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Friday 12/23/22 **CASSGRAM**
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Today: sunny, wind northwest 20 to 25 mph with higher gusts, wind chill values as low as -33, high 2. Tonight: clear, low -7. Saturday: sunny, high 10. Christmas Day: mostly sunny, high 19. Monday: mostly sunny, high 17. Yesterday's high: 0/Plattsmouth airport. Overnight low: -9. Sunset today is at 4:59pm. Sunrise Saturday is at 7:47am.
► The weather service graphic has snowfall totals around 1 inch countywide in Cass County.

HOUSE FIRE THURSDAY MORNING — The Weeping Water, Manley and Avoca fire and rescue units were sent to 15309 McKelvie Road at 4:36am. The initial dispatch advised flames were already engulfing the structure located about two miles north of Weeping Water. Sheriff's department call logs say the only occupant got out of the house and was safe waiting in his truck for fire units to arrive.
Weeping Water Fire Chief Daryl Ervin said the first fire unit was out of the door at the stationhouse in about eight minutes.
Louisville, Murdock and Elmwood fire departments responded to mutual aid calls with tankers. Ervin told Cassgram he knew right away mutual aid would be needed when he saw the flames on approach in the upper part of the older two-story structure on the south side. There were no nearby structures to defend.

"The weather was working against us," said Ervin. The cold caused water dispersal equipment to freeze and then be changed out. Torches were needed for thawing couplers.
The temperature at the Plattsmouth airport at the time was 8-below and the wind chill was 39-below.
Black Hills Energy responded. County road crews assisted in making sure there was road access for the fire apparatus. County EMS also was at the scene.
A state fire marshal investigator conducted a preliminary investigation. Ervin said that initial investigation is leaning toward an electrical problem as the cause. The house was a total loss.
To the chief's knowledge, there were no working smoke detectors in the structure. Fortunately, due to the weather conditions, Ervin said the only occupant arose earlier than usual to get ready for work and was awake when it became evident there was a fire.

JUST A FEW STRANDED MOTORIST-TYPE situations Thursday and last night for Cass County sheriff's deputies — Per police scanner reports, there were about a half-dozen instances where vehicles were disabled or stuck, some were red tagged.
In the cases involving people in vehicles for longer periods of time:
-One individual was given a ride home from a small truck on the side of the road at 24th Street and Mill Road in the 11pm hour.
-Weeping Water rescue and county EMS went to Hilltop Fill Stop on Highway 50 in the 2am hour after deputies checked on a truck that had been there about four hours. The driver had originally stopped there to sleep but the truck became non-functional. There was a transport to the Syracuse hospital.

PLATTSMOUTH FIRE UNITS paged out just after 11am Thursday — The dispatch advised of a wheel assembly of a vehicle on fire on Webster Boulevard at the city limits. The first fire personnel on scene advised the fire had spread to the engine compartment. A firetruck was needed to extinguish the flames.

ARREST YESTERDAY on a Class 4 Felony charge filed earlier this week — 51-year-old Jill R. Dasher of Plattsmouth was booked on a warrant and then released. Online Cass County Court documents say the charge is for alleged thefts from the Beau Dasher Scholarship Fund.
The Plattsmouth Police Department investigations unit was made aware of the possible theft of money. The affidavit in support of an arrest warrant says a total of \$4,500 was withdrawn from the Beau Dasher Scholarship Fund bank account by Dasher "without explanation or proper documentation."
Jill Dasher was charged earlier this year with two Class 2A Felony counts for the alleged theft of funds from two Plattsmouth sports organizations totaling over \$28,000. (Cassgram Archives 10/5/22) District court arraignment on those two charges is scheduled for January 9th.

THE GIVING RESPONSE TO CASA is indicative of many of the worthwhile efforts throughout Cass County this holiday season — "I just want to thank everyone in Plattsmouth and Cass County for all the gifts that came in for the children," said Diana Lindensmith, Executive Director at Cass County (NE) CASA. She said all the tags on the tree at the courthouse were taken within eight days and the gifts returned in time for the wrapping. The Rotary Club donated ornaments and the Holy Hands Ministry donated hats and scarves. These donations are making Christmas brighter for foster kids in the county.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JERRY FRAZIER, age 81, Weeping Water, will be 3pm to 5pm Monday (12/26) at the Hopper Community Center in Weeping Water.

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- PLATTSMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER'S New Year's Membership Special runs now through January 31st. Commit to a 6-month Individual, Family or Senior Membership and get the first month for \$1 plus tax. Special rates of \$1 per class on our Fitness Classes and \$7 per TRX class for Non-Members are in effect December 19th-31st. www.plattsmouth.org/rec - 402-296-5800 option 2 for schedules and questions.
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 - CONESTOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS is accepting applications for a food service position. This is a 10-month position, operating on a 4-day school week. Interested, contact Conestoga's District Office, ntroffholz@conestogacougars.org or 402-235-2992. EOE
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 - THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 320 Avenue A in Plattsmouth, welcomes you. The hymns start at 7pm, the service is at 7:30pm on December 24th.
 - PLATTSMOUTH BIBLE CHURCH invites you & your family to join our Christmas Eve Candlelight gathering at 6:30 pm Saturday (12/24) at 1602 1st Ave. All are welcome! No Sunday gatherings on Christmas Day. Merry Christmas!
 - PLATTSMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS is accepting applications for Para Educator, Substitute Para Educator and Bilingual Para Educator positions. Applications may be completed on-line by going to www.pcsd.org or in person at Plattsmouth Administration office. EOE
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 - AT PLATTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY - Enjoy Saturday Morning Cartoons on December 24 and 31, 9:30-11am. Pajamas are welcome. Cereal is provided. Library open 9am to noon.
 - The next Cassgram will be Tuesday (12/27). A reminder, the winter schedule of Cassgram goes into effect the first week of January with Cassgram publication days on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays through the end of February.

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