floor to 4,000 feet and expand the

area to east of a line from south of Sebawaing to south of Sandusky and north of M-90.

The new addition at the Rawson Memorial Library opened Friday. That isn't all that's new. For the first time in its history, the library will issue library cards to persons taking out books. Construction of the 1,500 square foot addition began last June. It would have been completed six weeks ago, had it not been for a delay in receipt of the carpeting.

35YEARSAGO

A decision of the Cass City Planning Commission as read to the Village Council Tuesday by President Lambert Althaver authorized the use of the former Lutheran Church building on Maple and Garfield Streets as a Masonic Lodge. The former church is in an area now zoned for one and two family residential use. It was built before the new zoning laws became effective. The request for a ruling was made by the Masons, who evidently are interested in purchasing the building.

Two Cass City area residents will be among 63 students from Oakland University, Rochester, who will spend the winter semester (January - April) studying in England. The young men are David MacRae, son of Dr. and Mrs. K. Ivan MacRae, and Leslie Searls, son of the Rev. and Mrs. R.J. Searls.

For the first time in history a deer shot in the Cass City area was big enough to rank in a state-wide contest. The trophy animal was shot by Jim Knowlton, and was the fourth best in the 11th annual "Michigan Outdoors" contest hosted by Mort Neff.

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Cass City Area Church Directory

Forgiving Others

Many good friendships and families have been destroyed because of a lack of forgiveness or a grudge held against someone who has said or done something wrong. Sometimes it seems that bad things done against us stand out more than good things, and we often don't consider the good qualities that a person may possess. Man is so different from God in this respect. God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our wrongdoing when we have repented and asked for His forgiveness. On the other hand, we sometimes have difficulty forgiving whenever we have been offended. Turning the other cheek can be difficult. When we are hurt we often want to hurt back. We have to realize that no one is perfect except God, and we have to look beyond a person's faults and seek the good that God has put in all of us. The Bible tells us that we should pray for our enemies. Perhaps prayer is the only redeeming quality that we need in order to have a forgiving heart. We should ask our Heavenly Father to forgive our wrongs as we forgive others.

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
K.J.V. Colossians 3:13

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872-3422
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Hawks hand Lakers first defeat

It was a delightful Christmas present for all Cass City Red Hawk basketball fans Friday night as the visiting Hawks defeated Laker High, 48-40.

The victory kept the Hawks undefeated in Greater Thumb West competition with 2 wins in as many starts. It also indicates that an all-out battle for the league title will be staged this season.

Already the top 2 teams in pre-season estimates, Lakers and USA, have now been defeated.

The Hawks trailed for much of the way before staging a last period rally to snatch the victory. Cass City opened the final period trailing 29-26. Nick Swanson connected for a trey to tie it and the Hawks took the lead for the first time, 33-32, when Matt Stoutenburg drove the lane to score.

After that the Hawks never trailed. Maharg cashed a basket and a foul shot to counter a bucket by the Lakers. The Hawks stretched the lead to 5 points on a tip by Tyler Erla with 1:40 left to play. Matt Stoutenburg applied the clincher when he made both ends of one and one to put the Hawks in front, 46-38, with 52.7 seconds left in the game.

Early in the game the Lakers forged into the front with runs that put them in front

by 6, 5 or 7 points. The first spurt came in the first quarter when the Green and White forged in front, 9-3, paced by Josh LePage who scored a hoop and 2 free throws.

Cass City bounced back on a trey and a free throw by Maharg and a basket by Erla to close the gap to 11-8 at the quarter.

Cass City tied the score at 14-all in the low scoring second period before the Lakers countered with a basket by Bucky Rowe and a trey by Jon LePage to lead 19-14 at the half.

The Hawks opened fast in the third quarter to tie the score at 19-all on a pair of free throws by Matt Stoutenburg and a trey by Jake Brinkman.

The Lakers countered with 7 unanswered points to post

their largest lead of the night. Cass City cut the lead to 29-26 at the end of the period to set the stage for the winning rally in the last quarter.

The Lakers controlled both the offense and defense all night, but shot very poorly and turned the ball over several times against the Cass

City pressing defense. Maharg and Brinkman led the Hawk scoring with 11 points each. Rowe led the Lakers with 15.



CRAIG HOLMGREN was successfully challenged from in close against the tall trees of the Laker defense. The Lakers dominated the boards, but Cass City scored an upset win.

Ubly wins war on the boards against Hawks

The Ubly Bearcats came from behind to tag the Cass City Red Hawks with their first defeat of the season last Tuesday, 51-42.

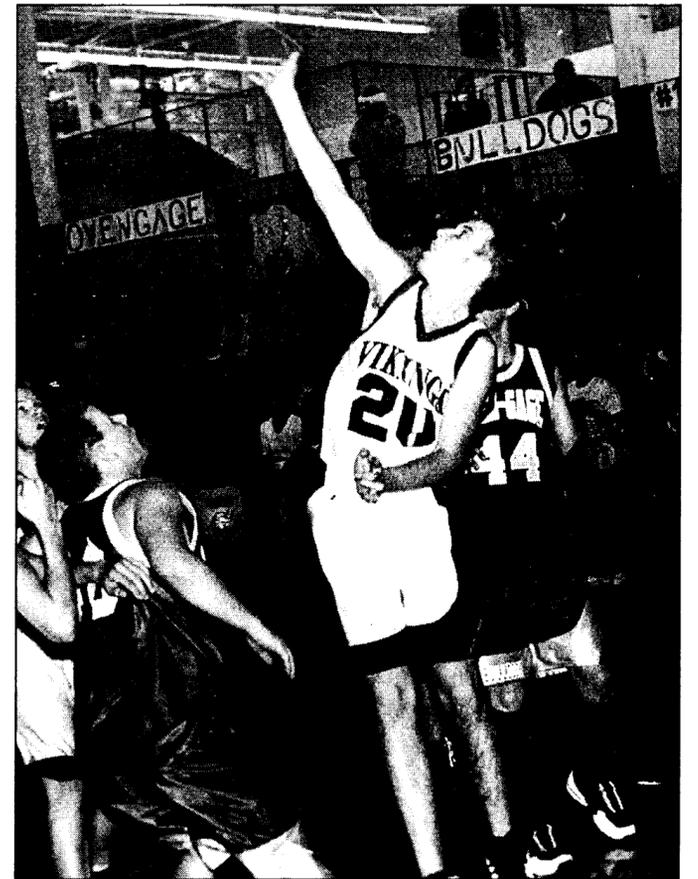
The Bearcats have a veteran team with no player smaller than 6-1 and with Karl Recker at 6-5 and Brandon Deacons at 6-3, the Bearcats out-rebounded the shorter Hawks.

The Hawks posted slight margins in the first 2 quarters, leading 8-7 at the end of the first quarter. Tyler Erla helped keep Cass City in the lead in the second period as he drained a three and 2 regular hoops for 7 of his 9 points for the night. At the intermission the Hawks were in front 19-16.

Ryan Klawon led a Bearcat charge in the third quarter to erase the slim Hawk halftime margin and put Ubly in front after three quarters 34-28. In the period, Klawon scored 4 hoops and added a free

CASS CITY - J. Brinkman 1-3 (0-0) 11; Maharg 3-1 (2-4) 11; Swanson 0-2 (3-4) 9; Stoutenburg 2-0 (4-4) 8, Erla 1-1 (2-4) 7; Holmgren 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS 11-6 (11-16) 48.

LAKERS - Jon LePage 1-1 (0-0) 5; Gross 3-0 (1-2) 7; Damm 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rowe 3-3 (0-0) 15; Bruce 0-1 (0-0) 3; Josh LePage 3-0 (2-2) 8.
TOTALS 11-5 (3-4) 40.



VIKING Eric Cottrell puts up a shot Friday in Owendale between a pair of Bulldog defenders. Cottrell's 11 points weren't enough to lift Akron-Fairgrove to its first win.

Memphis escapes with 53-43 win in Owendale

Memphis outscored Owen-Gage 11-2 at the foul line Tuesday and escaped Owendale with a 53-43 North Cen-

tral Thumb League cross-division win.

Memphis also benefited from some timely 3-point shooting from Brian Morris to earn its first win on the season, something the Bulldogs have yet to achieve.

Adam Kain helped stake the hosts to a 14-11 advantage after the initial period, where the Bulldog senior tallied 8 of his team high 17 points.

The game remained close throughout the opening half, as both schools exchanged baskets until the intermission that ended with Owen-Gage clinging to a 28-27 advantage. Morris nailed a pair of 3-pointers in the half to spark Memphis, while Jeremy Kady tossed in 6 points on 3 field goals to pace the Bulldogs.

Memphis held the Bulldogs to 5 points in the 3rd quarter, which came off 2 Kain jumpers, to take a 38-33 lead into the final 8 minutes.

The visitors then prevented any hopes of a Bulldog comeback in the final stanza by connecting on 7 attempts from the line.

Besides Kain, Kady registered 14 for the Bulldogs.

Paul Thompson led all scorers with 18 points for Memphis, while Morris accounted for 11 and Josh Diaz chipped in 10.

OWEN-GAGE - Edler 1-0 (0-0) 2; A. Kain 7-1 (0-2) 17; Howard 2-0 (0-0) 4; Wise 2-0 (0-0) 4; Kady 7-0 (0-0) 14; Periso 0-0 (2-2) 2.
TOTALS - 19-1 (2-4) 43.

MEMPHIS - Sutton 0-1 (0-0) 3; Morris 0-3 (2-2) 11; Arnold 1-0 (0-0) 2; Thompson 6-0 (6-8) 18; Jewell 4-0 (1-3) 9; Diaz 4-0 (2-3) 10.
TOTALS - 15-4 (11-16) 53.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS AND RESULTS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	OT
BCAS	2	0	3
Cass City	2	0	3
Reese	1	1	3
Valley Lutheran	1	1	3
Laker	0	1	3
USA	0	1	2
Bad Axe	0	2	2

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	OT
Mariette	2	0	2
Harbor Beach	1	0	2
Deckerville	1	0	1
Brown City	1	1	2
Sandusky	1	1	2
Ubly	0	2	2
Mayville	0	2	0

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

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB SOUTH			
Team	W	L	OT
CPB	3	0	3
Singston	2	1	2
Peck	2	1	2
Memphis	1	2	2
Dryden	0	3	0

FRIDAY'S RESULTS			
Team	W	L	OT
Valley Lutheran 58, Bad Axe 51			
Cass City 48, Laker 40			
BCAS 58, Reese 52			

GTE			
Team	W	L	OT
Deckerville 57, Mayville 55			
Brown City 35, Ubly 34			
Mariette 37, Sandusky 34			

GTC NON-LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	OT
Harbor Beach 56, Cros-Lex 55 OT			

NCTL			
Team	W	L	OT
Cassville 63, Dryden 50			
North Huron 72, Port Hope 24			
Owen-Gage 52, A-Fairgrove 44			
CPS 62, Memphis 41			
Kingston 68, Peck 42			

Friday's results continued with various games across the region, including Cass City's victory over Laker High.

Kady leads Bulldogs past Akron-Fairgrove

Owen-Gage bounced into the win column for the first time in 4 games with a 52-44 decision over Akron-Fairgrove Friday.

While the record isn't sparkling, Bulldog fans can look for better things as the season progresses. Two of the losses were to league leaders, one to awesome AuGres and the other to North Huron. The Bulldogs also fell to Memphis that has a 2-2 record.

Jeremy Kady took charge against the Vikings to make

sure that the losing streak was going to end. In the opening 8 minutes of the game it appeared as if the Bulldogs would still be looking for that initial win. The entire Owen-Gage point production was a trey by Adam Kain and Akron-Fairgrove was in the lead, 10-3.

From then on it was all Kady. Shut out in the first quarter, he started his scoring rampage that ended with his career high of 28 points when he netted 3 treys, a pair of deuces and a free throw to pull the Bulldogs even at the intermission, 21-21.

The game was decided in the third quarter when Kady scored 5 points, his teammates combined for 10 more and the Vikings went stone cold with just 2 free throws and a basket. Going into the last quarter the Bulldogs were in front, 36-25.

The Viking offense came alive in the last quarter with 19 points, but it was too little, too late. Kady helped protect the Bulldog lead with 5 of 6 free throws and a pair of buckets.

Kain was in double figures with 12 points. Leading the Vikings were Brad Ackerman, 12 points; Eric Cottrell and Carl Knepler with 11 each.

OWEN-GAGE - A. Kain 3-2 (0-1) 12; Howard 2-0 (1-3) 5; Kundinger 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kady 5-4 (6-9) 28; Periso 1-0 (1-2) 3; Hunt 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS 13-6 (8-17) 52.

AKRON-FAIRGROVE - Ackerman 0-1 (9-11) 12; Cottrell 2-1 (4-4) 11; O'Connor 1-0 (0-0) 2; Knepler 5-0 (1-2) 11; Orlik 3-0 (2-2) 8.
TOTALS 11-2 (16-19) 44.

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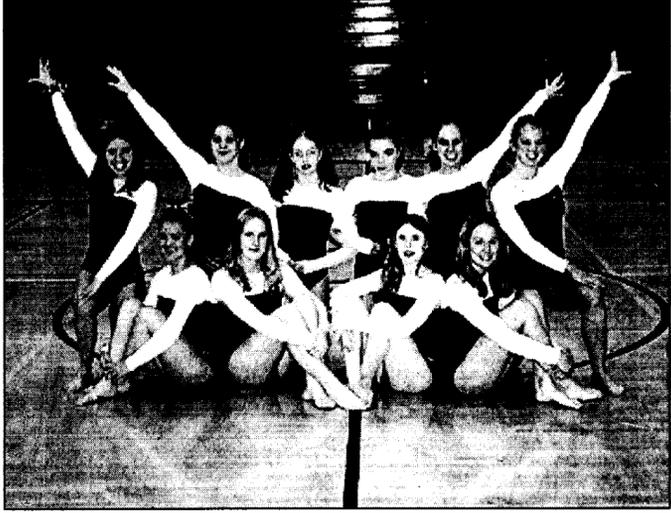
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THE CASS CITY gymnastic team members include: (front l-r) Tara Whittaker, Christina Osentoski, Holly Angle, Brittany Laethem (back l-r) Marta Streu, Nicole Heronemus, Ivy Hiatt, Val Scasny, Stacy Crandall and Randee McGregor.

McGregor paces Hawk gymnasts in opening meet

The Cass City, Deckerville and Caro cooperative gymnastic team bowed to the Vassar Vulcans in a very close match, 104.2 to 101.3, last week.

Randee McGregor placed first in all 4 events-vault, 8.4; uneven bars, 8.3; balance beam, 8.5; and all-around, 33.95

Results from other members of the team were:

Val Scasny and Nicole Heronemus placed sixth in the vault.

Brittany Laethem was third on the vault, 7.85, and fifth on the uneven bars, 5.05.

Martha Streu placed fourth on the balance beam, 5.95, and third on floor exercises, 6.65.

Cass City Red Hawks 2002-2003 Gymnastics

Dec. 17	Vassar	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 4	Cadillac Invite	11:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 9	Hartland	6:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 11	Troy	10:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 18	Hartland Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 20	Midland	6:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 25	Vassar Invite	Noon	A
Feb. 8	St. John's Invite		
Feb. 12	Midland/Freeland	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 18	Vassar/Cadillac	6:00 p.m.	H



Leading the cheers

THE RED HAWK varsity cheerleaders are: (front l-r) Ashley Taylor, Tiffany Francis, Andrea Ugarte, (back l-r) Stacey Gaszczynski, Carissa Bass, Danielle Dickson, Tara Powell.

Finish runner up in Caro Invite

Hawk spikers off to fast start

The Cass City Red Hawk volleyball team opened its 2002-2003 season in splendid fashion last week, sweeping a quad meet in Vassar on Wednesday followed by a runner up finish Saturday at the 14-team Caro Invitational.

Coach Beth Howard's spikers breezed through the pool play rounds at Caro without suffering a loss, defeating Bridgeport (15-9, 15-1, 15-7), Bendle (15-1, 15-3, 15-4), and Arthur Hill (15-2, 15-6, 15-4).

The Hawks then disposed of Flint Kearsley in the quarterfinals by the scores of 15-6 and 15-8; before advancing into the finals with wins of 15-10 and 15-8 over Millington in the semis.

In the finals, champion Nouvel handed the Hawks its first loss of the season in a tough 3-game match by the tallies of 15-8, 3-15 and 7-15.

"We don't have too many weaknesses on this team," commented Howard, who stated the girls are playing

at a high level early in the campaign.

Leading the Hawks at Caro were senior Becky Hartel and junior Amy Howard. Hartel recorded 40 kills, 51 assists and 27 service points. Howard also recorded 40 kills, while contributing 13 blocks, and 38 service points that included a team high 19 aces.

"Becky is such a smart player, she records a lot of points on tip shots that hit the corners," says Howard. The Hawks also had

Mallory Powell with 21 kills and 39 service points, while Lindsey Hendrick pitched in 15 kills and a team best 40 service points.

Krystee Dorland played well for the Hawks in the back row, where she posted 36 digs and 78 receptions.

VASSAR

Cass City encountered little trouble at Vassar Wednesday and easily defeated Marlette, Mayville and the host Vulcans in straight games.

Several Hawks turned in a solid showing during the team's opener. Hartel posted 10 kills and 19 assists, to go along with 7 service points. Howard landed 13 kills and added 5 blocks, both high on the night for the winners.

Kristi Fluegge recorded 25 points and 17 digs, while Elizabeth Sobczak had 11 digs.

The Hawks will return to action this Friday when they travel to compete at the Alma Invitational.

Bulldog spikers ready to defend NCTL crown

For more than 2 decades at Owen-Gage, when it come to volleyball it's been reload not rebuild as the perennial champions enter into a new season.

Coach Shelia Pawlak is hoping that trend will continue in 2003.

The Bulldogs lost several key players from last season's roster, which included a North Central Thumb League championship, the Caseville Invitational crown, and a district banner in 2002.

Gone is the team top setter in Ashley Adams, while the net play of Hope Hunt and Becky Hartman will surely be

missed at times for the defending NCTL champs this season. Add the names of Jenny Sparkes and Laura Enderle to the list of graduation losses and the Bulldogs will field nearly a complete new line up for the 2003 campaign.

Pawlak, however, will have a core group of returnees to build around this season including Kayla and Kelly Zaleski.

Kayla, along with newcomer Brooke Marks, are the Bulldogs' 2 tallest players and will be called on to handle most of net duties for Owen-Gage. Senior Kelly Zaleski will be asked to run the Bull-

dog offense and is arguably the squad's most versatile athletic.

Also expected to contribute, if the Bulldogs are to successfully defend their NCTL title, are returnees Katie Swiastyn and Ashley Pawlak. Both players are capable of delivering a big winner when needed, while Swiastyn should be one of the team's most consistent players from behind the service line.

Rounding out the Bulldog squad, and sure to see plenty of action in the early going, are Candi Rhodes, Meagan Mentor, Randi Glaza and Stephanie Dorsch.

Owen-Gage Bulldogs 2002-2003 Girls' Volleyball

Jan. 3	Bad Axe Tournament (JV)	3:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 4	Bad Axe Tournament (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 6	North Huron	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 9	Port Hope	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 13	Akron-Fairgrove	5:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 18	Laker Tournament (JV)	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 20	Caseville	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 23	Memphis	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 27	Kingston	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 30	Dryden	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 1	Laker Tournament (V)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 3	C.P.S. Tournament (JV)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 6	Peck	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 8	North Huron	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 10	USA Tournament	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 13	Port Hope	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 15	Akron-Fairgrove	5:30 p.m.	H
Feb. 22	Laker Tournament (V)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 24	Caseville Tournament (V)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 27	Caseville	6:00 p.m.	H
Mar. 1	C.P.S.	6:00 p.m.	A
	Districts B.C.A.S.	TBA	A



THE OWEN-GAGE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL team members include: (front, l-r) Katie Swiastyn, Candi Rhodes, Meagan Mentor, Kelly Zaleski; (back, l-r) Coach Shelia Pawlak, Kayla Zaleski, Randi Glaza, Stephanie Dorsch, Ashley Pawlak and Brooke Marks.

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Alexis Danielle
Bogart-Veneziano

Dear Santa,
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I would like just a few things. I would like a Leap Frog with A,B,Cs that will sing to me. I also would like some teething rattles, I could use some more.
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A lot of cheer coming from the kitchen
Smiling children making snowmen

Steve Noaker
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Santa comes

Santa comes
At night.
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Tree's bright
All night long.

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Christmas is full of happiness

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Every year my grandma sends me a fluffy vest.
Christmas is full of love.
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Christ is born

Presents under the tree.
Egg nog in a shiny glass.
Animals watching a shiny star.
Christ is born.
Everyone enjoying time with family.

Danny Hatcher
9th grade
Cass City

Cheer for Christmas

Halloween is over.
Christmas is here.
Time to rejoice,
And yell, cheer, cheer, cheer.

Jesus is born
On this day
So cheer, cheer, cheer.

Christmas is here,
Time to rejoice,
Time to prepare.
Christmas is here,
So cheer, cheer, cheer.

Alisha Kovach
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Chris Brown
9th grade
Cass City

Merry Christmas

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Leann Missovich
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Angels
Yuletide greetings
Santa Claus

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Evan Laurie
9th grade
Cass City

Heather Vatter
9th grade
Cass City

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For A Bright Holiday.

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Jareth Tyson
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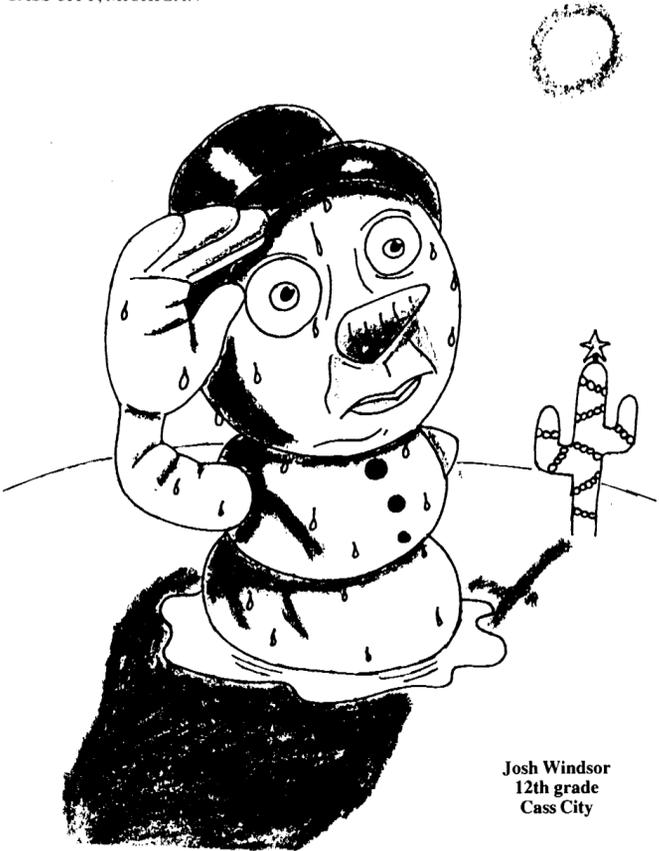
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It's the happiest of events
May yours be filled with love and cheer
From all of us at Special Scents

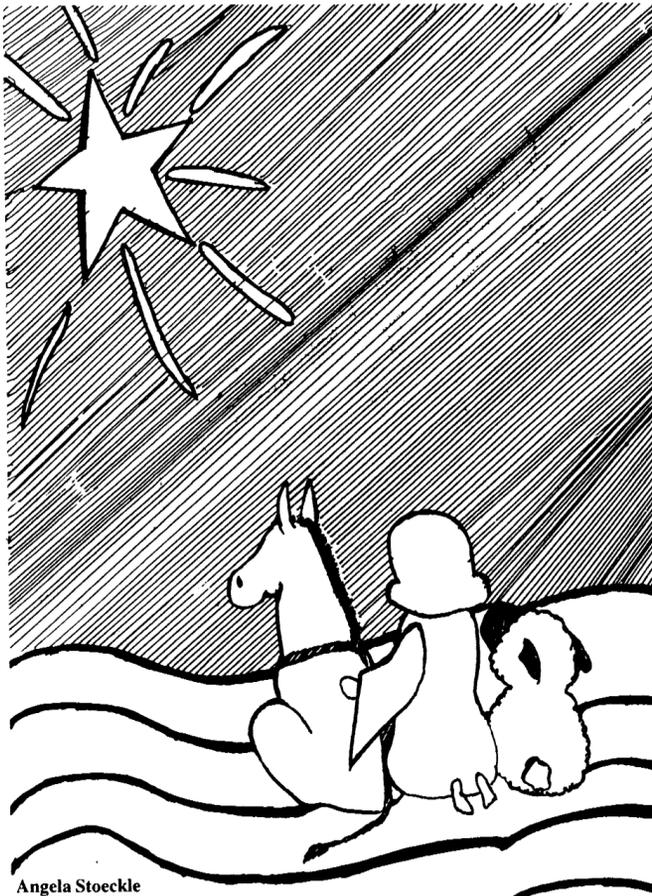
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Josh Windsor
12th grade
Cass City



Angela Stoeckle
10th grade
Cass City

Christmas: great time full of cheer

Christmas
Is a wonderful time
It is a time of fun
A time of cheer

Because no one likes clothes
for Christmas
Then the food comes

Presents all over
Presents wrapped up waiting
to be pulled apart
Then the kids and relatives
all come over
They dive into the piles
They pull and pull

Everybody goes to the table
Then they eat, and eat, and
eat
Until they can't eat anymore
Then they go to sleep

Then they sleep, and sleep.
ZZZZZZ.

Then they see the toys
And throw the clothes

Jack Palmer
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Billy McCreedy
9th grade
Cass City

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Merry Christmas

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Katie Rhodes
6th grade
Owen-Gage

My puppy would like a bone



Tristan Swiderski

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year, give or take a day!
This Christmas I would like some pajamas, books, Little Peoples toys and anything else you bring will be fine.
Please don't forget to bring my cousins Brittany, Lucas and Samantha something nice. Also, my new puppy Cocoa would like a bone.

Love,
Tristan Swiderski
P.S. I'll leave you some cookies and hot cocoa.

Here's my list, Santa

Hi, my name is Kaitlyn Fetterhoff and I would like a Barbie Volkswagen, a Barbie talking town house, a Brats doll, a Scene Barbie doll, a Barbie sing with me karaoke machine, a Rapunzel Barbie with Ken, the carriage and the horse and that's all.
I should go. Bye, see you next year!

Love,
Kaitlyn Fetterhoff



Mandy Sparks
11th grade
Cass City

Season's Greetings

To old friends, new friends and friends yet to be made, we send our best wishes for a glorious holiday and a prosperous new year.

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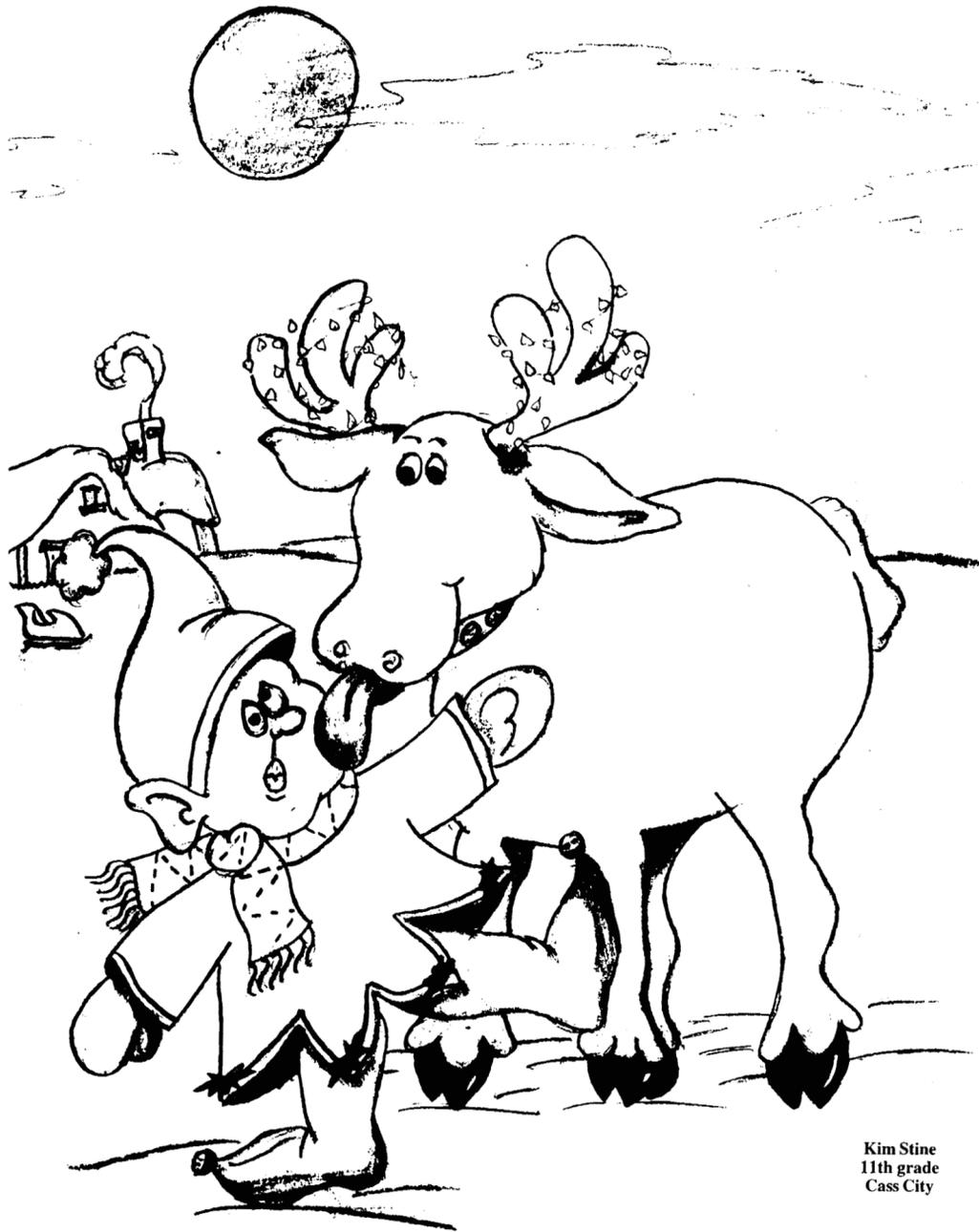
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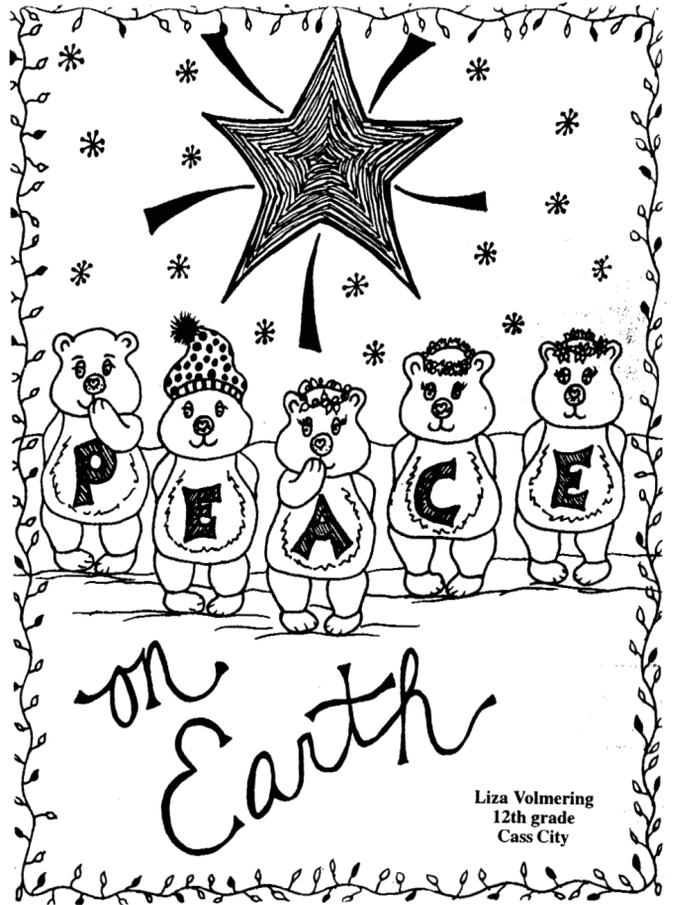
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Good will towards men



Kim Stine
11th grade
Cass City



on Earth

Liza Volmering
12th grade
Cass City



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I've been pretty good this year



Bobbie Keys-Chappel

Hi Santa, How's everything going at the North Pole? I'm doing fine. Me and my mom have been busy making a lot of Christmas cookies for you.

I've been pretty good all year. Could you bring me the new cuddly Kelly doll, a snowcone machine and the Lilo and Stitch movie for Christmas?

That would make me very happy. Also don't forget about my big sister Ashley, she likes lots of clothes, CDs and makeup. Could you bring my dog Buddy a big bone?

I love you,
Bobbie Keys-Chappel
7-years-old
P.S. I will leave you cookies and a Coke!

Hi Santa,
my name
is Alexis

Dear Santa,
My name is Alexis Fetterhoff and I would like you to say hi to Mrs. Claus and the reindeer.

I would like a porcelain doll, a great big teddy bear, a shelf, some jewelry, some clothes and some surprises. Well I should go. Bye!
Age 8 and a half years old.

Love,
Alexis Fetterhoff

We're tuning up to wish all our many customers and friends a very

Merry Christmas



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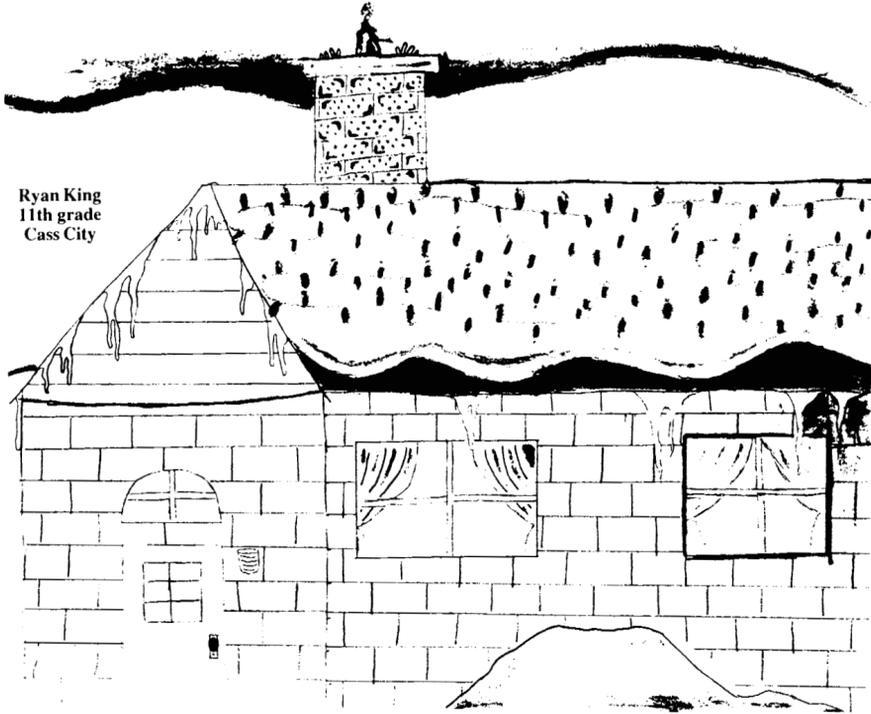
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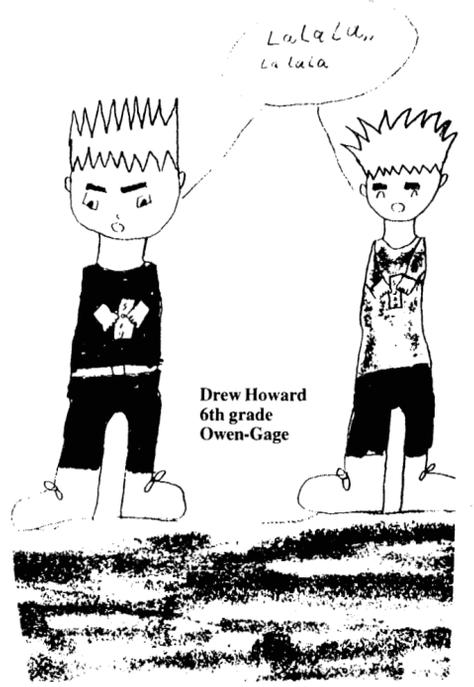
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Ryan King
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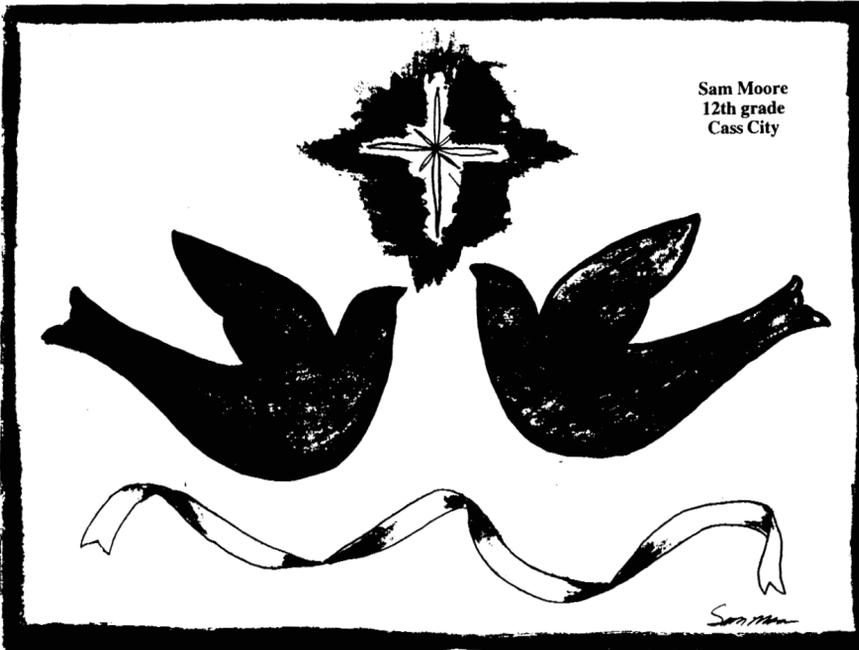
Drew Howard
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Owen-Gage



PEACE ON EARTH

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

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Sam Moore
12th grade
Cass City

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Cindy*

*Wishing everyone a great new year!
Dad*

*Best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season
Pam*

*Wishing You The Season's Best
Mae*

*Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season
Kris*

*Merry Christmas
Michelle*

*Ben
Happy Holidays*

*Debbie
merry Christmas!*

*Happy Holidays
Seasons Greetings!
Kelli*

*Happy New Year
Jaye*

*May your Holiday Season be of Peace and Joy!
Mary*

*Wishing You Good Health & Happiness & Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Curtis*

*Happy Holidays
Colleen*

*merry Christmas
Happy New Year!
Bob*

**From Your Friends at
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*Have a wonderful Christmas & New Year. Enjoy the Season!
Jessica*

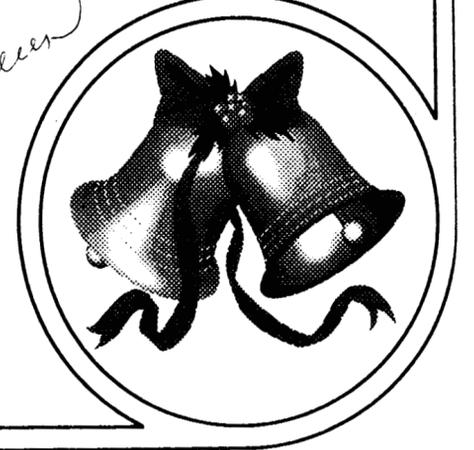
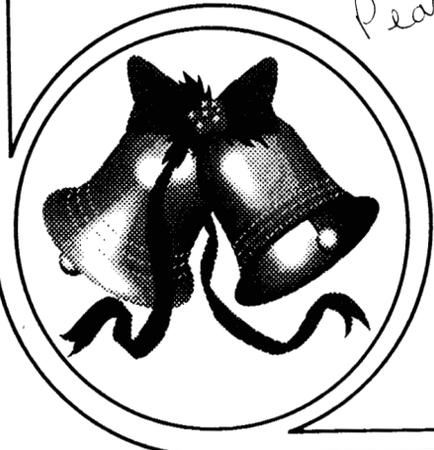
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Tish*

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony P. Dickenson, a single man (original mortgagor), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 1998 and recorded July 20, 1998 in Liber 745 on Page 200 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated June 1, 1999, which was recorded on November 15, 1999 in Liber 787 on Page 962. Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 36/100 DOLLARS (\$12,334.36), including interest at 6.950% 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 9, 2003.

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

Commencing at a point 933.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence East 200.00 feet, thence South 150.00 feet, thence West 200.00 feet, thence North 150.00 feet to point of beginning. Also described as proposed Lot 5 of Harry & Loretta's Estate. Together with an easement for ingress and egress to and from said premises over and across an existing road in the East 66.00 feet of the West 266.00 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months 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 27, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
 Team J (248) 593-1311
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys and Counselors
 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File # 200118929

Team J **11-27-5**

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wiley E. Brewer and Elizabeth Brewer, husband and wife, as joint tenants, to Heartland Home Finance, Inc., mortgagee, dated January 24, 2000 and recorded February 17, 2000 in Liber 794, Page 1060, and re-recorded 4/18/00 in Liber 798, Page 1394, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Bank One, NA by assignment recorded on July 20, 2000 in Liber 806, Page 798, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-one Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Seven and 59/100 Dollars (\$71,637.59), including interest at the rate of 10.02% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the 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, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 2, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Arbelva, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Section 21, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, commencing at a point 46 2/3 rods South of Northwest Corner of Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence East 24 Rods; thence South 6 2/3 Rods; thence West 24 rods; thence North 6 2/3 rods to the point of beginning. Township of Arbelva, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL A 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: November 27, 2002
ORLANS ASSOCIATES P.C.
 Attorneys for Bank One, NA, As Assignee
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 (248) 457-1000
 File No. 224-0638

Team J **11-27-5**

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jimmy W. Bills and Gladys J. Bills, his wife (original mortgagors), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2000 and recorded on November 9, 2000 in Liber 815 on Page 630 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND-FORTY-EIGHT AND 31/100 DOLLARS (\$64,048.31), including interest at 8.750% 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 23, 2003.

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

Part of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 21, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as beginning on the North line of Section 21 at a point of South 88 degrees, 26 minutes, West 929.98 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, thence South 01 degrees, 18 minutes, 30 seconds East, 330.00 feet, thence South 88 degrees 26 minutes 18 minutes 30 seconds East, 330.00 feet, thence North 88 degrees 26 minutes East, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning. Tuscola County Records

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

Dated: December 25, 2002
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 Attorneys and Counselors
 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File # 200217867

Team C **12-25-4**

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas J. Wilinski and Cindy E. Wilinski, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 1999 and recorded on December 17, 1999 in Liber 790 on Page 1238 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Washington Mutual Bank, its successors and assigns. Assigned by an assignment dated November 17, 2000, which was recorded on March 8, 2001, in Liber 823 on Page 794, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE AND 42/100 DOLLARS (\$74,483.42), including interest at 10.600% 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 30, 2003.

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

Part of The Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 11 North, Range 7 East described as beginning at a point on the West line of Section 24, which is North 689.84 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said section 24, thence continuing along the West line of section 24, North 150.00 feet to the South line of Proctor Heights, according to the plat recorded in 2 of plats. Page 31; thence along said South line of Proctor Heights, East 294 feet; thence South 150.00 feet; thence West 294.00 feet to the West line of said Section 24 and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 18, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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 Trott & Trott, P.C.
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 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File # 200232460

Team G **12-18-5**

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy McTaggart, A Single Man (original mortgagors), to Citizens Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 12, 2002 and recorded on March 4, 2002 in Liber 868 on Page 431 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT AND 12/100 DOLLARS (\$80,768.42), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 16, 2003.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the South part of the West part of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence West 8 rods, thence North 20 rods; thence East 8 rods, thence South 20 rods to the place

of beginning.
 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 4, 2002
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Team J **12-4-5**

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kenneth C. Nagy and Julie E. Nagy, husband and wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Fifth Third Bank successor-in-interest by merger Old Kent Bank, dated the 19th day of November, A.D. 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on the 21st day of March, A.D. 2000 in Liber 796 of Tuscola County Records, on page 1179, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$66,840.35 (Sixty-six thousand Eight hundred forty dollars and thirty five cents), including interest there on at 8.30% (eight point three zero percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 16th day of January, A.D. 2003 at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Junata, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Commencing 440 feet South and 587 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 13, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence South 100 feet; thence West 323 feet; thence North 100 feet; thence East 323 feet to point of beginning.

Tax ID: 014-073-000-2600-00
 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 18, 2002
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
 Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
 Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
 755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
 Troy, Michigan 48084
 WWR002541957

Team J **12-18-5**

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jackie L. Horning, a single woman (original mortgagors), to American Financial Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 1, 1997 and recorded on December 1, 1997 in Liber 725 on Page 600 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Washington Mutual Bank, F.A. /f/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., successor by merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., a South Carolina Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated November 1, 1999, which was recorded on December 8, 1999 in Liber 789 on Page 1139, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX AND 66/100 DOLLARS (\$64,786.66), including interest at 6.625% 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 16, 2003.

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

Lot 34 of Hillcrest Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber of Plats, Pages 27-28.

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

Dated: December 4, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
 Team F (248) 593-1313
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File # 200229525

Team F **12-4-5**

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin L. Haley, Sr and Brenda L. Haley, husband and wife to Flagstar Bank, FSB, mortgagee, dated August 2, 2000 and recorded August 3, 2000 in Liber 807, Page 804, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Forty-Two and 81/100 Dollars (\$67,042.81), including interest at the rate of 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the 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, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 2, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Commencing 10 rods 7.5 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 26, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, thence East 150 Feet; thence North 49 feet; thence West 150 Feet, thence South 49 Feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Commencing 13 rods 8 Feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 26, Town 13 North, Range 7 East; thence East 150 feet; thence North 69.88 Feet; thence West 150 Feet; thence South 69.88 Feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 3: Commencing 22.5 Feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 26, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, thence East 150 Feet; thence North 1 Foot; thence West 150 Feet; thence South 1 Foot to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL A 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: November 27, 2002
ORLANS ASSOCIATES P.C.
 Attorneys for Flagstar Bank, FSB, As Mortgagee
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 (248) 457-1000
 File No. 287-0013

Team J **11-27-5**

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lorene M. Hoeldtke and Timothy W. Hoeldtke, wife and husband, to Mortgage America (IMC), Inc., mortgagee, dated September 27, 1997 and recorded October 15, 1997 in Liber 722, Page 457, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1997-6 under the Pooling and Servicing agreement dated as of October 1, 1997 by assignment dated April 14, 2002 submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Eleven and 32/100 Dollars (\$73,411.32), including interest at the rate of 10.13% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the 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, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 9, 2003.

The premises are located in the City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 62 feet of Lot 24 and the North 7 feet of Lot 23, Block 2, also Lot 33, Block 2, Plat of the Village (now city of Vassar, as recorded in Liber 1, Page (s) 143 of Deeds and Liber 2, Page(s) 93 of Deeds, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL A 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: November 27, 2002
ORLANS ASSOCIATES P.C.
 Attorneys for The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1997-6 under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of October 1, 1997. As Assignee
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 (248) 457-1000
 File No. 231-0777

Team J **11-27-5**

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Czekaj married man and Shannon K. Czekaj, his wife (original mortgagors), to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2000 and recorded on January 17, 2001 in Liber 819 on Page 717 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Merrill Lynch Mortgage Capital,

Assignee by an assignment dated October 24, 2002, which was recorded on November 7, 2002 in Liber 901 on Page 854, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 05/100 DOLLARS (\$54,273.05), including interest at 12.100% 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 16, 2003.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 5, Block 1, James Hitchcock's Addition to the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan as Recorded in Liber 2, Page 3 Now Being as Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: December 4, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
 Team R (248) 593-1305
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys and Counselors
 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File # 200219156

Team R **12-4-5**

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lorene M. Hoeldtke and Timothy Hoeldtke, her husband, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank, FSB, mortgagee, dated August 23, 2000 and recorded September 25, 2000 in Liber 811, Page 381, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank, NA, f/a LaSalle National Bank, as Trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement dated 10/1/00, Series 2000-3 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Two Hundred Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Eight and 73/100 Dollars (\$204,548.73), including interest at the rate of 9.15% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the 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, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 16, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Arbelva, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelva Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Northeast 1/4 which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said East line, 810.00 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 17; thence continuing South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said East line, 250.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said Northeast 1/4, 790.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said East line, 450.00 feet to the South line of a previous unrecorded survey by Spicer Engineering Company for Louis Redwanz dated 4-24-85, thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds East along said South line and parallel with said North line, 460.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said East line, 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 25 minutes 20 seconds East, parallel with said North line, 330.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL A 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: November 27, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
 Team F (248) 593-1313
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys and Counselors
 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File # 200024524

Team F **11-27-5**

MORTGAGE SALE: - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by SHERRIE JUNE LESOSKI, unmarried, and ELANOR M. LESOSKI, unmarried, and THE CITI GROUP CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgagee, dated the 18th day of May, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 31st day of May, 2001 in Liber 833 of Tuscola County Records, page 1105, said Mortgagee having been assigned to US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, not in its individual capacity, but as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of the Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificate Series 2001-HE22, by its Attorney-in-fact, Olympus Servicing, LP, f/a Calneo Servicing, LP, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty-six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen and 06/100 Dollars (\$46,813.06), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Dated: December 4, 2002
ORLANS ASSOCIATES P.C.
 Attorneys for LaSalle Bank, NA, f/a LaSalle National Bank, as Trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement dated 10/1/00, Series 2000-3. As Assignee
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 (248) 457-1000
 File No. 199-0824

Team J **12-4-5**

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith Robinson and Rebecca Robinson, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Homeside Lending, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 27, 2000 and recorded on May 25, 2000 in Liber 801 on Page 1447 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, as assignee by an assignment dated November 8, 2002, which was recorded on December 6, 2002 in Liber 906 on Page 80, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date

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*Twas the day before Christmas
And all through the houses,
Not a buyer was looking,
It was only the mouses.

The agents were nestled all snug at their desks,
While visions of closings danced in their heads.
Kelly put on...his wise thinking cap,
To get the agents out of their long winter's nap.

When from the front of the office there arose such a clatter,
Kelly ran from the backroom to see what was the matter.
Past the telephones and fax he flew like a flash,
Tore open the front door, and knocked over the trash.

The sun on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Gave a luster to Main Street and the objects below.
And what to his wondering eyes should appear,
But a van full of buyers waiting anxiously there.

He couldn't waste time letting the clock tick,
He called the agents, get out here quick!
More rapid than eagles, his agents they came,
He whistled and shouted and called them by name.

"Come Holly, come Norma, get out your pen Sue,
Come Nora and Becky, you know what to do.
Come Mike and Gay, and be sure to bring Art!
Come Jean and Bob, you both know your part."

The rest of the agents, the ones not yet named,
They heard Kelly's cry and came running the same.
"To the front of the office, stretch wall to wall,
Now sell away, sell away, sell away all!"

Like the dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
They hustled the customers all ready to buy,
The files they pulled, the bankers they called,
With handfuls of listings, they showed them to all!

You should have seen Kelly - oh what a sight!
He was prancing and dancing and filled with delight.
His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples how merry,
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry.
His droll little mouth drawn up like a bow,
You never have seen such a man smiling like so.

With a pen in his mouth - he yelled "Turn down the heat".
He ran out of hands, so he wrote offers by feet.
He had a broad face and bit of a belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

He was giggling and laughing like an old jolly elf,
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave the buyers to know they had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work.
He filled out the offers and turned with a jerk.
Kelly called all the sellers with the offers they chose.
To the agents he bellowed, "GET READY TO CLOSE!"

He sat in his chair and pushed up his specks,
His hand never wavered as he wrote the commission checks.
The buyers all left, and drove happily out of sight.
From Kelly & Company to Everyone
Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Written by Nora and Amanda Frederick

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Boost

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very flat," he continued, noting the Renaissance Zone status "was very, very important to us.

"What has made us very competitive is that we can be very competitive from a pricing standpoint and a cost standpoint because of the benefits of a Renaissance Zone. It has been a huge benefit for us."

Also key is the central location of Millennium's Cass City operation.

"One thing nice about this place is that we're really very close to the company's major customers," Vollmar said. For example, he added, Millennium sells roughly \$15 million worth of product to Ford's engine plant in Romeo, just 60 miles away. Another customer, Delphi, is only 40 minutes away.

Another plus, he added, is a large labor pool - in part due to recent factory closings in the Thumb. Vollmar said area workers possess a high level of talent and skill, and a strong work ethic.

"It's a good workforce. I put up this workforce against not only our workers, but any workforce I've ever been associated with. We've hired just some great people, and there are more out there.

"It's really exceeded our expectations," Vollmar said. "We've been profitable in this plant since day one."

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Goals met

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(Northwood Meadows) to be looked at as a nursing care facility. We want it to be looked at as a community resource. And it is."

Sheriff: You drink and drive, you lose

Motorists who drink and drive have a lot to lose this holiday season, warn law enforcement officers of Sanilac County.

"If you drink and drive you could lose your license, time from work, and money to pay fines and court costs," said Undersheriff Greg Ferraby. "You could even lose your life or the life of someone you care about."

With many people expected to travel America's roads during this extended holiday season, it could be a deadly period for impaired driving fatalities. To protect Sanilac County families during this holiday, Sanilac County police agencies will support statewide efforts to protect citizens from impaired drivers.

As part of the "You Drink & Drive, You Lose," National mobilization, Sanilac County police agencies will be working to protect everyone from impaired driving during this busy time of year. From Dec. 20 through Jan. 5, local and state law enforcement officers will be out in full force to detect and arrest drunk drivers.

"Even with the holidays, there will be no warnings," said Ferraby. "Instead of holiday gifts, you'll be spending your money on bail and towing fees."

In Michigan, nearly 40 percent of traffic fatalities involve alcohol and/or drugs. Fatal crashes involving alcohol and/or drugs accounted for 515 deaths in Michigan in 2000 and 504 deaths in 2001.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that in 2000, more than 17,000 people were killed in alcohol related crashes, representing approximately 41 percent of the total traffic fatalities. In 2001, 17,448 people were killed in alcohol related crashes, representing 41 percent of the people killed in traffic crashes.



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*To qualify for silver discount, you must be 55 or older

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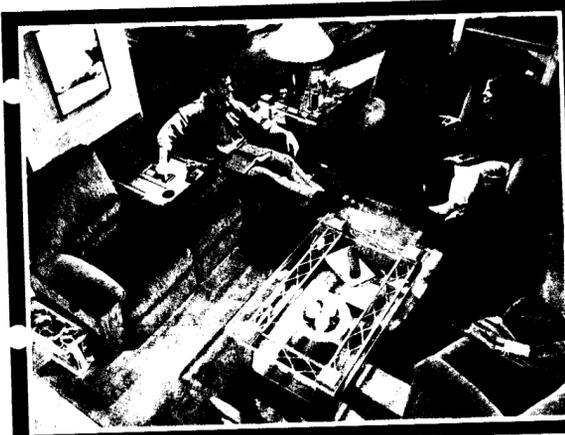


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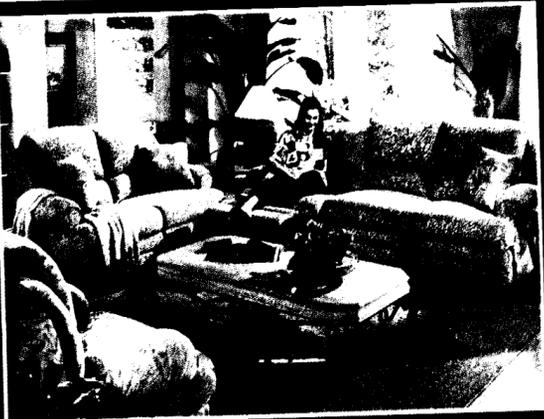
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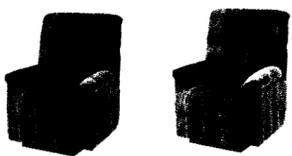
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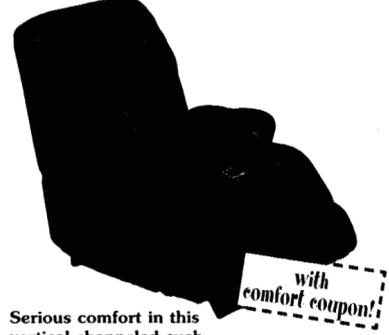
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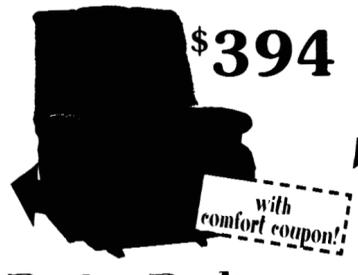


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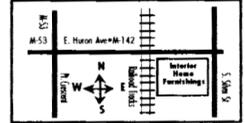
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