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## Fragile fund balance uncertain

# Cass City board okays revised budget

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

NOT LIKELY

The Cass City Board of Education approved a revised budget and a deficit elimination plan during its rescheduled monthly meeting Monday night.

The deficit elimination plan is being required by the state because Cass City is among 19 districts across the state that spent more money than they had in available revenues last year.

Public comment Monday echoed that of other recent board meetings, with a crowd of nearly 100 people gathering for the 2-hour session in the high school cafeteria.

Concerns voiced included the impact of going to a 7-period day. One parent asked how the change, being implemented due to a series of cost-cutting measures, will affect time spent on students' core classes.

Parent Sloane Stimpfel said she is concerned about the on-going shifting of teachers from one grade level or subject to another due to staffing cuts. Is a teacher who has taught home economics for years prepared to now teach English, she asked. School officials acknowledged the concerns, but pointed out the changes are a must to meet the district's financial obligations.

"We're making the cuts we have to make to keep the doors open," board President Michelle Biddinger said. "I think we have a good school system and I think we're going through what a lot of other schools are and have." School Supt. Ron Wilson noted the staffing adjustments are governed by the teachers' contract and by new "No Child Left Behind" rules.

Not surprisingly, finances dominated the meeting, with Wilson presenting a revised budget along with the deficit elimination plan he will now be sending to state officials.

The revised spending plan totals \$12,134,748 in expenditures, compared to \$12.56 million in 2005-06, with revenues set at \$12,392,048, compared to \$12.34 million last year.

"If the state doesn't come back and pro-rate (reduce) our funding this year, we would finish out the year with \$250,000 in fund balance. But that's after making \$1.6 million in cuts," Wilson said.

However, he pointed out, it's unlikely state officials will come through with their promise of an additional \$210 per student in funding.

Already, projections are that amount will be reduced by \$100, and that's after state officials recently trimmed nearly \$130,000 of Cass City's at-risk monies. The loss of \$100 per student translates into \$146,000 for Cass City Schools, which would leave a fund balance of \$111,000 in the revised budget.

Should the state reduce the increase by \$160, which has been discussed, Cass City would end this year with a fund balance of \$24,000, or about one-quarter of one percent of the district's budget.

The \$1.6 million in cuts implemented to-date by the school board include 17 full-time teaching/library positions and another 8 support staff. What little fund balance Cass City ends up with this year could easily

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## Parents join to form local PTO

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

It's no secret the Cass City School District has been going through some difficult financial times, forcing hundreds of thousands of dollars in staff layoffs and program cuts over the past several months.

Like many other parents, Sloane Stimpfel has watched those cuts affect not only her own sons, Bransen, 8, and CarLee, 6, but also the children of her friends and neighbors. Stimpfel's passion for her kids' education, however, wouldn't let her just sit still and watch yet more cuts being implemented without taking some action. Instead, she decided to try to organize a parent-teacher organization (PTO).

Evidently, Stimpfel isn't alone in wanting to make a difference.

The organizational meeting of the Cass City PTO drew nearly 40 parents and teachers early last week at Rawson Memorial Library. The group elected officers, with Stimpfel serving as president, Julie Perry as vice president, Cari Hunt as secretary, Susie Hartwick as treasurer, and Stazha Hartsell as PTO board chairman.

The interest didn't surprise Stimpfel, who owns and operates her own pet grooming business and volunteers at Campbell Elementary School every

Friday. "I had 38 (at the meeting), and then I had 12 phone calls that day," she said.

Stimpfel said she first thought about forming a PTO last year after the mother of a new student asked about the local PTO. "Right then I thought, we should have one, so the parents will get to know each other," she recalled.

And, with cuts forcing teachers to do with less, the need has become even greater, according to Stimpfel.

"What I want to accomplish here is a fund so that our kids' field trips and assemblies are not pulled from them, and so that when we hear the children have a need, we can raise funds for it," she explained.

"You have to be there as a parent," Stimpfel added. "I feel it's needed. It's important to me - it's important to my kids, I should say."

Hartwick agreed. "That's one of the reasons I got involved. We have to get more parents involved, especially now. We all have to be part of the solution and not part of the problem," she said.

Hartwick noted she knows what can be accomplished when parents and teachers work together.

"I was originally involved in a PTO in Ohio for 3 years, so I'm hoping to bring some of that experience to the table. I saw first-hand what a PTO can do for a school," the Cass City native said of her experience in Ohio, where the PTO she worked with had an annual budget of \$25,000.

"This is going to help the teachers in terms of field trips and supplies. That's what we're hoping for," she added.

Of course, it will take time to raise a significant budget, Stimpfel acknowledged. However, she indicated she's confident the group will make some real progress in the coming months.

"We are definitely going to do a spaghetti dinner on New Year's Eve," she said, adding the details have yet to be worked out.

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**MEMBERS of the Cass City Rotary Club gathered at the Curtis Chrysler dealership in Cass City Saturday morning to sort and pack toys for this year's Christmas for Kids campaign. The local club will be making Christmas a bit merrier for more than 100 families this year. At right, members (from left) Colleen Langenburg, Doug Laurie and Pat Curtis pack toys and clothing.**



## Christmas for Kids

# Demand up for toy campaign

Area families struggling financially due to job loss or other problems will still enjoy a merry Christmas this year, thanks to the effort of the Cass City Rotary Club.

Club members took over the former Toys for Tots campaign in Cass City several years ago, and since then have utilized plenty of teamwork to make the holidays special for youngsters who might otherwise not have much under their Christmas trees.

This year's campaign wrapped up Saturday morning with the last of the sorting and packing of toys at the Curtis Chrysler dealership in Cass City.

Club member Pat Curtis, who along with Colleen Langenburg and Mary Cunningham have headed up the local toy collection in recent years, said the state's slumping economy was especially evident this year, judging by the number of family's requesting help.

"We had more families. It was over 100 and we're still taking them in," Curtis said Saturday as he and other Rotary Club members sorted and bagged toys and clothing.

"I think we had 17 more families this year," commented club member Doug Laurie.

"We've been having donations come in right up to today, so that's helped," Curtis noted. "Donations are approaching \$8,000 and I know we've spent \$10,000, plus what (toys

were) donated, so I guess that's got to be \$12,000, \$13,000 total.

The club annually relies not only on donations of toys collected in boxes throughout downtown businesses, but also on cash contributions from individuals and organizations.

"Whatever we don't get from donations, the Rotary Club will make up

the difference," Curtis said.

He explained that the annual toys campaign begins in the fall.

"We actually start it right around the middle of October - we start sending letters out to the businesses," he added. The club collects a list of fami-

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## Blast from the past

### Gagetown man discovers old mortar shells

The discovery of a pair of old military mortar shells resulted in some tense moments last week at a Gagetown residence.

Fortunately, no one was injured and the shells were disposed of by experts from a pair of Michigan State Police bomb units.

According to Gagetown Police Chief Gene Bucholtz, Gagetown resident Jerry Wooters, 6462 Cleaver St., called federal authorities last Wednesday at about 12:40 p.m. after finding the shells in a crawl space inside the home he rents.

"They told him to get out of the house, and then 911 got called, and then I was dispatched," said Bucholtz, who checked out the shells, evacuated and secured the residence, and contacted Michigan State Police. A unit from Grayling that was in the area, along with another based out of Bridgeport, responded to the scene.

The Chronicle could not reach Wooters for comment. Bucholtz described the shells as a mortar and a bazooka round.

The bomb unit personnel removed the devices and transported them to a gravel pit, where they were disposed of safely, according to Detective Sgt. Steven Hickman of the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad out of Grayling.

Hickman said the shells were both from the World War II era. He said one of the shells was not live, but it's not known if the other one was, because of the method used to destroy them. "That's the safest way to go," he added.

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## Holbrook Area News

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Thirty relatives and friends attended a birthday party for Brooke Depcinski's 8th birthday at the Long Shot Bowling. Pizza, subs, pop, birthday cake and ice cream were served. Brooke received a lot of nice gifts.

Stanley Osentoski of Warren and Larry Osentoski of Bad Axe and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Thursday.

David Bailey of Port Huron was a Monday evening guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Allen Farrelly came home Friday after spending 10 days in Sterling Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Bob Zurek and Ilena Pelot at Huron Medical Facility in Bad Axe.

Twelve members of The Extended Homemakers met at Gilligan's in Cass City where 1,000 wash clothes were donated to a crisis center. Flowers were presented to Charlotte Particka,

Midge Clemens and Olga Schneeberger. A gift exchange was white elephants.

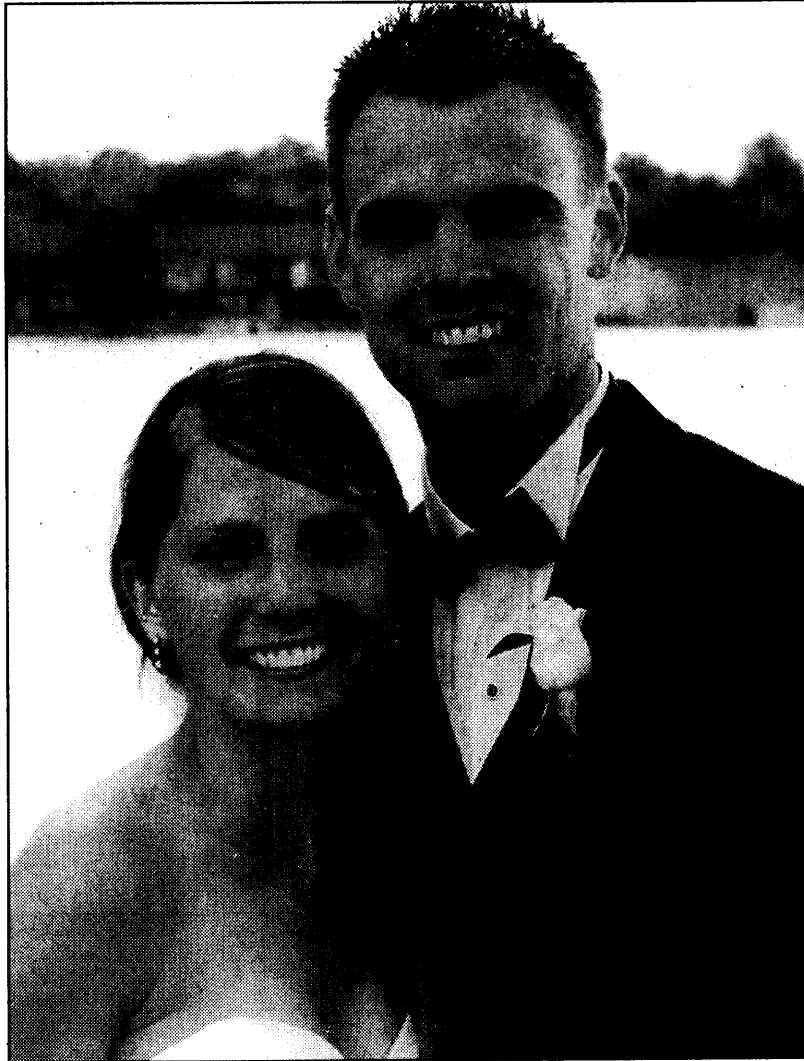
Mrs. Ray Depcinski was among a group who attended the Over 50 Club Christmas party at Oswald Hall Tuesday afternoon, where they enjoyed the music.

Six hundred people attended the fish fry at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe Friday evening.

Bernard Morley, Joe Green, Allen Farrelly, and June Rutz met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Thursday morning.

Mrs. Jim Doerr, Amy Doerr, Mrs. Curtis Cleland, and Wendy Rickett and Caitlyn enjoyed a Christmas tea at a Woodland Cottage near Hemans Sunday.

Dennis Yaroch, Pat Parsell, and Beva Wallace of Cass City had lunch with Thelma Jackson at Courtney Manor Thursday.



Mr. and Mrs. David Hobbs

## Bloomfield and Hobbs married

Kaitlin Rose Bloomfield and David Jonathan Hobbs were married June 3, 2006 at Eagle Village Lighthouse Chapel, Hersey. The Rev. Ron Ives officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Kathy Bloomfield of Lake City. The groom is the son of Jim and Deb Hobbs of Cass City.

The ceremony included a vocal solo by the father of the groom.

The maid of honor was Katie Coon, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sarah Hobbs, Jessie Torsky, Jessie Fuller and Courtney Helsel.

The best man was Adam

Meyersieck, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Ben Hobbs, Sam Hobbs, James Bloomfield and Dan Kiernan.

The couple greeted their guests at a dinner reception following the ceremony at Caberfae Peaks Ski Lodge in Cadillac. They honeymooned in Sarasota, Fla.

The couple currently resides in Philadelphia, Penn. David is pursuing a Master's Degree at Drexel University College of Medicine and in the fall of 2007 he will begin medical school at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

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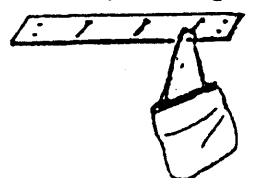
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## Meg's Peg



Got peace?

by Melva E. Guinther

Hustle, bustle, haste I trust'll get that Christmas shopping done. (I remember when December used to be a lot of fun.)

Going spastic; using plastic. Pay it off somehow next year.

Looking, shopping, website hopping, all to spread that Christmas cheer.

Worry, scurry, gotta hurry. Oh to find a parking place!

Stores so crowded, vision clouded, hard to get some breathing space.

Got room for the Reason for the season?

*She wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

Wrapping, baking, candy making, baskets that are yet to pack.

Phone keeps ringing, kids keep clinging, sanity's about to crack.

Parties, plays, a hundred ways to celebrate the holiday.

Assembling toys, lose your poise, utter words you shouldn't say.

Got time for a silent, holy night?

*Better is one handful of peaceful repose than two fistfuls of worried work.*

Cards to write, tree to light, decorations yet to place.

Time grows short, must resort to cutting corners in this race.

Guests are due, we're in a stew. The house is a disaster scene.

Mom gets hectic, apoplectic, has no time to dust and clean.

Multi-tasking, charities asking for donations every day.

Can't they wait a later date when we can send some cash their way?

Got joy?

*The angel said, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord."*

On reflection, our direction seems to lead us far astray.

The simple plot, all but forgot, is not intended to dismay.

God gave His Gift mankind to lift and show the path that we must go.

What we've made it, to parade it, seems to be all glitz and show.

The Christ-Child's birth for all on earth, while awesome, was a humble scene.

His sacrifice would pay the price. He was the perfect Go-between.

When pomp and pride are laid aside, and simple truth has been restored,

We may once more pause to adore the Christ-Child who became our Lord.

Got peace?

*Therefore we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Honor roll

Campbell Elementary School announces the second marking period honor roll.

### Grade 4

Jane Ballard, Crysta Beyette, Katie Bock, Sam Bootz, Kennedy Brown, Rachel

Collins, Marshall Conley, Brett Deering, Isaac Fisher, Rebecca Graff\*, Jacob

Guinther, Robert Haley, Acer Hana, Katie House, Justine Hulbert, Cody James,

Jessie Kammer, Luke Koepf\*, Hunter Langenburg, Laken London, Drew Loomis, Erika

Martin, Aaron McClorey, Kimberly McCormick, Natasha McNeil, Lindsey Monteil, Allison Norcross,

Kyle Osentoski, Elijah Osentoski, Lydia Papovich\*, Justin

Peters, David Pitcher\*, Kyle Potrykus, Dalton Prieskorn, Logan Raymond, Emily

Repinski, Alliah Riddle, Sara Roberts, Kyle Ross, Briana Samons, Lindsay Schotter, Nathan Shantz, Emily

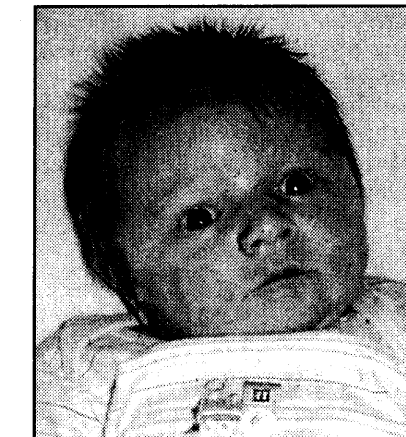
Sopha, Miranda Spry, Barbara Steely, Jackson

Stern, Daymon Tabako, Libby Venema, Christopher Vincent, Eugene Wilson, Genna Woodward, Keith

Wright, and Erin Zdrojewski\*.

\*Denotes all A's

## It's a boy!



Mason Carr

KayLynn and Logan Carr of Cass City announce the birth of their baby brother, Mason John Carr.

Mason was born at 3:45 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006 at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 inches long.

His parents are LeAnn and Bill Carr of Cass City.

Mason's grandparents are John and Debra Murdick of Bay Port, Felicia Carr of Cass City, and Bill and Debbie Carr of Sebawaing.

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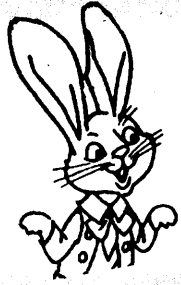
"CASS CITY CASH WINNER" Cindy Kruse presents Dave Weiler with both banks. Dave's guess was closest to the amount in the banks, \$189.61

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Missing from the Cass City Christmas picture last week were: Kelli Hendrick and Dale McIntosh

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# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It's no longer a surprise to see Austin Babich, scant 6-footer, line up for the opening hoop tip-off facing a player 2 to 4 inches taller. Despite the height disadvantage, he controlled the tip in the early season games. He's a quick jumper, coach Aaron Fernald said.

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Todd Comment recently was named co-coach of the year in the Thumb. His Laker hoop squad won the Greater Thumb West title and the district tournament title. It's been a while now since he starred for the Cass City Red Hawks in the early 1980s.

Incidentally, he was part of district and league championship teams then also.

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As usual, holidays that fall on Monday require a change in publication dates. Next week's paper will be published on Thursday and papers will be on the newsstands on Wednesday instead of Tuesday.

The same schedule will be followed the following week with publication a day later because of New Year's.

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Each fall as I walk to work and the leaves are at the peak of their fall colors, I always say to myself that Seeger Street is as beautiful as they come. But what makes the street stand out may be what leads to its demise.

The trees that line the street are mature and more of them are cut each year now as they die of old age.

# Schmidt honored as top Owen-Gage senior

Becky Schmidt has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for December.

Schmidt was a member of the basketball and volleyball teams all through high school. She has served as class secretary the past 3 years and currently is the secretary to the student council.

Academically, Schmidt has been on the honor roll each time and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club. She has been a member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year and currently serves as the chapter's secretary. As a member of N.H.S., she has served as a "reading buddy" to elementary students and assisted at the Octagon Barn festivities.

Schmidt was a member of the French Club her freshman year, a school play cast member her sophomore year, and a member of the prom committee as a junior. She has been named a "focus" student of the month in years past. She was a class representative for homecoming her freshman and junior years, and as a senior, was chosen as the 2006 home-

coming queen. Schmidt has been editor of the school yearbook and a member of the school newspaper staff the last 2 years. She currently serves as a teacher's aide.

She is the daughter of Mike and Loretta Schmidt of Gagetown and plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University next fall to become a registered nurse.



Becky Schmidt

# The Haire Net

## Proposal 2 vote widened chasm



One of the problems facing Michigan is the segregation of races and the ever-increasing chasm between the haves and the have-nots. Detroit is the most segregated major city in the United States.

The chasm was widened when the voters approved the anti-affirmative action (proposition 2) for public universities and governmental jobs in the state.

The argument is that the jobs or the admissions should be based only on the result of tests and records—the top performers win. It's the only fair way to reach decisions, is the cry.

I submit to be really fair the students should all be able to attend the best schools with the best community support long before they apply for admission to the best public schools the state has to offer.

Flush with success, the backers of the drive are planning to continue to promote similar efforts for up to 7 states west of the Mississippi. Fortunately, only 24 states allow citizen-initiated referenda.

So on the national level we are probably safe in maintaining equal opportunity in our schools. Equal opportunity for women today is a given, but when the law was first passed there were bumps to be smoothed in the new road.

It took a few years before the schools were able to offer a comparative competition for girls for each one

traditionally available only to boys. As the girls' programs matured, I often thought how nice it would have been if they had been available when my daughters were in school.

There were critics of affirmative action by civic groups across the country. Some public clubs disbanded before admitting women. There was some private resentment in local clubs because of the pressure to admit women.

That never surfaced in the Cass City Rotary Club. Women were welcomed from day one and certainly have been a major factor in keeping the club active and healthy.

Michigan's public universities are seeking a delay in changing admission standards to comply with the new law so the chances for the under privileged may still be available for a while.

Supporters for the program before the voters voted out affirmative action can take heart in that there is a lot of subjective reasoning in the selection process.

I doubt that all of the athletes at Michigan public universities were admitted because they were top students with outstanding test scores.

# The back forty

by Roger Pond

There's no question our society is becoming less civil. Little courtesies we used to take for granted are growing less common.

I've always equated this with city environments. The most civil surroundings we have are small towns and rural communities, it seems to me.

That's why I was surprised to learn that the little town where I live had to pass a new ordinance to deal with many forms of disorderly conduct. The new law reportedly prohibits things like fighting in the street, destroying street signs; or obstructing traffic by lying down, sitting, or standing in the street.

I thought those things were illegal, already, but apparently not. The ordinance also covers yelling "fire" when you know there is none, or "Using in the presence of another, vulgar, profane or indecent language, or making any vulgar, profane, obscene or indecent gesture, under circumstances that might lead to assault."

Also forbidden are annoying, bothering, molesting, insulting or offending anyone else. A person convicted of any of these crimes is subject to fines up to \$1000 and 90 days in jail.

I am all for improving behavior around town, but I worry that local ordinances like this might be equated with laws passed 150 years ago. The ones that banned criticizing another man's dog, or yelling "Boo!" when someone was trying to get on his horse.

I'm also concerned about enforcement of statutes regarding offending, annoying, or bothering others. I've learned over the years that some folks are hard to offend, while others are quite easy. I don't think we should

go to jail for offending the easy ones. Besides, if we can be arrested for annoying others, I know some folks who will have to stay home.

The vulgar and profane language sections seem a bit strenuous, too. I've always thought profane and vulgar language for one person might be standard conversation for another.

I learned that from a farmer I knew years ago. This man spoke in blue streaks most of his life, but he was a kindhearted fellow, and those who might be offended generally stayed out of earshot.

The farmer had a little boy who learned to cuss before he learned to talk. The two of them together were quite a duo. The father was hard-of-hearing, and the boy's bad language didn't seem to faze him.

I helped them move hay one winter. The boy was too young to drag hay bales, but he could run errands.

His dad would say, "David, go get me some baling wire so I can fix this wagon."

The boy would say, "Why don't you get the (expletive deleted) wire yourself? If you had any brains the (expletive) wagon wouldn't have busted."

All of the time the boy was cussing and griping he was going after the baling wire. The kid knew as long as he did what he was told, and his dad remained deaf, he could say whatever he wanted.

About noon, the father and I were sitting in the cab of the truck, while the boy sat on the wagon — cussing up a storm.

Eventually, the father leaned over to me and said, "He thinks I can't hear him."

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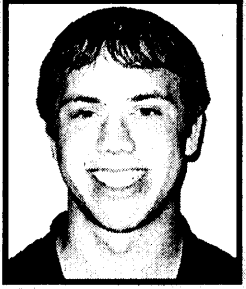
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# Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

“Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock. Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring. Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun, now the jingle hop has begun.”

Christmas is certainly a season filled with family, fun and festivities. Over the course of the last week, I have been talking with several students at Cass City High School about their plans for Christmas.

Many students said that they would be traveling to visit relatives, or that relatives were coming to visit them. Many other students said that some relaxation and down time was at the top of their priority list. Then there were a few students who looked at me like I was crazy when I asked them what they had planned and told me that they had no idea yet, after all Christmas is still a few days away.

One student, senior Sara Meeker said, “I am planning to spend my Christmas days eating my grandma’s world famous dinner, surrounded by my family.” Sara seemed excited for Christmas break and was looking forward to a little time to relax.

I then talked with foreign exchange student Karen Aldrup. Karen is from Germany. She told me that she will spend the holiday with the Delamarters and that Grandma would come over for dinner.

I also asked Karen what Christmas was like in Germany. She said that, in Germany, they would celebrate on December 24, 25 and 26. Three entire days of Christmas! They begin on the 24th by gathering with the rest of the family. They celebrate by eating fondue and singing songs for Santa, in order to get their gifts. Then, on the 25th and the 26th, they travel to see other relatives and further celebrate the season.

Ming Yu Chen, a foreign exchange student from China, said that he doesn’t have any special plans for Christmas. However, he did tell me that he will be going to visit his uncle in California over Christmas break. I have to admit that I was a little jealous when he told me that he would be in sunny California!

When I asked Ming Yu about Christmas at home, he explained that in China they do not really celebrate Christmas. Instead, the Chinese New Year is much more widely celebrated.

Foreign exchange student Chi-Ao Yang echoed what Ming Yu said. He explained that the only people that might celebrate Christmas in Taiwan are the teenagers. He also said that the Chinese New Year is one of the biggest celebrations for him.

Unfortunately, I was unable to speak with our other foreign exchange students about Christmas traditions in their countries, but I am sure that they all have their special way of celebrating the season.

So light up the trees, wrap the presents, and prepare the feast, Christmas is fast approaching! And on another note, it might not be a bad idea to have the snow blower ready. For as the song goes, I’m dreaming of a white Christmas! Happy holidays!

# Lutheran church sets services

Special worship services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are slated for the next 2 weeks.

The junior and adult choirs will present the story of Jesus’ birth in music at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 24, and the Christmas Eve service will be that evening at 7 p.m. Services are also set for 9:30 a.m., Christmas Day and 7 p.m., New Year’s Eve.

# Several appear in circuit court

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

• Thomas J. Essian Jr., 37, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer, and his no contest plea to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Aug. 28 in Millington Township.

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,200.

• Mark A. Smith, 48, Mayville, received a one-year delayed sentence for his pleas of no contest to larceny in a building and conspiracy to commit larceny in a building Feb. 15, 2004, in Mayville.

He was ordered to pay \$740 in costs and fines. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

• Rebecca L. Lotter, 21, Caro, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$320 plus restitution of \$266.74 for her plea of guilty to larceny of \$200 to \$1,000 from a building April 15, 2002, in Mayville.

• Andrew W. Powell, 21, Kingston, was ordered to serve 90 days in the county jail and one year of probation for his pleas of guilty to domestic violence, third offense, Sept. 23-Oct. 4 in Koylton Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

He was also ordered to pay \$420 in costs and fines plus \$200 in attorneys fees.

• George B. White, 66, Millington, was sentenced to 270 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 27 in Denmark Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,120.

• Christopher M. Popp, 34, Caro, was sentenced to 42 days in jail and one year of probation for his pleas of

guilty to assaulting a police officer Sept. 5 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

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

• Steven M. Duvernois, 20, Caro, was sentenced to 61 days in jail for his pleas of guilty to assaulting a police officer Oct. 11 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$420.

• Rodney R. Lenhart, 45, Burt, pleaded guilty to fleeing a police officer, possession of marijuana and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and/or a controlled substance June 11 in Tuscola Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$7,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• John M. Hodgins, 18, Vassar, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of receiving and concealing stolen firearms Aug. 4-6 in Tuscola Township.

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

• Jeffrey A. Fritz, 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of receiving and concealing stolen firearms Aug. 4-6 in Tuscola Township.

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

• Michael F. Taylor, 43, Detroit, stood mute to charges of possession of a narcotic/coaine (less than 25 grams) Aug. 7 in Vassar, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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# Letter to the Editor

# Bad management to blame for school woes

RE: Letter to the Editor, The Cass City School District

Where did all the money go? How about after closing the entire Deford school, making the statement, "I never had to lay off a teacher." Where did you hide them all? How about reopening and maintaining the Deford school for just "nine students"? How about after closing the Deford school for good, you state you now want to re-roof the now abandoned building just "to be a good neighbor"? How about providing free transportation to sporting events throughout the state?

That brings me to my favorite topic, Schools of Choice. Is it good or bad? If you are a school teacher or administrator, it's great. It's job security and a pay raise. If you are a taxpayer in the district, it's bad, real bad and here

is why. Students of choice come into the district with state aid money only. Their property taxes stay in their home district.

The state aid money is not enough to pay for their entire education. The Cass City School District taxpayers must make up the shortfall.

The Tuscola Advertiser published a notice twice now pertaining to students of choice. In part it states, "Notice from Tuscola ISD, Transportation for these students is the responsibility of the parents or guardians."

Remember these students come with shrinking state money only and it's not enough to pay for their education, and pays nothing for their transportation. We bus them free. The Cass City School District will even go an extra mile (actually many miles) to bus a sports star.

While asking the question where did the money go, let me ask some questions. How is the money that is taken in at the concession stands during sporting events in Cass City accounted for and which financial statement does it show up on? Students selling various products in support of their school-how is this money accounted for and which financial statement does it show up on?

In my opinion, it was and is bad management supported by over zealous parents, who want it all from a swimming pool to a performing arts center to a new roof on an abandoned school complex.

Oh yes, is the high school band still going to Hawaii to play? Thank God the majority of us still know how to vote no.

Raymond Donaldson  
Cass City

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**THE CASS CITY High School Class of 1936 recently held its class reunion at the Charmont. Pictured are: (l-r) Martin Moore, Bad Axe; Theda Bardwell Seeger, Cass City; Patty Penny Murphy, Saginaw; Ella Mae Hewitt Becker, Cass City; Walter Kloc, Snyder, New York; Audrey Hower Katzenberger, Cass City; (front row) Euleta Heron Leitch, Hazel Park; and Helen Kastraba Salvis, Troy.**

# Kranz earns recertification

Debra Lynn Kranz of Cass City has recently qualified for recertification of the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP), by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice (APFSP). Kranz, CFSP is a lifetime member of the academy.

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## Huron plat book released

The 2007 edition of the Huron County Plat Book has been released.

The price of the book is \$28. The books are compiled and published by Huron County Tax Mapping/GIS Department and distributed by the Huron County 4-H Leaders Association, and are available at the MSU Extension office, 99 W. Soper Rd., Suite B; Huron County EDC, or Tax Mapping Department, both located at 250 E. Huron Ave. in Bad Axe.

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# Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Josh Errer, a senior at Owen-Gage High School, recently was selected to participate in Central Michigan University's Honors Band. A trumpet player, Errer sent in a taped audition and was selected to perform along with approximately 70 other students from throughout the state. A concert was presented Sunday Nov. 18, in the Recital Hall at CMU.

It was 3 points or no count for Grant Frank as the Cass City Red Hawks racked up their second straight win of the young season, defeating Brown City, 59-55, last Tuesday. Frank scored all 5 of his baskets from outside the 3-point line to carry the offensive load for the Hawks. As good as it was Frank's outstanding shooting was eclipsed by Ryan Hoag of the Green Devils. Hoag burned the hoops for 6 trifectas, 4 regular hoops and a pair of free throws to net 30 of Brown City's 55 points.

Cass City was unable to fill 3 weight classes and the loss of the 18 points proved to be decisive as the Hawks lost to Davison B team, 42-36, and Lapeer East, 42-38. The meet was held Wednesday at Lapeer East. We actually won more of the matches that we wrestled, but were unable to overcome the 18 points by forfeit, coach Don Markel pointed out.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Here's an item from the Michigan Trivia book. What town nearly was designated the state capital in 1839? It was approved by the senate but defeated in the house. Answer: Marshall. Here's another. How much did Henry Ford receive for the first automobile he sold? Answer: \$200. (No tax.) (From Rabbit Tracks)

Sterilizing food by running an electric current through it could revolutionize the food processing industry. The process is called ohmic heating, and it increases a food's temperature much faster than conventional processing, resulting in a fresher-tasting product.

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team won a dual meet at Sandusky Wednesday, defeating the Redskins, 45-30, and finished fourth in the 8-team invitational Saturday at Marlette. Coach Don Markel was pleased with the results. Nine of the 14 weight classes were filled by underclassmen, Markel noted, and 7 of the wrestlers were freshmen. We continue to show improvement as a team, he said. Although the team finished fourth at Marlette, the finish was the best of teams in class C. The event was won by Imlay City with 193 1/2 points, Lapeer West was second with 176 and Yale third with 114. Cass City, with 103 points, just edged fifth place Brown City with 102 points.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Sale of 24 Provincial House nursing homes, including the one in Cass City, will not affect the residents or the staff, according to officials of the company. Michigan's largest nursing home chain has applied to the Michigan Department of Public Health to sell all of its homes to Beverly Enterprises of Pasadena, Calif., the nation's biggest such firm. It owns 455 long term care facilities in 27 states, according to the department. The total sale price has been reported to be \$54 million. The price for the Cass City Provincial House, the health department said, is approximately \$2,182,000. "It (the sale) will not affect the residents in the (Cass City) facility or the staff," Provincial House regional manager Connie Schwaderer told the Chronicle.

The Elkland Township Board has decided to buy a new tanker for the fire department. It will cost \$24,423, not including the tank, with delivery scheduled in March, according to township clerk Carol Ware. The tank will be installed after delivery. The new Ford chassis is being ordered from Geiger-Hunt Ford. The board was presented with the proposal at its Dec. 14 meeting. A few changes were made in the one ordered, to slightly reduce the cost from what was originally presented. The board at its meeting, authorized members Art Randall and Al Merchant to check the specifications further and make a recommendation.

I suppose there are a few who really don't care for the snow that fell Monday. The vast majority greeted it with at least mild enthusiasm. A white Christmas really is appreciated. Remember, it's the snow that arrived Monday that's under discussion. Snow that falls in April is an entirely different matter. The only folks that

appreciate that spend the winters in Florida. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 35 YEARS AGO

The thing about Christmas is trying to say what you want to say without sounding pompous at best and insincere at worst. It's the same problem every year: how to say thanks and have every reader, advertiser, correspondent and supplier know you mean it. Perhaps the way it always has been done says it better than any other way. So, "Peace on Earth, Good will towards men". Merry Christmas. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Miracle received notice Tuesday that their son Glen, 21, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service in Vietnam from the period covering December 1970 to November 1971. He was discharged with the rank of Specialist 4, and has been at home at 6458 Garfield St., Cass City, since Nov. 6. He entered the service in April, 1970, and was a 1969 graduate of Cass City High School.

The large Christmas decoration that has hung over the intersection of Main and Seeger streets for the past five years has been permanently removed. The display was damaged beyond repair Wednesday night, Dec. 15, when strong winds tossed it about, breaking two brace wires on the frame and the electrical wiring. Village crewmen took the ring of candles and strings of green down the following Thursday morning. It was feared the thing might fall on cars or pedestrians passing below the intersection. James Blades, village superintendent, said that the crew found the weight of the decoration being supported largely by one of the streetlights. The heavy iron brace that held the two pieces together and supported the top part was broken.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Friday, December 22

Christ-centered 12-step recovery: pain management, addictions, divorce, "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m. New Creations Church, 114 N. Almer St., Caro (across from Caro Post Office). For more information, call (989) 673-3274 or visit [www.colwood.org](http://www.colwood.org).

Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

### Monday, December 25

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

### Tuesday, December 26

Traveling Place for Peace, 10-2 p.m., Cass City United Methodist Church. For additional information, call (989) 325-0024.

### Wednesday, December 27

Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 11:30 a.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

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POSING WITH the 2006 Caro Invitational volleyball championship trophy Saturday are the Cass City Red Hawks.

## Cass City volleyball claims invite championship Saturday in Caro

While change isn't always welcomed, it seems to be working for the Cass City volleyball team.

Coach Beth Howard's revamped Red Hawk spikers brought home an early Christmas present over the weekend, claiming their first invitational crown of the season Saturday at Caro.

Cass City grabbed the early season invite title with exciting back-to-back wins over Greater Thumb West rival USA in the championship match. The 2 schools actually squared off in pool play to open Saturday's action, with both the Hawks (25-20) and Patriots (25-21) earning convincing victories. Then in the finals, the Patriots captured game one 21-17, before the Hawks rallied with wins of 21-19 and 21-7-15 to earn the title.

Part of the Hawks' success can be attributed to using a player in the libero position. Coach Howard explained that the designated libero

player can enter the game for 2 different players and that it doesn't count against the team's substituted rotation.

Playing the Libero position at Caro for Cass City was Megan VanVliet. She wears a completely different color jersey than her teammates and plays exclusively along the back row.

"The Libero position rule has been in effect for a couple of seasons, but last year I didn't think I had the right personnel to use it," Howard said. Adding, "In volleyball you get 18 substitutions per game, but unlike basketball and football, once a regular sub enters the game for a person, they can only be substituted in that player's position exclusively for the remainder of the game."

Another change to the Hawk offense is switching outside hitter Emily Schinnerer to the right side. "Emily has always hit from the left

side, but we've switched her to right side and she is coming along. We're strong at the net with Emily, Sara (Meeker), Carly (Howard) and Sarah (Howard), we've got a lot of kids putting the ball away."

In the semis, Cass City disposed of Saginaw Valley Lutheran 21-11, 21-18, while in the quarterfinals hosts Caro fell 21-18, 19-21, 15-5.

In pool play, the Red Hawks swept Millington (21-8, 21-12), Kingston (21-7, 21-12) and Bridgeport (21-9 and 21-11).

Individually for the champs, Meeker had 38 kills, 12 aces and 5 blocks; Schinnerer 24 kills, 9 aces, 17 digs; Carly Howard 16 kills, 13 aces, 40 digs; Sarah Howard 14 kills, 4 blocks; Amanda Langenburg 9 kills, 74 assists, 17 aces; Ashleigh Rabideau 4 kills, 20 digs; Lauren Dillon 13 kills; and Megan VanVliet 41 digs.

Cass City, 7-1-1, will travel to face Essexville-Garber on Friday.

## Red Hawks top Sandusky in non-conference affair

It was as quiet as a morgue in the Cass City High School gym at the end of the first quarter of a game against the Sandusky Redskins, as Cass City fans were wondering if the game would be a repeat of a loss suffered in the previous game against Ubly, another Greater Thumb East team.

Cass City trailed at the end of the first quarter, 14-4, and was guilty of bad passes, turnovers and defensive lapses. The fans and the team didn't come to life until the final quarter when the Hawks rose up to come from

behind to win, 41-38. Actually, the winning rally started midway through the third quarter when the Sandusky lead was 14 points. At the end of the quarter Cass City cut the visitors' lead to 9 points, 32-21.

That lead was quickly wiped out as Cass City went on a 14-2 run to tie the game with 4:05 left and then go ahead to stay a moment later on a trey by Cameron Lautner.

Matt Loding, who was the game's high scorer with 18 points, canned a hoop to move Sandusky back to within a point, 36-35, with 1:48 left. Chris Childs' basket moved the Hawks in front by 3 points and set the stage for a pretty play that clinched the victory. The Redskins were on an all-out press and the Hawks had the ball out of bounds. Dereck Halasz broke for the basket and was hit in stride for a lay-up to put the game out of reach for the Redskins. Justin Katt hit a trey with 23.9 seconds left to make the score 40-38. Cass City added a free throw by Lautner with 20 seconds to play. Sandusky had possession but turned

the ball over and their last chance to tie and send the game into overtime was lost.

Coach Aaron Fernald said that he was pleased that the team didn't give up. But we have a lot of work to do. I still believe that we have talent to compete. Hopefully we will get better at the right time in the race for the conference title and a district title.

The game marked the return to action for Andrew Martin, who missed the first 2 games because of an injury. Cass City's scoring was well divided. In double figures for the Hawks was Brad Hartel with 13 points.

**CASS CITY** - Childs 1-1 (0-0) 5; Hartel 2-3 (0-0) 13; Lautner 1-1 (3-6) 8; Babich 1-0 (0-2) 2; Martin 3-0 (1-2) 7; Halasz 3-0 (0-0) 6.  
**TOTALS** - 11-5 (4-10) 41.

**SANDUSKY** - Stevens 2-0 (0-0) 4; Katt 1-1 (0-0) 5; Loding 7-0 (4-4) 18; Neumeyer 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schmidt 2-0 (0-0) 4; Grabitz 2-0 (1-2) 5.  
**TOTALS** - 15-1 (5-6) 38.

### BASKETBALL STANDINGS

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

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	0	0	3	1
Brown City	0	0	2	1
Marlette	0	0	1	2
Ubly	0	0	1	2
Harbor Beach	0	0	0	1
Deckerville	0	0	0	3
Mayville	0	0	0	4

NCTL NORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Owen-Gage	2	0	2	1
North Huron	2	1	2	1
Port Hope	1	2	2	2
Akron-Fairgrove	0	3	1	3
Caseville	0	3	0	3

NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	3	0	3	0
CPS	2	0	2	0
Peck	2	1	2	1
Memphis	1	2	2	2
Dryden	1	2	1	2

### CASS CITY BOWLING LEAGUES

#### Merchants as of Dec. 13

Lee Morgan Painting	16
Team 1	15
R & H Body Shop	13
Curtis Chrysler	13
T. Furness Builders	13
Barrons Team Bears	13
Charmont	11

Individual High Games & Series: R. Hull 232 (627); D. Doerr 265 (598); M. Zawilinski 241 (590); G. Barrons 222 (579); J. Mathewson 212 (576); D. Curtis 226; T. Furness 213; T. Lis 212. Awards: D. Curtis - 200 Game (160 Average or less) (226).  
Team High Game & Series: Charmont 672; R & H Body Shop (1740).

#### Thursday Nite Trio as of Dec. 14

United Building Centers	8
Jebco Consulting	7
Mycogen Seeds	6.5
Martin Electric	2.5
Doerr Landscaping	0

Individual High Games & Series: D. Miller 255-214 (677); D. Doerr 243 (644); E. Schmalz 233-226 (638); M. Frappart 238-211 (633); D. Dickinson 224 (597); T. Lis 237 (589).  
Awards: D. Dickinson - 200 Game (160 Average or less) (224 & 202).  
Team High Game & Series: Doerr Landscaping 604; United Building Centers (1692).

#### Merchanettes as of Dec. 14

Thumb Octagon Barn	45
All Season Video	44
Gagetown C. Corners	33
Osentoski Reality	32

Individual High Games & Series: M. Harris 171-210 (516); B. Watson 189 (501); K. Maurer 190 (465); C. Brown 180 (480).  
Splits: C. Wright 3-4-7-10.  
Team High Game & Series: All Season Video 606 (1723).

#### Sunday No Rollers as of Dec. 3

Somtimers	17
Damn Near Last	15
Par-T-Ranch	14
Gutter Gods	12
Pinheads	11
JebCo	11

Individual High Games & Series: G. Silance 233 (603); J. Mathewson 226 (571); B. Montgomery 223 (553); J. Erla 209; D. Silance 237 (575); D. Mathewson 202 (531).  
Team High Game & Series: Par-T-Ranch 734 (2041).

## Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Cass City senior Kyle Sieradzki is this week's recipient of Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honor.

The Red Hawk grappler earned a pair of victories last week over foes from Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

Sieradzki posted wins wrestling in both the 160 (A team) and 171 (B team) pound divisions.

Sieradzki is a 4-year Red Hawk wrestling letter winner.



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# Cass City survives Mayville

If the Cass City basketball team is to continue its winning ways after the Christmas break, coach Aaron Fernald feels his cagers will need to quickly develop some consistency.

The Red Hawks improved to 3-1 on the early season Friday with a 56-50 victory over hosts Mayville in non-conference play. And although the Hawks were favored in their final pre-Christmas outing - Tuesday in Bad Axe to start Cass City's Greater

Thumb West campaign - Fernald knows he'll need a better performance from his team if they hope to be a factor in the conference race come February.

"We're a work in progress," Fernald said. "We need to play together for four quarters, 32 minutes, not 20 minutes."

The Hawks' inconsistent play against the Wildcats allowed the

hosts to rally several times, before senior guard Cameron Lautner sealed the outcome at the foul line where he recorded Cass City's final 5 points.

In the early going, both schools felt each other out, trading baskets until an Ashton Workman putback spotted the Wildcats to a 10-8 lead. But the Hawks were able to take a 13-10 margin into the second quarter as Brad Hartel's second triple of the period proved to be the difference.

In the second quarter, Cass City jumped out to its largest lead of the half as Austin Babich and Andrew Martin fueled a 9-0 run with a pair of hoops, giving the visitors a 21-12 margin with 3:40 to play until the break.

But following a Wildcat timeout, the hosts responded with a 7-0 run of their own to claw back to within 2, 21-19. Brett Beckett, who recorded game scoring honors with 17 tallies, sparked Mayville's initial rally with a pair of long-range jumpers.

Cass City went to the paint for its offense after the break and senior forward Dereck Halasz responded, with 6 points in the third quarter, his final basket, scored after 3 offensive rebounds, staked the Hawks to a 34-26 lead with just over 4 minutes remaining until the final stanza.

Fernald received a solid effort from both Martin and Halasz under the boards as they combined for 19 rebounds.

"Coach (Jeff) Hartel and I have been

on Dereck from day one that we need him down low in the right position. It just takes longer for some kids to get the message, but I think Dereck is starting to understand," Fernald said.

Despite being outdone on the glass, Mayville stormed back, again, as Beckett tallied consecutive hoops to close to within a single bucket, 34-32.

Once again Cass City had an answer and 9 unanswered points gave the visitors a 43-35 edge with 8 minutes remaining.

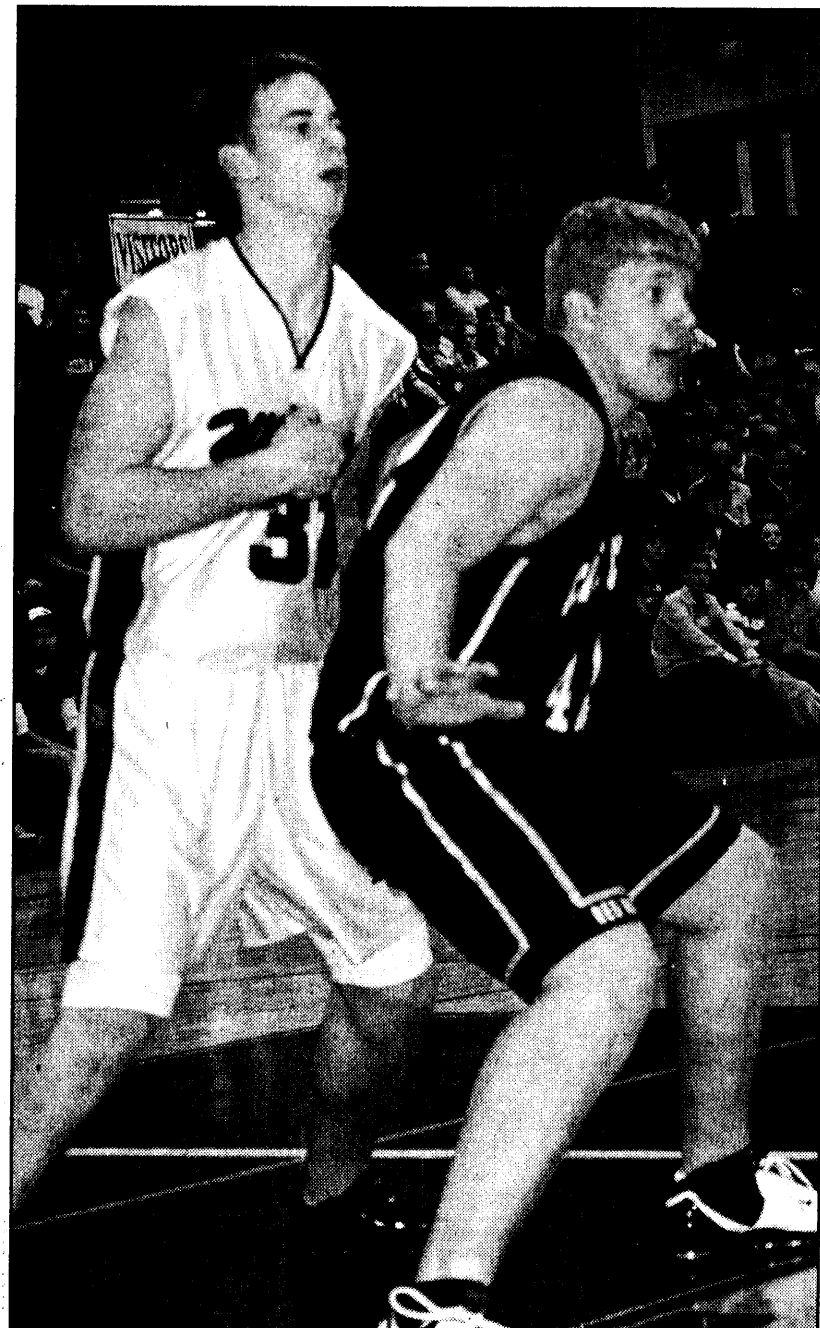
The Wildcats, who are winless on the year, closed to within 47-41, but baskets from Halasz and Martin in close, along with Lautner's free throw shooting proved too much to overcome.

Halasz led Cass City with a dozen points, 10 coming in the final half. Lautner added 11 points and 7 assists, while Hartel pitched in 10.

Besides Beckett, Workman finished in double digits with 15 for Mayville.

**CASS CITY** - Childs 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hartel 2-2 (0-0) 10; Biddinger 1-0 (0-0) 2; Lautner 1-1 (6-8) 11; Babich 0-1 (2-4) 5; Martin 4-0 (0-0) 8; Halasz 6-0 (0-0) 12; McFarland 3-0 (0-0) 6.  
**TOTALS - 18-4 (8-12) 56.**

**MAYVILLE** - Elembaun 1-0 (2-2) 4; Lorenz 1-0 (1-2) 3; Beckett 2-3 (4-4) 17; Grisham 2-0 (1-2) 5; Sidaway 3-0 (0-4) 6; Workman 6-0 (3-4) 15.  
**TOTALS - 15-3 (11-18) 50.**



**RED HAWK** Shane Bloomfield battles Mayville's Travis Sidaway down low for position during Friday's Greater Thumb Conference crossover meeting. Cass City recorded a 56-50 decision.



**OWEN-GAGE'S** Andy Dronsella pressures Marlette's Dave Bliss during Tuesday's non-conference action in Owendale. The Red Raiders cruised to a 65-48 victory.

## Bulldogs collect big victory at Memphis Friday, 43-41

While the larger enrollment at Memphis High School has made the Owen-Gage school board refuse to schedule future football games with the North Central Thumb North league school, the Bulldogs welcome a chance to play the Yellow Jackets on the basketball court.

The Bulldogs took on undefeated Memphis on the road Friday in a crossover game and rallied in the last half to chalk up a 43-41 victory.

Key to the game, Grant Champagne feels, was the experience that the Bulldogs have. We have been playing together for 3 years and the experience was invaluable in crunch time.

The game seesawed back and forth all night. The Bulldogs bounced in front by as many as 7 points in the first half. Ben Abraham, the tallest player on the court, was hit with a pair of early fouls and went to the bench for the remainder of the half.

The Bulldogs were in front, 10-7, at the end of the first period. The Yellow Jackets rallied behind some fine outside shooting by Devin Kling to overcome the first period lead and put Memphis ahead by a point at the half and 2 points at the end of the third period. Kling connected for 3 treys and 14 of his 19 points for the night in the middle 2 quarters.

Brandon Dubs kept the Bulldogs in the game as he contributed 3 hoops and 4 for 4 free throws in the second and third quarters. Josh Howard also came up big in the third quarter with a pair of treys and a regular hoop. Going into the final 8 minutes the

## Red Raiders earn easy win at Owendale

Owen-Gage is doing very well in competition with other schools in the Northern Central Thumb League and can chalk up a loss last week at home, Tuesday, to experience.

The Bulldogs lost to the Marlette Red Raiders, 65-48. Marlette is a class C school and overwhelmed Owen-Gage in the first period before the team found its bearing and then played the visitors at near-even terms.

Six Raiders contributed to the catastrophic first quarter blitz that produced 25 points. Justin Marquardt netted 3 hoops and David Bliss and Jordan Barrons connected from the 3-point line. Six Raiders scored in the quarter.

The Owen-Gage offense picked up in the second period behind Josh Howard who netted 5 points and Eric Zaleski and Brandon Dubs who each added a pair of hoops. More importantly for Owen-Gage fans, the defense tightened and the 2 teams traded buckets until the intermission.

The Raiders stretched the lead in the third period with a 16-9 advantage and the Bulldogs posted a 14-10 advantage in the last 8 minutes.

Zaleski led the Bulldogs with 9 points. Marlette's scoring was well divided with John Bishop netting 11 points and 3 other Raiders scoring 10 each.

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BCAS at USA	BCAS	USA	USA	USA
Harbor Beach at Lakers	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Ubyly at Deckerville	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly
Mayville at Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Brown City at Yale	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Peck at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Owen-Gage at Port Hope	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
A-Fairgrove at North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
Memphis at Armada	Armada	Armada	Armada	Armada
Last Week's Results	10-7	13-4	12-5	13-4
Season's Results	20-13 (61%)	25-8 (76%)	24-9 (73%)	27-6 (82%)



CASS CITY MIDDLE School students and staff once again hosted the annual Santa's Secret Workshop last week, giving youngsters a chance to shop for their family and friends. The fundraiser benefits the annual eighth grade class trip to Washington, D.C.

## Board okays revised budget

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disappear if enrollment projections come to pass in the coming year. With a larger graduating class and a smaller incoming kindergarten class, school officials say Cass City could lose another 45 students (about \$318,000 in state funding) next year. Wilson said Cass City's financial woes are due, in part, to school officials' approval of the current 3-year teachers' contract. The simple fact, he said, is that the district did not have enough fund equity to pay for the contract, including increases in health insurance premiums. Soaring fuel costs and the loss of 100 students over the past 3 years were also significant factors. Although the teachers' contract promised pay increases of 2.5 percent, the agreement, in its first 2

years, has cost the district an additional \$1.097 million, or nearly 15 percent. The dollar figures include step increases, longevity stipends and fringe benefits.

Wilson acknowledged some community members feel he is picking on the teachers. But he pointed out that salaries and benefits have a significant impact on the district's finances because they make up the lion's share of the budget - some 85 percent that includes teachers as well as support staff and administration. Teachers' pay makes up about 70 percent of the budget, with their health insurance premium tab alone totaling about \$1.2 million this year, he said.

Wilson expressed hope that school and union officials will be able to come to terms when they negotiate a new contract (the current pact expires

in August). In the end, he said, school officials cannot negotiate another contract that they can't afford to pay.

Although Wilson inherited Cass City's financial problems when he took on the job of superintendent, he vowed to "work tirelessly to get through this situation" and make sure it doesn't happen again. "We're going to have to work together to get through this," he added.

The revised budget calls for the elimination of 3 more teaching positions next year, but school officials hope there will be no more reductions this year.

"Given what we know, we hope we don't have to make anymore cuts," Biddinger told the audience.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

- Heard from Saginaw Valley State University representative Jim Dwyer, who offered a presentation on the ACT college entrance exam and the importance of preparing high school students for success in their college careers.

- Learned about a health education program, focusing on topics such as abstinence from drugs and sexual activity, peer pressure, bullying and other issues, that is available to the district at no cost.

- Amy Cuthrell, a health educator for the Tuscola County Health Department, described the program and how it could be implemented as part of the school curriculum. She stressed the program emphasizes abstinence only and would include encouraging student-parent communication.

- Adopted revisions in the high school policy presented last month.

- Approved the sale of a used tractor, lawn mower and flail mower for a combined \$3,750. David Turner of Mayville submitted the lone bids.

- Accepted "with regret" the resignation of teacher and former middle school counselor Joan Helwig.

- Approved a voluntary lay-off requested by middle school band teacher Katie King.

- Went into closed session to discuss student expulsions. An executive session was held to discuss contract negotiations.

## Santa letter

*I'll be waiting for you!*



Brady Kolacz

Hi Santa, I'm trying to be good, but I'm really a busy little guy. Please bring me a tractor like daddy's and a big truck like grandpa Mac's. I'll be waiting for you. Love, Brady Kolacz

## Obituaries

### Mark Clifton

Mark Daniel Clifton, 38, of Boynton Beach, Fla., died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006 at home following a lifelong illness.

He was born Jan. 9, 1968 in Pontiac, the son of Thomas and Ona Lee (Warren) Clifton.

Clifton was a wildlife artist.

He is survived by his brothers: Bruce (Anne) Clifton of Clarkston, Keith (Mary) Clifton of Columbiaville, Tom Clifton of West Bloomfield, Rodney (Teresa) Clifton of Cass City, and Douglas (Glenda) Clifton of Otter Lake; 11 nieces and nephews; 2 great nephews.

Clifton was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service for Mark and his mother, Ona Lee Clifton, will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 30, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Burial will be with his parents in the Perry Mount Park Cemetery, Pontiac. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Gordon Hartwick

Gordon Hartwick, Commander USNR Ret., 86, of Caro, formerly of Cass City, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006 at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

He was born Nov. 26, 1920 in Novesta Township, the son of the late Fred and Olive (Gibbard) Hartwick.

He married Irma Haske Barriger in 1943. She died in 1993.

Hartwick was a Cass City High School graduate. He entered the U.S. Naval Reserve Dec. 13, 1942. He served in WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, retiring Feb. 28, 1971. He was a member of the Fairgrove VFW Post #7486. He was also involved with the Masons.

Hartwick is survived by 2 children: Clint (Jaclyn) Bondarenko and Jerry (Lorraine) Barriger; 9 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Harry (Harriet) Hartwick of Cass City.

He was preceded in death by a son, James (Ione) Barriger; and a grandson, David Barriger.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 16, at Collon Funeral Home, Caro, with Pastor Wendy Orzel, hospice chaplain, officiating.

Burial was in the Demorest Cemetery, Akron.

Military honors were provided by the U.S. Navy and the Fairgrove VFW Post #7486.

Memorials may be made to Home and Hospice Advantage, Cass City, or the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were made by Collon Funeral Home, Caro.

### Gregory Myers

Gregory Scott Myers, 51, of Gagetown, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006.

He was born Jan. 19, 1955 in Houghton Lake, the son of Oliver and Juanita (Bourland) Myers.

Myers is survived by his children: Gregory, Jr. of Caro, Benjamin of Caro, Zachary of Florida, Samuel of Caro, Jesse of Richville, Tonya of Florida, and Nicole of Caro; his father, Oliver Myers of Caro and Florida; brothers: Lawrence (Tammy) Myers, Gary Myers and Charles (Marie) Myers; sisters: Brenda Roach and Sandra Hennessy, both of Gagetown; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Juanita Myers, in 1997.

Memorial services were held Sunday, Dec. 17, at Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown, with the Rev. John Heim officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Gregory Myers Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

### Jean Parker

Jean "Jeanie" Marie Parker, 46, of Mt. Pleasant, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

She was born Dec. 20, 1959 in Cass City, the daughter of Charles and Beverly (Lootens) Parker.

Parker was a member of the Central Michigan Free Methodist Church. She was a resident of the Mt. Pleasant area since 1976.

Parker is survived by a son, Quentin Charles Parker; her mother, Beverly Parker of Mt. Pleasant; 2 brothers: David (Rachel) Parker and John Parker, all of Mt. Pleasant; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Parker; and her grandparents.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Central Michigan Free Methodist Church, with Pastor Richard Fulkerson officiating.

Interment was in the Woodland Cemetery, Rosebush.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Arrangements were made by Helms Funeral Home, Mt. Pleasant.

### Luella Smith

Luella Mae Smith, 94, of Snover, died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006 in Sanilac County Medical Care Facility, Sandusky.

She was born Aug. 31, 1912 in Pontiac, the daughter of Erwin and Cloa (Francisco) Sadler.

She married Charles Smith June 19, 1935 in Snover. He died April 30, 1959.

Smith helped her husband on the family farm. After his death, she worked at Cass City Hospital and then Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City. Smith played piano in the ballroom above Doerr Restaurant in Cass City. She also played piano in a kitchen band with Shabbona Extension. She was a member of Shabbona United Methodist Church, Shabbona Extension and Sanilac County Farm Bureau.

She is survived by her children: Elinor (Richard) Loeding of Snover, and Marvin (Connie) Smith of Palm Coast, Fla.; 7 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; a great great-grandson; a sister-in-law, Helen (Harold) Bentley; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Elwin and Perry Sadler; and 2 sisters: Celia Coats and Elsie Carpenter.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 16, at Shabbona United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ellen Burns officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Shabbona United Methodist Church or Sanilac County Medical Care Facility.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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LINDA ROSE'S FIRST grade class at Campbell Elementary School recently created their own gingerbread houses out of brown paper bags. The bags were donated by Erla's Food Center in Cass City.

## Beware of imposters

DTE Energy's Detroit Edison and MichCon subsidiaries are warning customers to look out for con artists posing as utility workers in order to gain access to personal information and property. These imposters frequently prey upon the elderly.

In recent weeks, a number of customers have received telephone calls from con artists claiming to be DTE Energy employees, asking for payment of an outstanding bill and threatening to shut off service if it's not immediately paid by credit card or by providing specific checking account information. Some customers unwittingly gave the callers their credit card numbers, which were later used to fraudulently purchase goods and services in several states.

"Unfortunately, there are unscrupulous people out there who may pose as Detroit Edison and MichCon employees to take advantage of our customers," said Michael Lynch, DTE Energy's director of corporate security. "We urge customers to be cautious to avoid becoming a victim of these criminals."

DTE Energy customers whose accounts are in arrears and are in jeopardy of service shut-off do sometimes receive calls from DTE Energy representatives who offer them the option of paying their bill over the phone with a credit card. However, such calls are made only to customers whose accounts are significantly overdue. Collection calls are never made to customers whose accounts are current.

How can customers be sure they're speaking with a legitimate DTE Energy employee and not a con artist? Lynch offered these suggestions:

- Pull out your most current DTE Energy bill. Insist that the caller tell you the account number and amount due.

- If you suspect the call may be fraudulent, hang up and call DTE Energy toll-free at (800) 477-4747.

Ask to be connected to a customer service representative who can confirm the status of your account and make appropriate arrangements for payment, if needed.

- If you have caller I.D., the display will indicate that the call is from DTE Energy.

- If you have received a call of this nature and believe you are the victim of fraud, contact your local police immediately.

In addition to the telephone scam, Lynch said customers should be aware of a similar con in which thieves posing as utility employees appear at customers' homes demanding bill payment on the spot. Sometimes these thieves will work in pairs. One will distract the homeowner while the other searches the house for money and other valuables.

DTE Energy does not collect or accept utility bill payments at customer homes or businesses. DTE Energy field employees carry photo identification badges that identify them as DTE Energy employees. Customers who are not sure about an employee's identification, or who want to verify the nature of the work to be done at their homes, should call DTE Energy at (800) 477-4747.

It is a felony for people to impersonate public utility workers, whether or not they actually gain entrance to a home and commit a crime.

Lynch said customers should keep these additional tips in mind to avoid becoming a victim:

- All Detroit Edison and MichCon employees and contractors carry photo identification badges, and are required to display their badge if asked. Customers are encouraged to ask for identification.

- Do not allow people into your home who claim to offer a Detroit Edison or MichCon refund.

**Winners of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Residential Decorating Contest are:**

**1st Place - David and Heather Weiler**  
**2nd Place - Dean and JoAnn Rasmussen**  
**3rd Place - Mike and Bonnie Ware**  
 Thank you to everyone who participated. You all helped to make Cass City even more beautiful during this holiday season!

We would also like to thank all of the Members of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, without whom the Christmas in the Village celebration would not have been possible. We would like to give special thanks to the following businesses and individuals who gave extra contributions either of time or money.

All Pets Veterinary Clinic, All Season Rent-All  
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 Cass City VFW Post #3644, Chemical Bank  
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# Honor roll announced at O-G

Owen-Gage Schools announce the first marking period honor roll.

### Grade 3

Renee Casey, Daniel Good and Andrew Muntz.

### Grade 4

Sydney Bencheck, Joseph Littlepage, Andrea McCreedy, Rachel Mroz and Adam Retford\*.

### Grade 5

Benjamin Good\*, Stephen Rockefeller, Richelle Scharf and Quinn Smith.

### Grade 6

Andrew Fahrner, Jeremy Jamieson, Tiffany Jamieson, Megan Lester, Courtney McCreedy\*, Justin Miller, Miranda Radabaugh, Eric Rievert, Lorenzo Robinson, Shiloh Starks, Sarah Volk and Sydney Winchester\*.

### Grade 7

Hunter Champagne, Christin Harris, Erika Mroz, Amanda Muntz, Lacie Prich\* and Carli Warack.

### Grade 8

Holly Errer, Christy Fields and Megan McLaren\*.

### Grade 9

Amanda Franzel, Edward Fritz, Zachary Mroz, Devin Prich, Kelsey Quick\*, Ashley Rockefeller, Christine Schmidt, Carin Seibel\*, Erin Seibel and Jordan Sprague\*.

### Grade 10

Derek Bucholtz, Stacie Dorsch\*, Amanda Faist, Mariah Francis, Drew Howard, Alisha Kovach, Sara Lesoski, April Miller, Cole Mroz, Brandalyn Plowman, Lucas Powell and Katie Rhodes\*.

### Grade 11

Kenneth Brown, Kevin Bucholtz, Branden Edler, Bethany Kovach\*, Courtney Lester\*, James Lyman, Kayla Neal, April Nowaczyk, Brittany Parks, Joshua Starks, Joshua Volk\* and Matthew Volk\*.

### Grade 12

Grant Champagne\*, Heather Collon, Mindy Errer\*, Rose Faupel, Randy Fostett\*, Kendra Guilds, Joshua Howard, Joshua McLaren\*, Amber Pillsbury\* and Becky Schmidt\*.

\*Denotes all A's

# Helpful info for dairy farmers here

With dairy farm milk prices more than a dollar lower for most months of 2006 than they were in 2005, dairy producers need all of the help they can get to improve their profitability and their animals' productivity.

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension has launched "Dollars and Sense," an information web page with worksheets, handouts and spreadsheets focused on tips for improving dairy profitability.

The site, found at [www.dairyteam.msu.edu](http://www.dairyteam.msu.edu), offers production information on topics including cow health, reproduction and nutrition; facilities; and crop/nutrient management.

Financial tools include the Michigan diary analysis summary, a cash flow budget spreadsheet, farm business analysis, debt management and cost-of-production worksheets. Production-type decision tools such as the Corn Picker partial budget are also available.

"We wanted to offer farmers university-generated information that they could access at one site when it was convenient for them," says Bill Robb, MSU Extension district dairy educator based in Ottawa County. "Producers and their consultants can use the worksheets to analyze their operations and make decisions to maximize profit potential."

MSU Extension educators and specialists will offer presentations about the "Dollars and Sense" tools across the state during meetings sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of America and the Michigan Milk Producers Association. For a complete list of these meetings, including dates and locations, check the calendar on the "Dollars and Sense" web page. In addition, Marketing Plans and Positioning your Dairy meetings may be scheduled in your area. These will be detailed information meetings discussing milk and grain marketing and long-term farm profitability.

"Dollars and Sense" was developed by the MSU Extension Dairy Team and Farm Management Team.

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County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point that is north 89 degrees 12 minutes west, 660 feet from southeast corner of section; thence north 89 degrees 13 minutes west 65 feet; thence north 275 feet; thence south 89 degrees east, 165 feet; thence south 275 feet to point of beginning, Village of Caro, Indianfields, Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Section 4, town 12 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: December 6, 2006

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said One Hundred Seventeen and 17/100 Dollars (\$90,117.17), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 2, Block 1, of Leonard Fox's third Addition to the Village of Mayville, According to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 32, Now being page 33A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: December 6, 2006

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Constance R. Hoose, a married woman, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 10, 2006 and recorded January 20, 2006 in Liber 1069, Page 464, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Argent Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-W3 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2006, Without Recourse, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Five and 55/100 Dollars (\$15,895.55), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky L. Rabideau and Teresa A. Rabideau, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to PNH Mortgage Services, Mortgagee, dated September 6, 2002 and recorded on September 17, 2002 in Liber 894 on Page 287 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-One and 82/100 Dollars (\$102,351.82), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John J. Frazee and Sharon Frazee, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 4, 2003 and recorded on July 28, 2003 in instrument 200300835204, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Three and 86/100 Dollars (\$103,253.86), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 p.m. on JANUARY 18, 2007.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 8 Rods East of the Northeast corner of Block 5 of the Plat of the Village of Millington, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 41, now being Page 42A, thence South 8 Rods; thence East 4 rods; thence 8 rods; thence West 4 rods to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 8 East.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Elmwood, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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

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Commencing at a point 858 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 28, Township 14 North, Range 10 East, Elmwood Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 208 feet, thence West 208 feet; thence North 208 feet; thence East 208 feet to the point of beginning, except easements and rights of way record.

Dated: December 20, 2006

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lerry B. Dicks and Tammy Dicks, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 20, 2002 and recorded on October 7, 2004 in Liber 1011 on Page 548, and modified by Affidavit or Order received by and recorded, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Nine and 78/100 Dollars (\$68,749.78), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian K. Brown and Kimberly A. Brown, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 19, 2005 and recorded on September 29, 2005 in Liber 1055 on Page 1112 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five and 24/100 Dollars (\$132,155.24), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2007.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2007.

Commencing 69 1/2 rods West of the Northeast corner of North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4, thence South 16 rods; thence West 12 1/2 rods; thence North 16 rods; thence East 12 1/2 rods to the point of beginning, Section 22; Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2007.

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Dated: December 20, 2006

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Katherine C. Lansford, a married woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 22, 2005 and recorded March 9, 2005 in Liber 1030, Page 458, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Seven and 0/100 Dollars (\$113,327.00), including interest at 5.625% per annum.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kathy J. Cittenden, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 23, 2004, and recorded on August 25, 2004 in Liber 1006 on Page 17, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on March 3, 2006 and recorded on April 4, 2006 in Liber 107 on Page 258 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Five and 16/100 Dollars (\$61,895.16), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 18, 2007.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Arbelia, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2007.

The South one-half of the North one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Section 35, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, except the South 140 feet of the East 500 feet thereof, Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2007.

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2007.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2007.

Dated: December 20, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48077-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 310.1192

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Said premises are located in the Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 8 Rods East of the Northeast corner of Block 5 of the Plat of the Village of Millington, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 41, now being Page 42A, thence South 8 Rods; thence East 4 rods; thence 8 rods; thence West 4 rods to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 8 East.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 20, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48077-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 214.4368

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karen Withers, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Nations Finance, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 6, 2005 and recorded on May 24, 2005 in Liber 1039 on Page 1226 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in trust for the benefit of the Certificate holders of Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2005-HE6 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety and 87/100 Dollars (\$79,590.87), including interest at 9.2% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on December 28, 2006.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on December 28, 2006.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on December 28, 2006.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on December 28, 2006.

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence South 87 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds East, 436.80 feet along the North line of said Section 28 to the point of beginning; running thence South 87 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds East, 160.0 feet along the North line of said Section 28; thence South 0 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds East, 300.0 feet; thence North 87 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds West, 160.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds West, 300.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence South 87 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds East, 436.80 feet along the North line of said Section 28 to the point of beginning; running thence South 87 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds East, 160.0 feet along the North line of said Section 28; thence South 0 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds East, 300.0 feet; thence North 87 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds West, 160.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds West, 300.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

# Legal Notices

ROBERT A. TREMAIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GEORGE R. SKELTON, A MARRIED MAN AND SHARON L. SKELTON, HIS WIFE, WHO JOINS IN THE EXECUTION OF THIS MORTGAGE SOLELY TO SUBJECT HER HOMESTEAD AND DOWER INTEREST TO THE LIEN OF THIS MORTGAGE TO THE MORTGAGE GROUP INC., Mortgage, dated November 03, 1998, and recorded on February 22, 1999, in Liber 0763, on page 1267, in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 1999-1 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty two thousand eight hundred thirty nine and 91/100 Dollars (\$52,839.91), including interest at 12.250% per annum. WITH AN ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on January 18, 2007.

Said premises are situated in TWP OF KOYLTON, TUSCOLA COUNTY, Michigan and are described as:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, KOYLTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST SECTION LINE, NORTH 1940.00 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 17, THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 463.00 FEET, THENCE EAST 470.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 463.00 FEET, THENCE WEST 470.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 20, 2006

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Birmingham, MI 48009-6661  
ATTORNEY FOR: MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 1999-1 Assignee of Mortgage  
For More Information Call:  
(248) 540-7701

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PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 593-1302 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CRAIG EVANS, A/K/A CRAIG H. EVANS, and LISA M. EVANS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgage, dated June 22, 2004 and recorded on July 1, 2004, in Liber 998, on Page 1462, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$49,263.98), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 1, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of JUANITA, Tuscola County, Michigan and described as:

PARCEL 1: LAND COMMENCING AT A POINT 10 RODS WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, RUNNING THENCE NORTH 12 RODS; THENCE WEST 44 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 12 RODS; THENCE EAST 44 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF LOT 8, BLOCK 1 OF THE PLAT OF VILLAGE OF WATROUSVILLE, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 6 OF DEEDS, PAGE 12 OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

PARCEL 2: THE WEST 12 FEET OF THE EAST 22 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK 1 OF THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF WATROUSVILLE, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 6 OF DEEDS, PAGE 12 OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

TAX ID NO. 014-500-009-0200-00

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

Dated: December 14, 2006

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns  
Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.  
21300 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dawn Rumbold, a single woman, original mortgagee, to American Financial Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated June 18, 1999 and recorded on August 11, 1999 in Liber 779 on Page 450, and assigned by me assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight and 06/100 Dollars (\$70,638.06), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: commencing at a point which is North 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds East, 36 feet from the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of the Plat of the Village of Mayville; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds East, 94.88 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 43 seconds West, 148.5 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds West, 94.9 feet; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds East, 148.5 feet to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: December 13, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #011366F02

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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Renee Suzanne LaBar, a single woman of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 28th day of September, A.D. 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of October, A.D. 2005, in Liber 1057 of Tuscola Records, on page 53, which said mortgage was assigned to Ohio Savings Bank, thru me assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$127,920.00 (One hundred Twenty Seven thousand, Nine hundred Twenty dollars and Zero cents), plus accrued interest at 7.12% (seven point one two) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that, on the 11th day of January, A.D., 2007, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, thence North 1 degree 43 minutes 56 seconds East 369.81 feet; thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 03 seconds East 370.54 feet; thence South 1 degree 41 minutes 22 West 364.82 feet; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 22 seconds West 370.82 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 6985 Treasurer.

Tax ID: 005-032-000-1200-02

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

Dated: December 13, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.  
By: Michael I. Rich, (P-41938)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage  
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S  
Troy, Michigan 48064  
WRWR05677161

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wanda Smith and Shawn Smith, wife and husband, tenants by entirety, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated October 15, 2004 and recorded November 2, 2004 in Liber 1015, Page 947, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as trustee, of Amerquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., asset backed pass through certificates series 2004-R9, under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of September 1, 2004 without recourse by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and 67/100 Dollars (\$102,890.67) including interest at 6.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 18, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1 - Commencing at a point 18 rods North of the Southwest corner of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, thence East 9 rods; thence North 85 feet; thence West 9 rods; thence South 85 feet to the point of beginning, being part of Block 2 of Hamilton's Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 34, now being Page 35A, Parcel 3 - Commencing 23 rods 2 and one-half feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East thence East 9 rods; thence North 47 feet to the point of beginning, Part of Lot 3, Block 2 of Hamilton's Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 34, now being Page 35A and the South 8 feet of Lot 2, Block 2 of Hamilton's Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 34, now being Page 35A.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 20, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
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File No. 214.4341

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Julie A. Bush and Richard A. Bush, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 1, 2005 and recorded on December 16, 2005 in Liber 1064 on Page 1000 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen and 15/100 Dollars (\$55,417.15), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 6 chains South of the Southeast corner of Lot 1, of Block 11, in said Plat, Village of Millington; running thence West 10 Rods; thence South 4 Rods; thence East 10 Rods; thence North 4 Rods to the Place of Beginning, Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: December 13, 2006

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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #118533F01

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joshua C. Kamrad, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 29, 2005 and recorded on August 3, 2005 in Liber 1048 on Page 488 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to NetBank as successor in interest to RBMG Inc. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One and 55/100 Dollars (\$96,841.55), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 14; thence along the East section line, South 00 degrees 00 minutes West 330.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 11 minutes East 320.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 330.00 feet; thence along the North section line, North 89 degrees 11 minutes 45 seconds East 660.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 13, 2006

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth L. Smith, a single person, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 29, 2002, and recorded on May 22, 2002 in Liber 879 on Page 10, in Tuscola County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty and 73/100 Dollars (\$56,930.73), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 4 rods of Lot 18, Block 29 of the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of plats, page 93 of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: December 13, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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Attorneys for Servicer  
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #117928F01

12-13-4

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Boyce Kirkwood and Victoria Kirkwood, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 8, 2005 and recorded on August 16, 2005 in Liber 1050 on Page 94 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven and 98/100 Dollars (\$117,367.98), including interest at 7.43% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 548 feet south of the north-west corner of the southwest quarter of the north-west quarter of section 16, town 11 north, range 10 east, Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence East 260 feet; thence south 220 feet; thence west 260 feet; thence north 220 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 13, 2006

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12-13-4

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Damian Pica and Susan J. Pica, husband and wife, As Tenants by the Entirety, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 7, 2005 and recorded on January 21, 2005, in Liber 1024, Page 1300-1318, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC. ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R4CGM UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, by an Assignment of Mortgage submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of (One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty One Dollars and 53/100 (\$152,161.53), including interest at the rate of 6.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan at 10:00 AM on January 18, 2007.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the South Quarter corner of said section 17; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes 24 seconds West along the South line of said Southwest quarter 123.35 feet; thence North 09 degrees 12' 37" East 158.30 feet to the East line of said Southwest quarter; thence South 00 degrees 10' 38" East along said East line 224.49 feet to the point of beginning. Right of way for Severance Road over the Southerly Side thereof. 5739 Severance Rd.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 13, 2006

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Assignee  
43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 202  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
(248) 335-9200  
Our File No. 141.00170

12-13-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Smith and Julie M. Smith, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 19, 2006 and recorded June 26, 2006 in Liber 1086, Page 14, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Six and 70/100 Dollars (\$86,766.70), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 4, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point 15 rods South of the Northeast corner of the North one-half of the South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 11, Town 11 North, Range 7 East; thence West 10 rods; thence South 5 rods; thence East 10 rods; thence North 5 rods to the place of beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 6, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 285.0545

12-6-4

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Staple, a married man, and William K. Staple, an unmarried man, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2004 and recorded November 9, 2005 in Liber 1060, Page 1290, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Three and 37/100 Dollars (\$188,803.37), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

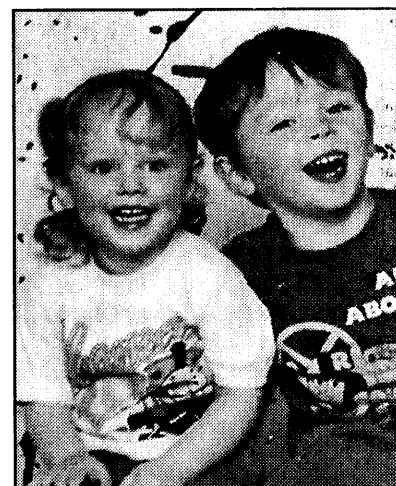

  
**TIDINGS OF PEACE AND JOY**



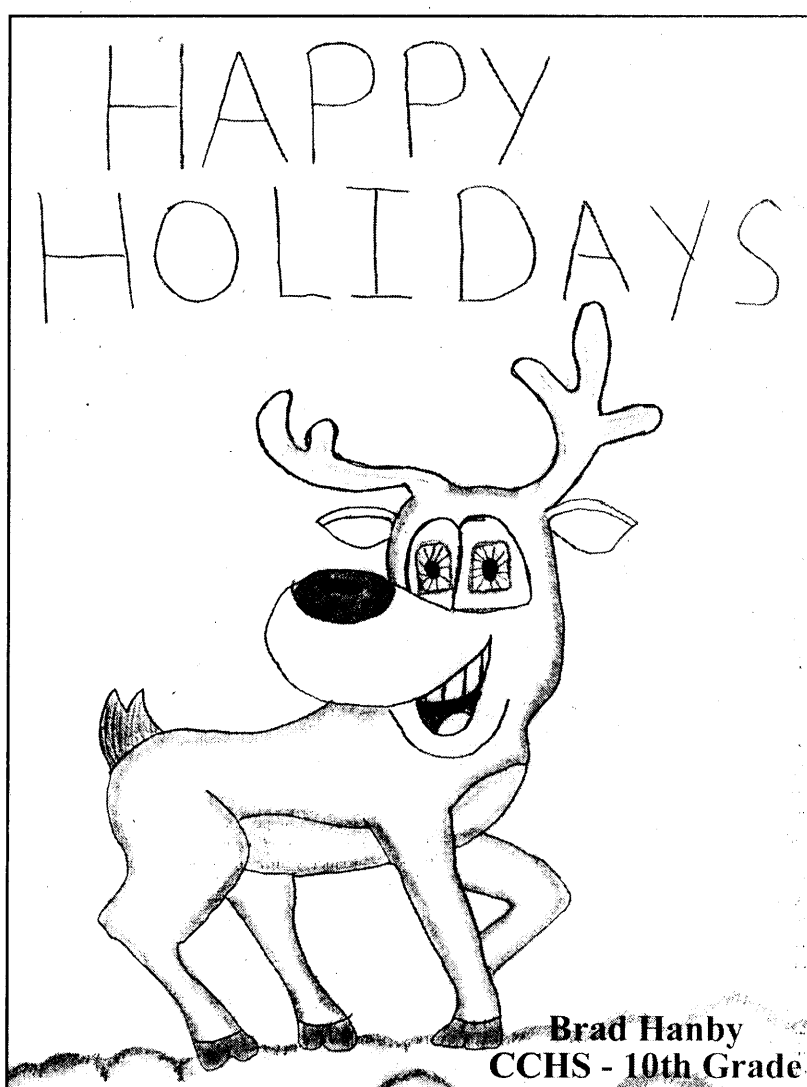
Leah Whittaker  
CCHS - 12th Grade

### Santa, please give the reindeer hugs

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,  
Hi! It's us, Eddie and Aubrey. We wanted to say thank you for the presents last year and send you a big hug, too. We have been very good this year. Mommy and daddy said if we keep being good you will bring us toys!  
Will you please bring us a train and a Barbie? We will keep being good, promise.  
Please give all the reindeer hugs for us, we know they work hard, too. We are going to make special cookies - just for you!  
Thank you Santa!  
Lots of hugs and kisses,  
Eddie and Aubrey Nizzola




Eddie and Aubrey Nizzola



Brad Hanby  
CCHS - 10th Grade

**Season's Greetings**



Back (l-r) Rosie Quinn, Jamie Robinson, Alecia Little, Emily Phillips, Yvonne Becker, Michele Szostak, Lorna Dorland; front (l-r) Kimberlie Stahl, Sonya Tschirhart, and Kara Hartman.

**Independent Bank**  
(989) 872-2105  
Cass City, Michigan

### This is my first Christmas



Natalie Field

Dear Santa,  
This is my first Christmas and I've been told I'm very excited about that. I've done my best to be a good girl these past 5 months. My mommy and daddy may tell you different, but that's just because I'm not done training them yet and they don't always agree with my methods.  
I really don't need much because grandma spoils me like you wouldn't believe, but if you have any Little Touch Leap Pads around the toy shop I'd love one in pink. I can always use more books too and cute clothes for next summer would be nice.  
I won't be at my house in North Carolina, so don't bother going there. Instead, I'll be at papa and grandma's house in Deford. Have a safe holiday, Santa, and please don't forget to bring all my cousins something too...even Shannon.  
Natalie Field, 5 months  
Jacksonville, NC

### Here's my list...

Dear Santa,  
I would like some Power Rangers and Ninja Turtles for Christmas. I would like a Batman action figure, too.  
I will leave some cookies and hot chocolate out for you. I will also leave some treats for all of the reindeer.  
Love,  
Cordell, 5  
Owen-Gage Elementary

**Season's Greetings**

We extend to all our friends and neighbors warm wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

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*Wishing you great happiness this holiday and beyond. Knowing you has made our lives brighter. Thanks!*

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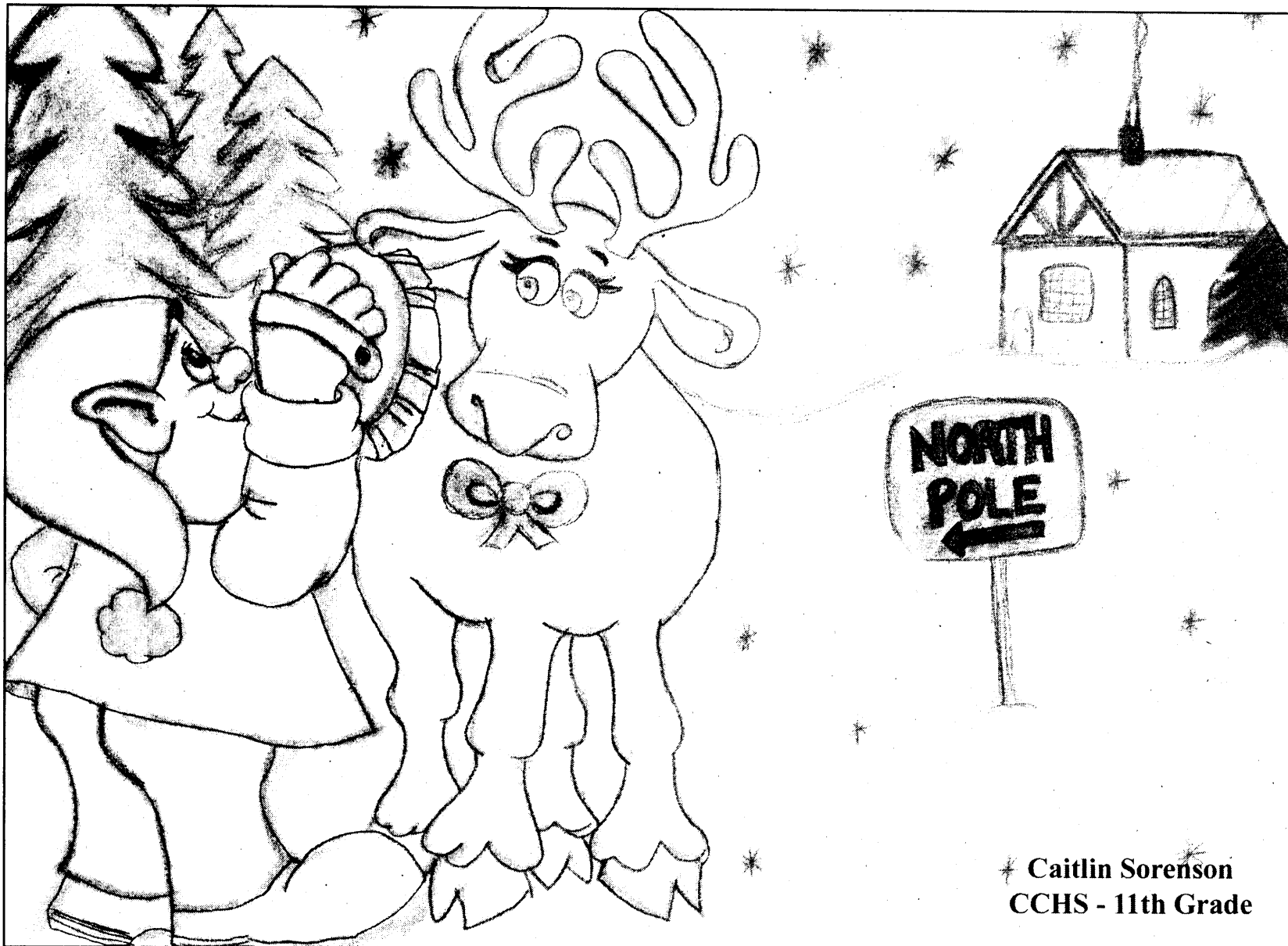
*Thanks to all our friends, new and old, for your continuing patronage*  
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**It's been a very busy year, Santa**



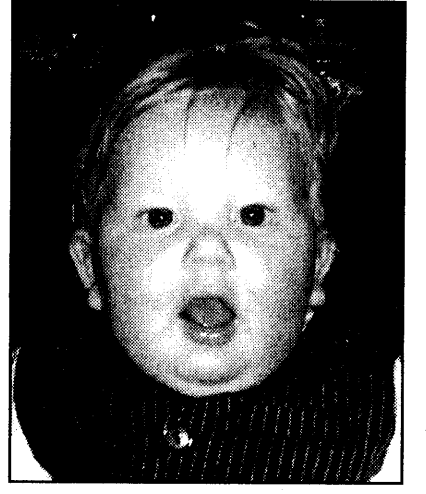
**Kailey Becker**

Dear Santa,  
 It's been a busy year for me and I have been a good girl.  
 I would really like a Dora cash register, a dance outfit for dance class, some games and DVDs.  
 I have a new little brother this year, so please bring him some toys so he does not take mine.  
 We will leave you some milk, cookies and some sugar for the reindeer.  
 Love,  
 Kailey Becker



**Caitlin Sorenson  
 CCHS - 11th Grade**

**Please make this one real special**



**Mason Becker**

Dear Santa,  
 This is my first Christmas, so please make it special.  
 I am starting to crawl, so I would like a discovery zone to go through. I am also starting to get my first set of teeth, so I would like some teething rings along with some learning toys and a truck.  
 My cousin Nathan loves Thomas the Train, so please bring him a train set.  
 Love,  
 Mason Becker



**Kelsey Rudy  
 CCHS - 9th Grade**

**Here is our list, dear Santa**



**Cody and Lindsey Guigar**

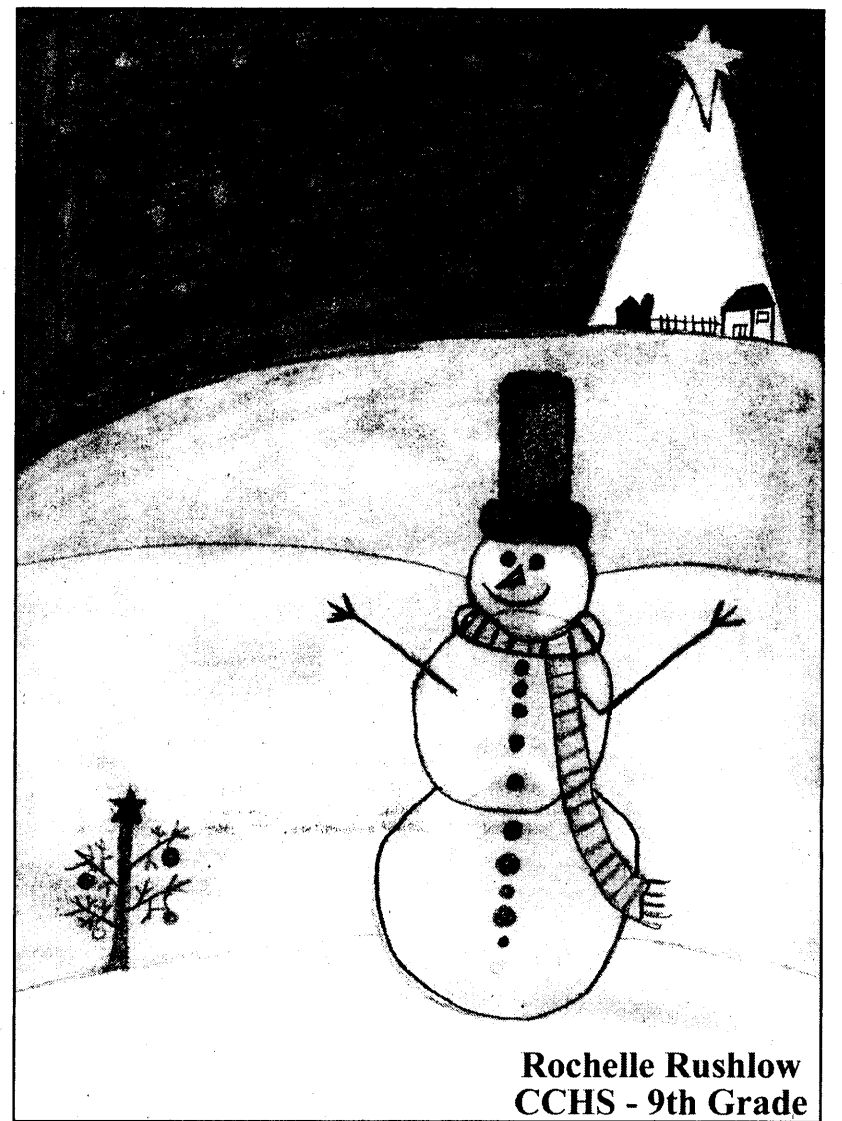
Dear Santa,  
 I'm writing you to ask for some good things for me and my new sister this year.  
 I would like a Pokemon X-Box game for me and my dad to play. I would also like some board games to play with my mom.  
 And Santa, please bring some toys for my new baby sister. She is 4 months old.  
 Thank you,  
 Cody and Lindsey Guigar



**Claire Schroder**

**Talk to you soon, Santa!**

Dear Santa,  
 This whole Christmas thing is great! I'm 15 months old now and my big sister tells me that you bring the good kids presents. I think I've been pretty good, considering I got 11 new teeth this year!  
 I'd like a couple of new books, something about animals would be good.  
 As far as the cookies, reindeer food and all the traditional things, I'm following my sister's lead so I hope she knows what she's doing. Talk to you soon at the mall!  
 Love,  
 Claire Schroder  
 Boise, Idaho



**Rochelle Rushlow  
 CCHS - 9th Grade**

**Merry Christmas  
 and  
 Happy New Year**  
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**Season's Greetings**  
 from all of us at...  
**Erla's Food Center**



Melissa Neal  
CCHS - 9th Grade

**I'll leave carrots for the reindeer**

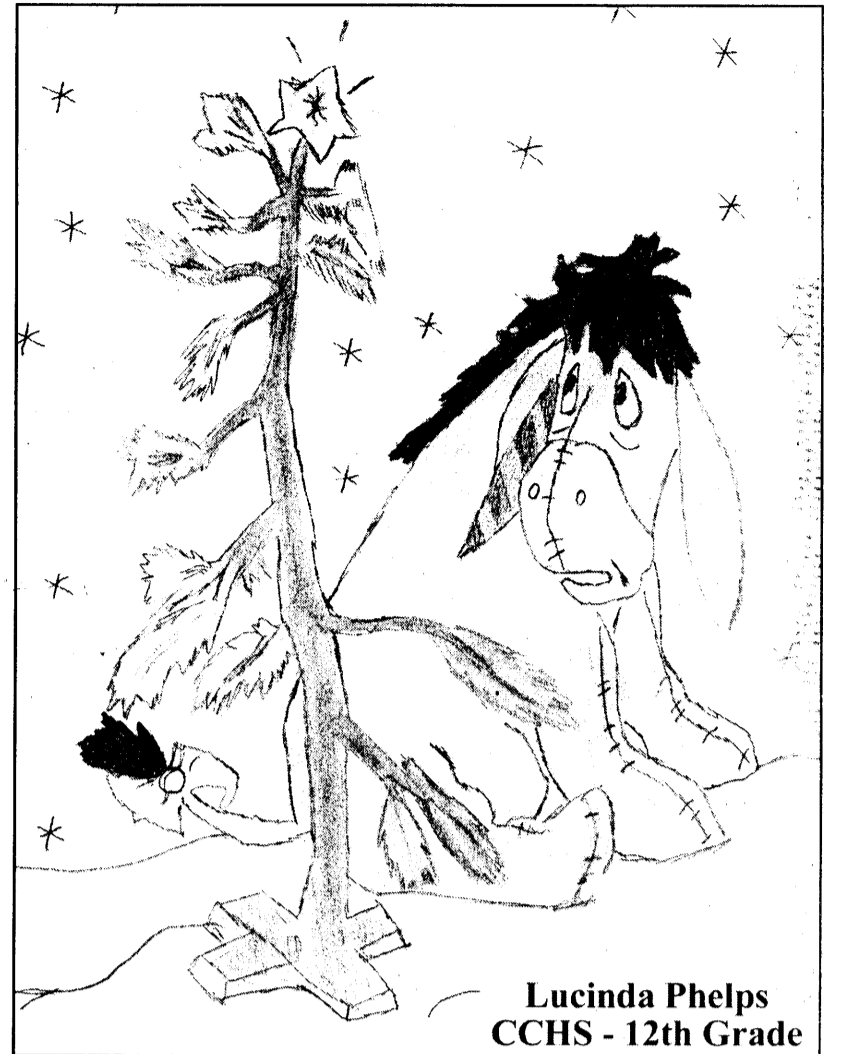


Alexandria Tilt

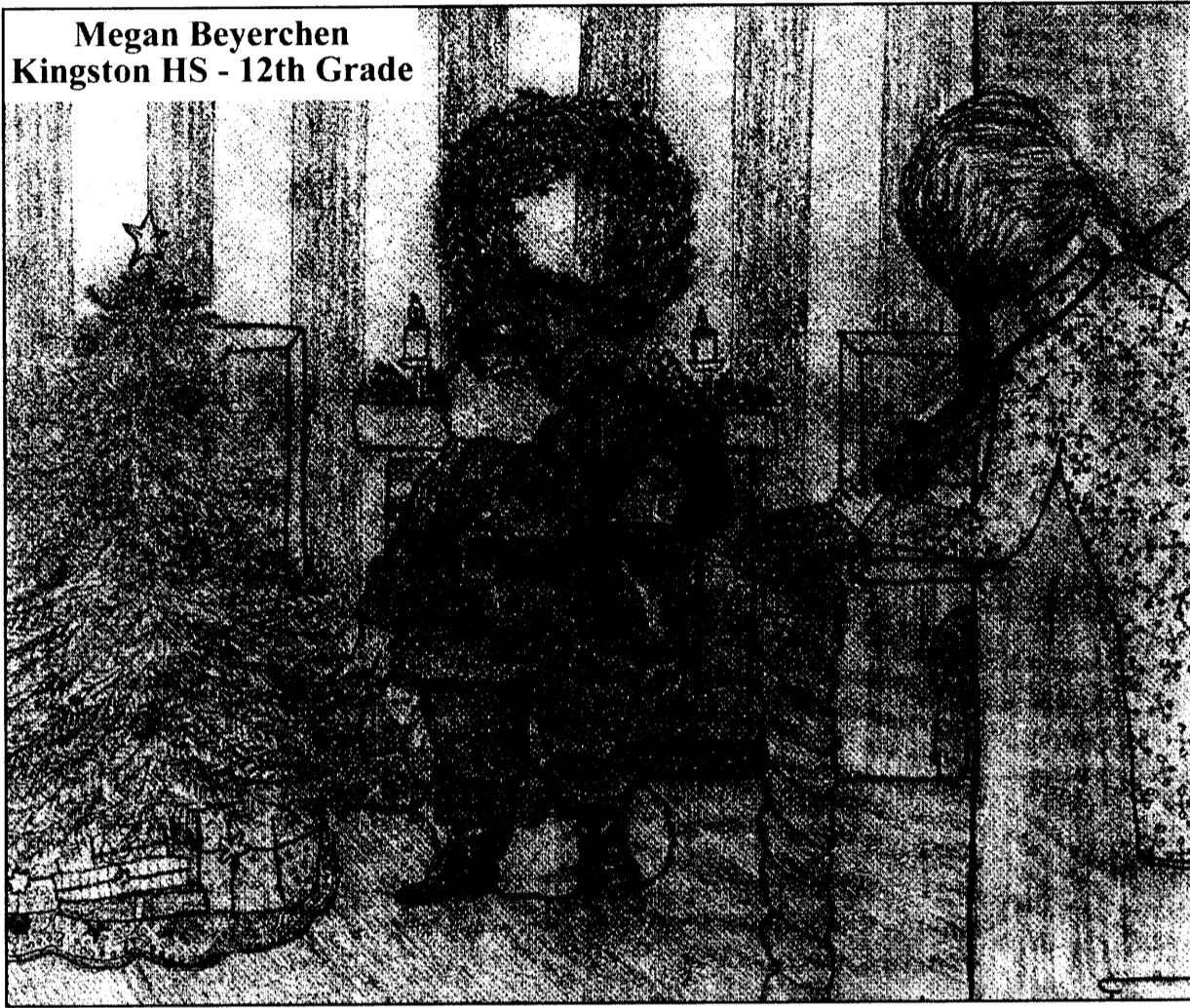
Dear Santa,  
I am three years old now and I am really enjoying the Christmas season! We have our tree, a plate for your cookies, and carrots for your reindeer. There is really only one toy that I would like this Christmas, and it is a purple sled. Daddy said that he would take me to the big hill in the Cass City Park to go sledding, if you bring me a sled.  
I bet he would let you come with us, if you'd like to, Santa!  
Merry Christmas and God bless everyone,  
XOXOXO  
Alexandria Mary Tilt

**Do you like it up there?**

Dear Santa,  
I want a big Rudolph pillow for Christmas. I would also like a color T.V., a Power Ranger, and a Bob the Builder stuffed animal. Do you like the North Pole?  
Happy birthday baby Jesus.  
Love,  
Hallie, 5  
Owen-Gage Elementary

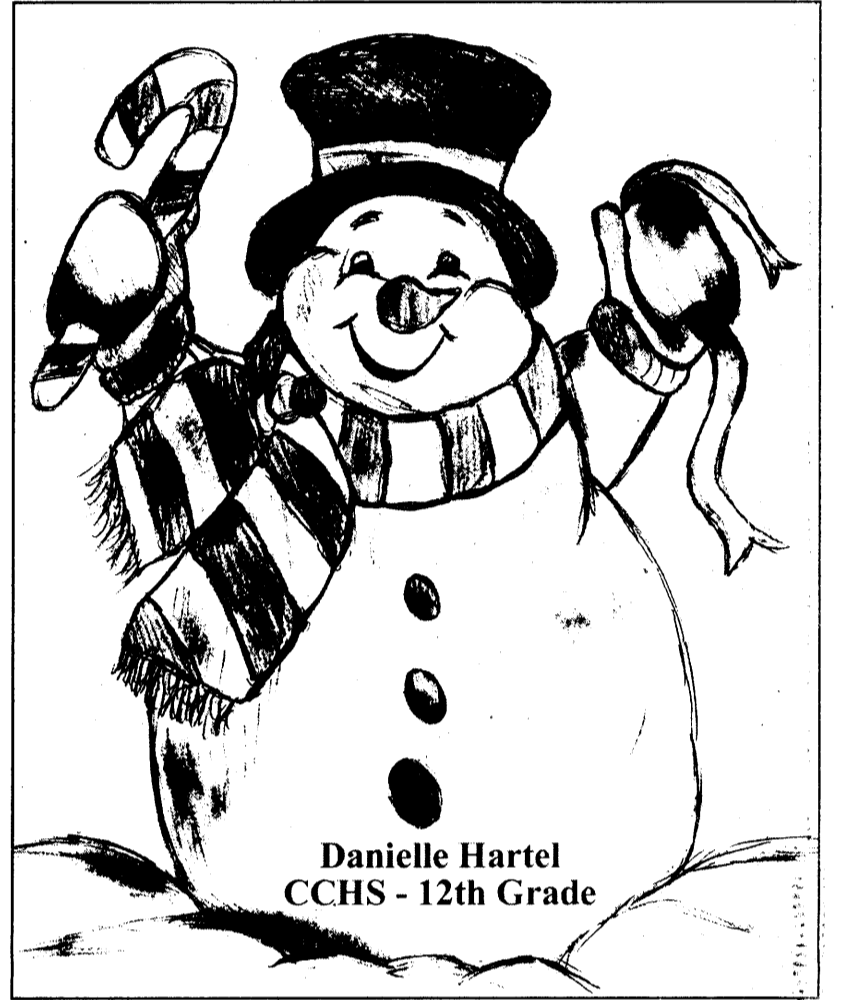


Lucinda Phelps  
CCHS - 12th Grade



Megan Beyerchen  
Kingston HS - 12th Grade

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Happy birthday baby Jesus.  
Love,  
Hallie, 5  
Owen-Gage Elementary



Danielle Hartel  
CCHS - 12th Grade



**PEACE ON EARTH**  
May the radiance and gift of His love light your way to everlasting peace and contentment.  
Best wishes for a joyous Christmas.  
From The Family & Staff  
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Jordan Burpee  
Jaden Gee

**I'll watch for you on Christmas**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaden Dean Gee and I am almost 7 months old. My big brother, Jordan, told me that if I asked "Amma" to help me write to Santa, that maybe I would get surprises for Christmas.  
Okay, first of all, I'd like some teeth. I've been chewing everything for 5 months now, and I really want some solid food like cookies and meat. Some bigger clothes would be nice, because I'm growing very fast. I like toys that make noise, music, talking toys, things that I can bang together or take apart and put together would be fun. And last, but not least, I could use a new crib. I tried to climb the side of mine last night and broke it. Does that mean that I'm a bad boy? My mama and grandmas say that I'm just a busy, curious little guy.  
I'll watch for you on Christmas Eve and if you find some broken cookies on the floor that would be my handiwork.  
Love and Hugs,  
Jaden Dean Gee

**My list is really long this year**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jordan Alan Burpee and I am 5 1/2 years old. My list is really long this year, and I know I can't have everything, but if I tell you what I like and need the most, then you can pick some things for me.  
I would like a new furnace heater for my bedroom, a Christmas tree and a new stocking, a fan, a blanket, hand-cuffs and a toy gun, a new dresser, fingernail clippers, a car booster seat, a VCR cleaning tape, a new screen for my window, a Blues Clues birthday tape, a Christmas puzzle, a new crib for my baby brother so he won't fall out, a new silky, a Bob the Builder play set, a new game, a Dora Christmas book, a train book, a Clifford Christmas book, a dump truck book, a truck book, a Thomas the Train book, a fish book, a rainforest race book, something nice for my baby sister Taryn at daddy's house, a new computer and a Play Station 2.  
Thank you for everything you brought me last year. I'll leave you a snack and something to drink if my baby brother doesn't find it first.  
Love and Kisses,  
Jordan Alan Burpee

**Dear Santa...**

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a Jasmine little doll with shoes and dresses, and an Ariel doll with green clothes that can go under water.  
I have been really good and I'm going to make you a Christmas tree like Mrs. Ross' tree.  
Love,  
Carlie G, 5  
Owen-Gage Elementary



Shandella Missovich

Dear Santa,  
I want a horsey and that's it.  
Shandella Leann Missovich, 3

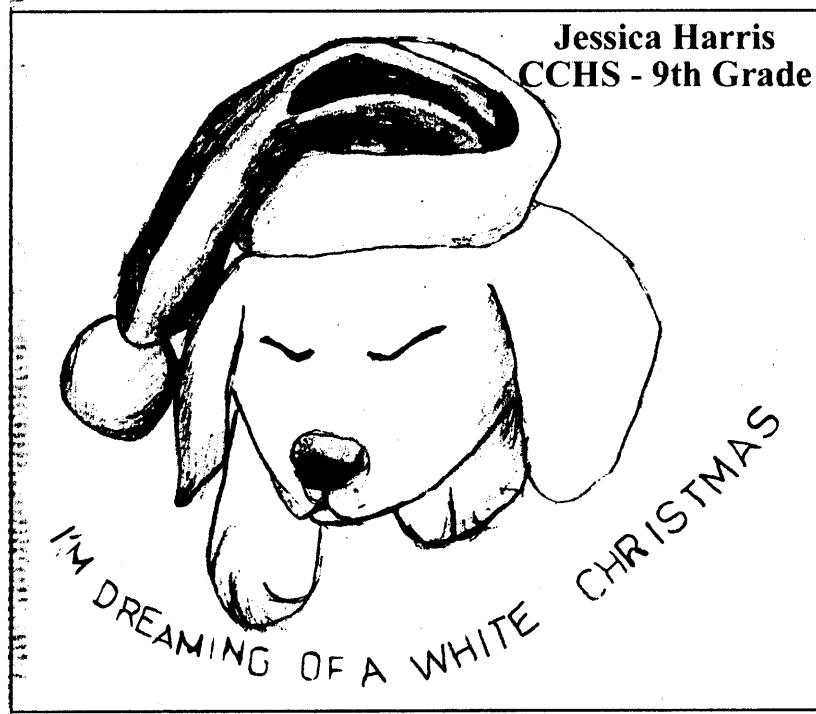
**A Child Is Born**

On this day, we celebrate with joy the birth of a Child who would become our Savior. May you live in the light of His love and follow His message of peace and hope for all.

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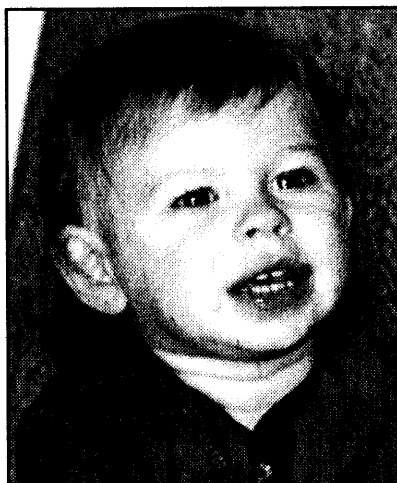
**HOLIDAY BELLS**  
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from Mr. Chips

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BACK TO THE 50s



Jessica Harris  
CCHS - 9th Grade

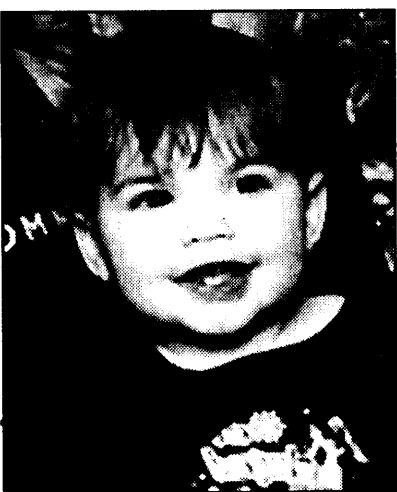
**I'm getting a brother but I want a puppy, Santa**



Keagan Voss

Dear Santa,  
I am almost 2 years old and I can't wait for Christmas this year.  
Mommy says I am getting a little brother for Christmas, but what I really want is a puppy. I would also like a football and if you have time you could bring a toy for my baby brother for when he comes.  
Keagan Voss

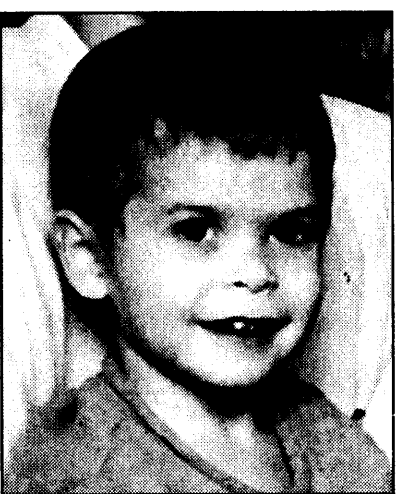
**I like pink clothes and toys, Santa**



Leah Hinkle

Dear Santa,  
Mommy and daddy said I have been very good this year, so I want lots of presents this year.  
I like pink toys and pink clothes. I want some hair bows and maybe a pink car my size.  
My brother is mean to me sometimes, but I think you should give him some toys anyway.  
Leah Hinkle

**Bring some noisy toys, dear Santa**

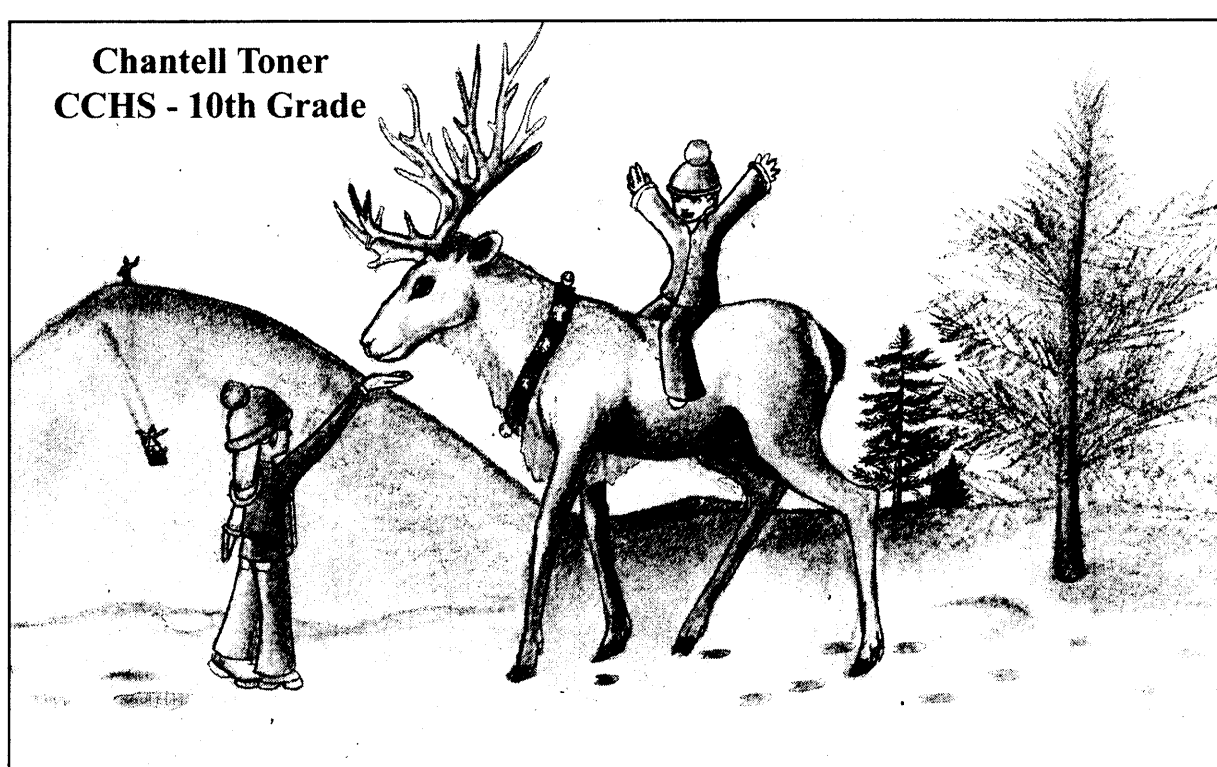


Tyler Hinkle

Dear Santa,  
I've tried to be good this year, so I want lots of toys for Christmas.  
First, I want a punching bag just my size. My mom and dad don't want me to use my sister anymore.  
I also want some balls to throw around the house. I like to play with any toys that are noisy.  
Please get my cousin, Keagan, and my sister, Leah, some good toys too. They have been very good this year. I like to pick on them a lot, but I really love them and want them to get nice things. Hopefully some good noisy toys so they can share with me.  
Don't worry, I won't forget to leave some milk and cookies for you.  
Tyler Hinkle

**Dear Santa...**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a guitar and a bug factory for Christmas. I also want a Power Ranger with a motorcycle.  
I will leave you some milk and cookies, and carrots for the reindeer.  
Love,  
Matthew S., 5  
Owen-Gage Elementary



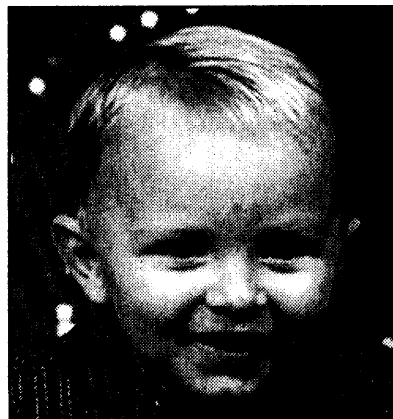
Chantell Toner  
CCHS - 10th Grade

**I'll be in Cass City for Christmas**



Conner Winter

Dear Santa,  
My name is Conner Kent Winter. I am 7 months old. I live in Richmond, Va., but I will be in Cass City for my very first Christmas.  
I have been a very good boy. I would really like a new toy that makes lots of noise.  
Please bring my cousin Jonathon something special because it is his first Christmas, too! My cousins Lindsey, Ashley, Carley, Brennan, and Chase have also been good this year.  
I will leave you some milk and cookies and a snack for your reindeer.  
Hugs and kisses,  
Conner  
P.S. Could you please remind my Grammy Hoard and Grandma Janice that I'm flying to Michigan!



Brevin Bogart

**I've been a good boy this year!**

Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years old and I have been a good little boy for my mommy and daddy. I can't wait for you to bring me some presents.  
I want Thomas the Train toys and maybe a few extra tracks, some Tonka trucks and a few books because I love to read. Oh, I almost forgot about that handy dandy notebook with Blues Clues that I've been wanting.  
I put out a big, big snowman that lights up just for you so you know where I live. You have to come in the front door because I don't have a chimney.  
I am going to leave you double chocolate chip cookies and carrots for the reindeer with a big glass of milk. I am sure you will eat it up. Don't leave lots of crumbs, mom gets mad.  
Merry Christmas Santa!  
Love,  
Brevin Gold Bogart

**Pasanski: Grandpa made Christmases very special**

I have a lot of favorite Christmas memories, but the one that would be my favorite is the one of my grandpa's last Christmas in 2002. The reason that this is one of my favorites is because my grandpa passed away in February of that following year.

This was always his favorite time of the year because he loved to see the look on his grandchildren's faces when they opened up their presents. He loved to decorate the house with all of the Christmas decorations and putting up all the lights. I remember that year I got my new bicycle, stereo and a lot of clothes.  
All of the Christmases haven't been the same since he has passed away. But we know he is smiling down on us from heaven and is wishing us a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. And hoping that we are having a good time without him.

As you can see, my grandpa loved Christmas and, of course, the presents, but we know he is celebrating up in heaven with the rest of them. So, I leave you all with by saying I'm wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Nicole Pasanski, 14  
CCHS - 9th grade

**Everyone was so excited**

The snow was falling and covered the ground as fluffy as a pillow. It was finally Christmas Eve. Last year's Christmas rocked because all of our family was together. My four guy cousins, Brad, Mike, Garrett, and Tyler were there and I always have a blast with them. Then, my cousins Brad and Beth announced they were going to have a baby.

Everyone was excited. Finally the presents were opened. Mine were awesome and I enjoyed all of them. It was a white Christmas and my family had fun laughing, snacking, and gossiping at my grandma's house on Christmas Eve.

Kyle Pine  
CCHS - 9th grade

**Best Wishes**  
FOR THE COMING YEAR!  
**DON'T**  
Spend the holidays  
with us.....  
**PLEASE DON'T**  
**DRINK AND DRIVE**

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**Merry Christmas**

**Hope the magic and mirth of Christmas shower you with happy surprises! We thank you especially dear friends and patrons for your support.**

**BARTNIK'S SERVICE**  
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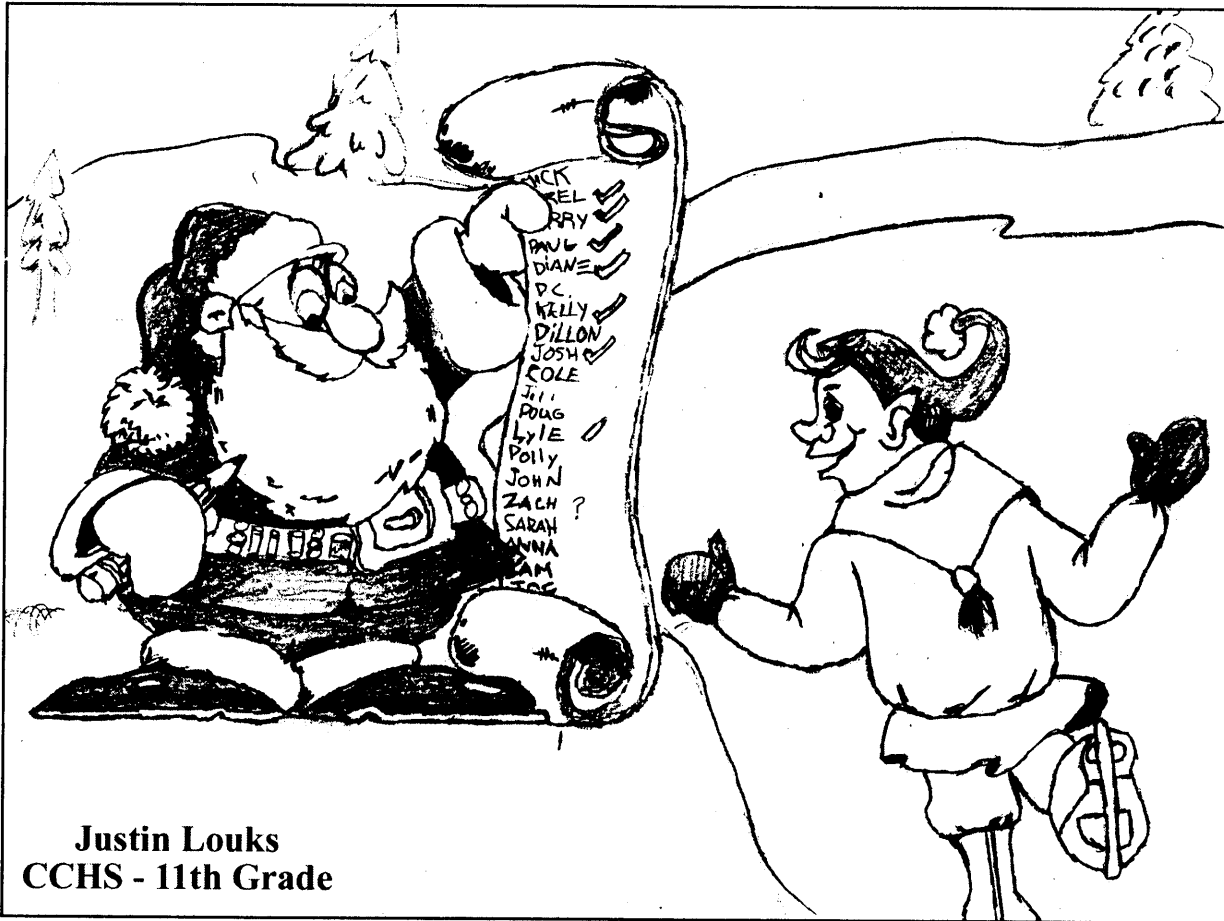
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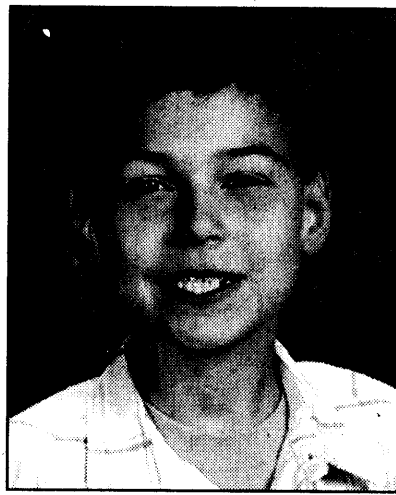
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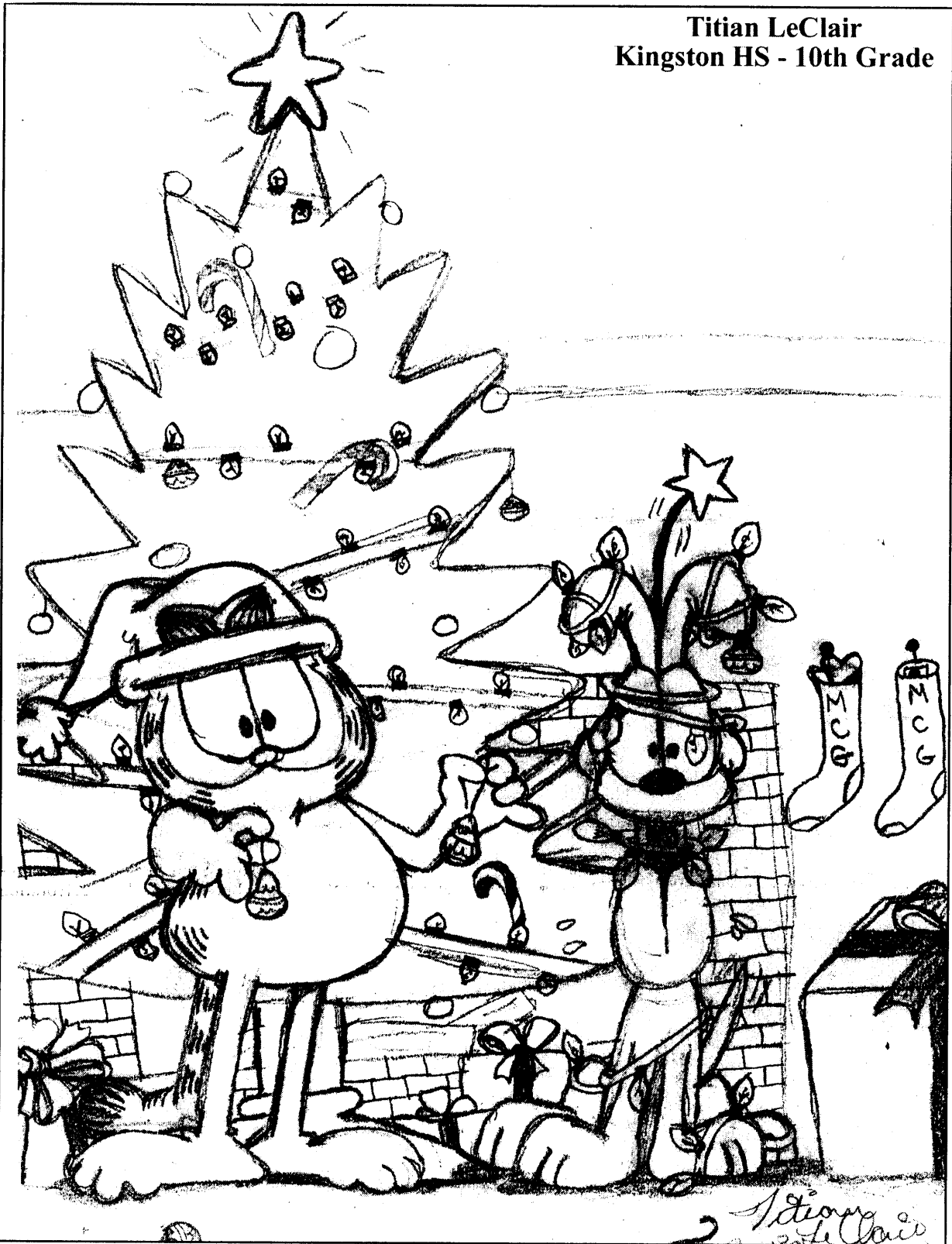
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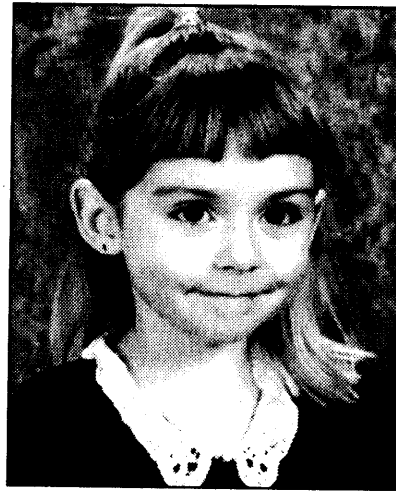
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Kingston HS - 9th Grade



Titian LeClair  
Kingston HS - 10th Grade



Courtney Smith

Christmas memory...

It was early on Christmas morning. I woke up and went to get my sister. Then we woke up my mom and dad by running into their room like a herd of elk. My parents turned on the light in the living room and our eyes lit up with Christmas cheer. There were tons of presents. It was a perfect day for Christmas because there was a lot of snow on the ground. After my sister and I opened all of our presents, there was still one more left as my dad brought out a box. We ripped open the box and inside was a Super Nintendo. That Christmas was great. My family had enjoyed a Christmas morning that I will remember for the rest of my life.

Eli Kelley  
CCHS - 9th grade

Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Courtney Smith. I am 4 years old and I have been pretty good this year. My brother, Vincent Purtill, has been good, too. He is 10 years old.  
For Christmas this year, I would like a couple Barbie dolls and some Barbie clothes and a few other things. My brother would like Spiderman stuff and puzzles and whatever else you think he might like.  
Please bring some stuff for my mom and dad. Also for our dog, Buster, a chew bone, and some treats for our bird Babbie.  
We will leave some milk and cookies for you and something for the reindeer. We hope you have a safe trip passing out all of the toys.  
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We were tucked in our bunk beds, but not soon to fall asleep. Our thoughts were restless as we knew that Santa should be arriving shortly with our presents. Before long, we heard the sound we had been waiting for. It was the sound of stomping reindeer on the roof of our house. It was the sound that sent shivers down my spine as if someone threw snow down my shirt.  
Soon, the sounds of packages were rattling inside our house. We knew just what had happened to both of us. At that moment, we became true believers of the Jolly St. Nick that visits our house once a year.  
As every Christmas holiday rolls around, I will always think of that memory, which is etched in my mind. I will never stop believing, no matter what age I may be.

Zach McCreedy  
CCHS



Ella Schroder

Dear Santa,  
I'm 4 years old now and have tried to be a good kid. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year!  
This Christmas, I would like a 12 Dancing Princesses Ballet Mat and DVD and a set of my own tools.  
Please tell the reindeer that I will sprinkle reindeer food on my front lawn so they will be able to find my house in the dark. I am making Christmas cookies with my mom, so I will leave a couple for you with some milk. And just a reminder...please don't forget to stop at my grandma and grandpa Smith's house in Decker.  
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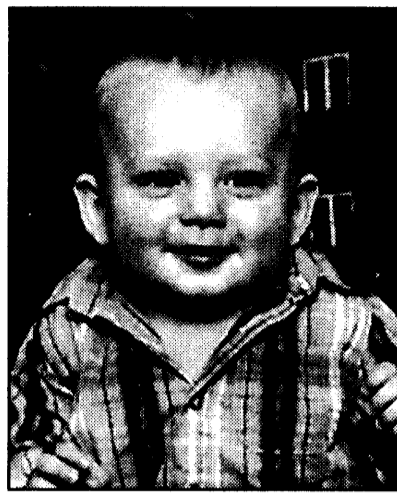
### The night before Christmas

It was the night before Christmas, I was lying on the couch, no dog was barking, and no cat meowing. The fire was still going. I was curled up in a sleeping bag, all snuggled up and warm, waiting for Santa Claus. Everyone was sleeping in their beds. I was waiting because I was the only person in the house who believed in Santa Claus. I knew he was real, and I was going to see him. I got up out of my comfortable sleeping bag to look around the house, to see if I could find him. I looked in the cupboards, and looked out the windows but there was no sign of Santa Claus. I went back into the living room, near the fire once more. I heard crackling behind me, I turned around. Oh my, he is real! Ole' Santa Claus was in front of my parents' door, coming out with a bag full of presents. He saw me sitting by the fire with a twinkle of light in my eye. He had red cheeks that looked like apples, a big long cloudy white beard from his lip to the top of his chest, a tummy so large it wiggled like a jar of cookies. He looked at me and smiled, a wonderful white smile, and blinked his brown eyes. He handed me a little box

covered in wrapping paper, and a big pink bow on top. He said to me at that time, "Ho, ho, ho, thank you for always believing in me." He said it in such a loud voice, so deep, I thought he shook the house! He set down the presents under the tree, carefully and caringly. He patted me on the head, ate a cookie I had made the other day, drank some milk, and went on his way. He went to my parents' door, winked again, went inside, and I never saw him again, not once more. I still believe in old St. Nick, he lives in my memories, there forever in my head. I soon fell asleep by the fire. I knew it, my heart full of joy and happiness. I had dreams of candy canes, and presents with pink bows. I woke up the next morning early and jumped up off the ground where I lay, what a wonderful, wonderful Christmas that was. My wish had come true. I had seen Santa Claus. Though the day was wonderful, the night of Christmas Eve was better. I will never forget that Christmas, it was the best. I had seen old Santa Claus.

**Halena Farkas**  
CCHS - 9th grade

### I've been a busy boy, Santa Claus



**Christopher Bukoski**

Hi Santa, My name is Christopher and I'm 10 months old. I've been a very busy boy this year trying to be good. For Christmas I would like some toys that make lots of noise and maybe some educational toys to help me learn and keep out of trouble! I would also like a big candy cane for my grandma Rock, she loves them. Don't forget to leave something nice for my mommy and daddy, too. Also could you stop by and leave something for Grandma and Grandpa Pasanski and Grandma Hartman in Bad Axe and Grandma and Grandpa Rock in Grand Ledge. You can't forget my auntie Shentelle in Bad Axe. I want you to bring her something special for Christmas! I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Love, Christopher Bukoski Bad Axe

### The truest of joys at Christmas

'Twas the day before Christmas, a long time ago, And our beautiful earth was all covered with snow. Down the street with their sleighs came two little boys, Who paused at the window to look at the toys. Already two others were there looking in. But their faces were sad, And their clothes old and thin, And the little one said, "Is it because we're so poor That Santa doesn't come to our house anymore?" The older one patted his brother's head, And hugged him up closely, as softly he said, "Oh, maybe he will come tonight, little Tim, If we ask in our prayers for the Lord to send him!" The little face smiled, But the boys saw a tear. Then slowly and sadly they went on their way. To the place they called home, Where that night they would pray. The boys with their sleighs followed closely behind. And neither one spoke, But in each childish mind, A beautiful thought said, as plain as could be, "I'll share with those poor boys what Santa brings me." When the two reached their home, To their father they ran, And eagerly told him their unselfish plan. He was proud of his boys, Who now felt that same love. That sent our dear Savior from his home above. Next morning, still thrilled with their beautiful thought, They scampered downstairs like little mice, To see what Santa brought. And they, with the help of their father and mother, Selected the presents for Tim and his brother. And as the first light of dawn came into view, The two went their way with the present bright and new, And crept very quietly up to the door, Where they'd seen the boys enter the evening before. As they hurried back home to their own Christmas joys, They could not even dream, How the other two boys would feel, On finding that Santa had really been there. That night when the "Santas" were ready for bed, With a hand of their father on each curly head. They knew, as they thought, Of two poor, happy boys. That's the truest and choicest of all Christmas joys.

**Anita Hill**  
CCHS - 9th grade



**Karen Aldrup**  
CCHS - 12th Grade

### A German Christmas

### An awesome Christmas tradition

My family has an awesome Christmas tradition. Every Christmas Eve we hang our decorations on the tree. First, we hang up our ornaments that we get from our grandparents every year. After that, we fill the tree inside and out with candy canes. With all of the ornaments, it's a bright shining gem. While decorating our tree, we like

to snack while hanging the ornaments. We eat deli sliced ham, turkey, roast beef, and cheese. We also eat things like beef jerky, potato chips, summer sausage and carrot sticks. With all the food we eat, we are as stuffed as a feather pillow. Another thing we do is watch all the classic Christmas movies that are showing on TV. One of the movies

we always watch is "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Another is "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," (the classic version, of course). We usually stay up until about 11 p.m. watching movies. That is my Christmas tradition and memory. Zach Fisher CCHS - 9th grade



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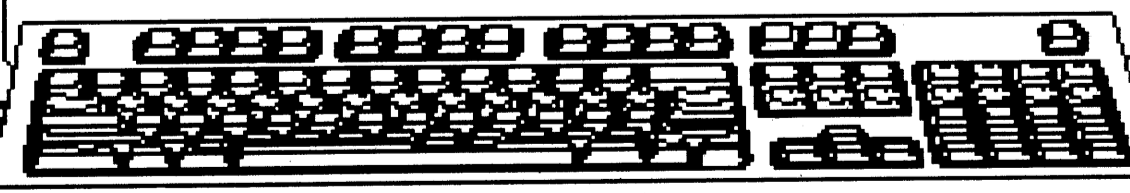



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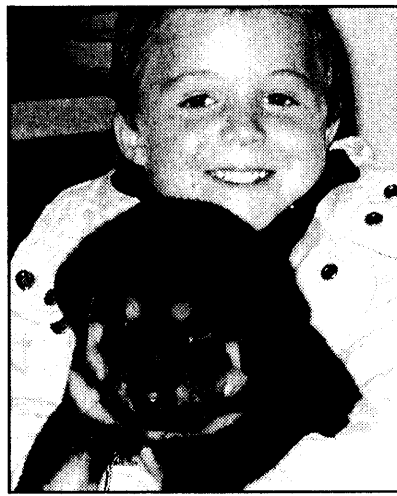
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Nikki Guigar  
CCHS - 9th Grade

### How about a little golf, Santa?

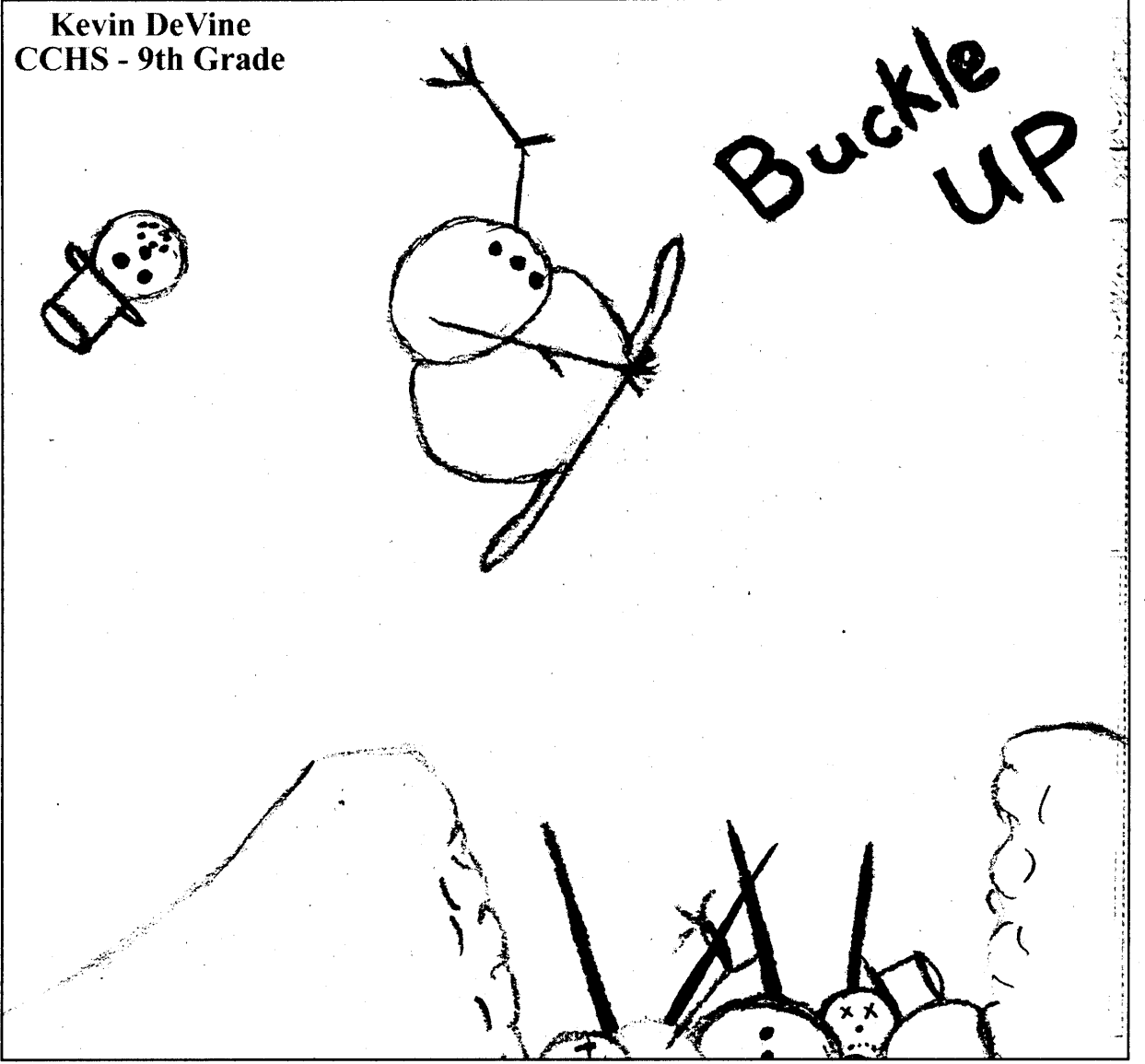


Enick Thomas Osantowski

Dear Santa,  
My name is Enick Thomas Osantowski. I am five years old. Thank you for my puppy. I named him Scooby Doo.  
For Christmas, I want a golf set, model set, and a design your own dinos kit like Christopher wants. Oh, I forgot a bug vacuum so I can catch bugs.

Thank you for all the toys you gave me last year.  
I will leave some white milk and cookies and grass for the reindeer, because I think they eat grass.  
I hope there is not too much snow so I can find the grass. I've been a little bit good too, and am trying to be better.  
I will go to grandpa and grandma's first, so I hope I find some of my presents there.  
Love,  
Enick

Kevin DeVine  
CCHS - 9th Grade



Sarah Howard  
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### Thank you for Lucky, Santa!



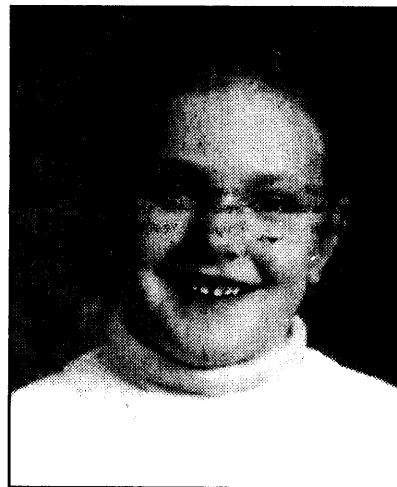
Christopher Fifer

Dear Santa,  
My name is Christopher Fifer. I am six years old. Thank you for my puppy. I named him Lucky, because I was so lucky to get him.  
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I've been a little bit good, but I'll try to be better. Thank you for all the gifts you brought me last year.  
I will leave you some milk and cookies, and leaves for your reindeer, that is what they eat, I think.  
Leave some of my presents at grandpa and grandma's, because I'll go there first.  
Love,  
Christopher

### Bring me a real dragon

Dear Santa,  
I would like a real dragon for Christmas. I also want a Batman toy, Ninja Turtles, a Power Ranger motorcycle, and a Spiderman toy.  
I will leave some cookies and milk out for you, and a carrot for Rudolph.  
Love,  
Matthew F., 5  
Owen-Gage Elementary

### I'll leave you milk and cookies



Mackenzie Uhl

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a picnic basket. Could you also bring a gift for my mom, dad, and the dogs, Pokey and Buddy.  
I will leave some milk and cookies for you and some carrots for the reindeer.  
Watch out for Buddy because he barks and bites.  
Love,  
Mackenzie Uhl

### I've tried to be good this year



Aidan Bogart

Dear Santa,  
Hey guy. Give me 5! All right! You know I have tried to be good, but...  
I have broken 4 ornaments off the tree. I got in trouble for spitting and when I get mad I throw my toys everywhere and I tease my sister. I end up in timeout more than I want to be there. By 11 a.m. I am hungry and tired so I cry and whine until lunch and my nap.  
Dear Santa, it's really tough being two! Do I still get a present?  
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Merry Christmas,  
Aidan Bogart, 2

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**VAUGHAN'S VILLAGE - CARO - 1979**  
Skyline 14'x70' mobile home. Extra large lot. Many updates. Priced to sell. \$5,490. MH-917

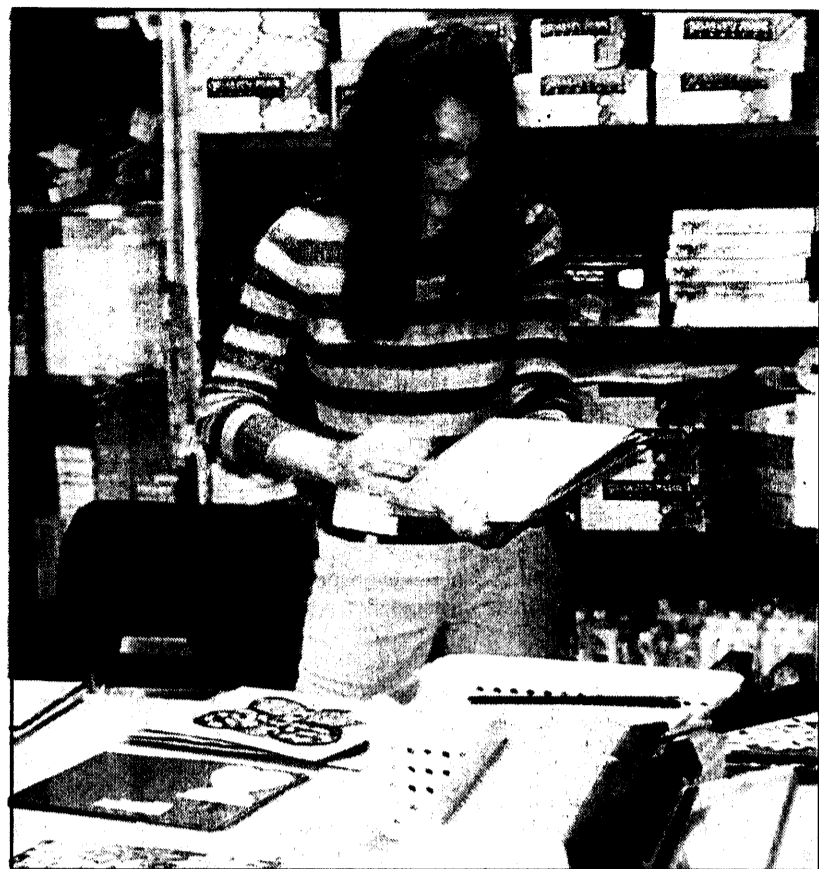
**This Ranch** features master bedroom w/large walk-in closet and wide entry doors. Bath has marble and oak vanity with double-headed shower. Open kitchen/dining room has solid oak cabinets and sliding glass door to a 12'x30' deck. Central air. Basement is finished w/large family room and lots of storage space. TCC-1491

**This 3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath** home is located in the southeast section of Cass City on a double lot. Included is a two car attached garage and a 9'x9' shed. This home is surrounded by many fruit trees, and has a great garden spot. TCC1459

**4354 Woodland St., Cass City - 3 bedroom, 1 bath** home has many updates including: insulation, wiring, plumbing and siding. Furnace and duct work in 2004, with central air. There is an 11'x11' deck off the kitchen. 1 1/2 car garage. TCC1472

**Shay Lake - Silverwood** - This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home sets near the lake and features a fireplace that has an LP gas insert for heat, also included is a new corn burner. There is a 12'x12' shed. Roof is only 2 years old. Cy2524

**This Cute and clean** home has been updated with a remodeled bathroom, new carpet and new double hung windows. This home has many cabinets and a 4'x17' back room for storage and includes an 8'x12' shed. TCC-1393



**SLOANE STIMPFEL**, pictured above volunteering at Campbell Elementary School, is spearheading the formation of a parent-teacher organization (PTO) in Cass City.

## Local PTO forming

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The bottom line, according to Stimpfel, is making a difference for

### Demand up for annual toy drive

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lies in need through the Family Independence Agency and from local school officials, he said, "so, basically we're doing the Cass City School area."

Regardless of the number of families that are in need, the club always manages to meet the demand, thanks to the combined efforts of area residents, and club members who put in the time to shop, sort and pack, according to Curtis.

"Everybody's involved in one way or another," Curtis said. "This is our main project that we hang our hat on, really, as far as giving back to the community."

the children, who are losing teachers - either through layoffs or staffing adjustments as some instructors are moved to other subjects as a result of staffing cuts.

"It's sad because of where people are going where they aren't qualified. That's why I knew I had to do something," she said.

"It's just sad. Who pays for it but our teachers and our children?" Stimpfel said. "What do you do? Right here - you help. You help."

## Christmas Eve service scheduled

Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will host a family-oriented Christmas Eve service beginning at 6 p.m.

The evening features special music, the reading of the Christmas story, communion and congregational singing of Christmas carols.

The public is welcome. For more information, call 989-872-3658.

## Center closed

The Tuscola County Recycling Center will be closed Monday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 26, Monday, Jan. 1, and Tuesday, Jan. 2 in observance of the holidays.

The regular business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (will be open Dec. 16).

For additional information, call (989) 672-1673 or email recycle@tuscolacounty.org. You may also check out the website: www.tuscolacounty.org/recycling/ for more information on all recycling programs.

## Correction

A birth announcement published in the Dec. 13 issue of the Chronicle incorrectly spelled the name of the baby.

The story should have read: Cody McArthur welcomed home his baby sister, Hailey Meredith McArthur, who was born Friday, Dec. 8, 2006 at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe.

The parents are Dave and Angie McArthur of Snover, and the grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert McArthur of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Meredith of Snover.



**THE WINNERS OF THE Cass City Chamber of Commerce's Christmas in the Village children's drawings are:** (back row, from left) Jacob Miller, Tyler Miller, Luran Russell, Mariah Miller, Brandy Brooks, (middle row, left) Shane Hoppe, Nataliah Frankowski, Christopher Fifer, Martha Brooks, Kristen Stimpfel, (front row, left) Abby Phillips, Vincent Favazza, Payton Bock, Owen Hoppe, Hunter Walker, Mariah Mellendorf and Logan Adams.

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