

# Still The Greatest Story Ever Told...

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. And this census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

So all went to be registered, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

So it was that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And behold an angel of the Lord stood before them, and

the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "And this will be a sign to you: you will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace,  
good will toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherd said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Luke 2:1-17

## 'Clothe-a-Child' helps kids

DEAR FRIENDS:

We have just finished our annual Christmas "Clothe-a-Child" program and delivered clothes to approximately 575 kids. This year has been very successful, in as much, that I thought we might not be able to raise enough money. Fortunately, we managed to do so-but without the folks from all over the county we might not have been able to do so.

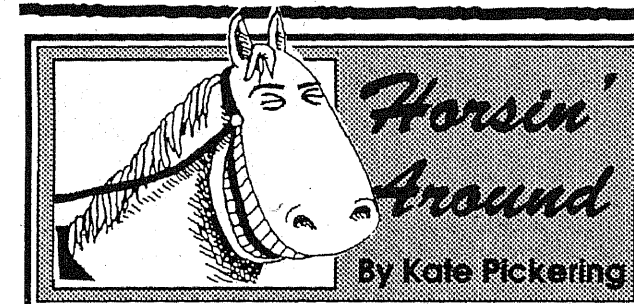
To the United Way, all the churches and church groups, local industries, the stores who donated clothing, the

Jubilee Singers, the ladies who sewed and wrapped the gifts and the folks who delivered them, I thank you! We received donations from \$1.00 upwards, every dollar was gratefully received and put to good use.

So thank you all, everyone! This year, as usual, you helped us "Clothe-a-Child" this Christmas.

I wish you all a very merry and healthy Christmas.

Sincerely,  
**JUNE BOWERBANK,**  
President  
Interfaith Council



## BAH! Humbug . . .

Every year we're reminded via the evening news, Ann Landers, or a USA Today graph that more suicides and homicides occur during the holiday season than any other time of year. And all we're required to do is shrug, go "tsk, tsk" and feel a momentary, passing wave of pity for the ill-adjusted on-the-edge types who do not enjoy Christmas like we do . . . we with our plethora of family and friends, and our full, rich, red-and-green way of holiday life.

What bull! I think that sometimes even the Queen of England must feel depressed during the holidays because there is just no competing with (primarily American) marketers who have blown Christmas and the holidays way out of proportion with a sparkly, velvet, wasteful, decadent opulence the likes of which hasn't been seen since the last Faberge's egg was presented to the last Czar in the Winter Palace! (And we all know what happened to that unfortunate family when masses of cold, hungry people decided a gilded egg would be better as breakfast!)

Coke commercials make you feel as if the whole world is a Rockefeller Center Christmas Party and you're not invited. The Long John Silver ads imply that if you're family is not comprised of 2 youthful, albeit silver-haired grandparents, a happily wedded yuppie mom and dad, a clear completed teen and one or two cherubic children, you're simply not an appropriate American Christmas family. And those "soldier-comes-home" commercials had more than one Desert Storm mom in tears through-out of December last year. The constant push to buy-buy-buy when you just have no more cash-cash-cash or even credit-credit-credit is enough to push even the most docile and well adjusted of persons over the brink!

And every year it begins sooner. By Labor Day the campaign begins, so that by December you are so completely revolted by mechanized wise-men and 4,276 santas (no-two-of-which look the same) that Buddha-ism begins to look ever more appealing!

You may say "MY what a horrible humbug!" but think about it - not all the prophetic lines spoken by Dickens' "Scrooge" come at the end of "A Christmas Carol!" If we were a little more conservative and a lot more reflective during the Christmas Season maybe fewer people would find it necessary to skip the holidays via sleeping pills. But that's just an opinion.

Merry Christmas

## FROM UNDER THE WILLOW



By WANDA EICHLER

## THE REVENGE OF THE FAT CELLS

'Twas the week before Christmas and the fat cells were crying. "Chocolate, chocolate! Wanda, give us chocolate! What no cookies! What kind of a Christmas will this be for us fat cells?!"

Preposterous, you say? Only the mind getting the best of me? Like it or not, my sweet tooth (or fat tooth, as some nutritionists now call it) was crying for relief.

For four weeks I'd been a good kid. I made my own salad dressings from olive oil and brown mustard (Gray Poop-on, the kids call it). I ate my toast without margarine. I ignored the pound of butter in the door of the frig.

I gave up french fries and hamburgers. I bypassed chocolate bars and pies and muffins loaded with LDL cholesterol. I took the skin off chicken and only ate white meat.

I read all the labels on processed food to make sure that I was getting no more than 30 percent fat.

I even took long walks to set my mind on fitness, not fatness.

BUT, I didn't figure on the Christmas cookie and candy season.

I think it started when ten year old Peter said, "Well, Mother, if you're not going to bake, at least order us some sugar cookies from the bakery."

I did just that and squirreled those cookies right away in the freezer and the laundry room.

Zounds!! Just knowing there were sweets in the house made us forgo the fruit for dessert in favor of—COOKIES!

Last Sunday, the bakery cookies were all gone. Fat tooth city hit the family and Willie, not knowing what an accomplice in nutrition crime he was, took off for town and came home with Oreos and a gallon of milk. The milk lasted two days. The Oreos were gone in an hour.

Monday evening, Fat tooth city wears on. Mother (that's me) and exchange student daughter (that's Malliette) decide to alleviate Monday depression, holiday homesickness, and female fears by making—CANDY! We made two batches of angel foam, the kind that you make with sugar, syrup and baking soda, and then dip in chocolate.

Since I blew the bottom out of my pressure cooker in September (a little accident—another story) and I usually used my pressure cooker for candymaking, we used a stainless steel pan. The first batch scorched, but still tasted kind of good. Fat tooth syndrome doesn't even know the difference between good candy and bad candy when the pain is real bad.

The second batch was even worse. We pulled my grandma's old big pressure cooker out of the bottom cupboard and tried to cook that sugar and syrup to hard crack. Malliette watched the Celsius and I watched the Fahrenheit. After fifteen minutes of hard boiling and still only 240F, we gave up and poured the candy into the buttered pan.

Zeeeks! One of Liesl's friends called it toxic waste. The results resembled something silicone and caramel and jelly-like in nature and was definitely not edible. (But you probably could have dipped it in chocolate for effect!) We threw it in the compost pile where it can mutate over the winter.

Tuesday evening, it's the night of the elementary Christmas program and Peter reminds me that there will be...COOKIES (YES!) after the performance.

That night I did it with no shame. I stood in line waiting for cookies and milk for fifteen minutes. I took three cookies and savored each one. Standing in line with me were consenting adults who did the same. It turns out that lots of houses in Pigeon went without cookies this holiday.

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RECOLLECTIONS  
Of By-Gone Days  
BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

Christmas is almost here again and I am looking forward to this one, because if every thing goes right, we'll be in Kansas to visit my son Howard and his family.

Youngest daughter Charleen will be there and my grandson and granddaughter from the Netherlands will be there too.

Things do happen over the years. I've seen a lot of Christmas when I was going to school. I was chosen for Santa Claus because I was a little fatter than most boys.

And once I was Santa Claus for the village. They had a Christmas program at the Village Hall.

Willis Leipprandt was the town marshal and he got me dressed up in the fire hall and told me to get out and mix with the people.

Well, I did and I knew a lot of people and I talked German to a lot of older people and they couldn't see how Santa Claus could talk German.

Then they had the Cross Lutheran band playing Christmas carols and Rev. Burkle from the First Methodist Church and Rev. Walker from St. John's Lutheran Church of Berne gave a little talk on Christmas.

Then we passed out some candy and peanuts in bags to the children and once in a while I'd give some old lady a bag. One old man told me to be careful what I gave his wife.

When I was still quite young, whenever we got a catalog from Sears Roebuck or Montgomery Ward we'd always look in the toy department to see what kind of

toys they had. We knew we couldn't get all of them because our parents didn't have much money.

But one thing did suit me and that was the Tinker Toys. They were only 85 cents for a set and I begged for them. And my folks wouldn't tell me if I could have some or not.

But they sent for the Christmas presents and when the big box came a few days before Christmas, we could hear a rattle that they got for my sister. But I couldn't hear or see anything.

But I got up early on Christmas morning and I had to eat my breakfast before I could look what I had. But when I looked, here was a set of Tinker Toys.

We had company for dinner and one of my cousins hid some of them and a few days later my mother found them in a potato bag.

Well I played with them till I was 13 years old and I still have them and only one stick is broke off and somebody else broke that off.

I never got many big Christmas presents when I was young but what I got I took good care of.

In I Cor. 13:11, it says when I was a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

I don't need any toys anymore but when somebody says hello to me and asks how I am, even if I don't know that person, I appreciate that more than if they gave me something that I couldn't use or don't need.

Sincerely yours,  
GEORGE KEIM

That night, I said a prayer of thanks for the kitchens that made cookies and brought them to the school on Tuesday night. (Thank you, baker of the pecan sandies. The seven layer chocolate bars were delicious, too!)

Now it's only a couple of days until Christmas. There are two boxes of Red Delicious apples in the basement along with leftover FFA naval oranges and red grapefruit. The frig is packed with mushrooms, cabbage, lettuce, and carrots.

Nevertheless, my fat cells are crying. "Chocolate, you dummy! Give us chocolate! And where're those mint pinwheels you always make! An what happened to those delicious poppyseed refrigerator cookies? Come on, Wanda. Your fat cells are hungry and it's Christmas!"

I'm getting worn out from the battle of nutritious versus noxious this week. Peter has to take a dozen cookies to school for the fourth grade party tomorrow. We'll HAVE to bake tonight.

Help! Fat cells and sweet teeth and calories are attacking! Christmas, come soon. I can only hold out a few more days!

# Obituary

## DAVID WICHERT 1980-1991

David Dale Wichert, age 11 of Port Hope, passed away Thursday, Dec. 19 in a car-pedestrian accident on M-53 near North Huron High School.

He was born Jan. 6, 1980 in Bad Axe, son of Alan and Patty (Grapp) Wichert. David was a student at North Huron Middle School. He loved sports, Nintendo and his dog Daisy and collected baseball cards.

He is survived by his parents; a sister, Marcy, 9, at home; grandparents Ronald and Noel Wichert, Pigeon, and Henry and Garry Simmons, Caseville; great-grandparents Irene Wichert, Pigeon, Amanda Schuette, Pigeon, and Les and Hazel Simmons, Caseville.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Richard Grapp. A funeral mass was conducted Monday, Dec. 23, at 11 a.m. from St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dwight Township. The Rev. Richard Filary, pastor, officiated with burial in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.

## Binder retires from Terra

After 29 years behind the desk, Terra International's Jeannette Binder retired last week from the Elkton office of the agriculture firm.

She was feted by managers and secretaries of the firm last Wednesday with a special dinner at Greenfields, and Friday, friends and customers were invited to have lunch with Binder and her co-workers at the Elkton office.

Binder started out with Virginia Green Chemical in Bad Axe, and stayed with the firm through buyouts by Occidental Chemical, Sohio, then Terra. She came to the Elkton office in 1968 as

secretary.

"There's been many major changes in the fertilizer industry and in bookkeeping since I started," Binder said. "We've gone from using a pencil to using a computer."

Asked what she'll miss the most, she said "my customers. They're a great bunch of people." Seeing all her friends and customers come into the office on Friday didn't affect her much, she said, but "maybe once I lock the door tonight it will."

Binder said she'll be back, though, helping in the spring when planting and fertilizing start in earnest.



JEANNETTE BINDER and Jim Bollenbacher pose for a retirement picture, during a special luncheon for the retiring Binder.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO



## MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS

BY KIM PITTINGER, GRADE 12

My favorite Christmas memory has never really happened, except in my dreams and heart.

My father's parents both died before I was born, but I always dream of how wonderful it would be to spend our annual Christmas Day Family Reunion with my Grandma and Grandma Pittenger present.

I can imagine their voices and words, telling me how I've grown or how much they love me. I can hear Grandpa's laughter echoing through the family-filled room. I dream of their warm, tight hugs, or the stories of my father as a boy that they might have told me at Christmastime, had they been alive.

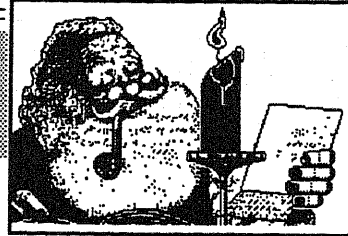
I can imagine my aunts and uncles commenting on how very much my gestures and my smile resemble my Grandfather's; but I'll never truly experience their personalities or their bear hugs...except in my dreams.

I've never had the opportunity to spend a Christmas with my grandparents. But in my heart and dreams that Christmas memory stays alive.

Have a Merry Christmas in Heaven, Grandma and Grandpa.

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# Letters To Santa . . .

ELKTON ELEMENTARY



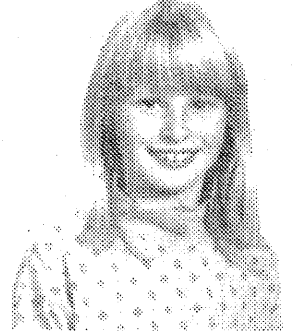
**DEAR SANTA:**  
How have you been this year? This year I want a Super Nintendo and a Nintendo game. This year I hope my Mom gets a new radio for Christmas. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

LOVE,  
MIKE SIENKIEWICZ



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I would like you to bring me a snow machine and a bike. I would like you to bring my dog Lady a new leash and a sweater. I would like you to bring me a new hat in my stocking. I would like you to have a Merry Christmas!

LOVE,  
GARY HALEY



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are Mrs. Claus and the elves doing? I can't wait for Christmas to come. Can you get my Mom a Christmas shirt? My Mom would like that. Can you get my brother a new bike? You can get my Dad a new truck and then you can get me a GoGo My Walking Pup. Merry Christmas!

LOVE,  
MELISSA ROBERTS



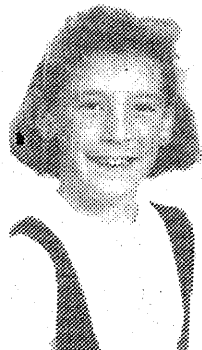
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I would like a new car for my Mom. All I want for Christmas is a new bike. My little brother would like a bike, too. My other brother wants tapes for the radio. My sister wants a little bike. Merry Christmas, Santa!

LOVE,  
JEREMY TONN



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you? How are the reindeer and the elves? Are you ready for Christmas Eve? Remember to shine Rudolph's nose. I want 72 prepared specimen slides, Mega Man 3, Tiger hand game, a silver bell from your sleigh and an X-Men Tiger hand game. The kids on my bus don't believe you are real so I'm going to stay up to take a picture of you. Is that okay?

WITH LOVE,  
DAVID HAZARD



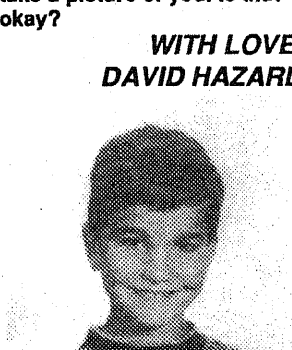
**DEAR SANTA:**  
My Mom and I put up a wreath on our door. The week after we put it up, it was ruined. How are the reindeer? Well, will Rudolph be able to pull the sleigh? I hope so. Oh, I almost forgot! I want GoGo My Walking Pup and YoYo My Walking Kitty. My Mom wants a new couch and my brother wants a new radio and some Legos. Also, I want a silver bell from your sleigh. Bye!

LOVE,  
TRISHA CLARK



**DEAR SANTA:**  
It's time for Christmas already. I hope there's lots of snow for you and hope it is warm for your long journey. Will you please bring me a nice warm snowmobile suit? And a warm blanket to keep me warm at night. Oh, by the way, how are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus doing? See you next year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS,  
RYAN FRITZ



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are the elves and Mrs. Claus doing? Tell Rudolph I said, "Hi." Santa, will you get me a Super Nintendo, please? If you do, I will leave some cookies and milk for you. Good-bye. Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.

MERRY CHRISTMAS,  
KC GAETH

## Tami Gunden to sing at Superdome

Pigeon native Tami Gunden will be performing before a nationwide television audience, and a crowd of 80,000, when she sings the National Anthem at the Superdome in New Orleans on Jan. 3, before a Louisiana State University basketball game.

In addition to the national spotlight, Gunden has released a new album "Behind the Cover," a record of contemporary Christian music.

Joining her on the album are Christian recording stars Michael W. Smith and Phill Keaggy, plus Hadley Hockensmith and Bob Wilson.

Gunden made her singing debut at age three and by the time she reached eleven she had recorded two albums. She has toured with contemporary Christian artists such as Mylon LeFevre and David Meece.

Speaking of her new album, Gunden said, "I'm more enthusiastic about this record-

ing than any other I've done. I believe God has brought together in His timing the musicians, the songs, the

direction, the production, along with a very supportive label."

## Achievements

ANDREA RICHMOND of Caseville, CARL HEIDEN of Elkton and TRACI ANDERSON and JULEE LEIPPRANDT of Pigeon are among the upperclass students whose scholarships to attend Alma have been renewed for the 1991-92 academic year.

Alma's Renewal Scholarships are awarded to students showing intellectual promise and outstanding academic achievement. While Alma's scholarships vary in criteria for awarding, all are based on academic performance. Richmond is a senior majoring in mathematics and art and design; Heiden is a junior majoring in communication; Anderson is a sophomore majoring in communication, and Leipprandt is a junior majoring in biology at Alma College.

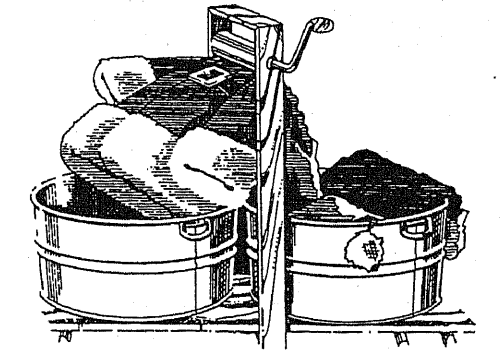
All are graduates of Laker High School: Richmond in 1988, Anderson in 1990 plus Heiden and Leipprandt in 1989.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Saylor of Grand Blanc, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ross of Trenton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ross of Mt. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Eimers and family, Andrea, Lee and Beth Ann of Unionville, Jessica Claerhout of Bay Port and Delos Ross of Caseville. Weekend guests of their mother, Mrs. Wm McBride were Don and Judy Ahearn of Saginaw. Joining them on Sunday for a pre Christmas dinner were Jerry and Judy McBride and son, Brian of Oxford and Jean McBride of Elkton. Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Don Bruce and sons of Elkton.



PIGEON NATIVE Tami Gunden

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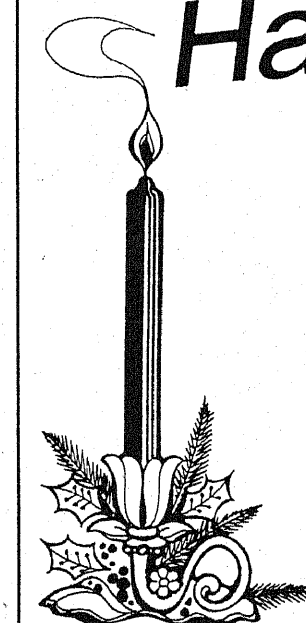
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We appreciate it!

## Warm Wishes for a Happy Holiday

Christmas brings a wonderful opportunity to thank you for your support during the past year and wish you the best the holidays can bring . . . peace, joy and the special closeness of family and friends.



From the Council & staff of the **VILLAGE OF PIGEON**

### OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of CASEVILLE Caseville, Michigan

The Caseville Village Council is accepting applications for the position of Police Chief. Applications may be picked up at The Village Office, 6767 Main Street, Caseville, MI. Deadline for submittal to the Village Office is January 17, 1992 at 4:00 p.m. E.O.E.

PAMELA J. STAHL - Village Controller

### OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of CASEVILLE Caseville, Michigan

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Caseville Department of Public Works will be picking up discarded live Christmas trees on Monday, January 6, 1992. Trees should be placed at the curb for pick-up prior to 7:00 a.m.

PAMELA J. STAHL - Village Controller

### OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of CASEVILLE Caseville, Michigan

The Village/Twp. of Caseville is accepting applications for an ice rink attendant for the 1991-92 winter season. Approximately 20 hours per week. Applications may be picked up at The Village/Twp. Hall 6767 Main Street, Caseville, MI. Deadline to submit applications is December 30, 1991 at 4:00 p.m. in the Village Office. E.O.E.

PAMELA J. STAHL - Village Controller

### OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of CASEVILLE Caseville, Michigan

#### NOTICE TO BID

The Caseville Village Council is accepting bids for the 1992-1993 fiscal year audit. Bids to include consulting services from March 1, 1992 to March 1, 1993. Three and five year audit bids will also be considered. Deadline for sealed bid submittal is January 31, 1992 at 4:00 p.m. in the Village Office, 6767 Main Street, Caseville, MI. Sealed bids should be clearly marked "audit bid." The Village of Caseville reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids that are not in the best interest of the Village.

PAMELA J. STAHL - Village Controller

### OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of CASEVILLE Caseville, Michigan

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Caseville Village Council will hold a public hearing on January 13, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Village/Twp. Hall, 6767 Main Street, Caseville, MI. The public hearing is called for public comments on the proposed 1992-1993 Fiscal Year budget.

PAMELA J. STAHL - Village Controller

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The Caseville Village Council is accepting bids for the 1991-1992 fiscal year audit which ends February 28, 1992. Deadline for sealed bid submittal is January 31, 1992 at 4:00 p.m. in the Village Office, 6767 Main Street, Caseville, MI. Sealed bids should be clearly marked "audit bid." The Village of Caseville reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids that are not in the best interest of the Village.

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# Woods & Waters

## A Christmas For The Birds

By DUANE GUENTHER



I get nostalgic during the holidays. I long to be home with visits from family and friends. I love our bright, cheery porch when it's filled with the tantalizing aromas of fresh baked cookies.

The Colorado Blue spruce is the only evergreen fit to grace our living room because that's the one we always had when I was a kid.

And, believe it or not, I can recall, in chronological order, each and every Christmas gift I have ever received. I suppose that is why my kids looked so strange when their Mom and I suggested the first of many "up-north" Christmas celebrations.

We had spotted the place the summer before during an evening's drive, and a quick phone call confirmed a reservation for Christmas week.

The kids had to be dragged out of the house, and the only reason they entered the van was to follow their Christmas presents which I tossed in before them.

The vehicle was loaded to the hilt. Besides the presents, there were suitcases full of enough heavy clothes to last the week, coolers full of food, assorted skis, sleds, and saucers, a Grandma, and lashed to the top, a Colorado Blue Spruce. Leaving Sebewaing that Monday morning, we looked every bit like the Griswolds.

We were headed for the northwestern part of the state and a log cabin that looked as though it was built by Daniel Boone. It was nestled in a stand of Red Pines alongside the south-west shore of Elk Lake. Although picturesque from the outside, it offered the barest of human comforts within.

But we were young and foolish and nothing, not cold weather, a cranky oil space heater, a frozen toilet, or the fact that we forgot all

the trimmings for the tree, parade. We were determined to could rain on this Christmas



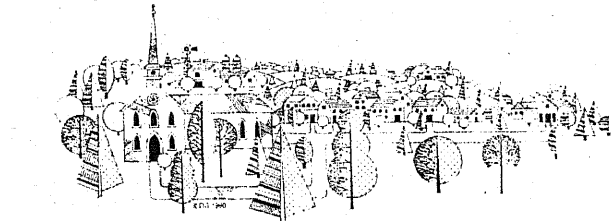
### MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY

BY KARLA PITTENGER

My favorite Christmas memory was in 1990 when I was 12 years old. What made that Christmas particularly special was the Christmas Eve service at the Caseville United Methodist Church. I figured it would be like every other year, a church service with candles (which I didn't know the meaning of anyway), but I was wrong. It was out of the ordinary.

It was the exact way (since I could remember) but as the lights dimmed, and the candles were lighted, everything seemed to block out. I put the Christmas hustle and bustle behind me and thanked God for everything I had! Family who cares, a church who cares, friends who care. I had a home and everything anyone could want. I was happy with what I had because I knew there were some out there who didn't have any of that. I felt very fortunate to have all these things.

I hope that someday everyone can have a great Christmas memory to treasure as I do mine.



### MY MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

BY MICQUE PARTLOW, 9TH GRADE

I think the most memorable Christmas I've ever had was last year. The thought of all the soldiers in the Middle East scared me. The thought of people my age being in a war in less than five years was more than scary. It was terrifying. And the fact that people who graduated last year were enlisting didn't help my state of mind.

Even though all of this happened, it made me realize just how lucky I was. And even though there was a war going on, I realized I should be happy to have my family near me because many, many other weren't so lucky.

It made me realize Christmas is about family, and being together, not about gifts and material possessions.

have fun, and deep within the recesses of my memory, this one ranks as one of the best Christmases I have ever spent.

The cabin was small and the 6 of us were somewhat cramped for space. There wasn't a lot of privacy to be had and sibling spats broke out with alarming regularity.

It took creative adult minds to keep the place in order, and every few minutes someone would shout out a new activity to undertake.

Most of our time was spent outdoors. Thick, pine forests, branches heavily laden with new fallen snow, were the perfect arena for long, winter walks.

Steep hills nearby provided the inertia for screaming sleds, and a quiet area down the road allowed Mom and Dad to sneak in a few kilometers of cross-country skiing. Grandma took turns baby sitting and

cooking (why else would we bring her along), and by mid-week we were all still talking to each other.

When we discovered the missing ornaments a plan was laid. "How about decorating our tree the old-fashioned way?" I asked the kids.

You could hear the moans in Petoskey. But when Mom pulled down an antiquated popcorn popper, filled it up and thrust it in the roaring fireplace, their interest perked.

Later that night we beheld the work of art. The once scraggly spruce now stood regally in the corner of the cabin, its limbs encircled with strings of popcorn, cranberries, and paper chains.

Christmas cookies were cleverly tied to branch tips and because we couldn't come up with an angel, a stale donut, left over from breakfast, festooned the top spire.

The presents were jammed beneath and the kids went to bed happy, because of the gifts, not the beauty of the tree, I'm sure.

The next day, the tiny living room looked like a landfill. Torn paper and empty boxes were everywhere. In order to give ourselves more space, I moved the tree, complete with trimmings, outside and stuck it in a snowbank.

Although the kids didn't know it at the time, I had gotten the idea from an article in National Wildlife.

My daughter was the first to spot it, and she squealed for the rest of us to come and see.

There in the top of the tree, happily munching on the stale donut, was a splash of red belonging to a male cardinal. He was the first of dozens that spent the morning picking the tree clean.

It was truly a Christmas for the birds...

# NEWS THAT COUNTS FROM THE COUNTY



FROM: Huron County Clerk Helen Lemanski

### HURON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Week of December 16  
Thomas W. Heilig and Martha A. Lauthner  
Kris S. Kappler and Meekyoung Hong.

### HURON COUNTY ASSUMED NAMES

Week of December 16  
NO. 5450 MESSING CYLINDER HEADS, 1248 North Van Dyke Road, Bad Axe, MI 48413. Filed: 12/11/91.

NO. 5451 DANNY ZEB'S PARTY STORE, 8743 Pearson Road, Grindstone City, MI 48467. By: Daniel Zaborowski, 8743 Pearson Road, Grindstone City, MI 48467. Filed: 12/13/91.

NO. 5452 DANNY ZEB'S RESTAURANT AND CAFE, 8743 Pearson Road, Grindstone City, MI 48467. By: Daniel Zaborowski, 8743 Pearson Road, Grindstone City, MI 48467. Filed: 12/13/91.

NO. 5453 COMP-UP-LIGHT, 37 East Sharpsteen, Sebewaing, MI 48759. By: Fredric J. Sharpsteen, 37 East Sharpsteen, Sebewaing, MI 48759. Filed: 12/16/91.

NO. 5454 J H B KNIVES, 1275 West Morrison Road, Uby, MI 48475. By: Jo-

seph H. Buziak, 1275 West Morrison Road, Uby, MI 48475. Filed: 12/16/91.  
NO. 5455 KOHTZ FLOOR COVERING, 12 North Center Street, Sebewaing, MI 48759. By: John W. Kohtz, 11165 Gremel Road, Sebewaing, MI 48759. Filed: 12/17/91.

NO. 5456 LOUIS SMALL ENGINE REPAIR, 4905 Weber Street, Elkton, MI 48731. By: Louis M. Robles, 4905 Weber Street, Elkton, MI 48731. Filed: 12/17/91.

NO. 5457 STURMS TRUCK SALES, 6510 Pigeon Road, Pigeon, MI 48755. By: Willard Sturm, 5148 Hoffman Street, Elkton, MI 48731. Filed: 12/17/91.

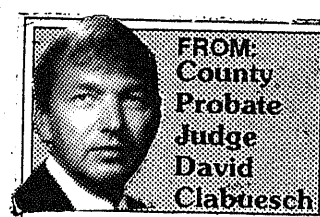
NO. 5458 WINDERS PRODUCTS COMPANY, INC., 77 West Spring Street, Port Austin, MI 48467. By: Edwin H. Mayes, 472 Sand Road, Port Austin, MI 48467 and William G. Moyer, 1875 Grindstone Road, Port Austin, MI 48467 and Raymond J. Mayes, 8564 Lake Street, Port Austin, MI 48467. Filed: 12/18/91

### HURON COUNTY CO-PARTNERSHIPS

Week of December 16  
NO. 962 FORT DODGE REALTY ASSOCIATES, K Mart, Van Dyke Road, Bad Axe, MI 48413.  
By: Stuart Sath, as Attorney-in-fact. Filed: 12/18/91

### HURON COUNTY JUDGMENT OF DIVORCE

Sandra K. Raffin -vs- Dale Denneth Krohn



FROM: Huron County Probate Judge David Clabuesch

### HURON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

December 12 - 18

Estate of Frances Agnes Zmich, Deceased, of Harbor Beach. File: 30,155. Independent Probate, Closing Statement filed.

Estate of Matilda P. Carlson, Deceased, of Bad Axe. File: 30,159. Independent Probate, Inventory filed, Order Appointing Guardian Ad Litem filed, Petition for Court Supervision filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Proof of Service by Personal Service filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of George A. Austin, Deceased, of Sebewaing. File: 30,353. Independent Probate, Inventory filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Esther E. Whitehouse, Deceased, of Sebewaing. File: 26,348. Supervised Probate, Affidavit and Writ of Garnishment filed, Garnishment Disclosure filed.

Estate of William W. Leonard, Deceased, of Harbor Beach. File: 29,942. Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.

Estate of Todd Andrew Ross, Deceased, of Bad Axe. File: 30,000. Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed.

Estate of Lillian L. Rice, Deceased, of Kinda. File: 30,382. Supervised Probate, Proof of Publication filed.

Estate of Walter O. Klamp, Deceased, of Harbor Beach. File: 27,497. Supervised Probate, 2 Waivers and Consents filed.

Estate of Genevieve Kuntze, Deceased, of Bingham Township. File: 30,478. Will filed.

Estate of Helen M. Hyzar, Deceased, of Kinda. File: 30,458. Supervised Probate, 5 Waivers and Consents filed, Order Appointing Personal Representative filed, Bond of Fiduciary filed, Letters of Authority filed.

Estate of Laura M. Lenzner, Deceased, of Caseville. File: 28,488. Supervised Probate, 4th Annual Account of Personal Representative filed, 2 Receipts of Distributive Share filed, 2 Waivers and Consents filed, Proof of Service by Personal Service filed.

of Port Hope. File: 330,474. Petition and Order for Assignment, Estate Not Exceeding \$5,000 filed.  
Estate of Orpha B. Wabber, Deceased, of Pigeon. File: 30,476. Will filed, Affidavit of No Estate to Probate filed.  
Estate of Roland G. Vois, Deceased, of Sebewaing. File: 30,335. Independent Probate, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Helen Binder Radabaugh, Deceased, of Florida. File: 30,407. Independent Probate, Inheritance Tax Receipt filed.

Estate of Erwin C. Gehrike, Deceased, of Caseville. File: 29,088. Supervised Probate, Order Allowing Final Account and Assigning Residue filed.

Estate of Miriam M. Bauley, Deceased, of Caseville. File: 30,228. Supervised Probate, 4 Receipts of Distributive Share filed, Order Allowing Final Account and Assigning Residue filed, Order of Discharge filed.

Estate of John M. Chagnon, Deceased, of Port Austin. File: 30,230. Supervised Probate, Order Allowing Final Account and Assigning Residue filed, Order of Discharge filed.

Estate of E. Mae Eddy, Deceased, of Hume Township. File: 22,897. Supervised Trusteeship, Waiver and Consent filed.

Estate of Earl K. Maskell, Deceased, of Harbor Beach. File: 30,471. Supervised Probate, Will filed.

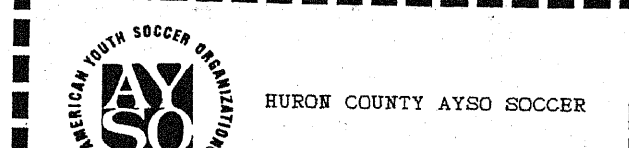
Estate of Lorraine I. Maskell, Deceased, of Harbor Beach. File: 30,472. Supervised Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Waiver and Consent filed, Order Admitting Will to Probate and Appointing Personal Representative filed, Bond of Fiduciary filed, Letters of Authority filed, Publication Notice filed.

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Youth Service 7:00 pm

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6 pm Sunday Night Worship  
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Pastor Dennis Slack  
Service 10:00 am • Nursery Prov.  
Sunday School 11:00 am

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Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
Church School 10:30 am

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CASEVILLE**  
Pastor James Duprey  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am  
Evening Service 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6 pm

**CASEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Greg Mayberry  
Sunday School 9:00 am  
Nursery 10:15 am  
Sunday Worship 10:15 am  
Bible Study 6:00 pm

**CHANDLER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ELKTON**  
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday Evening 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

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5063 Colling Rd., Unionville  
SUNDAY: 10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
6:00 pm Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY: 7 pm Prayer Service  
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Missions meeting 7 pm

**CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, PIGEON ELCA**  
Raymond E. Orth, Pastor  
Sunday Worship 8:30 am and 10:45 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am

**ELKTON MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Rev. Lany Salsburey  
WORSHIP HOUR: 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Worship Hour 11:00 am  
Adult Bible Study - Wed. 7:30 pm  
Sunday Evening Service 7 pm

**ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Jim James  
Morning Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:45 am  
Jr. High & Sr. High Youth 6 pm  
Evening Service 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 pm

**FAITH BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Rick L. Randall  
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Sunday School 10 am  
Morning Preaching 11 am  
Wednesday Evening 6 pm  
Wednesday Mid-week 7 pm

**FAIR HAVEN COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH**  
Rev. Wayne J. Keim  
Sunday School 10:30 am  
Morning Worship 9:30 am

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SUNDAY  
10:00 am Morning Worship

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Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
Sun. Evening Worship 7:30 pm  
Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study 7:30 pm

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON**  
Rev. James P. Schwandt  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:15 am

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Rev. Don Miller 674-2785  
SUNDAY  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
7:00 pm Evening Service  
WEDNESDAY  
7:30 pm Service

**HAYES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Sunday School 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship 11:00 am

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Rev. Stewart L. Justin  
Sunday Worship 10:00 am  
Sunday School 11:00 am  
Evening Service 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 pm

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEBEWAING - Missouri Synod**  
Rev. Martin Hagenow  
Vicar Fred Hearn  
Sunday School 9:15 am  
Sun. Worship 8 am & 10:30 am  
Radio Broadcasting 10:30 a.m.  
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**KILMANAGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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SUNDAY: 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

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SUNDAY: 10:00 am Bible Lecture  
11:00 am Discussion of "The Watchtower"

**MICHIGAN AVE. MENNONITE CHURCH, PIGEON**  
Rev. Jay Miller  
Morning Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:30 am  
Evening Service 7:00 pm

**MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
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Rev. Olaf Andersen  
9:15 am Divine Worship  
10:30 am Sunday School  
6:30 pm Youth Fellowship

**NEW SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH WELS, Sebewaing**  
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SUNDAY  
9:00 am Divine Worship Service  
10:15 am Sunday School  
THURSDAY: 7:00 pm Worship Service

**PIGEON RIVER MENNONITE CHURCH**  
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Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:30 am  
Sunday Evening 7:00 pm  
Evening Bible Study  
Wednesday 7:00 pm

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Sunday School 11:00 am  
Evening Service 11:00 am  
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**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, OWENDALE**  
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Early Morning Worship 9:15 am  
Church School 10:00 am  
Preaching Service 11:00 am

**SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON**  
Rev. Steven Miller  
Church School 9:30 am  
Morning Service 10:30 am

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SAT: 9:15 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Bible Study for All Ages

**ST. FELIX CATHOLIC CHURCH, PINNEBOG**  
Sr. Mary Ellen McDonald  
Saturday Evening Mass 4:00 pm  
Sunday Mass 11:00 am  
Reconciliation Saturday 3:20 p.m.

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, PIGEON**  
Fr. Barney Janowicz  
Saturday Evening Mass 6:00 pm  
Sunday Masses:  
8 & 10:00 am  
Weekday Masses 8:15 am  
Confessions Sat. 5-5:30 pm

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, KILMANAGH**  
Missouri Synod  
Rev. Jeffrey B. Walsh  
Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:30 am  
Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sunday Every Month

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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SUNDAY:  
8:30 am Worship  
Rev. Ellen C. Rutherford

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BERNE**  
Wisconsin Synod  
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Worship Services  
8:30 and 10:30 am  
Sunday School 9:30 am

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LINKVILLE**  
Missouri Synod  
Rev. Ray R. Ohlendorf  
Morning Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:30 am

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, UNIONVILLE**  
Rev. Paul Stohlmann  
SUNDAY  
8:00 am Divine Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
& Bible Classes  
10:30 am Divine Worship

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10:30 am Sunday School  
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**ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH, Bach**  
SUNDAY  
Rev. Robert Clancy  
9:00 am Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:00 am. Worship Service  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Communion  
1st & 3rd Sundays  
Holy Communion

**ST. ROCH CATHOLIC CHURCH, Caseville**  
Saturday Mass 6:00 pm  
Sunday Mass 9:00 am

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Elkton**  
Wisconsin Synod  
Rev. Eugene Andrus  
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Church Service 10:00 am  
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd  
Sundays of the Month

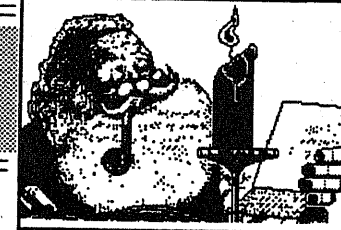
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Rev. Lawrence C. Brooks  
SUNDAY: 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AKRON • 691-5134**  
Rev. Michael Ingersoll  
SUNDAY: 9:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Lisa McIlwenna  
Owendale - Sunday  
10:00 am Church School  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
Cagetown - Sunday  
9:30 am Morning Worship  
10:30 am Church School

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Unionville**  
Rev. George Lewis  
SUNDAY: 9:15 am Worship Service  
10:15 am Sunday School

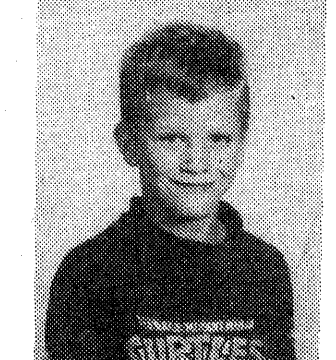
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10:30 am Morning Worship  
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Thursday Evenings at Church



## Letters To Santa . . .

**DEAR SANTA:**  
I have been good this year. I would like something you don't have — my Grandmother. She died last year. She was special to me. But what I really need is snowpants. I lost mine Tuesday and I need them to keep me warm.

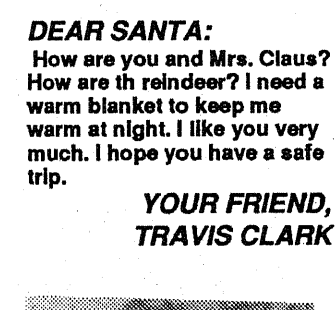
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
CARISSA SMITH



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you? How are your reindeer? I hope you can get me a warm blanket. I don't need a pair of socks. How are your elves? Are you elves making presents? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you have a nice Christmas.

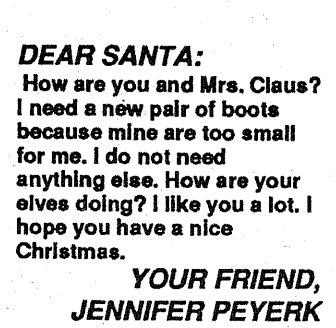
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
DOUGLAS JAMES ROBERTS

P.S. How are your reindeer?



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? I need a warm blanket to keep me warm at night. I like you very much. I hope you have a safe trip.

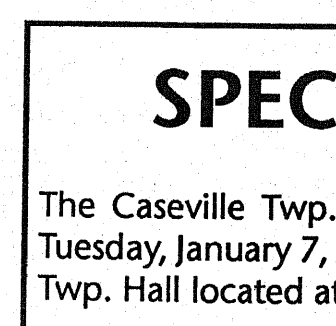
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
TRAVIS CLARK



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you doing? I am glad you are going to come to my house. I am not greedy, but I want this stuff: Super Nintendo, train set and a new house, please. I will leave you milk and cookies. Is Mrs. Claus keeping you nice and plump? I wish you a Merry Christmas.

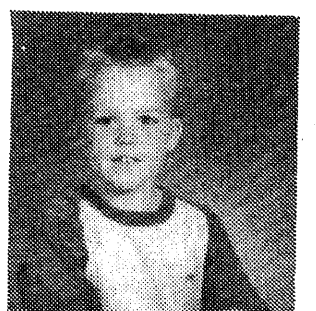
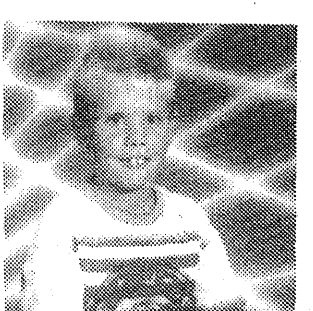
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
BRAYDEN MCCAIRNS

P.S. How is Mrs. Claus doing?



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you? Is it cold up there? I would like a new bike, a snowmobile, a four-wheeler, and a new pair of gloves. My Dad wants a fishing pole. I wish you a Happy Holiday and a Happy Christmas!

**LOVE,**  
KASON MCCAIRNS



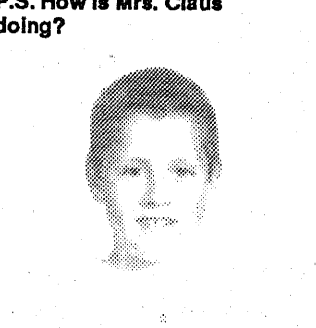
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**YOUR FRIEND,**  
JOSH MURPHY



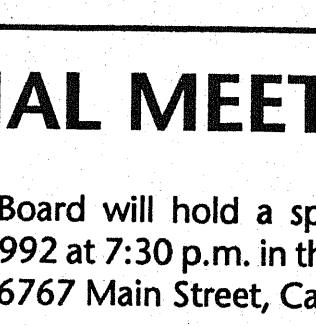
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JIM JOHNSON



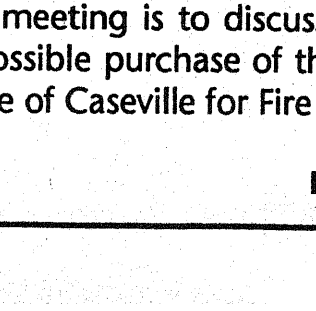
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**YOUR FRIEND,**  
BRANDEN BOUVERETTE



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How's Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph? How's Mrs. Claus?

**ROBBY HARBUCK**

**DEAR SANTA:**  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For Christmas, I want toy tractors and a BB gun.

**LOVE,**  
BEN GOTHRO

**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want all the Ninja Turtles in the world. I want a kitten for Christmas. I want peace in the world. I hope I get a new house. I want a glue stick and a new real turtle.

**DAN GUIGAR**

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### Correction

St. John's Episcopal Church at Sand Point is having Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day, not 7 p.m. as was published in last week's holiday church schedules. We regret the error.

### SPECIAL MEETING

The Caseville Twp. Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. in the Caseville Village Twp. Hall located at 6767 Main Street, Caseville, MI 48725.

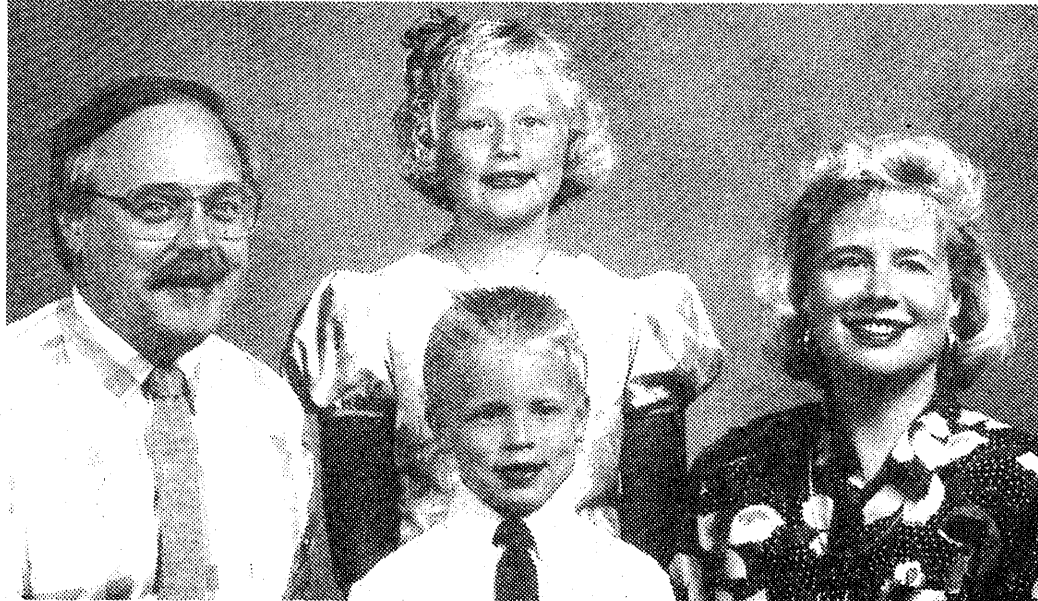
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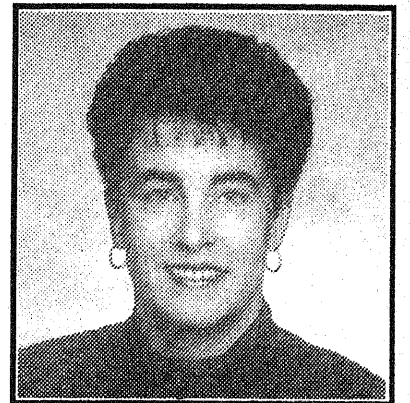
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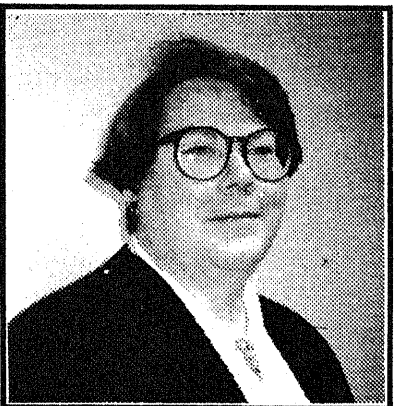
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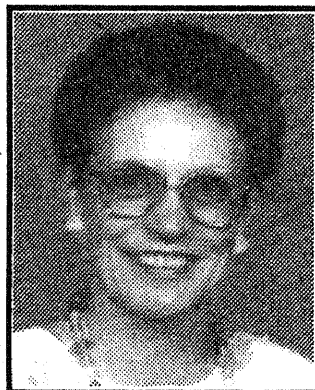
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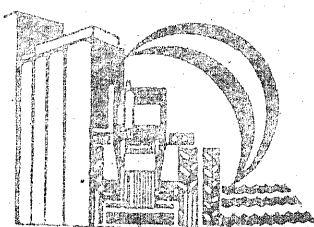
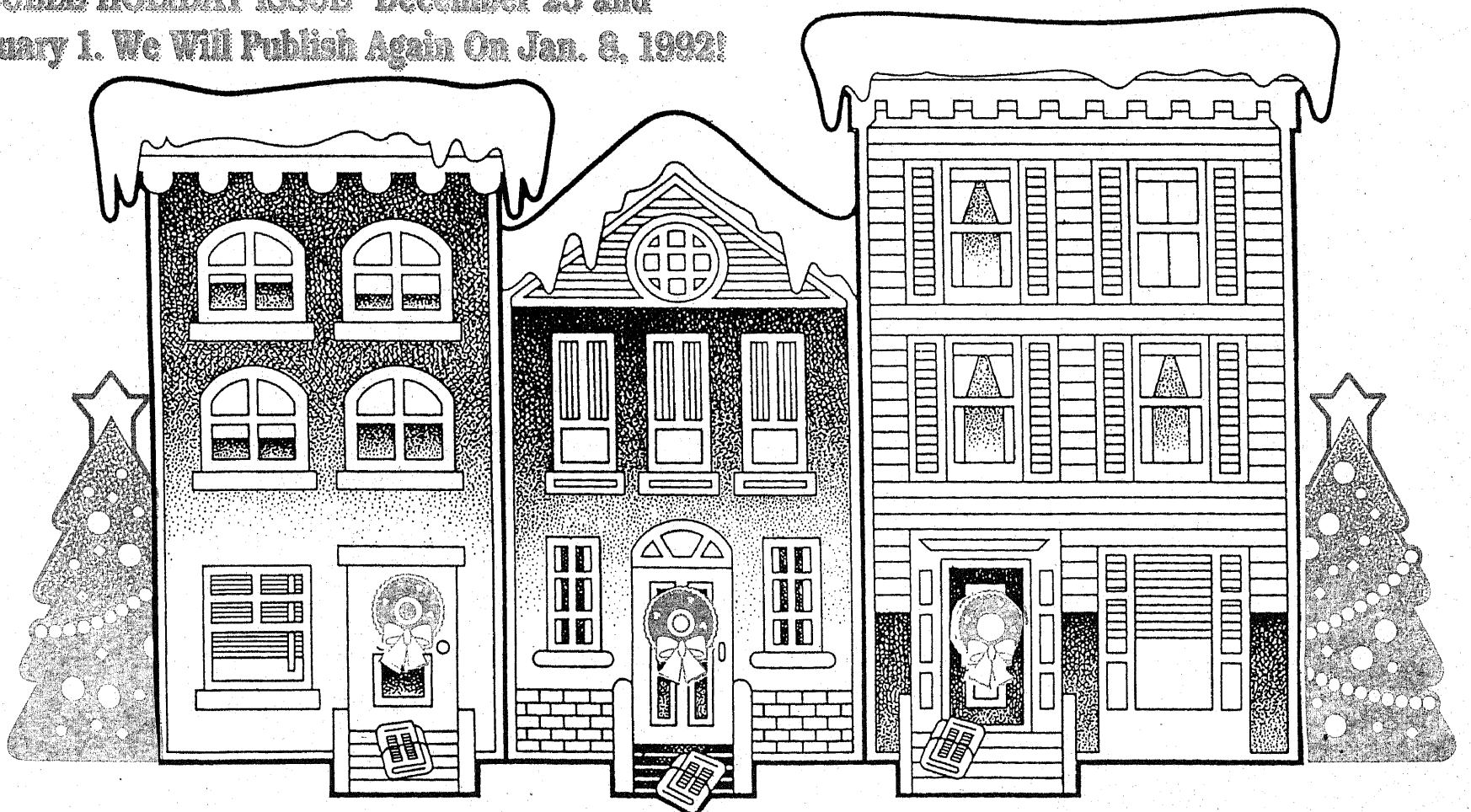


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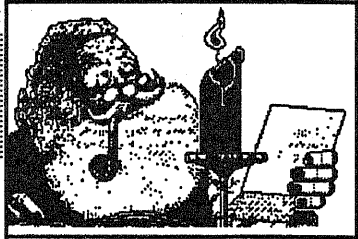
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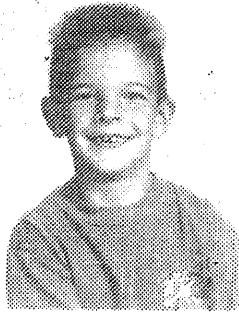
PIGEON ELEMENTARY



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want three Batmans for Christmas. The colors are purple, dark blue and gray, and I want the Batmobile.  
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
**JASON DIETZEL**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want a computer. I want a hundred dollars. I want a new bike.  
**LOVE,**  
**ANDREW McALPINE**



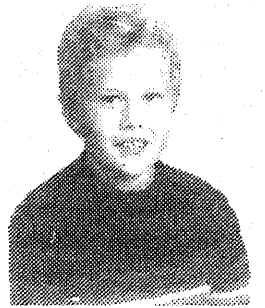
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles van. I want a remote control boat and a new stocking.  
**LOVE,**  
**GARRET SHETLER**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you doing? I was a good girl. Please give these three toys to me. I want a real telephone and a TV and a magic baby bottle. Have a Merry Christmas.  
**LOVE,**  
**CALLY McCAIN**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
Did you have a nice summer? I have been extra good this year. Can you get me toys?  
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
**BRAD DORSCH**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want a capgun. I want Walkie Talkies. I want a model rocket.  
**LOVE,**  
**CURTIS GARLAND**



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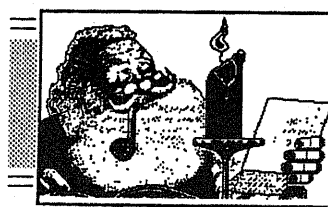
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### PIGEON ELEMENTARY



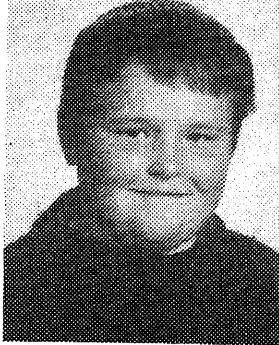
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I have tried to be good this year. Some kids say they don't believe in you, but I do.  
**LOVE,**  
**KATHLEEN GONZALES**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want a ten speed for Christmas and some other toys like GoGo Walking Pup.  
**LOVE,**  
**TIFFANY STEINMAN**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want a Nintendo and don't forget my brother. He wants a Leonardo. He's been good and I've been good, too.  
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
**KYLE YACKLE**



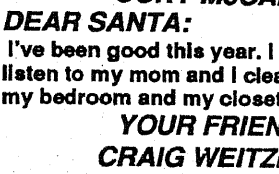
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want a remote control car and turtles. I will leave some milk and cookies. I love you. I hope you have fun.  
**SINCERELY,**  
**CORY MCCAIN**



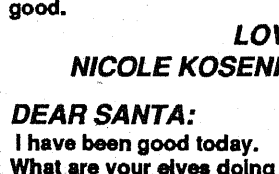
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I hope you don't forget to come over to my house. Before you leave the North Pole you better feed the reindeer, so they can fly good.  
**LOVE,**  
**NICOLE KOSENKO**



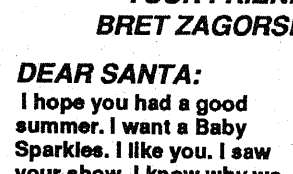
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want for Christmas a box of basketball cards, Game Boy, and in-door hoop.  
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
**BRET ZAGORSKI**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I've been good this year. I listen to my mom and I clean my bedroom and my closet.  
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
**CRAIG WEITZEL**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I have been good today. What are your elves doing up there? When will you arrive at my house?  
**SINCERELY,**  
**BRENNA**  
**LOVE,**  
**JENNIFER M.**

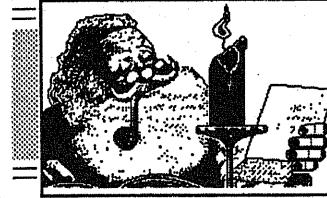


**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want a Yoyo and a Game Boy.  
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
**JON MILLER**

## Bowling

**TY'S THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES**  
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Ron's Party Store ..... 32

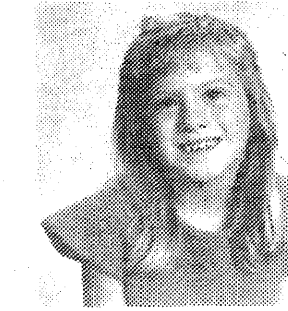
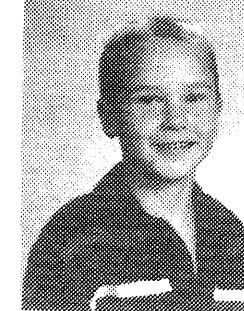
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### PIGEON ELEMENTARY

**DEAR SANTA:**  
For Christmas I want a remote control boat and a mountain bike, too. I really want a Nintendo alot. Say hi to Mrs. Claus.  
**LOVE,**  
**NATHAN EINHARDT**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I hope you are OK. I was good. I want a doll home and I want some things for in it, too.  
**LOVE,**  
**KALA MCCRIMMON**

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**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you doing? Say hi to Mrs. Claus. How are your elves doing?  
**LOVE,**  
**JOSH SPRAGUE**



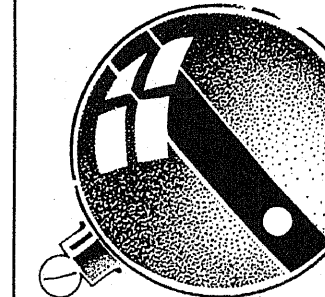
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I am good. I want a motorcycle. I want a hundred dollars.  
**LOVE,**  
**JEREMY KREH**



## So Many Ways To Say Merry Christmas

To our friends, our valued patients, we extend a heartfelt wish for a joyous holiday season filled with song, merriment, and the warm glow of family and friends.  
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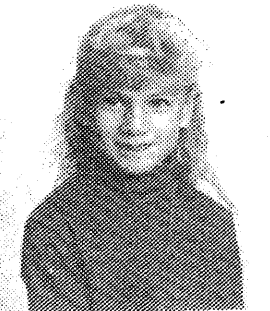
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## Letters To Santa


### PIGEON ELEMENTARY





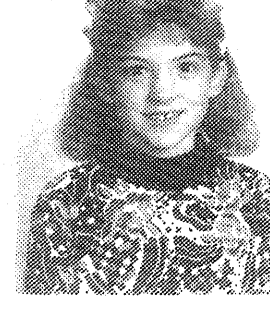
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want a Princess Canopy bed. I want a baby doll. I want fake nails.

LOVE,  
**TRISSTA DAMROW**



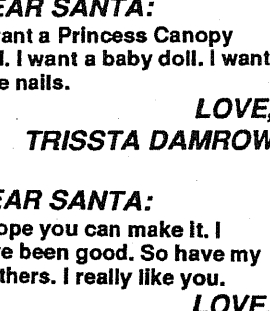
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I have been good and bad. So has my brother. How are your elves? How is Mrs. Claus?

LOVE,  
**BECKY DIEBEL**



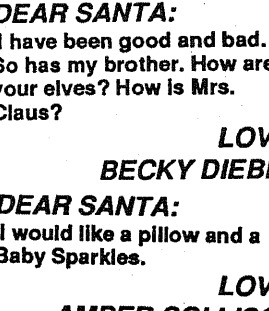
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I was not a good girl. Please give me some toys. If you do, I want a Nintendo.

LOVE,  
**JODY MCKENZIE**



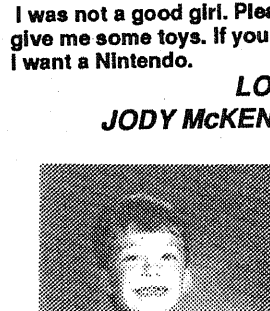
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I hope you can make it. I have been good. So have my brothers. I really like you.

LOVE,  
**KARISSA GUNSELL**




**DEAR SANTA:**  
I would like a pillow and a Baby Sparkles.

LOVE,  
**AMBER COLLISON**



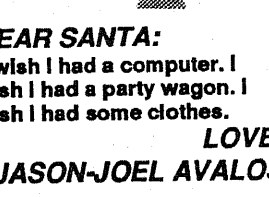
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want a tropical rub-a-dub dolly. I want a waterbed. I want a pony.

LOVE,  
**KATRINA**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I've been a good boy this year. I want a remote control car called Fast Traxx.

LOVE,  
**YOUR FRIEND,  
SHAWN DAMM**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I wish I had a computer. I wish I had a party wagon. I wish I had some clothes.

LOVE,  
**JASON-JOEL AVALOS**

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## PIGEON DISTRICT LIBRARY

### — News And Notes —

#### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

There will be NO Preschool Story Hour on Tuesday Dec. 31 due to the New Year Holiday. However the library will be open until 2 p.m. that day.

#### CLASS VISITS

The Sebawaing Head Start Class of Jean Owens visited the Pigeon District Library with seven children and five adults in attendance. They enjoyed a library tour, stories, a filmstrip and fingerplays. The library staff would like to thank the class for visiting.

#### LIBRARY CLOSED

The library will close on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 31 at 2 p.m. Regular library hours will resume again on Thursday Dec. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 2, 1992 from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Library Staff wishes each and everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

#### RAISING A READER

1. Read to your new baby: Greeting cards, the newspaper, cereal boxes. It's the sounds that are important.
2. Introduce simple pictures and story books as the baby grows. The shape and colors will delight, and listening leads to learning.
3. Make regular visits to the library.
4. Make bedtime a regular event with stories.

#### AMERICAN GIRL WINNERS

Winners of the drawing during the "American Girl" reception at the library on Dec. 3 and 10 were Kristy McKenzie, Emily Sting, Tanya Love and Rachel Olendorf. They each won a poster of the "American Girl" with the closest birthday.

#### A CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

The Pigeon District Library would like to share a special book with you this Holiday Season. The book was donated to the library by the Cross Lutheran Preschool Class with their Chapel Fund money. Spend Christmas with Tusky and his friends as the animals work hard to decorate the jungle for the arrival of Santa Claus. Experience the excitement and trouble that the Elephant herd encounters when someone deliberately poisons them. Learn how Tusky and Hooty solve the mystery of who put poison in the elephants fruit punch and why? Check out "The Adventures of Tusky and His Friends-A Holiday Special-A Christmas Mystery." The Tusky snuggle-up series is skillfully written by Kenneth R. Reenberg, Ph.D.

#### Swine meeting set Jan. 7

All Thumb swine producers are invited to register for a series of evening programs sponsored by the Sanilac and Huron County Cooperative Extension Services. The series will commence on Jan. 7 on the Huron Area Skill Center in Bad Axe. Registrations are due at the Extension Office by Dec. 27. The series entitled "Your Swine Enterprise: Coming Through in '92," will feature in-depth training on finance and nutrition. Guest speakers will include specialists from Michigan State University, Mike Bigelow from Michigan Livestock Exchange, and Kent Ward from Fredrick and Herrud. With swine prices at lower levels this year, the first four meetings will focus on finance and marketing. Because feed costs are the largest input, nutrition will be emphasized in the last four meetings. For more information and a complete program, contact Dr. Beth Doran at 269-9949.

## Pending Holiday Wishes

### Your Way



*Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year!*

**PIGEON  
POSTMASTER  
TOM BALZER**

# Yuletide Greetings

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## Happy Holly-Days From All Of Us



Pictured from left: Jim Laursen, Wendy Gettel, Betty Dubs, Betty Schulze, Alice Draschil

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**Santa Letters** FROM ELKTON ELEMENTARY

**Caseville Township**

Caseville Township is accepting bids to clean up a large amount of assorted junk located at 8201 Pt. Austin Road, Caseville Township. Copies of the specifications are available from the Caseville township Clerk at 6767 Main Street during regular office hours. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. January 6, 1992.

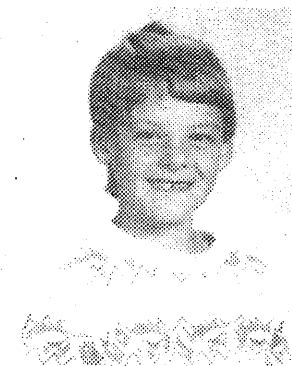
Caseville Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.



**DEAR SANTA:**  
Well, it's that time of year again. Are your elves working hard? Is Mrs. Claus keeping you plump? I need two I.O.U.'s for Christmas. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
**SCOTT HERFORD**  
P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies. P.S.S. is Mrs. Claus healthy?



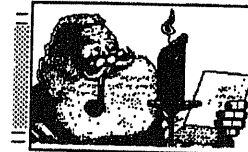
**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I guess I have been pretty good. Can you please get me a golden hamster, a cage for the hamster, knitting thread, Simplicity, jewelry-making kit and Fashion Designer? I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Merry Christmas!  
**LOVE,**  
**ANDREA SIVER**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you? I'm fine. I hope you are ready for Christmas. I don't really want that much, but I do hope I get what I need. What's your middle name? Mine is Anne. I made a lot of gifts for people already. How many gifts did the elves make? I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
**LOVE,**  
**BRADEN BEACHY**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you? I'm fine. I hope you are ready for Christmas. I don't really want that much, but I do hope I get what I need. What's your middle name? Mine is Anne. I made a lot of gifts for people already. How many gifts did the elves make? I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
**LOVE,**  
**KRISTI FOGARSI**



**Letters To Santa**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. Tell Mrs. Claus "Hi" please. I want just a little bit of stuff. If you can, I want Little Miss Snapshot, Barbie, books and a pretty sweater for my Mom. I wish a Merry Christmas to you, Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and the elves.  
**YOUR FRIEND,**  
**KIM MAY**



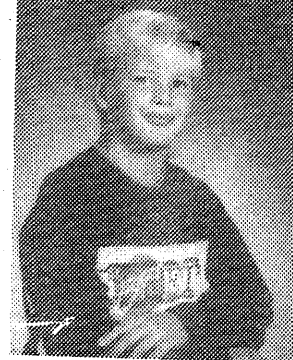
**DEAR SANTA:**  
I am fine. How are you? Tell Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer "Merry Christmas." I would like Peace on Earth and for everyone on earth to have a Merry Christmas. My cousin Kelle would like Hawaiian Fun Barbie. My friend Lori would like Baby Alive.  
**LOVE,**  
**CINDY COLLINGS**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
For Christmas, I would like Double Dragon 3. Will you please get my brother the Little House books so he won't bother me? Will you please get my littlest brother a Wrestling Buddy? Will you get my friend, Jeremy, Crossfire, please?  
**LOVE,**  
**REID KILGUS**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I've been very good this year. Will you please get me these things? I would like a Gameboy, a TCR Racetrack, a moped, new clothes, new shoes and a remote control car. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!  
**LOVE,**  
**KORY WIEDERHOLD**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
May I have a special thing? I would like a snowboard. How are you? I wonder what's going on up there. Happy Holidays and have a very Merry Christmas!  
**LOVE,**  
**ZACHARY TALAREK**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I would like to have GoGo My Walking Pup and YoYo My Walking Kitty. My Dad would like a watch and pots and pans. My Mom would like a ring and my sister would like GoGo My Walking Pup, too. My brother would like a Superloop Racetrack. Oh, I almost forgot! How are the reindeer and elves? Have a Merry Christmas!  
**LOVE,**  
**REBECCA CHRISTNER**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are Rudolph and the other reindeer? How are the elves? For Christmas, I would like a bow. My Dad would like some belts. Tim would like a mountain bike. My brother would like a skateboard. I hope you have a great Christmas!  
**LOVE,**  
**MATT BRUCE**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you, Mrs. Claus and the elves? Here is my Christmas list. May I please have a Magic Nursery Baby, clothes and Barbies? Most of all, I want you to have a Merry, Merry Christmas!  
**LOVE,**  
**CARRIE BULLA**

**MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY**

BY JON SCEPANSKI, AGE 14

My favorite Christmas memory happened when Aunt Ann, Uncle Dave, and Christine came from El Paso, Texas. On Christmas Eve, we all went over to my grandparents to pass out presents to our relatives.

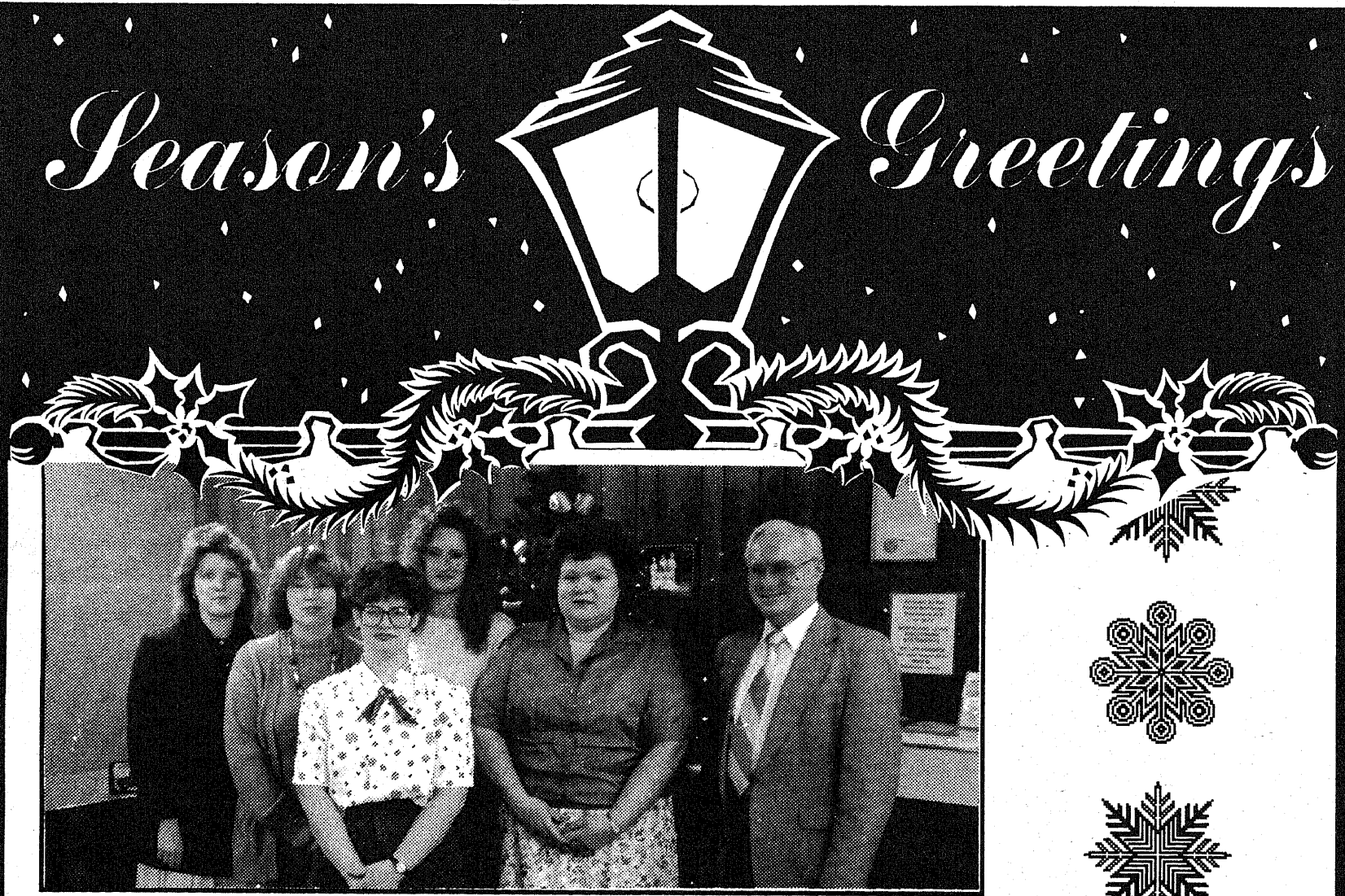
It is my favorite Christmas memory not because of the presents I received, but because my aunt, uncle, and cousins came up for the first time in five years and all our relatives were there together.

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIES**

BY SEAN BOOTH

One year about Thanksgiving time my dad had to go to the hospital. The doctor said he had to have his appendix out. We spent almost all of our money paying for the operation. When he came home on Christmas Eve, we had only about five dollars left. We went to the store and spent it on hot dogs and macaroni. On the way home everyone of us was crying and saying what a bad Christmas we would have.

When we got home our door was open. We walked in and looked around. The whole house was full of food and Christmas presents. In the mailbox were envelopes with money in them. We praised God for helping us. It was the best Christmas I have ever had.



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Donnie\*..... \*Deceased

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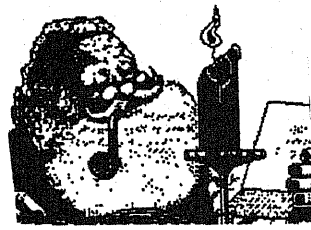
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**DEAR SANTA:**  
How is everybody? I know I am fine and these are the things I need: a new coat and a snowsuit because I do not have one. I also need the coat because my old one has a broken zipper. We'll talk to you next year. Merry Christmas!

**YOUR FRIEND,  
ERIKA GROSS**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I'm glad you're coming. What is your favorite kind of cookie? All I want for Christmas is a little surprise and I appreciate all the things I got from the past years. Thank you! Merry Christmas!

**YOUR FRIEND,  
MACKENZIE KERR**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? I'm not going to ask you for anything for Christmas because I have everything I need. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

**YOUR FRIEND,  
JESSICA ROBERTS**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How is Mrs. Claus? I am glad you are coming soon! Have a merry Christmas. All I need for Christmas is clothes. How is Rudolph? I am in Mrs. Deering's classroom. We already have our Christmas tree up. I wish I could see you again. How do you get around the world in one night?

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**May God's Blessings Be Upon You All!**

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**PEACE AND JOY**

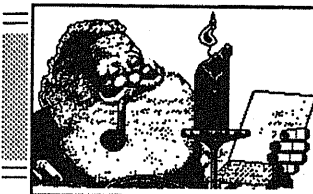
May Christmas bring friends to your fireside and peace to your home. In the glow of your friendship, we extend sincere thanks for your loyalty and patronage.

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*Letters To Santa*  
**CASEVILLE ELEMENTARY**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I would like that Sparkle Doll that has a crown. May I please have a kitten and a puppy? Where do you live? Do you live up at the North Pole?

**LOVE,  
DANIELLE NICHOLL**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want a remote control truck and toys. Are you going to bring your deer? I want Ninja turtles and a BB gun.

**LOVE,  
KEVIN RUTH**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
Please leave a radio control car. Thank you for all my presents!

**LOVE,  
ANDREA MOORE**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
Thank you for the Christmas tree. I hope my dad gets well. He was stung by a bee. May I have a skateboard? Thank you for the bicycle and the teachers.

**LOVE,  
APRIL CLEMONS**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want Pretty Crimp and Curl. I was wondering-How do your reindeer fly? How do you make your toys?

**LOVE,  
JESSIE POISSON**



**DEAR SANTA:**  
How do your reindeer fly? I want a Nintendo.

**LOVE,  
JUSTIN KUHN**

Thanks for reading  
**The Progress-Advance.**

We appreciate it!

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**VILLAGE OF PIGEON RESIDENTS**

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JANET HECKMAN - Clerk

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

**John A. Champagne**  
— Director —

**THE FAMILY LOT**

There comes a time when most families will choose a cemetery in order to establish a family lot. A widely accepted method is to do it on a pre-need basis. In this way the people involved, usually husband and wife, can make their decisions under normal emotional circumstances and exercise wise judgement. Clearly, this is a more acceptable alternative than the one in which a widow, or relative, makes a hasty decision, pressured by the time factor involved in making final arrangements once a death occurs.

more informed choice, both in terms of location and price. When a man or a woman dies, the surviving spouse proceeds, strengthened by the knowledge that they chose their cemetery lots together and that the decision was mutual. There are no misgivings or regrets.

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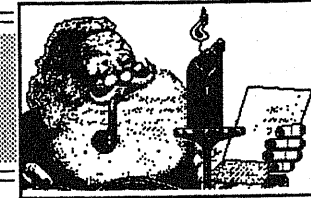


Here's Hoping Your Season Is Divine!

May you experience the season and all the joy, warmth and happiness it holds in store. Our warmest thoughts are with you on this holiday occasion, along with our thanks for your valued business.

Fred, Mona, Denny, Al and Debbie

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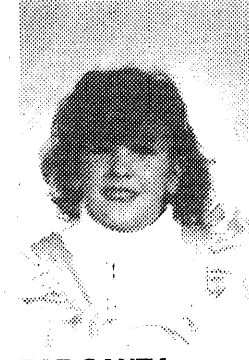
**DEAR SANTA:**  
Thank you for the presents from last year. There is some more presents under the tree. I would like some cards for Christmas. I will play with them.

LOVE,  
PATRICIA CLAYTON



**DEAR SANTA:**  
Thank you for toys. I want Barbies for Christmas. My dad wants a coffee cup. How do you get your elves?

LOVE,  
ALICE FISHER



**DEAR SANTA:**  
Please may I have some Barbies? I like your family—the elves, Mrs. Claus and Santa. Thank you for all the toys. I like my family.

LOVE,  
CRYSTAL CHURCH

**DEAR SANTA:**  
How do you get down the chimney? I would like Baseball Nintendo, Part 2 of the Ninja Turtles Hockey game, a snowboard and a sled. How do your reindeer fly?

LOVE,  
DENVER ASHMUN

**DEAR SANTA:**  
I want a BB gun and a Ninja Turtle sword and some Ninja Ooze. Thankyou for the presents.

LOVE,  
JASON CILC

**DEAR SANTA:**  
Santa, thank you for the presents you sent lasttime. I would like a dollthis year.

LOVE,  
HEATHER SCHEMBER

**DEAR SANTA:**  
Is there really a Santa? I want to know if there's a Mrs. Claus. I'd like a Nintendo for Christmas and a stack of Nintendo games. I want a Nerf Bow and Arrow. How do you make the toys?

LOVE,  
CRAIG OSENTOSKI

**DEAR SANTA:**  
I've been very good. I want Sega Genesis, Magic Copy and Nerf Bow and Arrow, the Turtles, a diamond ring for mom and Double Dragons.

LOVE,  
CHRISTOPHER PLONTA



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I like Christmas. Mom says that I can't get a Game Boy. I would like a Nerf Bow and Arrow.

YOUR FRIEND,  
CURT

**Laker FFA'ers are poultry winners**



Laker FFA members brought home the lions' share of trophies from the recent Michigan State University Poultry Contest, winning seven gold awards and six silver awards. The contest was won, however,

by Tracy Smithers, who was named the State Champion. The entrants were judged on the quality of their birds, their record keeping, and their knowledge. Pictured are Lakers' poultry winners: Front, Tracy

Smithers. Second row, Tina Periso, Danielle Dumaw, Dan Hyzer, Ron Bruce. In the rear is Billy Smith, Aaron Dubs, Aaron Duever, Jeremy Gnagey, John Helmuth, Matt Esch, Peter Shupe, Paul Shupe.

**Lakers lose in overtime thriller**

By AMY HEIDEN

The Lakers lost a close, action-packed game last Tuesday to Valley Lutheran, after the Chargers came back from a deficit to win the game 78-76 in overtime.

The Lakers were in complete control through the first half, leading 39-19 at the half. But Valley Lutheran clamped down and reeled off a 24-10 third quarter and a 26-20 fourth period to tie the game

in the final seconds with a 10-ft. baselineshot from Arik Smith.

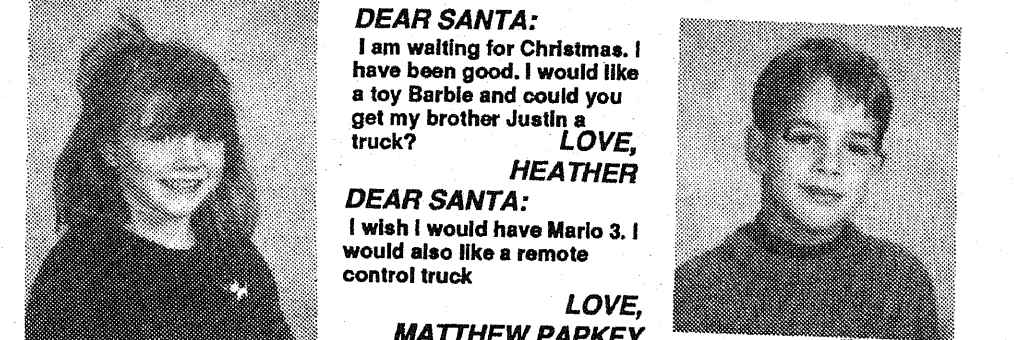
The Chargers got on the scoreboard first in the overtime period, then Laker Jason Krohn popped in a trey.

Aaron Koven connected on two free throws to give the lead back to the Chargers before Laker senior Reggie Ingash got the shooting foul and put up three free throws. But then Charger Eric

Kashinske hit a three-pointer to finally give his team the lead and the win.

Ingash led the Lakers with 30 points, Krohn chipped in the 17, and Dave Geiger added 11 points. The loss dropped the Lakers to 1-1 for the season.

Thanks for reading  
The Progress-Advance



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I am waiting for Christmas. I have been good. I would like a toy Barbie and could you get my brother Justin a truck?  
LOVE,  
HEATHER

**DEAR SANTA:**  
I wish I would have Mario 3. I would also like a remote control truck  
LOVE,  
MATTHEW PAPKEY

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Your kindness and support throughout the year have given us much to be thankful for. May all the blessings of the season find a place in your heart and homes.

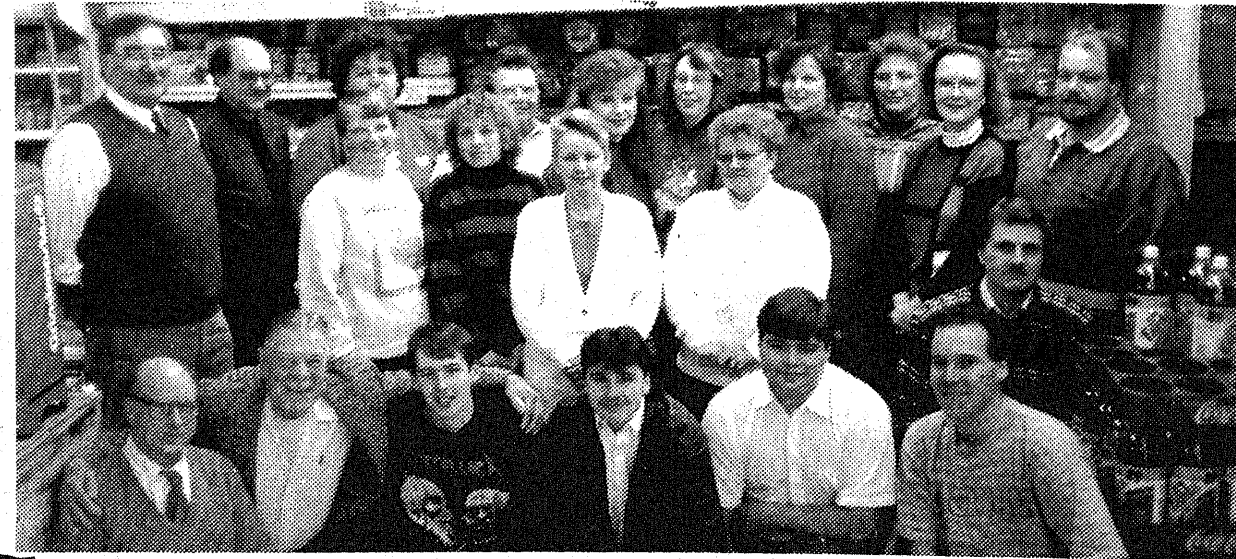


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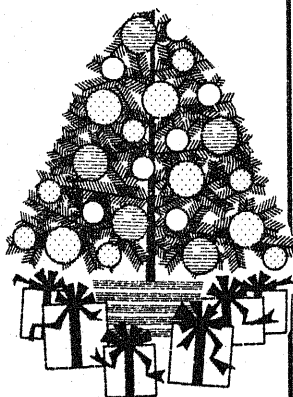
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# Christmas Memories

## BONNIE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

By HARRIETT COLLINS, Pigeon

In 1949, I jokingly purchased and sent my sister a Scotch Christmas card with the printed admonition that the card was "sae costly I was just lending it!"

The following Christmas I was surprised and delighted to receive the card in the mail, and it has traveled back and forth every year since — sometimes to Florida, Arizona or California. It has had two of our children's names added also, as it was first mailed when the two oldest were small.

"My Christmas wish is yours for keeps - An I'm verra glad tae be sending it,

But please return the card for me - It's sae costly I'm just lending it!"

This slightly dog-eared message has recently wished my sister in Florida our traditional Scotch Christmas greeting.

## 1991 CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

By ERMA MAUST, Bay Port

I do not know of many people who are in the farming business that would not welcome the gift my miniature mare gave to me this fall.

Yes, after owning her for three years and no colts, you can never know the surprise waiting for me when I went to chore one morning and mare "Sally" stood there looking so motherly and possessive with a darling little filly.

My Dad, a former breeder of Percheron horses, had looked her over the week before and assure me my mare was not pregnant.

Since I was an inexperienced keeper of miniature colts, the veterinary came out and checked over the new colt. And like all babies, she got a tetanus shot and he made sure her bowels were moving.

The colt is growing fine and the other morning when I opened the stable door to let mother and daughter go outside to run and exercise, the colt stood at the door and just looked and looked at the snow. The mare whinnied to the colt and she jumped in the snow on "all fours." I wish you could have seen her play and kick up her heels in the snow. It made a cute circus!

Right now I call the colt "Baby Girl," but she needs a real name. If some boy or girl can think of a good name, please let me know, because she needs a real name before Christmas.

Don't you think I got a special gift for my 1991 Christmas?



## MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY

By GENE DOMBROWSKI, GRADE 11

My favorite Christmas memory was during the Christmas of 1985. Two months after my Grandpa died, our family gathered at my Grandma's house. We were sitting in the living room waiting for Christmas dinner to be ready and talking to relatives that we haven't seen in a few months. My uncle was putting gifts under the tree when he noticed that one of the gifts that he had taken from the attic wasn't one that he had put up there. He looked at the card and saw that it was for my Grandma, but nobody could figure out who it was from.

Everyone was anxious to see who this present was from, so we broke the tradition of opening gifts after dinner and watched Grandma open it. When she was done unwrapping the gift she noticed a card next to a pair of shoes. She picked up the card and started crying. To everyone's surprise, the gift was from Grandpa. Grandma was complaining that she wanted a certain kind of shoes in September and Grandpa bought them for her and hid them in the attic.

## A CHRISTMAS TRADITION

By TERRI LAFONTAINE

Like every year on Christmas morning, my brothers and I awake to a steaming hot breakfast, prepared by my Dad. Every year we have eggs and juice. When I say eggs and juice, I don't mean scrambled eggs and orange juice, I mean scrambled eggs boiled with Pet milk and water.

The worst part about it is that I hate it, but I just couldn't imagine having Christmas without my Dad's passed-on remedy of The Famous Eggs and Juice.

The first one finished with the eggs and juice gets to open the first present, and I always end up being the last one done eating. Well, this year is going to be different, because the first present opened this year will read, To Terri From Santa Claus.

## MY MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

By MISTY McCRIMMON, 9TH GRADE

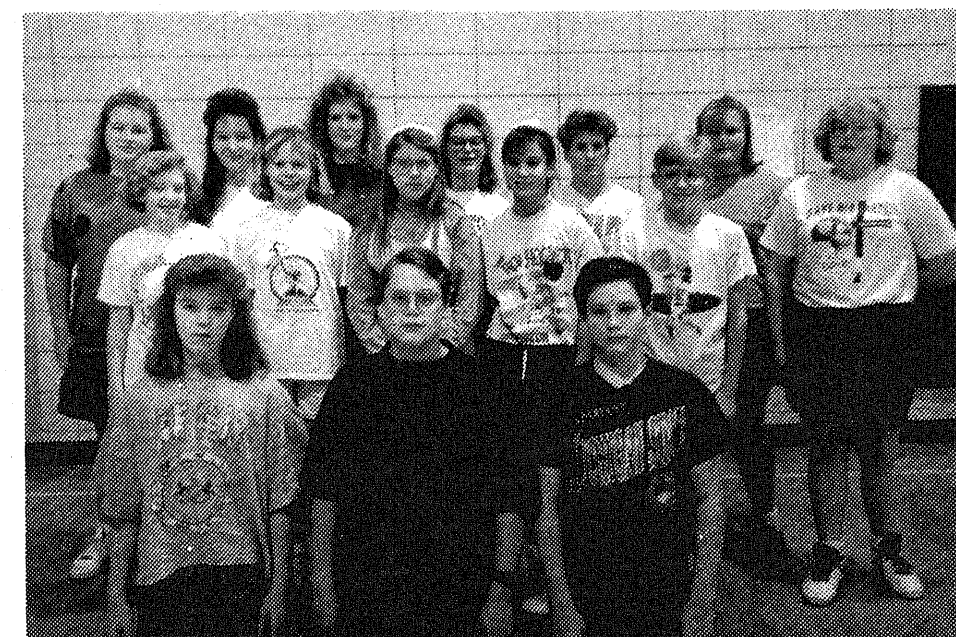
My most memorable Christmas was when I was living with my Grandma and Grandpa. I was three or four years old. My Dad was in the Air Force and I didn't get to see him much. When I woke up on Christmas morning, I went into the family room. I never expected to see anything in there but Christmas presents and a Christmas tree. Not only did I see them, but I also saw my Dad sitting in the family room. I really missed him and didn't think he was coming up for Christmas. It was the best Christmas ever.

## THE BEST GIFT I EVER RECEIVED

By STACEY McCrARY, 9TH GRADE

The Christmas of '89, my brother Mike gave me a huge gray teddy bear with a satin bow around the neck. It doesn't sound like that would be the best gift you could ever get, or the most expensive, but it meant the world to me because I got it from my big brother.

## Laker musicians take high honors



MEMBERS OF THE LAKER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND recently took high honors in Solo and Ensemble competition. Pictured are the members and their ratings:

First row: Angela Lang, Division I solo; Hans Elchler, Division II duet; Kyle Krueger, Division II solo.

Second row: Crissy Helmuth, Division II solo; Kristin Hedley, Division I solo, and Division II duet; Kristine Jaworski, Division II duet; Kim Eienbaum, Division I solo; Jacob Blakeney, Division II duet.

Third row: Gretchen Elchler, Division I solo; Karl Gehrs, Division I solo, Division II duet; Danielle Farver, Division II duet; Jennifer Diebel, Division I solo, Division I duet; Cris Kaufman, Division II solo; Julie Kasserman, Division II solo; Samantha Corrion.

Missing from photo are Hayley Herford, Division I solo; Rebecca Lackie, Division I solo, Division II duet; Brian Clark, Division I solo; Karl Swartzendruber, Division I solo; Janelle Wiederhold, Division I solo; Laura Winkel, Division II solo. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

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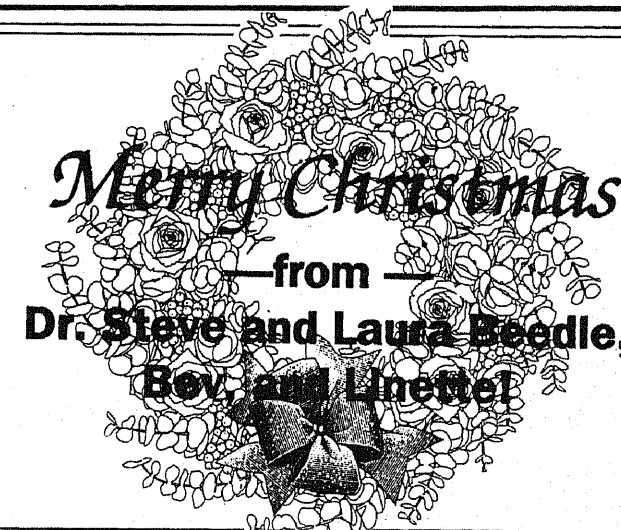
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LOVE,  
JONATHAN

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I love you. Is your Rudolph being good? I will want a race car.

LOVE,  
ROBBIE

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Happy Christmas. I want a race car.

LOVE,  
JAMES

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Is Rudolph OK? Is Mrs. Claus making cookies? I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I would like a doll house please and that is all.

LOVE,  
JULEE

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I would like to give some cookies that my mom made at home and if you have time you could give me a tape.

LOVE,  
SHARI YODER

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I love you. I hope your reindeer are good.

LOVE,  
JEFF

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I love you Santa. Please can you bring me a go-go walking pup and kitty. I want lots of presents. Please come to my house.

LOVE,  
KELLY

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I want a Nintendo and some games. I want Super Nintendo. Merry Christmas.

LOVE,  
CHRIS

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I want you to have a Merry Christmas, Santa. I love you, Santa. My name is Cassie. I want a big bed like my mom's.

LOVE,  
CASSIE

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I love you. I hope your reindeer are being good. Is it cold up at the North Pole? I hope I am getting a Singing Mermaid.

LOVE,  
ADENA DAVIDSON

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I want a remote control monster truck and Super Nintendo.

LOVE,  
JIM DAVIS

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I wish you will give me a racing car. I hope you come to my house to give me hugs and kisses.

LOVE,  
ALLEN

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Merry Christmas. I want a race car. How is Rudolph? How deep in the ice? How cold is it up there? I want to visit you.

LOVE,  
BRAD

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Merry Christmas. I want a baby Wannawalk. I love you.

LOVE,  
TESSA

**DEAR SANTA,**  
How is Rudolph? I would want a TCR racing car. Is the ice 1 mile thick?

LOVE,  
MATTHEW

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Would you come to visit us? How is Rudolph? I want you to visit us.

LOVE,  
KACIE

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Happy Holidays to you. I love you, too, Santa.

LOVE,  
MEAGAN K.

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Is Rudolph OK? Is Mrs. Claus making cookies?

LOVE,  
TARA

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Can you find a race car? This is all that I want.

LOVE,  
TODD

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I want a race car. How old is Rudolph?

LOVE,  
JASON

**DEAR SANTA,**  
How is Rudolph? Can you find a Crimp and Curl.

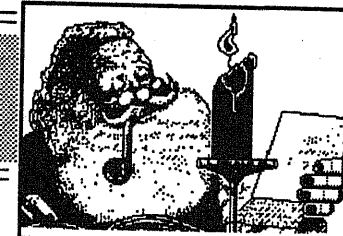
LOVE,  
SHELLEY

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I want a GoGo My Walking Pup. Happy New Year. I love you Santa.

LOVE,  
MEGGAN

**DEAR SANTA,**  
How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a little Miss Makeup Hair and a Go Go My Walking pup.

LOVE,  
BRENDA



*Letters To Santa*

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LOVE,  
COLE ARMBRUSTER



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope for Christmas I get money, and I hope I get a new bike because my bike broke. What I want most is a ten speed.

YOUR FRIEND,  
JESSICA BORN



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I will leave you some milk and cookies. I want a Nintendo and a Magic Nursery.

YOUR FRIEND,  
KRISTIN DUBS



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I hope you have a good ride. I wish I could ride the sled.

LOVE,  
MATT COZZENS



**DEAR SANTA:**  
I would like a pair of drums for Christmas because they are fun to play with.

YOUR FRIEND,  
DAVID DILLERE



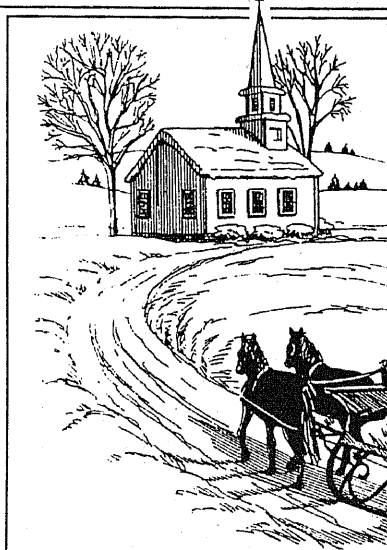
**DEAR SANTA:**  
Merry Christmas. I want a new bible, a remote control car and some books.

YOUR FRIEND,  
KYLE GASCHO

**DEAR SANTA:**  
For Christmas I would like some cards and clothes and money.

DAVID KUCH

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So the prophecy in Micah 5:2 was fulfilled that God's Son would be born in Bethlehem.

So, it's apparent how deeply God is involved in the activities of men and nations.

God's powerful hand holds the course of world events so His plans are carried out.

Just as God used the pagan Emperor to fulfill His divine purposes, so He still directs the happenings in today's world.

Whatever happens to us today, our Almighty God is aware of it, and He will not permit anything to happen to us which we cannot bear, with His help.

He directs the universe, the world and He also directs our lives, because we are His and He is ours.

It has been that way for centuries, and it is still that way today and tomorrow—and forever.

Dear God, help us that we always recognize you as our God and that we trust you for everything we need, now and forever. Amen.

Thanks for reading  
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# Bowling

## PIGEON TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE

C.A.P. Construction	.....37
Farm Crest Foods	.....36
Dutch Kettle	.....33
Mich. Quality Tile	.....32
Peoples Choice Mkt.	.....30
Ju-Dens	.....28
Steinman Agency	.....25
Osentoski Equip.	.....19

*High team series and game: Farm Crest Foods 2559 (872), Peoples Choice Mkt. 2505 (859), C.A.P. Construction 2438 (851), Mich. Quality Tile 856, Ju-Dens 862.*  
*High individual scores: R. Koch 603 (208, 202), D. Smith 577 (203), L. Smith 565 (206), R. Elbing 554 (232), Q. Schoenberg 205, B. Pawluk 200.*

## TY'S SUNDAY NITE ROLLERS

This & That	.....20
Souletown Farms	.....20
Hitching Post Inn	.....19
Ty's Lounge	.....16
Osentoski Farm Equip.	.....16
H & H Insulation	.....15
Fink's Farm Equip.	.....15
Co-op Elevator	.....7

*High team series and game: This & That Party Store 1980 (687).*  
*High individual scores: LADIES-S. Hyzer 485, B. Willoughby 171, K. Kelly 170; MEN-J. Jaworski 561 (190, 191), L. Kelly 544 (199), R. Sobczak 540 (193), T. Wicher 504 (181), C. Finkbeiner 504, D. Young 480 (186), P. Gayari 181.*  
*Splits converted: 2-7 S. Hyzer; 3-7 L. Kelly; 4-5-7 G. Finkbeiner; 4-5 T. Elenbaum; 5-6 J. Young, B. Krohn; 3-10 B. Krohn, M. Hyzer, D. Young.*

## GUYS AND DOLLS

Gunden-Henne	.....33
Hundersmarck x 2	.....32
Dubs-Smith	.....30
Beachy-Weldman	.....24
Elbing-Smith	.....22 1/2
Parrish-Iron	.....22 1/2
Seemann-Flebig	.....21
Helntz-Ritter	.....20
Metz-Helntz	.....20
Cuslmano-Bauley	.....19
Hazzard-Grosberg	.....16

*Unearned pts. 8*  
*High team series and game: Seemann-Flebig 1869.*  
*High individual scores: LADIES-B. Helntz 517 (186, 172), E. Gunden 510 (204), A. Elbing 508 (178, 171), G. Smith 188, P. Hundersmarck 170; MEN-L. Smith 567 (204), D. Hundersmarck 526, J. Gunden 517, B. Parrish 510 (216), E. Flebig 499.*  
*Splits converted: 5-7 G. Smith; 3-10 J. Dubs, A. Elbing; 6-8-10 L. Smith; 4-5 C. Hundersmarck; 2-7 B. Smith; 5-6 E. Gunden.*

## PIGEON MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

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Real Estate One	.....35
Lee's Landscaping	.....31
Village Qwik Stop	.....30
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Damm's Inc.	.....27
J.O. Wurst	.....27

J. & B. Plumbing	.....26 1/2
Pigeon Lanes	.....25 1/2

*High team series and game: Damm's Inc. 2570 (953), Pigeon Lanes 2518 (892), Greenfields 2450, J.O. Wurst 871, Real Estate One 864.*

*High individual scores: G. Gunden 601 (214), C. Basinger 583 (210, 200), T. Damm 551 (200), J. Gunden 215, E. Voelker 213, F. Glaza 201, T. Gunden 201.*

## Dorsch is O-G student of month for December

Lisa K. Dorsch, a senior at Owen-Gage High School, was named Student of the Month for December.



Dorsch is involved in many activities at the school, including Class Historian, Prom Co-Chairman, Yearbook Editor, Teacher aide, honor roll, S.A.D.D., band, and many others.

Her career goal is to become a nurse. She is the daughter of Kathern Dorsch and Donald Dorsch of Owendale.



## A CHRISTMAS MEMORY

BY GEORGE KEIM

I have seen a lot of Christmases and gotten a lot of gifts. I've had some real good times and some not so good, but I can remember one Christmas that came in late 1919.

Christmas came and it was very cold. We wanted to go to my Grandma Swartzendruber's place for Christmas dinner. We had a surrey or two-seated buggy, but no horse, so we got up real early and looked over our Christmas presents. We didn't have much, but times were hard and we appreciated very much what we had.

My Dad went to Oscar Pfaff's and borrowed a horse. Her name was Bell. She was a workhorse, but she could run pretty fast. We got into the surrey. I was in front with my Dad and my Mom and sisters were in the back. Mother had taken the comforter off the bed to keep us warm.

The wind was from the northwest and was very cold. We had to go three miles west first, then south and then west again, but there were a lot of trees along the road. It wasn't so windy anymore.

We got to Grandma's at about 10 o'clock and it was nice and warm in her house. There was still a lot of woods around, so it wasn't cold outside. Grandma had a very good dinner: chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy and everything else that went with a good dinner.

Several of my cousins were there and we played with the toys my Grandma had in her play box. At 3:30 or 4 p.m., Dad said we'd better start home, so he hitched Bell up in the surrey and we got in and drove back to Pigeon.

It was dark before we got back, but we had one of those base burner stoves that used hard coal and the house was warm. Dad took Bell back to her home and then came back home. Mother made some supper and as a special treat, she made some popcorn.

That's over 70 years ago, but it's still the same Christmas. Although people commercialize it, it's still the birthday of Jesus Christ and the older I get, the more precious He gets.



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