



# Casman's Weekly

## Episode XI!

The Creative Writing Class Returns from Thanksgiving!

December 13, 2024

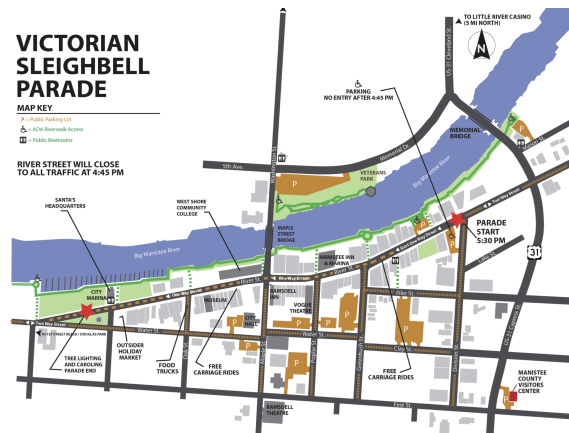
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## !!SleighBell-Parade!!

December-7TH-2024 By Nathan Edgington

The Victorian Sleighbell Parade downtown on the historic River Street is one of Michigan's most beloved Christmas traditions. This realistic procession includes horse-drawn carriages, turn-of-the-century characters, a 30-foot Christmas tree pushed upright by a stunning horse team, bagpipers, and much more.

The procession culminates near the fountain at downtown's west end with community caroling and tree lighting.



## **Sitting Down With- Ms.Turk**

What made you want to become a staff member at Casman? Ms.Turk worked at a college and enjoyed working with students.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you travel? Greece

Got any advice for the students at Casman? Work hard and ignore the drama. Life is full of good choices. Don't be scared to try new things; it just might surprise you.

What do you want the students at Casman to know about you? She is here for them and nothing is too big or too small. This building is Ms.Turk's old elementary school and when the time comes she will end her career here. In her past life she was a computer programmer.. ,

## **Poem of the week:**

### **Cold Air Warm Heart**

By Lovelly

The air is cold and frigid. The harsh words you spoke cutting through the tense air that built while I waited for you to answer.

It feels as if I'm overheating even though my heart, once warm, is now ice because of you and your comment said so thoughtlessly, not even focusing on the most important part of my words.

I stand up and leave as I hear laughter behind me, the words carrying over the howling freezing wind.

I see the words you send to me but my hands are cold, my eyes sting...not by tears! I swear just...just the cold.

Though I desire to not respond to being an ice statue in the face of it! I wrote a response.

*'If you need to speak, speak to my face'* and I leave it at that.

My temperature cools as snow falls clinging to my clothes. I cool down and take a breath. The frigid air harsh on my lungs making them ache.

I re-enter the room with my eyes glancing through, I don't know if they read as cold glares or hesitant glances.

I sit down, posture rigid and proper though, I can't stop my eyes from finding you.

## Animal of the Week: Arctic Fox

Arctic foxes are a very fluffy and huggable-looking member of the Canidae family. These animals grow to be about 10 - 12 inches tall and 16 - 27 inches long. Arctic Foxes live in, well, arctic (obviously) and alpine tundras.

Something interesting about Arctic foxes is about the way they're built. Have you ever compared a standard red fox to an arctic fox? Arctic foxes look much more like toilet paper rolls than red foxes. The reason for this is because the much shorter legs and smaller ears are to reduce heat loss. Their very fluffy fur also helps with this too.



## Story of the Week

By Nathan Edgington

Mr Thompson, 50, was tragically shot in the back last Wednesday morning outside the Hilton hotel in Midtown Manhattan, where UnitedHealthcare, the medical insurance company he founded, was conducting an investors' conference. Police said he was targeted in a pre-planned murder.



# Weekly Movie Recommendation!

Anastasia is a DIABOLICALLY GOOD MOVIE from '97 about a young orphaned girl who's unknowingly a part of a family that was cursed a long time ago by an evil wizard named Rasputin. Unfortunately, the castle that young Anastasia lived in was overrun by a bunch of really angry people. On the run, she bumped her head and was knocked unconscious; losing her memory in the process.

This movie is amazing and has great animation that feels alive and fun... the dog is also really cute.



## Song of the Week: Break Out Of...

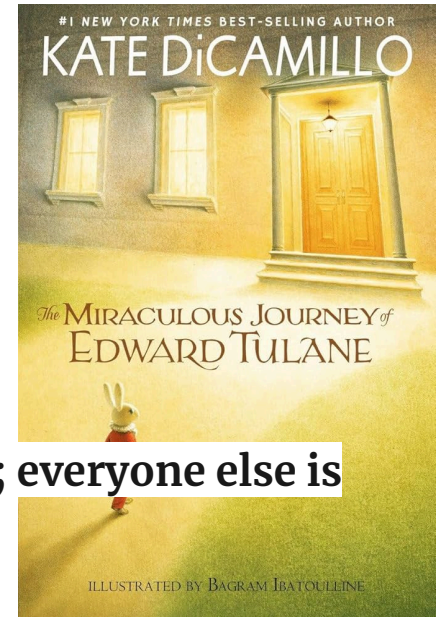
Break Out Of... is an amazing song from the series Persona (Specifically; “Persona 4 Arena Ultimax”, which is where it is the opening theme. You can watch the opening version on YouTube. Here’s a link [https://youtu.be/uhD8P7\\_1lf0](https://youtu.be/uhD8P7_1lf0) ). The song is by Shihoko Hirata and Lotus Juice. With a fun beat and great lyrics, it’s easily one of the best songs in the video game series.





# Book of the Week: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane is a lovely and heart tugging children's book about a china rabbit, named Edward Tulane, owned by a 10-year-old girl named Abilene. In this book, you read about the journey of Edward as he goes from person to person and situation to situation. Away from Abilene, under the ocean, on a shelf in a doll shelf, a sickly girl and her brother, and maybe someday, he'll make it back to Abilene.



**Author's Quote of the Week-** "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." — Oscar Wilde



## Pet of the week! Abby Bottrell

Meet Blaze. He was a 17-year-old pitbull. He was an adventurous, intelligent, curious, and loving dog. He passed away on January 21st, 2024. I have never met a dog that was as loving as he was. He loved playing in the snow and two-tracking, but he especially loved going on walks. I don't know what it was about walks, but he loved them. Anytime I would ask him if he wanted to go on a walk, he would jump up and run to where his leash was and wait for me to put it on him. He loved treats, but he also really liked human food. One of his favorite things was Cheez-Its; he also really liked hot dogs. He was the best dog and friend I could ask for. I just

wish he was still here with us. It might seem silly, but when I was little, I used to think he would stay alive my whole life and that we would pass together. Losing him was one of the worst things I have ever gone through. I bet you're thinking, "Wow, that's the hardest thing you've ever gone through?" Well, when you're as close as I was with Blaze, you would understand. There isn't a moment that goes by where I'm not thinking about him, hoping one day I will wake up to him tapping around the house again.

## Friday the 13th

**Abby Bottrell**

The superstition surrounding Friday the 13th dates back to a significant historical event in the early 1300s. On Friday, October 13, 1307 King Philip IV of France ordered the arrest of the Knights Templar. The Templars were a powerful and wealthy military order, and the king sought to seize their assets. Many knights were tortured and executed, marking this day as one of great misfortune.

Over time, the fear of Friday the 13th grew as the story of the Templars spread. Different cultures began to view this day as unlucky, combining the traditionally ominous number 13 with the unlucky day of Friday. People started avoiding important activities on this day, believing it would bring bad luck. Even today, the superstition persists, with many feeling uneasy whenever the 13th falls on a Friday. (me personally 13 is my favorite number and i believe that friday the 13th is whatever you make it to be the past doesn't define the present)



# Snowfall by Jess



# Just Say NO to Bullying!!

**Dec 16-20**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16. Chicken patty on a bun  Alt. Big Daddy's Pizza	17. Soft beef taco  Alt. Yogurt plate	18. Bone in winds with roll *chefs choice on sauce*  Alt. Basco sticks	19. Slice of ham with a roll  Alt. cheeseburger	20. Uncrustable



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