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Nestles building to house business

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Santa came to Cass City a bit early this year in the form of a trio of announcements from village officials. Topping the list is the sale of the Nestles building last week.

Officials also said a portion of the walking trail property from Mulligan's Irish Links to M-81 has been given to the village by former Nestles building owner Dwaine Peters, and that the Cass City Downtown Development Authority has purchased the cultural center building for \$1 from the former owner, a downstate resident.

Contrary to popular belief, Village Manager Peter Cristiano said, the cultural center is not in terrible shape.

Some repairs are needed, but the village won't be pouring thousands of dollars into the structure. Instead, the plan is to find a buyer.

Cristiano and Eldor Herrmann, president of Ceramic Systems, Inc., Caro, Monday confirmed Herrmann's purchase of the Nestles building, which has stood vacant for a number of years. The negotiated sale price between Herrmann and Peters was \$105,000.

Herrmann said cramped quarters at his current location at 2185 E. Wells Rd., in conjunction with an expanded list of new customers, prompted his decision to expand in Cass City. He noted the additional customers were created when a Canadian firm closed its ceramics division, leaving Ceramic Systems, Inc., as one of the few viable ceramics products manufactur-

ers in North America. "So, that's one of the reasons that we looked at the Nestles building. We just don't have the room here," he said.

Herrmann said the initial plans for the Nestles building are to use the facility for storage of raw materials. In time, the company will begin manufacturing in Cass City. "As soon as we get a roof on there, we're going to expand out there."

Ceramic Systems, Inc., was started in 1970 as Miracle Ceramics and incorporated in 1974 as Ceramic Systems. The company's first products were fused silica materials for pre-formed cores used in the investment casting industry.

"The bulk of our products at this time are parts for the wear industry," explained Herrmann, who said those products include various shaped components used to line hydrocyclones in the mining industry. The products are also used in coal-fueled power plants to protect pipes and other equipment from abrasion. The company also manufactures electrical insulators.

Ceramic Systems, Inc., currently employs 20 people. Herrmann acknowledged that number probably will grow as the company expands. "We don't know what the future holds, but it looks pretty good," he said.

Village officials agreed the future looks brighter with Herrmann's decision to invest in the community.

"I'm just glad it's being put to use and there's going to be some jobs available," Village President Carl Palmateer said. "It's another, I think, step forward for the town in getting back on its feet."

Cristiano indicated he believes Peters' willingness to fix-up the building facade, at the request of village officials, played a role in its sale. "It's a great Christmas present," Cristiano said.



ANDY GRAY (left) and Ben Varney were among the Cass City Rotary Club members who gathered at the Curtis Chrysler dealership in Cass City Saturday to complete the sorting and packing of toys for the club's "Christmas for Kids" distribution. Donation of toys for the campaign was overwhelming, according to club members, who reported they were able to provide toys and clothing for about 280 children from more than 100 families this year.

School's wish list down to \$6.8 million

The Cass City Board of Education Monday briefly reviewed a pared-down list of capital/facility improvement projects that will be funded if voters approve a debt millage extension request in the spring.

The original "wish list" of improvements totaled roughly \$11.2 million. School Supt. Ron Wilson presented the board with repair, maintenance and upgrade projects totaling about \$6.8 million during Monday's rescheduled monthly meeting.

The work includes improvements that would cost \$1,281,610 at Campbell Elementary School, \$805,635 at the middle school, \$2,270,216 at the high school, \$914,743 for grounds and athletic facilities and \$1,078,600 for technology upgrades.

Major projects at the elementary school include replacing sections of roof (\$275,580) and a new boiler system (\$679,200). Topping the list at the middle school is a new metal roof (\$711,000). At the high school, improvements would include replacing asphalt around the building and service drive (\$520,000), a new roof (\$630,000), boys and girls locker room upgrades (\$315,000), and renovation/expansion of the main offices (\$105,000).

Among the grounds and athletic facility improvements are resurfacing the track (\$160,000), replacing the parking lot at the bus garage (\$225,000), and the purchase of 4 new

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U-W campaign alive, well

Michigan's economy hasn't changed over the past 3 months, but neither has the resolve of United Way of Tuscola County officials, who are determined to distribute a good \$17,000 more in 2008 than they were able to this year.

And, they're not just leaving it to chance.

Jim Heiser, director of operations for the United Way of Tuscola County, said last week that officials remain focused on goals set forth when they officially kicked off the 2007-08 campaign last September. Those goals include increasing the number of businesses that allow payroll deductions by making personal visits to companies that employ 40 or more people.

"Currently, 85 percent of the funding received (by the United Way) is from payroll deductions, and this is an easy and painless way to make a

donation. There are approximately 30 companies/businesses that fit the category of 40 or more employees but do not currently provide payroll deductions," Heiser said, adding local United Way representatives plan to begin making contacts with those businesses during the first quarter of 2008.

Another related goal is to contact businesses that do allow payroll deduction to encourage more participation and increased donations.

Among the local businesses that already generate United Way funding via payroll deduction are the Cass City Public Schools, Chemical Bank, Thumb National Bank, UPS, Walbro Engine Management and Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Heiser said United Way officials are also making telephone contact to mail-in campaign contributors who have not yet responded to this year's

mailing.

"Last year's mail-in campaign generated \$7,777.50, and we are expecting a 10-percent increase this year to \$8,555," he said. "The 2007-08 mail-in campaign is currently at \$7,378, which represents 86-percent of our goal. So far this year, there have been 50 new donors — those that didn't give last year, but gave this year. If the remaining 51 donors from last year who have not yet sent in a donation make a donation equal to what they gave last year, our campaign will surpass \$10,521."

Another goal is to increase the value of the United Way of Tuscola County Fund within the Tuscola County Community Foundation to \$20,000 by seeking individual and corporate contributions.

"The ultimate purpose of the fund is to pay United Way of Tuscola County operating expenses from the fund's income, thereby enabling us

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EIGHTH GRADE student Kelsey Dillon (right) helps Lauren Peters, 4, fill her Christmas list during the Santa's Workshop event at Cass City Middle School last Wednesday. The annual fundraiser provides money for the eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Local man arrested in break-in

A Cass City man was among a trio of break-in suspects nabbed by Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies early Saturday morning.

According to Sgt. Brad Roff, a Peck homeowner called Sanilac Central Dispatch at about 2:20 a.m. to report he was following a vehicle eastbound on M-90 from Brown Road, and that vehicle was occupied by several individuals who had just broken into his shop.

"Dispatch advised that the homeowner responded to an alarm in his shop, where he observed several sets of footprints in the snow by the door to the shop, and saw a vehicle leave from his property traveling eastbound," Roff reported. "Dispatch advised that the homeowner was continuing to follow the vehicle as he called 911 from his cell phone."

Two deputies responded to the area

and located the suspect vehicle traveling east on M-90 near Wixson Road in Lexington Township, where they stopped the vehicle, according to Roff, who also arrived at the scene along with a Crosswell police officer.

"Upon investigation of the suspect vehicle and the 3 male occupants, sheriff's deputies located a stolen rifle that was identified at the scene by the homeowner to have been taken from his shop," Roff said. "Further investigation revealed numerous burglary tools located in the vehicle."

The suspects, a 28-year-old Cass City man, 25-year-old Swartz Creek man and a 31-year-old Sandusky man, were arrested and transported to the Sanilac County Jail. Their names were not released.

Roff said all 3 men remain in custody on bonds ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 pending their arraignments.

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Jessica and Chad Thorley

Moore, Thorley exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thorley announce the marriage of their children, Jessica Alice Moore to Chad Anthony Thorley. They were married by the Rev. Mark Morningstar in an outdoor wedding June 21, 2007.

The bride's attendants were Ashley Gerstenberger, Tawn Schumacher, Stephanie Moore, Kristin Thorley, Andrea Oxford and Erica Scott. The groom's attendants were Patrick Johnson, Casey Dickinson, Preston Rosenberg, Aaron Griggs, Nicholas Moore and Hunter Brown.

Jessica is a December 2007 graduate of Saginaw Valley University and Chad is a May 2007 graduate of Delta College. The couple honeymooned in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and are currently residing in Snover.

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

The service will include singing of carols, special music, communion and the reading of Jesus' birth story. The public is invited.

More information is available by calling (989) 872-3658.

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Movie for
seniors set
at library

Engaged

Amber Rienstra and Ben Muscott

Dennis and Cheryl Rienstra of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Christine, to Benjamin Muscott.

Amber is the granddaughter of the late Peter and Lorene Rienstra of Cass City.

She is a 1998 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2003 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is currently employed with Consumers Energy as a chemistry technician.

Ben is a 2002 graduate of Michigan Tech and received his MBA from Central Michigan University in 2005. He is currently employed with Jackson County ISD as a database administrator.

A May 2008 wedding is being planned at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Frankenmuth.

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Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994

I have been quite sick, threatened to give the news up, then I get cards from Florida telling me they miss the news so I'm going to try and keep it going. I sure don't feel good, but I'm going to try and do better. - Thelma

Kranz earns
recertification
by CFSP

Debra L. Kranz of Cass City recently qualified for recertification of the designation of certified funeral service practitioner (CFSP) by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practitioners. Kranz is a lifetime member of the academy.

A number of professions grant special recognition to members upon completion of specified academic and professional programs, and the CFSP is the funeral service's national individual recognition.

To receive certification, practitioners must complete a 180-hour program of continuing education activities and events. In addition, the practitioner is required to accumulate 20 hours per year to recertify. Credits are awarded for work leading to personal and/or professional growth in academic activities, professional activities, career review and community and civic activities.

The Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at the Cass City Diner for their Christmas lunch and they made baby quilts for the baby pantry in Caro. Card Bingo was played and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

The Traveling Breakfast Club met at Big Boy last week. They will meet at Coffee Cup Plus this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended a birthday party for Brooke Depcinski's 9th birthday at the Long Shots Bowling Alley in Bad Axe Sunday. Birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Linda Tittjung, Marie Grifka, Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz and Mrs. Bob Jackson spent a day at Little River Casino for Mrs. Jackson's birthday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club Christmas party Tuesday. After the rosary was said, a dinner was served.

Mrs. Don Hendrick visited Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Meg's Peg

Good will?

by Melva E. Guinther

I was reminded the other day of the verse in Longfellow's "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day" that says, "In despair I bowed my head. 'There is no peace on earth,' I said."

In a crowded parking lot, I bumped a parked car while backing out.

Of course, I was reversing slowly and it didn't result in even a mark on the other car. However, the car's owner saw it happen and thought I was fleeing the scene. He started yelling obscenities. I stopped and went back to be sure there was no damage, and the guy cursed me unmercifully and told me I was going to rot in hell.

Whoa! I shudder to think what would have happened if there had been so much as a scratch on the vehicle.

After apologizing profusely, I asked him if he could see any damage. He said, "Not yet. But if I do you'll hear from me!"

I'd never had anyone cuss at me like that. Oh well, perhaps the venom poured out on me will spare his wife and family.

Not willing to allow the incident to leave me in a pre-Christmas funk, I looked for something on a lighter note.

This item came from crosswalk.com and told about 2 hillbillies who went out in the woods and spent the whole day looking for a Christmas tree. They managed to get lost, were chased by some hungry wolves and ended up nearly freezing in the sub-zero temperature.

Finally one of them declared, "I'm gonna chop down the next tree I see, whether it's decorated or not!"

Do you suppose we have too many Christmas decorations?

Last year I was quite meticulous in labeling everything when putting it back in the closet after the holidays.

We assembled the artificial tree first this year and got it decorated before delving into the depths of the closet. After loading it down with all the trim it could comfortably hold, I retrieved a few boxes of house decorations and came upon a box labeled "Tree Decorations '07."

There's no way we could place another item on the tree.

Then I came upon a large bag labeled "NEW MONS." Enjoying a challenge, I tried to figure out what it was without looking inside. As I showed it to my husband to see if he could decipher it, I managed to turn it upside down. Oh!

Space doesn't permit relating the whole article sent by a friend regarding wrapping presents, but it was pretty funny.

It quoted the biblical account of the magi bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus, and noted that there is no mention of wrapping paper.

If there had been, the author claims, Matthew would have said, "And lo, the gifts were inside 600 square cuts bits of paper, and the paper was festooned with pictures of Frosty the Snowman. And Joseph was going to throw it away, but Mary saideth unto him, 'Holdeth it! That is nice paper! Saveth it for next year!'"

He points out that since these words do NOT appear in the Bible, the very first Christmas gifts were not wrapped.

This, he claims, is because the first gift givers met 2 important criteria: 1. They were wise. 2. They were men.

In conclusion, he says, "Remember, the important thing is not what you give, or how you wrap it. The important thing during this very special time of year is that you keep the receipts. Well said.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, December 20

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.

Friday, December 21

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

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Wednesday, December 26

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

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The snow that arrived over the weekend made it easier to get around town. It followed Friday's melt and freeze that produced the most horrible walking conditions of this year and possibly of any other year within memory. Walking a village street was harder than walking on the ice in Saginaw Bay. The roads were smooth in the village and on the bay there were always spots that were frozen in ripples that provided traction. Or maybe 70-plus years have distorted my memory.

Over the years a continuing problem has been how to make Main Street glow during the Christmas season. Most times the main stem doesn't sparkle as much as neighboring communities. This year the decorations equal or are better than what Cass City has produced previously. The decorated trees show up just fine after dark. The reason for the decorating problem, as most folks know, is the width of Main Street in Cass City. You'd be hard put to find anyone who wouldn't agree that the wide street is worth the Yule light problem. It's common for visitors to comment (with envy) about the great wide street as they view the community.

Wrestling Coach Don Markel is trying his best to provide a regular season match in Cass City. There is none now. The problem is gym time, Markel explains, caused by the change of seasons for girls' basketball. With both boys and girls playing, finding an open night has been very difficult, but Markel is working to find teams to compete in one of the few nights that the gym will be available. If that doesn't work out, fans will be forced to wait for the district tournament that is slated in Cass City this season.

It was fun watching the young cheerleaders at Friday's Cass City-Yale basketball game. There were, perhaps, 50 dressed in proper cheerleading garb for their demonstration at the half. Before the performance the young girls were seated together. Some of them were certainly at home in the gym, while others had to be reassured by a parent before timidly joining the group. It's certain that parents of the girls were nearby. After their performance there was a notable exodus of spectators not interested in the results of the game itself.

Officials: risk low for vaccine

Federal and local health officials worked to ease parents' fears last Wednesday after drug maker Merck & Co. voluntarily recalled 1.2 million doses of Haemophilus Influenza Type b (Hib) vaccine.

Company officials said they made the decision to recall the vaccine after identifying a sterility problem in one of their factories.

Hib is a common vaccine given to babies as young as 2 months and protects against meningitis, pneumonia and other serious infections. The vaccine is recommended for all children under the age of 5 and is usually given in a 3-shot series.

Company officials as well as officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the risk for contamination is low.


In Tuscola County, health department spokeswoman Kelly J. Germain, RN, reported that no children vaccinated at the Tuscola County Health

Department received the vaccine in question.

"If a provider vaccinated your child with vaccine affected by this recall, your child does not need to be re-vaccinated," Germain said. "Although there have been no reports of any adverse reactions among children who have been vaccinated, parents of children recently vaccinated with recalled vaccine should watch for any signs of infection, such as redness and swelling at the injection site, and contact their providers if such reactions occur."

"Sterility tests of samples from the recalled lots have not found any contamination and the potential of contamination of any individual dose of Hib vaccine is very low," Germain added.

Parents can learn more by contacting their health care provider or the Tuscola County Health Department at (989) 673-8114 (ext. 133).



The back forty

by Roger Pond

It's easy to forget how much agriculture has changed over the years. My generation has seen the days of two-row corn planters and this new era of precision agriculture with satellite technology.

One thing hasn't changed, though: The competitive nature of farming. Everyone is looking for crops, livestock, and enterprises that will help improve the bottom line.

A few farmers are taking their cues from the tourist business by providing farm activities for city people. These entrepreneurs have discovered that baling hay, building fence, and milking cows are great entertainment for folks who never had to do them.

It's hard to believe people pay good money to do things their grandparents spent most of their lives trying to avoid, but that's the way it is. Some farmers are planting entire fields of corn and cutting them into mazes so tourists can wander around, wondering how they are going to get out.

I can't imagine anybody getting lost in a cornfield. The whole thing seems terribly embarrassing to me.

Tourist farming (or agri-tourism) may sound strange at first, but it's a natural progression in many ways. Folks who grew up on a farm have been dealing with tourists for most of their lives: We called them "town kids" when I was a boy.

Getting lost in the cornfield is a minor event compared to the stunts we cooked up for the town kids. Most of our pranks were harmless — even educational in a warped sort of way. My friend Jim's brown cow trick was one of my favorites. Jim's family had a few cows and an excellent pasture for baseball, so he always kept a few town kids around for the weekend baseball games.

Most Saturdays we would play baseball until about 5:00 p.m., and then we had to quit so Jim could milk the cows. While Jim gathered the cows, I

generally mixed-up some powdered milk-replacer for the calves.

One company made a chocolate colored milk-replacer in those days, and that's what Jim had for his calves.

Everyone knows the old story about brown cows giving chocolate milk. So we'd mix up a batch of chocolate milk-replacer and try to convince the town kids we got it from the old black cow in the last stanchion.

Our friends were skeptical at first, but they always came around. Seeing is believing, I guess.

When I read about agri-tourism, bed and breakfasts, and cornfield mazes, I always remember those days when the town kids came to the farm to visit. That's the main reason I could never run an agri-tourist business.

I'd have to stop every so often and say, "Wait a minute! These folks are paying to swing on the hay rope. Maybe we should tie it to something this time?"

The Haire Net

Merry Christmas to our readers



According to a story in a metro daily about the recently completed gun deer season, the number of hunters this season was down from the previous year. The speculation was that the opening on Thursday was the worst day of the week to start the hunt and one reason for the decline in hours spent in the woods by the hunters.

Immediately, it made me think that the hunters and weekly newspaper have something in common. Thursday is the problem day for hunters, but Christmas falling on Tuesday is the least attractive day for weekly publishers.

This is written on Thursday, Dec. 13, 11 days before Christmas. Normally, to try and remain as up-to-date as possible, stuff written on Thursday would be on the street the following Tuesday. I know, I know, there are plenty of exceptions but we try, we try.

Anyway, Christmas on Tuesday means that the paper will be on the newsstands Wednesday and delivered Thursday. The same schedule prevails for New Year's.

There was a time in Cass City when many of the merchants capped the busy retail season with a party on the afternoon and early evening the day before Christmas. As far as I know that doesn't happen anymore.

It shouldn't be construed that a party on the day before Christmas lessened the true reason for the celebration. Cass City then and now remains a community where the true meaning of Christmas is paramount.

When describing our community, I usually remark that no matter what your Christian belief happens to be, there will be a church in this small town that you would be comfortable with.

The last issue before Christmas is a traditional time to give thanks and acknowledge the assistance we receive trying to make the paper an integral, leading voice in the community.

Some years we named some of the people who helped as we attempted to meet our goal. The trouble is, the first names that pop up are usually those that have been in the news many times before.

Certainly they are important, but this paper could not exist without myriad readers who take the time to clue us in on stories and special community events. For example, people like Marge Zawilinski who brought in the early issue of the Chronicle written about last week.

To all of them, a very Merry Christmas.....and thanks.

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Dec. 19, 2007

5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 24

Thursday
Snow Possible
High: 34 Low: 24

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 35 Low: 26

Saturday
Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 27

Sunday
Cloudy
High: 33 Low: 25

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a high temperature of 32°, humidity of 89% and an overnight low of 24°. The record high temperature for today is 47° set in 1957. The record low is -8° set in 1951. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 34°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
12/23	12/31	1/8	1/15

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 8:01 a.m.
Sunset tonight 4:58 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	28	25	34/22	0.00"
Tuesday	34	19	33/22	0.00"
Wednesday	32	7	33/22	0.00"
Thursday	34	9	33/21	0.00"
Friday	34	10	33/21	0.00"
Saturday	27	14	32/21	0.00"
Sunday	27	21	32/20	0.00"

Precipitation 0.00"
Normal precipitation 0.50"
Departure from normal -0.50"
Average temperature 22.9°
Average normal temperature 27.1°
Departure from normal -4.2°

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"The Maroon and White"

by Lauren Hudson

"Happy Holidays" today is becoming a well-used, worn out phrase. But it is the truth. This time of the year is truly holy. Kwanza, Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, and many other "holy-days" are common around this time. No need to take offense; this time of year is holy for everyone.

Take Kwanza for instance. It is an African "holy-day" that African Americans in our country practice in order to connect with their roots. This year, Kwanza is after the Christmas "holy-day".

Christmas is a very interesting "holy-day". Many, many Americans practice this day with many traditions, "(We put) up the Christmas tree, (we) go to my grandparents house...we (also) have a big breakfast before we open presents...we usually read the Christmas story from the Bible," Jacob Hanby, 18, said of his family's Christmas traditions. The Christmas traditions that most people are accustomed to are presents, the tree, mistletoe, Santa Claus, and (of course) Christ's birth.

Sometimes, the Christmas season is referred to as "Yuletide" or just "Yule". The traditions from that "holy-day" are usually borrowed by Christmas, such as the "yuletide carol." Most everyone knows the first phrase of Deck the Halls, (a Welsh yuletide carol):

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa-la-la-la-la,
la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.

The "Yule holy-day" observed the passage from long hours of night to the daylight hours getting longer. The holly was put into halls or doorways to "banish" the evil spirits, since the holly had sharp edges around its leaf. The evil spirits were thought to come out when it was dark, and it's always "the darkest before dawn." It too, is darkest the day of the "Yule" or "Winter Solstice" because there are more hours of dark than any other night.

Mistletoe is found as a weed growing on oaks. Ironically, the ancient pagans regarded both the oak and its weed as holy. The tree and presents under it is quite possibly another

"borrowed" tradition from the pagans. On the "Yule" they would exchange presents underneath a tree...of course the only tree "living" during winter (living, such as green and full of life) was an evergreen.

Inadvertently, I explained the traditions of the "Winter Solstice," a/k/a "Yule". "Well, for the holiday season I usually do what I think would be fun to do or I usually do what my family is doing. My family is Christian, but I am atheist. I do the traditional - give presents, receive presents, put the decorations up, but I don't do any of the religious parts of holy days. It's hard to break away from family traditions," Ashley Deel, 17, commented. In a way, she is celebrating the day of "Yule" (winter solstice).

The Christian faith is really an extension of the Jewish faith. The only difference between the faiths, is that most Jews don't believe Christ was the Messiah, and Christians do.

Halena Farkas, 15, helped me to understand her faith. "One tradition we have during the holiday season is lighting of the Menorah and then we spin the dreidel and play the dreidel game," she explained.

The dreidel is kind of like a top. The game is played by spinning the dreidel, and receiving how many pennies the dreidel says you get. At the start of the game everyone is given the same amount of pennies. The Jewish letters on the dreidel correspond to how many pennies are received. "Hay" means you lose 2 pennies. "Shin" means you lose all your pennies. "Nun" means you get nothing. "Gimel" means you get all the money in the pot. During the game, the players sing the dreidel song. Later, when the Menorah is lit, a Hebrew prayer is said. Halena is what is called a Masonic Jew (a Jew for Christ, she celebrates the Jewish traditions, but also believes Christ was the Messiah.)

This time of the year is a time for happiness, holiness, joy, peace, love, and caring. Most people feel pressured by the season's demands...don't be. The season is all about loving each other and celebrating your faith and life.

That's why the word "peace" is so important around this time; because in truth, that is what all the holidays, all the "Happy Holidays", are about...being at peace.



HONORING CASS CITY Rawson Memorial Library for earning the 2007 State Librarian's Excellence Award are Village President Carl Palmateer, (left) and Village Manager Peter Cristiano. Accepting the plaque recognizing the achievement is library director Kate VanAuken.

Several appear on charges last week

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

•Michael D. Wyson, 25, Bay City, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and 24 months probation for his plea of no contest to larceny in a building Aug. 23, 2005, in Fairgrove Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,370.

•Vicki Witmer, 39, Caro, was sentenced to 34 days in jail and 12 months probation for her plea of guilty to attempted obtaining a controlled substance by fraud Aug. 15 in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay \$740 in costs and fines.

•Ronald A. Clyne, 48, Caro, was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in prison for his plea of no contest to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny May 24 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$120.

•Kevin C. Heppner, 21, Bay City, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with work release, and 36 months probation for his pleas of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and unlawfully driving away an automobile March 11 in Wisner Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,480 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$132.13.

•Richard A. Ontiveros, 25, Pigeon, was sentenced to 30 days in jail (de-

ferred) and 12 months probation for his pleas of no contest to delivery/manufacture of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 50 grams) and possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) July 13 in Indianfields Township/village of Caro.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$1,780.

•Gary W. Wheaton, 35, Fostoria, was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with work release, and 12 months probation for his pleas of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Dec. 8, 2006, in Watertown Township, and unlawfully driving away an automobile March 14 in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$640 in costs and fines.

•Daniel M. Limas, 20, Lennon, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to delivery of a controlled substance Sept. 7 in Wells Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,320.

•James E. Bearinger, 53, Caro, stood mute to charges of first degree home invasion and larceny in a building Sept. 29 in Akron.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Rose A. Zaradny, 57, Mayville, received a one-year delayed sentence for her pleas of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence Aug. 29 in Mayville.

She was also ordered to pay \$2,165 in costs and fines.



"The Taste of Ink"

by Becca Troop

Another holiday season has come upon us. Can you think of a particular activity that we all choose to carry out?

It's a necessity for all human beings and animals to survive; we all constantly eat food. Even as much as some people eat year round, the holiday celebrations seem to bring an even larger desire for the consumption of food.

A recent survey conducted by SpineUniverse suggests that 69 percent of people estimated that they gain up to 8 pounds during this holiday season. To lose these pounds takes even longer; 60 percent of people take up to 10 months to lose this holiday weight and 11 percent are said to never lose the weight.

Holiday pounds are not the only things that people need to be concerned about. The general idea of obesity in America is what needs to be confronted on a daily basis. According to BBC News, more than half of Americans are overweight and one in 5 are designated obese.

Obesity is a not only a physical disease, but it can also affect people mentally. There are models and actors on television and magazines who are what people aspire to look like. Thinking that that's what everyone is supposed to look like, some people go to extremes to make sure they do. When someone doesn't look like a covergirl model or even close to weighing an average amount, they get made fun of and have an even harder time trying to get through life. A mind blowing 33 percent of American adults are obese and obesity-related deaths have climbed to more than 300,000 a year, second only to tobacco-related deaths. These statistics are very real and serious to

those who could end their lives because of a love for food. Being healthy gets more and more important each day, especially for Americans.

The causes of obesity seem to be pretty simple once you take a look at the daily lives of each individual.

Think of the kind of food you eat every day. Is it home cooked? Bought from the store? Or bought from a fast food restaurant? There are a decent number of home cooked meals during the week, but even I would have to admit that I eat out a few times each month. Fast food has continuously been becoming a problem for Americans. It's cheap, convenient, and you can eat it on the go. It's perfect for the average American who might not have time to come home every day to make a meal for their family. Of course, fast food is a major subject that could be argued about for years. You can't blame fast food restaurants for serving their customers and giving jobs to people who need it.

Even eating out once in a while is a bad idea. There are so many calories and the food is processed with chemicals to make it last longer for your taste. You don't realize what you're getting yourself into until after you've consumed your food and your stomach is bulging out. Working at a fast food restaurant myself, I know all the ins and outs of how bad this food is for your health. It may look delicious in a picture or on a tray, but if you get the facts about each bite you're about to eat, you might run away screaming.

Exercising and eating the right foods really can lead you into a better lifestyle, no matter how inconvenient; it could help to improve your life.

Letter to the Editor

Don't need toxic dumpsite for toys from China

Calling all the Al Gores of the world who are so concerned with saving us from global warming: I ask that you be honest with yourself and us; there is still much debate as to what really is causing global warming. It's just one of those issues that sounds good to be behind and who can monitor your progress.

Mr. Gore you want to save us, well stop being a hypocrite and flying your

fuel guzzling jet all over the world behind a cause that you know, results will never be proved.

There is a cause that you can stand behind and your progress can be monitored. There is 100 percent proof that the Chinese are sending toxic products to the United States, to be sold to your children. We the American people ask that you and all the elected officials protect our children.

Make the people responsible for bringing these toys into the United States accountable. These toys should be sent back to the country of origin. We don't need or want a toxic dumpsite from China, the one in Washington, D.C. is big enough.

As Americans, we ask ourselves, what can we do? We underestimate the power we have as consumers. If we don't buy or at the very least cut back on the toys we purchase this year, then our voices would be heard.

The money that you didn't spend on buying toxic toys put it in a savings account for your kid's education. By the time they start college they will have a nice nest egg. I just hope by the time they are ready to use the money that it won't be toxic China money that they have to use.

Robert Peruski
Uby

Dec. 7 should be declared a holiday

Dear Editor,
Another Dec. 7 has passed (Pearl Harbor Day - a day that will live in infamy), with business as usual. The courthouse, post office and banks were open, Gov. Granholm did order flags to be flown at half-staff. Bless her!

To me, Dec. 7 rates along with the Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Labor Day and more with the exception of Christmas. It is indeed a Day of Infamy when so many lives were lost and many, many changed, including mine. It should be declared a federal holiday.

God bless America.
Sincerely,
Dagmar M. Brown
DTC-USN - Retired

Where's the Jefferson of our day?

Dear Editor,

As this beautiful holiday season unfolds, let us not be blind to the grave season of our nation.

My cousin student taught at an inner city school where suspensions outnumbered students and teachers used their own salaries to purchase supplies. Touched, she started fundraising.

But why support a hopeless cause? Inner city schools are like that, money won't turn the tide. So the child now has a highlighter, so what? He's suspended! These children can't be touched by money, they need to be touched by a person.

How's this different? They have the person. Mr. Joynes has decreased suspensions by the hundreds. He has what it takes to help these kids, to end the cycle of troubled children bearing troubled children into a troubled school. My cousin isn't dumping money into a hopeless cause. She's supporting a man who's changing it.

Throughout history the heroic effort of great men has changed lives and subsequently generations. Government leaders like Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln will never be forgotten.

Unfortunately, our government is no longer led by such men. The result? We're a troubled nation. Where is the Thomas Jefferson of our day?

I'm thankful this season to have such a man. Ron Paul. A politician with integrity - Thank God wonders never cease!

Sincerely,
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Tuscola U-W campaign alive and well

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to allocate 100-percent of future campaign donations to agencies that support those in need," Heiser said. "By the end of 2007, the fund will contain over \$3,200 and individual and corporate solicitations will begin in the first quarter of 2008."

A new event already held this year in cooperation with area restaurants generated more than \$1,700. The "Eat All Day for United Way" fundraiser held Oct. 13 drew participation from several businesses, including Gilligan's, McDonald's, Carmela's Pizzeria, the Charmont and the Cass City Diner, all in Cass City.

The bottom line, Heiser continued, is the United Way of Tuscola County's goal of allocating at least \$75,000 to agencies come April. The 2007 allocation totaled \$57,325.

Heiser's confidence of making that a reality is based, simply, on what he's seen neighboring county United Way organizations accomplish.

The \$57,325 generated in Tuscola County came from a population of about 58,266. Compare those figures, he said, with Sanilac County, which

has a population of about 44,547 and saw United Way donations total about \$187,000 in the past year. And Huron County, which has a population of roughly 36,000 people, generated \$85,000 in contributions.

"I think the real key to success is the number of people who (could) give to United Way," said Heiser, who estimates Tuscola County has just under 16,000 families. If you subtracted the 1,725 families who are below or just above the poverty level, he added, there would be 14,257 families left, and currently about 500 of those families give to the United Way. "If each of those (remaining) families gave \$1 a month — \$12 a year — we would raise \$156,080," Heiser concluded.

The money raised each year goes to dozens of organizations and agencies, including the Cass City Literacy Council, Foster Grandparent Program, Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn, Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council, Rawson Memorial Library, Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Thumb Area Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Tuscola County Christmas baskets,

Tuscola County MSU Extension (4-H), and the Tuscola Homeless Coalition.

Business and industry representatives who would like to learn more about payroll deduction programs, or who would like to schedule a presentation by the United Way, are invited to contact Heiser at (989) 325-1980,

or by e-mail: info@unitedwaytuscola.org.

Area residents can make on-line donations of \$10 or more by visiting the United Way of America site at www.unitedway.org. On the site, you enter your zip code (make sure U-W Tuscola County appears) and press the "give now" button.

Wish list pared down

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buses.

In the area of technology, \$167,000 would be spent on new computers and printers at the middle school, \$154,400 for new computers and printers at the high school, \$134,600 for new computers and printers at the elementary school, \$285,000 to increase the number of cabling drops in classrooms, and \$112,000 for classroom furniture.

The list of projects was initially presented to an ad hoc committee composed of community residents as well as school representatives, who individually prioritized district needs.

The school board last month approved asking voters to extend the millage levy previously approved to fund construction of the new middle school. That levy, 3.25 mills, is currently slated to expire in 2009.

Wilson has said that the extension, if approved, would not increase taxes, but rather extend the tax levy for another 12 years, generating roughly \$7.2 million.

The goal behind the request, he emphasized, continues to be maintaining and repairing the district's existing facilities, not constructing new ones.

REPORT CARD

In other business Monday, the board heard brief presentations from each building principal regarding efforts to continue improving the district's performance on the state's annual report card.

The administrators all explained that their efforts, and that of their staffs,

is being focused on intervention programs and curriculum adjustments designed to identify student weaknesses in various subjects and provide students with more attention in those areas.

The state's 2006-07 report card, released earlier this year, revealed all of Cass City's schools earned a grade of "B" overall, although the middle school failed to maintain its AYP (adequate yearly progress) status.

The Michigan Department of Education annually makes a determination of AYP for all public elementary, middle and high schools, evaluating districts in the areas of academic achievement, participation in state assessments, graduation rate for high schools, and student attendance.

Both Wilson and middle school Principal Jeff Hartel expressed frustration over the middle school's failure to maintain its AYP status, saying it was the result of low English-language arts scores among special education students. The school's general education students surpassed state averages, but the special ed scores did not improve from the previous year.

Wilson pointed out that special ed students' scores must be incorporated into the overall scores due to the No Child Left Behind law. Prior to 2004, schools did not have to combine scores if there were fewer than 30 special ed students per grade level, but a change in the law required schools to combine scores if there are 30 or more special ed students per building.

It's unfair, and it's cruel to those kids who are unable to tackle subjects at the same level as the general education students, Wilson said. Hartel and high school Principal Chad Daniels agreed, saying the state is requiring special ed students to meet academic goals they simply are unable to meet. Meanwhile, the lack of academic success is frustrating those students, and the state is offering no answers, Daniels said.

Turning to other matters, the board learned that the district's new Campbell Day Care Center is tentatively scheduled to open Jan. 7.

"We received our provisional licensing last Friday," said Wilson, who explained the center, with one employee, will be able to accept 10 children at first, but that number will increase if the demand is there. The center will be open Monday through Friday, initially from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at a cost of \$14 per half day and \$25 per day per child.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

How do seedless grapes grow? Plant breeders create a seedless plant by placing the pollen of a seedless grape onto the flowers of a grape variety with seeds. Once the seedless plants start to grow, growers use a technique called propagation - cutting and planting portions of the vine to form a new plant.

The good news is that the Cass City Red Hawks will start the new year undefeated in 4 games. The bad news is that the team has yet to meet the schools that figure to be among the elite in the Greater Thumb West League. In the opening 4 games, only Harbor Beach was among the top teams in the Thumb. The Pirates are 3-1 and have a win over Lakers. Other than that, the opening victories are nice to reflect upon, but prove little as to the strength of the team. Overall, the Hawk victims are just 5-11. The club is also efficient from the foul line, shooting 70 percent. Coach Jeff Hartel says as the season progresses, the defense is getting better. Teams are shooting only 32 percent against us, he points out.

10 YEARS AGO

It's no secret Chad Daniels was confident going into last weekend's novice debate state final tournament at Michigan State University. In fact, despite the fact that his charges would be going against teams from Class A and B schools as well as Class C schools, he told his novice debaters he was certain the only school that could beat Cass City was Cass City. In the end, that's what happened, but Daniels isn't complaining, having led Cass City's Novice Debate Team to its highest finish ever in state competition. Cass City not only defended its Class C championship crown, but was also ranked above all Class B schools and finished fifth among Class A schools. Last year Cass City claimed the Class C crown, but finished 15th overall.

Navy Master Chief Stephen L. Agar, a 1979 graduate of Cass City High School, recently received the Department of Defense Joint Services Commendation Medal for his performance of duty as administrative non-commissioned officer for the Northwest Lead Agency. During the presentation of the medal, Northwest Lead Agent and Madigan Army Medical Center Commander Brigadier General George Brown lauded HMC Agar's professionalism and dedication to duty.

25 YEARS AGO

Now the experts are saying that the United States can't afford to have the bottom fall out from the price of oil.

The reason being that it would give Japan and other energyless countries a bigger trade advantage than they already enjoy. Just think how bad we had it when oil was about \$20 a barrel and gas sold for 20 cents a gallon. It's a wonder how we ever managed. (From Rabbit Tracks)

With the edge in height and experience, Cass City had little trouble rolling over winless Sandusky Friday, 65-49, in the final game before the holidays. It made the team's first home game a successful one and enabled the Hawks to stay in the chase for the Thumb B Association crown: The Hawks trail Bad Axe, which is 3-0 by one game. Judging by the results in the early season, the league race promises to go to the wire and it's almost a certainty that no team will sweep through the season undefeated. Although Coach Ron Numberger's charges won easily, it's probable that he wasn't all that happy with the game.

It was certainly a winter to remember - the winter of 1910-11. It included a snowfall to end all snowfalls. In a one-month period, 390 inches of snow fell on the mountain town of Tamarack, Calif.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City's matmen roared to an early 36-0 lead over Caro Wednesday, Dec. 13, and then coasted to victory as the Tiger's rallied in the final five events. The score was 36-24 in the meet held at the Cass City gym. For the Hawks, Rick Damm, Dave Rogers, Greg Mark, Tim Stickle and

Curt Strickland scored pins in their weight class. For Caro, Mike Matter and Bob Gawrlswicz scored pins. Curt Wagner added to the Hawk total with an 11-6 decision over Fred Jones for three points. Skip Speirs broke a 2-2 tie in the third period with a reversal and near fall for a 7-3 decision.

Randy was (W)right for Cass City Tuesday night, as the Red Hawks rolled over hapless Marlette at the school gym, 77-46. The big senior forward hit for 25 points as he paced his team to a one-sided victory. The Hawks needed Wright's big night as they suffered injuries to a pair of key performers in the first half. Paul Bliss twisted an ankle and Scott Hartel suffered a bruised thigh and both sat out the entire last half. A knee injury also benched Tim Tapson of Marlette in the last half. The two Hawks will not miss any games because of the injuries. The boys weren't needed because it was the night for Wright. In addition to pouring in the points, Wright was also tough on the boards on defense and offense. It was Wright's second good game in a row. He earned the starting nod Tuesday because of his fine effort in the last half against Frankenmuth last Friday.

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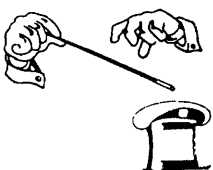
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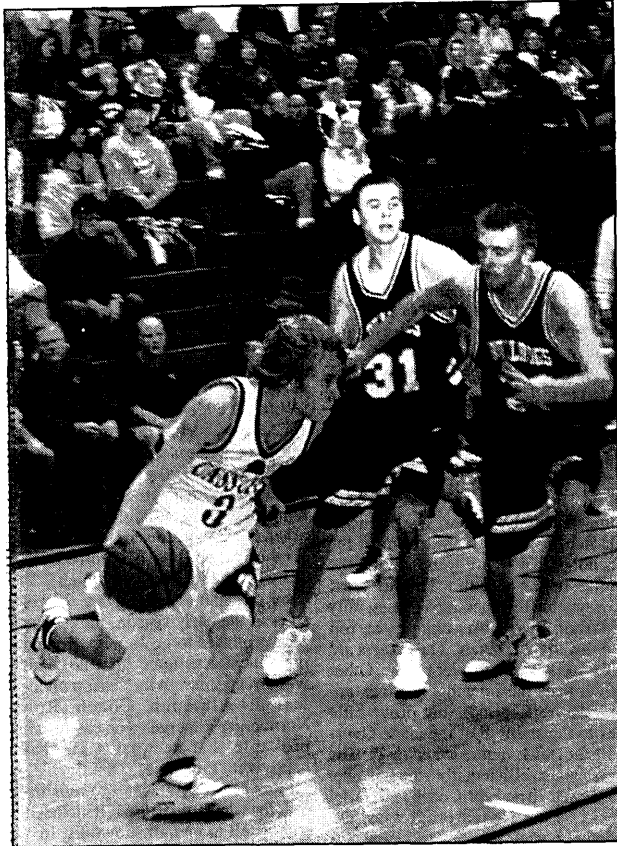
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CASS CITY'S Chris Binder uses his dribble to beat a pair of Bulldog defenders in Friday's non-conference action. Binder turned in a solid floor game, dishing out 6 assists.

Lady Hawks' best outing comes up short in overtime

Coach Lloyd Schinnerer said that the Cass City Red Hawk girls played their best 4 quarters of the year and battled the Marlette Red Raiders into overtime before losing 52-43.

The Hawks battled back to tie the score in the second half after trailing at the intermission, 20-15. For the first time this season Cass City converted 3-pointers from 3-point range led by Jennica Richards who netted 4 from outside the arc. The Hawks needed her sharp shooting as the Raiders featured a front line with 2 players that were 6 feet, one inch and another that was 6 feet tall.

It was an uphill battle for Cass City all the way. In the first 2 quarters Megan Zawilinski kept the Hawks close by netting 4 field goals for all of her 8 points for the night.

Richards took over in the third quarter, connecting for 2 treys and a 2 pointer. Her production was matched by Jenna Lang, who netted 9 of her game-high 21 points in the period.

A clutch shot at the whistle put the game into overtime. Megan VanVliet did it with a long 3-pointer. Schinnerer described the action, "Trailing 42-40 with less than 15 seconds left in regulation, the Hawks fouled intentionally. Marlette hit the front end of a one and one but missed the second. Cass City called a time out with 7 seconds left to draw up a 3-point attempt.

"Our first option was Jennica Richards who had hit 4 3-pointers during the game. The inbounder, VanVliet, was the second option. Richards was covered but promptly found VanVliet who didn't hesitate

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Cass City 61, Yale 51

Hawk bench keys win

Throughout Cass City's first 5 boys' basketball games, coach Aaron Fernald has experimented with several different line-up looks approach-

Pirates muscle out win

For Harbor Beach fans the delay was well worth the wait.

After an extended football playoff run, the Pirates finally opened their 2007-08 basketball campaign Wednesday night with an impressive 67-58 victory over host Cass City.

The visitors, behind Alex Talaski, raced to a 17-2 edge and then held on to post the non-conference win. Talaski hit for 4 triples in the opening quarter that saw the Red Hawks close out the frame with a 16-5 run to battle back and trail just 22-18 after one period.

Jason Volmering took over the scoring chores for the Pirates in the second quarter, where the visitors outscored Cass City 14-11 to the break. Volmering netted 10 points during the opening half's final 8 minutes that ended in the Pirates' favor, 36-29.

Throughout the evening the Pirates had their way with Cass City under the boards. That, according to assistant coach Jeff Hartel, was the difference. "All their kids play football and hit the weights hard. They were a lot stronger than our kids and just pushed us around all night," he said.

Tom Sorenson, who had a game-high 21 points, took control after the intermission for the winners. Sorenson hit for 15 second half tallies, including 4 baskets in the paint area during the third stanza.

In front 48-41, the visitors outscored Cass City 19-17 over the final 8 minutes to claim the Greater Thumb Conference crossover battle.

The Red Hawks were lead by junior Austin Babich who poured in a career-best 20 points, while Shane Bloomfield added 11 points and 6 rebounds.

Besides Sorenson, the Pirates had Talaski and Volmering in double figures with 20 and 14 points, respectively.

Cass City (2-3) will travel to face John Glen tonight (Wednesday) for its final non-conference outing before entering Greater Thumb West action.

ing Friday's Greater Thumb West opener in Pigeon.

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, 4-1, suffered its first defeat Friday, bowing 64-57 to hosts Ubyly, while the Red Hawks recorded their second win of the season, topping visiting Yale, 61-51, in a non-conference tune-up.

While Fernald's latest starting unit - Chris Binder, Chris Childs, Austin Babich, Chris Summerett and Shane McFarland - all played well in the team victory, it was the Red Hawk bench play that proved to be the difference against the Bulldogs.

In the opening period, the outside shooting of Childs and the inside play of reserve Shane Bloomfield pushed Cass City in front, 14-9.

Childs, one of the team's best perimeter weapons, was on the mark early and hit a pair of jumpers from behind the 3-point arc to give Cass City a quick 8-4 gap.

Bloomfield entered the game with 4 minutes remaining in the initial quarter and his impact was immediate. The bulky senior posted the team's next 5 points as the hosts built a 7-point bulge, the biggest spread in the opening frame.

The Bulldogs, however, opened the second quarter with 4 easy fast break points, helping to create an 8-0 run to merge in front, 17-14, before a pair of free throws from Bloomfield halted the spurt.

Cass City was able to withstand the Bulldog charge by outscoring Yale 15-7 over the next 2 1/2 minutes. Another reserve, junior Cole Miller, sparked the Hawk rally with 6 straight points that included his first of 2 treys.

"Cass City got a strong game from their bench. Cole and Shane came off the bench to score 29 points between them," said Fernald.

The Red Hawk lead reached double digits by the half, as Babich got into the scoring column when he connected on back-to-back baskets including a pretty baseline jumper and top of the key triple midway through the period.

Still, it was an alert coaching move by Fernald that swelled Cass City's intermission margin to 34-24.

With just 8 ticks on the clock and possession of the ball under their own bucket, Fernald substituted McFarland into the game for the out of bounds play. He scored moments later on a well-designed backside cut to the basket.

Cass City maintained a comfortable cushion for most of the final half and Miller and Bloomfield each played a role.

After Yale closed to within 36-32 in

the third, thanks to another timely 8-0 run, Miller's second triple and a pair of free throws by Summerett, who was fouled hard on a dunk attempt, put Cass City in control with a 41-32 advantage.

Still, the Bulldogs refused to go quietly and consecutive treys by Taylor Wynne drew the visitors to within 41-38. It would be as close as the Bulldogs would get on the remainder of the night.

Bloomfield and Miller helped slam the door on the Bulldogs with 7

straight points entering the final 8 minutes, including 2 baskets in the paint from Bloomfield.

Bloomfield ended with a team-high 15 points. His final basket came off a beautiful tip pass from McFarland, who found his teammate open under the basket on the same out of bounds play that worked successfully to close out the first half.

Miller added a career-best 14 points to Cass City's attack.

Patrick Pierce had a game-high 17 markers to lead Yale.

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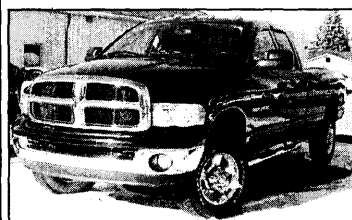
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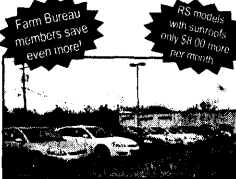
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Team	W	L	W	L
Lakers	0	0	4	1
Reese	0	0	4	2
BCAS	0	0	2	3
USA	0	0	2	4
Cass City	0	0	1	5
Bad Axe	0	0	0	5

GREATER THUMB EAST

Team	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	0	0	6	0
Harbor Beach	0	0	3	1
Ubyly	0	0	3	1
Brown City	0	0	4	2
Marlette	0	0	3	2
Deckerville	0	0	2	3
Mayville	0	0	2	4

NCTL NORTH

Team	W	L	W	L
Port Hope	3	2	4	2
Caseville	1	3	2	3
North Huron	1	3	1	3
Owen-Gage	1	3	1	4
Akron-Fairgrove	1	4	1	4

NCL SOUTH

Team	W	L	W	L
Memphis	4	0	4	2
CPS	3	1	3	1
Kingston	3	1	3	2
Dryden	3	2	3	2
Peck	2	3	2	3

Box Scores

CASS CITY - Richards 1-4 (0-0) 14; VanVliet 1-2 (2-3) 10; Zawilinski 4-0 (0-3) 8; Rabideau 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kappen 2-0 (0-0) 4; Bennett 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dooley 1-0 (1-2) 3.
TOTALS - 11-6 (3-8) 43.

MARLETTE - Hall 4-0 (1-2) 9; Wilson 2-0 (2-2) 6; Distelrath 1-1 (0-0) 5; Lange 7-2 (1-4) 21; Thompson 1-0 (0-0) 2; Smith 4-0 (1-2) 9.
TOTALS - 19-3 (5-10) 52.

PECK - Bedy 0-0 (1-2) 1; McCann 3-1 (0-0) 9; Wilcox 1-2 (0-2) 8; Navarro 1-0 (0-0) 2; Martin 1-0 (1-2) 3; Schell 0-0 (0-2) 0; Dombrowski 2-0 (0-0) 4; O'Connor 4-0 (4-5) 12; Pries 0-0 (1-2) 1.
TOTALS - 12-3 (7-15) 40.

OWEN-GAGE - Faist 5-0 (0-0) 10; Rhodes 1-0 (0-2) 2; Nowaczyk 6-0 (8-12) 20; Schmidt 0-0 (0-2) 0; Kovach 2-0 (1-3) 5.
TOTALS - 14-0 (9-14) 37.

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TOTALS - 8-4 (9-18) 37.

OWEN-GAGE - Faist 5-0 (1-2) 11; Rhodes 3-0 (0-0) 6; Nowaczyk 2-0 (3-4) 7; Radabaugh 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schmidt 0-0 (1-4) 1; Kovach 0-0 (0-2) 0.
TOTALS - 11-0 (5-12) 27.

BOYS' HOOP STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST

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

GREATER THUMB EAST

Team	W	L	W	L
Harbor Beach	0	0	2	0
Brown City	0	0	3	1
Marlette	0	0	2	1
Sandusky	0	0	2	2
Ubyly	0	0	1	2
Mayville	0	0	1	3
Deckerville	0	0	0	2

NCTL NORTH

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

Box Scores

CASS CITY - Binder 2-0 (0-1) 4; Dyachkov 0-0 (0-2) 0; Childs 0-2 (0-0) 6; Miller 1-2 (6-8) 14; Babich 2-1 (1-3) 8; Summersett 2-0 (2-2) 6; Bloomfield 5-0 (5-6) 15; McFarland 4-0 (0-4) 8.
TOTALS 16-5 (14-26) 61.

YALE - Pilarski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schoof 2-0 (0-0) 4; Kutchin 1-0 (0-0) 2; Long 3-0 (1-2) 7; Pierce 7-1 (0-2) 17; Campbell 3-0 (0-0) 6; Edgerton 1-0 (0-0) 2; Sutherland 1-0 (0-0) 2; Zimmerman 0-1 (0-0) 3; Wynne 0-2 (0-0) 6.
TOTALS 19-4 (1-4) 51.

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TOTALS 18-3 (13-19) 58.

HARBOR BEACH - Schock 0-0 (2-4) 2; Talaski 1-6 (0-0) 20; Susalla 2-0 (0-2) 4; Buchholz 2-0 (2-2) 6; Sorenson 9-0 (3-6) 21; Volmering 6-0 (2-4) 14.
TOTALS 20-6 (9-18) 67.

BASKETBALL - WRESTLING • GYMNASTICS

Cass City Red Hawks 2007-08 Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dec. 4	Vassar 41,	Cass City 37
Dec. 7	Mayville 44,	Cass City 82
Dec. 8	Almont 59,	Cass City 50
Dec. 12	Harbor Beach 67,	Cass City 58
Dec. 14	Yale 51,	Cass City 61
Dec. 19	John Glenn	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 21	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 28	Deckerville	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	USA	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 9	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 16	Deckerville	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	USA	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	Ubyly	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.

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Cass City Red Hawks 2007-08 Wrestling

Nov. 28	Imlay City	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 1	Cros-Lex Invite	8:30 a.m.
Dec. 5	Almont/Armada	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	Marlette Invite	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Mayville	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Caro/Meridian	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	N. Branch Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 12	Port Huron Northern	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 16	Nouvel/Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Mayville Invite	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 23	Marlette/Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	Marysville Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 30	Mayville/Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Standish/Sterling Invite	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 9	League Tourney @ BC	TBA
Feb. 14	Team District	

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Boys' Basketball

Wednesday, January 9
Cass City vs. Harbor Beach
Friday, January 11
Cass City vs. BCAS

Girls' Basketball

Tuesday, December 18
Cass City vs. Bad Axe

Gymnastics

Thursday, December 20
Cass City vs. Vassar

Cass City Red Hawks 2007-08 Girls' Varsity Basketball

Nov. 27	Ubyly 59,	Cass City 40
Nov. 30	Brown City 50,	Cass City 28
Dec. 4	Sandusky 70,	Cass City 40
Dec. 6	Mayville 37,	Cass City 41
Dec. 7	Yale 50,	Cass City 39
Dec. 11	Harbor Beach,	ppd.
Dec. 13	Marlette 52,	Cass City 43
Dec. 18	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 22	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 3	USA	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	USA	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	Deckerville	6:00 p.m.

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Cass City Red Hawks 2007-08 Gymnastics

Dec. 20	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Jackson Invite	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 29	Vassar/Freeland	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Freeland	6:30 p.m.

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ROBBY SIMPSON, 15, of Cass City, bagged his first deer ever during the muzzleloading season Friday night while hunting on private land east of town. The buck had a 7-point rack with a 15-inch inside spread.



THE CASS CITY 2007-08 gymnastics team members are: (front, l-r) Victoria Scasny, Kelsey Russell (middle) Vanessa Scasny, Sarah Burk, Rachel Auten, Mandy Stoll (back) Caitlin Sorenson, Lindsey Bliss, Karisa Elie, Kelli Pettit, Amanda Foster, Manuela Meyer, Sam Swiderski. Missing is Amber Warju. The Red Hawks are coached by Kathy Bouverette.

Brown, Espinoza support 5 percent salary reductions for legislators

In a move to help reform state government and ease budget pressures, State Reps. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) and John Espinoza (D-Croswell) voted for a plan that cuts lawmaker salaries by 5 percent and ends free lifetime health care for legislators.

"While our state fights to recover from these tough times, everyone has to make sacrifices, and legislators should be treated just like everybody else," Brown said. "Cutting legislators' pay will save the state half a million dollars a year, which can be used for services that our residents and our communities need. This is a

good start to cutting the amount we spend on government, but it can't be the end."

The House passed a resolution calling on the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC), the body in charge of determining legislator salaries, to decrease lawmakers' salaries by 5 percent beginning with the 2009-10 legislative year, the earliest allowed under the Constitution.

The legislation also will:

- * Cut the salaries of the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general and the secretary of state.
- * Urge the SOCC to refrain from enacting salary increases that exceed the average increase in state employee pay.
- * Reduce health care benefits for the legislature and the lieutenant governor.

Today's resolution is a continuation of House legislators' ongoing effort to reform government and cut wasteful spending. The House passed a plan earlier this year that cuts the state House budget by 5 percent, or \$3 million. The plan requires lawmakers and their staffs to pay more for health care, prohibits state representatives from using state funds for out-of-state travel and cuts positions in the Michigan House to eliminate redundancies.

"Free lifetime health care is a ridiculous luxury for public servants and one that our state cannot afford," Espinoza said. "This plan shows more respect for taxpayers' hard-earned money and reminds legislators that they must serve the interests of the people they represent, not their own pocketbooks."

Lady Bulldogs drop pair in NCTL play

Unless Monday's game with Caseville, postponed because of weather, is rescheduled during the next month, Owen-Gage fans' last chance to see the girls in action at home will be Thursday against Kingston.

And the Bulldogs would like nothing better than to upset the vaunted Cardinals, who have roared through the North Central Thumb League in recent years.

Following Friday's game, O-G will play 5 straight games on the road. They will not return home until Jan. 24 to play Akron-Fairgrove.

A second half slump by the Owen-Gage Bulldogs killed the chances of the Bulldogs to stay out of the basement of the North Central Thumb League Monday, Dec. 10, as Akron-Fairgrove registered its first win of the year, 37-27.

Some very good outside shooting by Alyssa Monchilov sparked the first win of the season for Akron-Fairgrove. The sharpshooter connected for 4 hoops, all of them 3-pointers. In the first half she connected for 3 of the 4 to account for 9 of the Vikings' 13 points in the first half. Despite Monchilov's marksmanship, the Bulldogs were in front at the intermission, 15-13. Carrying the offense was April Nowaczyk, who netted all of her 7 points in the first 2 quarters with a pair of buckets and 3 of 4 free throws.

Owen-Gage lost its lead in the third quarter behind balanced scoring by the Vikings that produced 13 points.

A faltering Owen-Gage offense produced just 3 baskets in the quarter, including 2 hoops by Amanda Faist who topped the Bulldogs with 11 points for the night.

Leading by 5 points going into the last quarter, Owen-Gage netted just 6 points in the last 8 minutes and A-F netted 11 points to clinch the win.

PECKGAME

The Peck Pirates jumped off to a

commanding lead over visiting Owen-Gage Thursday and then held off the charging Bulldogs in the next 3 quarters to take a close 40-37 decision.

Katie Rhodes and Bethany Kovach accounted for the 4 points that the Bulldogs scored in the first 8 minutes, while Kayla O'Connor and Tanya McCann with 5 points each paced the Pirates to their first quarter 13-4 lead.

Owen-Gage's charge back into contention was led by April Nowaczyk

who started on her way to a banner scoring night with 12 of her game-high 20 points to pull her team to within a point, 19-18, at the intermission.

Another scoring lull in the third period proved decisive. With balanced scoring, the Pirates posted a 13-5 advantage to go into the fourth quarter with a 32-25 lead.

The Bulldogs fought back with a 14-8 advantage in the last 8 minutes, but it wasn't enough.

Cass City wins GTC wrestling opener

Cass City started its Greater Thumb Conference wrestling campaign on a positive note Wednesday night in Mayville where coach Don Markel's Red Hawks defeated Brown City, 54-30, before moving on to nip Marlette, 40-38.

The Hawks' opening contest against the Green Devils gives the Maroon and White grapplers a 1-0 mark in GTC play, while their victory over the Red Raiders improves the team's overall record to 9-7. The Cass City/Marlette contest was a non-conference affair, as their GTC outing is scheduled for Jan. 23.

"The team continues to show steady progress as the season moves on. It was a real morale booster for some of the young kids to come back and avenge the (early season tournament) loss to Marlette," said Markel.

The Hawks will wrap up their pre-Christmas schedule tonight (Wednesday) in Caro where they will surely be tested by the host Tigers and Meridian during a non-conference double dual.

John Couch, Kevven Dorland and Clark Walsh all recorded pins to lead Cass City over Brown City, while T.J. Marker recorded the team's lone pin

in the Marlette match.

Adding to the teams' success on the night were double winners: Marker (119), Travis Mabe (125), Bryan Burk (135), Chris Wingett (189) and Abrien Swires (285).

The Hawks' early season achievements have come as a bit of a surprise to many, as the team was fore-

casted to be in a rebuilding year.

Perhaps the biggest shocker so far this year has been the showings of twins John and Cody Couch.

"They never even wrestled until a couple of months ago," said Markel. "Cody has been moving up and wrestling in the 112 pound division where he gives up about 10 pounds."

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Cass City's Chris Wingett is this week's recipient of Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honor.

The Red Hawk grappler recorded a pair of impressive wins Wednesday at Mayville against Greater Thumb Conference foes Brown City and Marlette, helping the Hawks sweep their double dual meet.

Wingett, is the lone returning senior starter on the Red Hawk team, which stands at 1-0 in the GTC and 9-7 overall.

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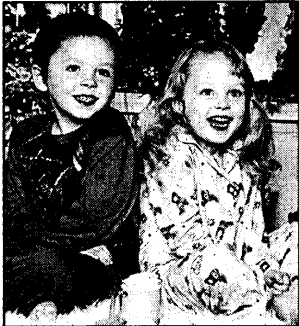
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Please give Mrs. Claus a hug for us - oh, and Rudolph, too!

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Daddy and I will make you special biscuits

Dear Santa,
My name is Alexandria and I am 4 years old.

This year I would like to ask you to please come to my house, my cousins Jesse and Claire's house, and my

pre-school friends: Rhett, Paige, Ava, Lilly, Hunter, and Keith's house. We have all been very good and we would like to meet you!

For a Christmas present, I would like you to please bring me 5 sleds; so all

my friends will have one to share when they come over to my house. I would also like a teddy bear, a play kitchen, and a bathtub for my Dora the Explorer House.

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Alexandria Tilt, 4



Alexandria Tilt

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I've tried very hard to be good



Natalie Field

Dear Santa,
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Thanks for all my toys last year! They were great, but this year I need some big girl stuff. If you could bring me a Little Leaps game system I'd appreciate it. I heard they make you smarter and I need to get a leg up on the competition (a/k/a my cousins Alyssa and Trapper). Some books or a movie would be nice, too. My mom and dad can handle the rest.

Give your reindeer a kiss for me and have a safe holiday Santa!

Love,
Natalie Field, 17 months

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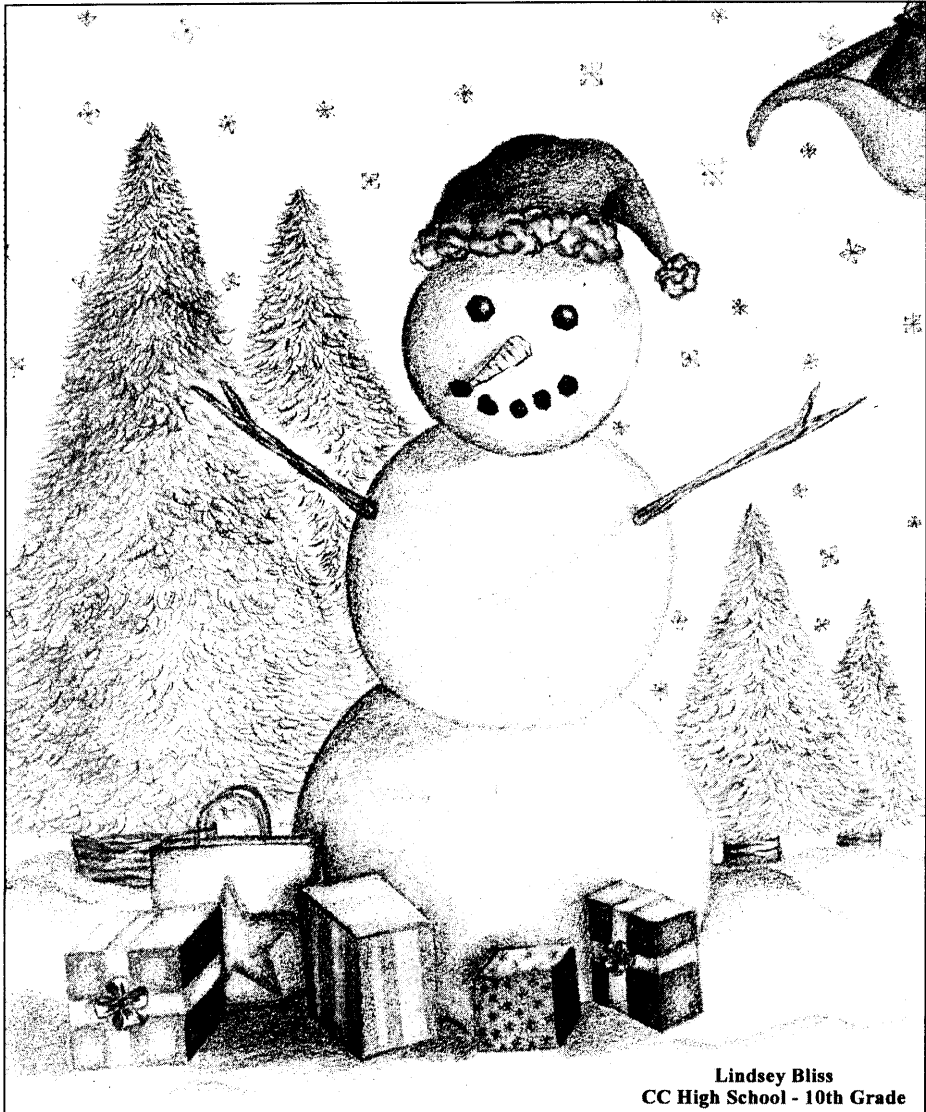
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Santa, I am 8 1/2 years old, almost 9. I do cursive, but to do the newspaper I use regular writing. Santa, I want a for real bird, a Bratz movie and a I clops. And, my grandpa to win the lotto to give me a study room and a playroom because I keep messing the living room and my room up.

Well, I think I said what I wanted to say. Bye.

Hope I get something.

Your pal,
Hailey Guinther



Matthew Goniwicha
CC High School - 9th Grade

I'd like a tractor, Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Seth. I'm 3 years old and have been real good all year.

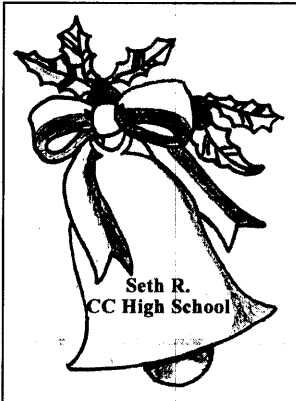
For Christmas I would like a John Deere tractor. Please leave it at nana's. She has a spot where you and the reindeer can land. Also, could you please bring something for mom, dad, Mackenzie, Aunt Vickie, and Wendy from daycare.

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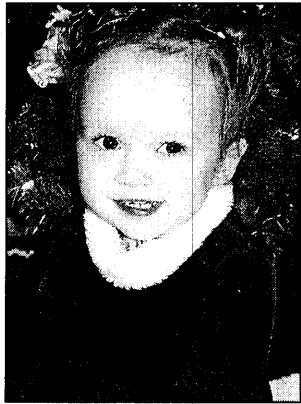


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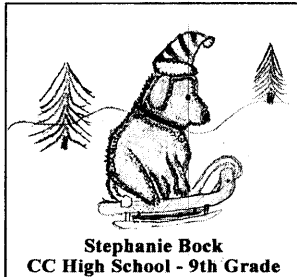
Alyssa Ku

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl this year. Well, there was that one time that I put my bear in the potty, but mommy said that I could give her a bath.

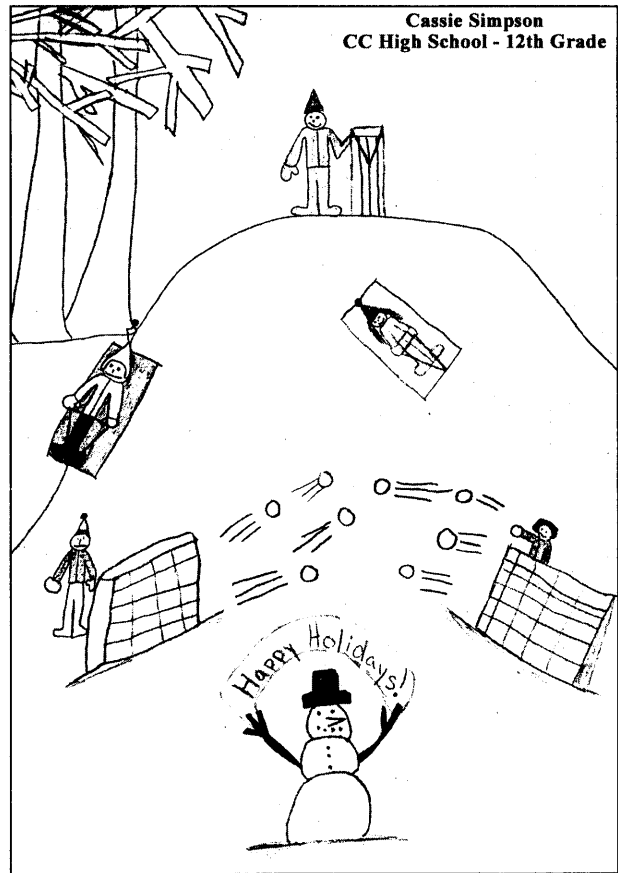
I hope that you will still bring me the Rose Petal Cottage for Christmas. My mommy and daddy have done a very great job of taking care of me and they said they would like you to bring them a minivan. I think that's a great idea because soon I will have a new brother or sister and I need my space.

If you get hungry, you can have anything in the fridge except for daddy's steak. Well, I can't stay up to say hi, so have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Love,
Alyssa Ku, 21 months
Schaumburg, Ill.



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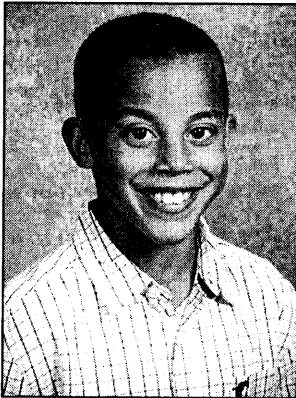
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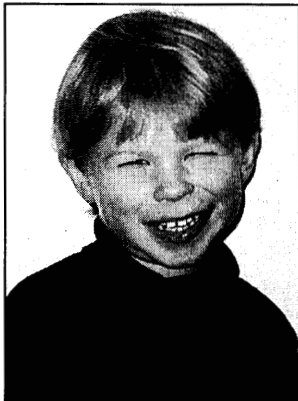
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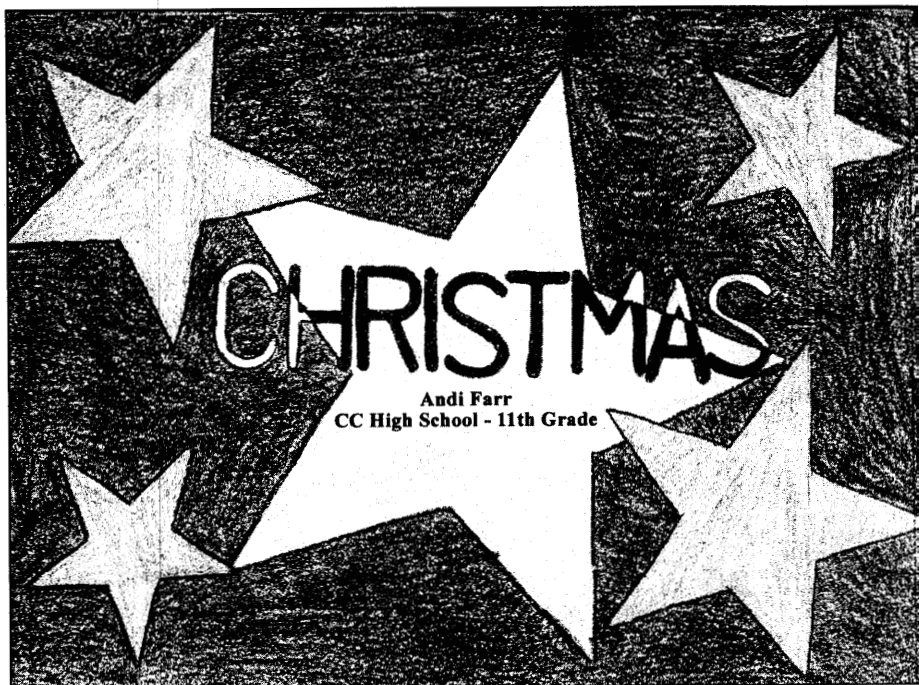


Lauren Hudson
CC High School

I've been
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Keagan Voss



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If you want, you can bring my little brother something too, so he won't take all my toys. He has been kind of good.

Keagan Voss

I'm going
to be one,
Santa Claus



Devin Voss

Dear Santa,
I'm gonna be one year old this Christmas.
I want toys that make lots of noise. Maybe a drum or a tambourine. I like to play with all of my brother's toys, so I don't need too many of my own.
Mommy and daddy say I have been a good boy this year. I am too cute to get into too much trouble.

Devin Voss

How is Rudolph?

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer, Rudolph?
How are your elves?
I want a 4-wheeler. I want a Nintendo DS. I want a Game Boy and a Wii and some games.
Love,
Jade, 6

Please bring
a guitar
this year

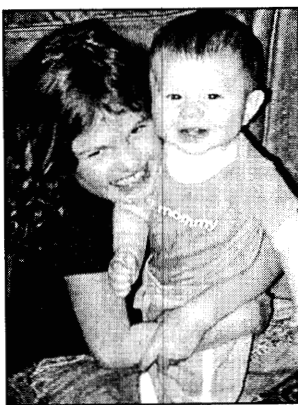


Mason Voss

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer doing? Please let my mom know what kind of cookies you want this year.
I've tried to be good so if you could, bring me a guitar and an alien toy called Cray Matter and a Ben Ten watch.
That would make me happy.

Merry Christmas,
Mason Voss

We eat all
our veggies
and behave



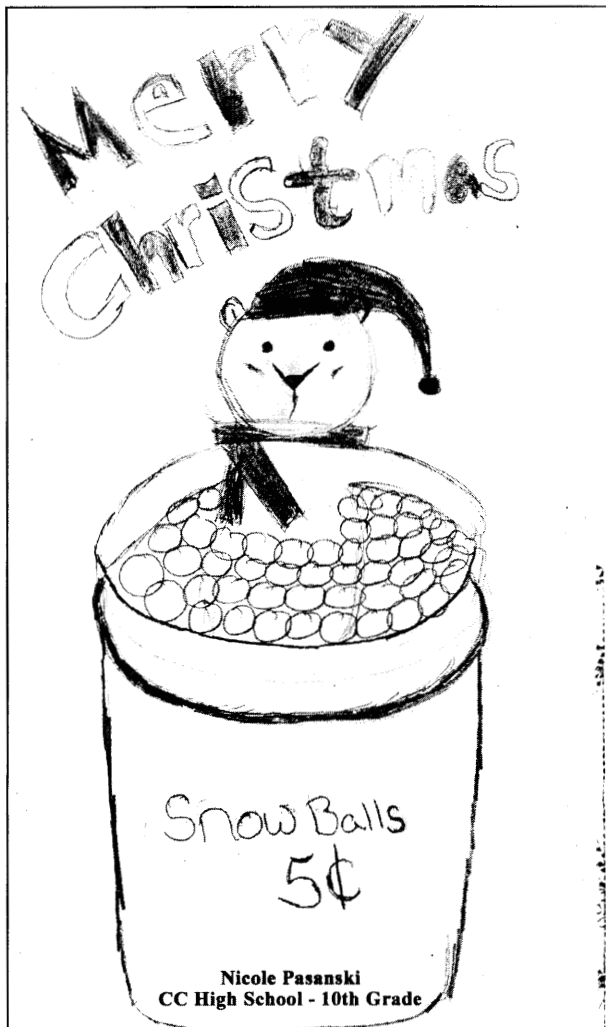
Ciera and Trapper

Dear Santa,
We've done our best to be very good this year. We eat all our veggies, go to bed on time, and always listen to our parents...most of the time.

If you could bring a couple DS games and Littlest Pet Shops for Ciera that'd be great. Trapper would like some new toys. Anything that has to do with tractors or a farm will work for him. We'll leave some cookies out for you and some carrots for your reindeer, too!

Love,
Ciera, 8, and Trapper, 8 1/2 months
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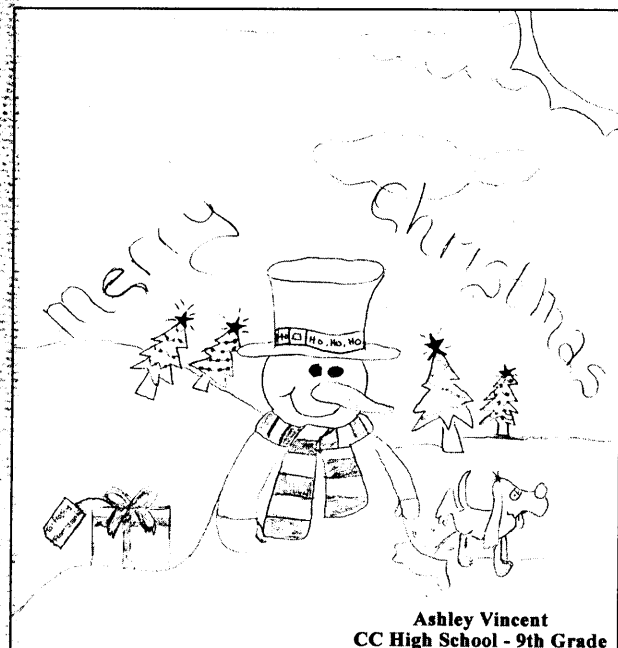
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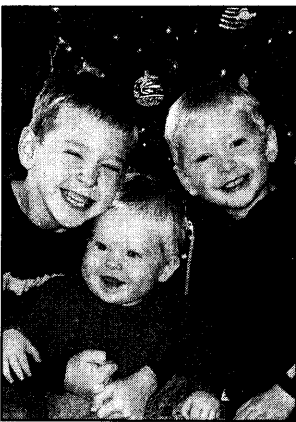
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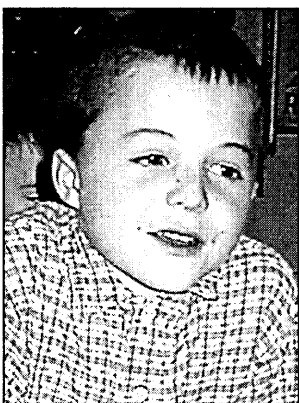


Logan, Vaughn & Dylan Severance

Dear Santa,
We have been good boys this year, and we have a long list for you. Logan would like a robot dog that's spotted and his own sewing machine with hand sewing stuff and thread. He also wants a real slurpee maker. Vaughn would like a garbage truck and a farm set. He also wants a monster truck and big loader and bulldozer. Oh, and a robot dog that's black. And a big King and Dinoco helicopter. Our baby brother Dylan wants a teddy bear. Our mom and dad need a new candle that's red. We will leave you cookies and carrots for the reindeer. Please hurry.

Love,
Logan, Vaughn and Dylan Severance

Here's my list, better check twice

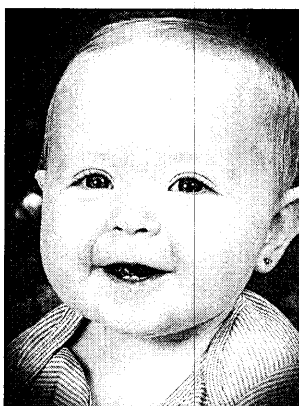


Enick Thomas Osantowski

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I was good. I was hoping to get a racetrack, remote control car, Hot Wheels track, board games, TV video games, toys, and a dog toy for Scooby Doo.

Love,
Enick Thomas Osantowski
East Tawas

This is my very first Christmas



Madyson Rain Elston

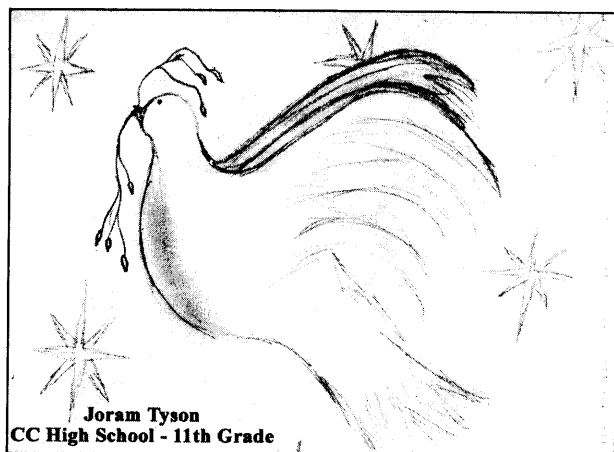
Dear Santa,
My name is Madyson and I will be 10 months old at Christmas time. This is my first Christmas and my mommy and daddy are so excited. I have tried so hard this year to be a good baby girl. I would like a blow up ball gym, baby Einstein DVDs, and a baby doll. I could also use some new clothes because I am getting too big for all of mine! I will leave you milk and OREO cookies. Daddy says you love OREOs! I love you Santa!

Love,
Madyson Rain Elston

P.S. I have 3 Shih Tzu doggies, Miley, Otis and Josie that have been very good this year, too. Maybe you could leave them some new dog toys, too.



Chantal Field
CC High School - 12th Grade



Joram Tyson
CC High School - 11th Grade

A Cinderella dress would be perfect



Ella Schroder

Dear Santa,
I've just turned 5 and have been a pretty good kid this year. Thanks for the gifts you brought me last year, you did a good job!

This year, if you have a ballet tutu and a Cinderella dress somewhere in your workshop those would be perfect! And if you can find some nail polish, lipstick and makeup, I really love to play with that stuff!

As usual, we will sprinkle reindeer food on my front lawn so the reindeer will be able to find my house in the dark. And for you, I will leave chocolate sprinkle cookies and hot cocoa. Enjoy!

Oh, you won't have to stop by my grandpa and grandma Smith's house in Decker because they will be in Boise with me.

Love you Santa,
Ella Schroder
Boise, Idaho



Claire Schroder

Christmas-what a great idea!

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be good this year, but it's tough when you're 2! Now that I'm getting a little bit older, I'm starting to get the hang of this whole Christmas thing. Presents under a tree? What a great idea!

If you have them, I'd like a new baby doll, a vacuum cleaner and books are always good.

My sister is going to show me how to sprinkle the reindeer food on the lawn and I'll try not to eat the cookies before you get here.

Love,
Claire Schroder
Boise, Idaho

More letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,
What were you up to?
I want a DS with the game and the toy bumblebee. I would like a snowmobile.

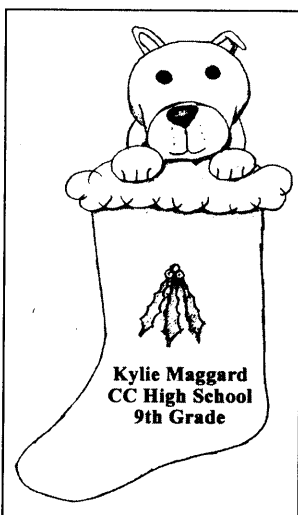
I hope you can bring me these things.
Love,
Jacob, 6

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How many houses do you go see?
I would like a DS with a game, a full-length mirror, and a toy mouse.
I hope you get me these.

Love,
Meleah, 6

Dear Santa,
Do you go to many houses? You can bring the reindeer.
I want a toy rat.

Love,
Brandon, 6



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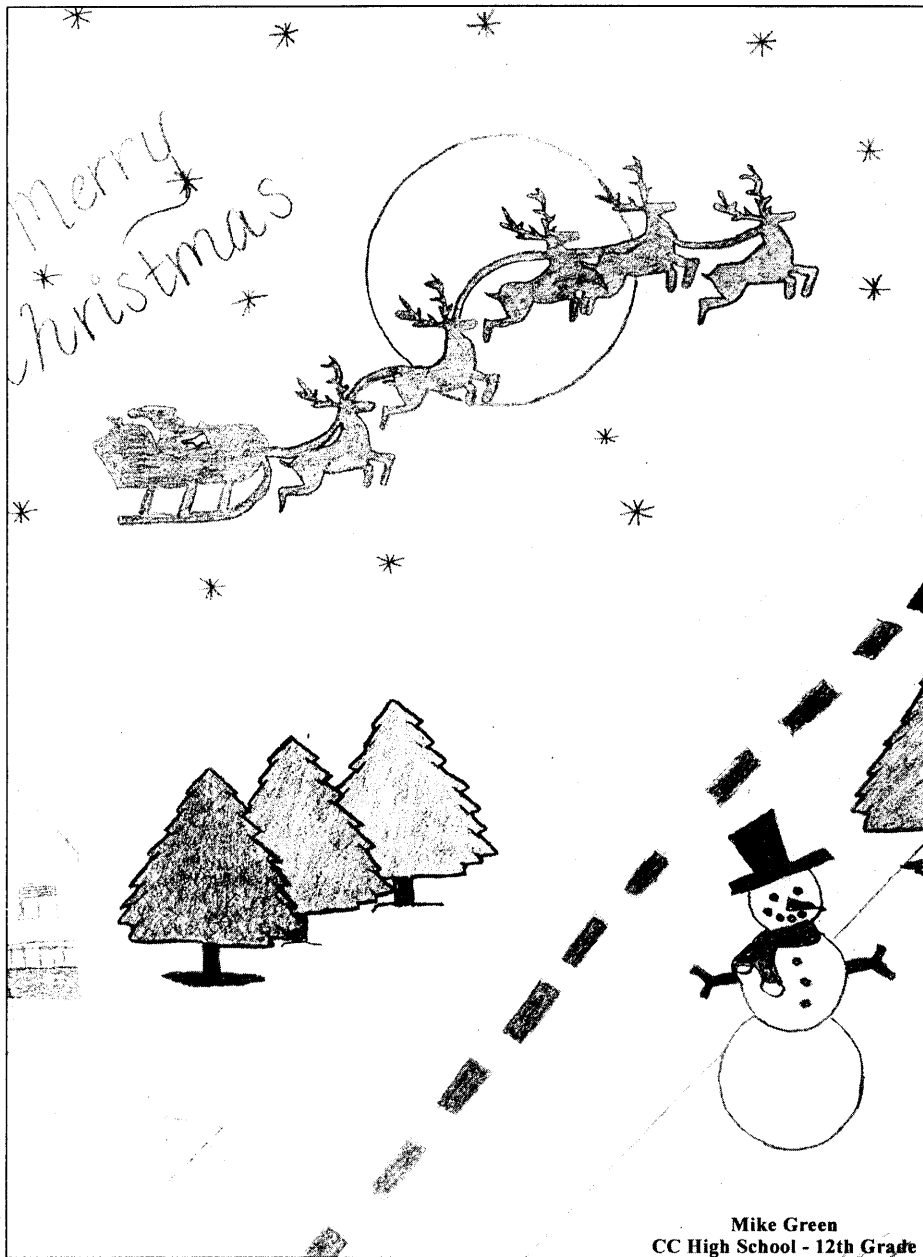
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Hayla Natalie
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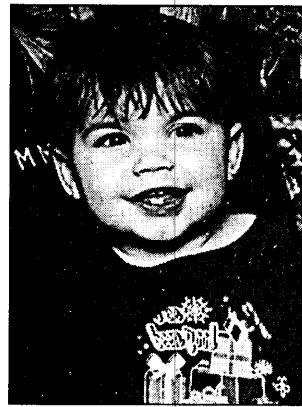
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Mom and dad say I've been good

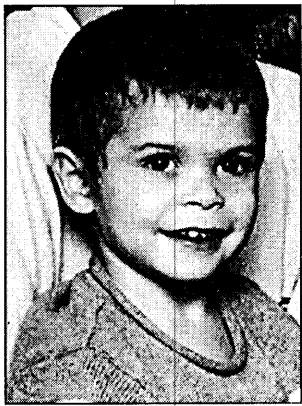


Leah Hinkle

Dear Santa,

Mommy and daddy said I was really good this year, so if you could find the time to come to my house, I'd like some clothes and baby dolls. I like princess things. Also, if you could, tell my brother to quit picking on me! Oh, and a bike.

Love,
Leah Hinkle



Tyler Hinkle

Dear Santa,

I would like some new clothes (not really, mommy just told me I do), lots of toys, especially a fire truck, and a tractor for Christmas. I also like to draw, so maybe some crayons. I want my little sister to listen to me, and oh, a motorcycle. That's all.

Thank you,
Tyler Hinkle

How are your elves, dear Santa?

Dear Santa,

How are your elves? I want a PSP. I want moonsand. I want a gooey sloppy hand.

I hope you can get me these things.
Love,
Kegan, 6

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? I want moonsand and a crash game.

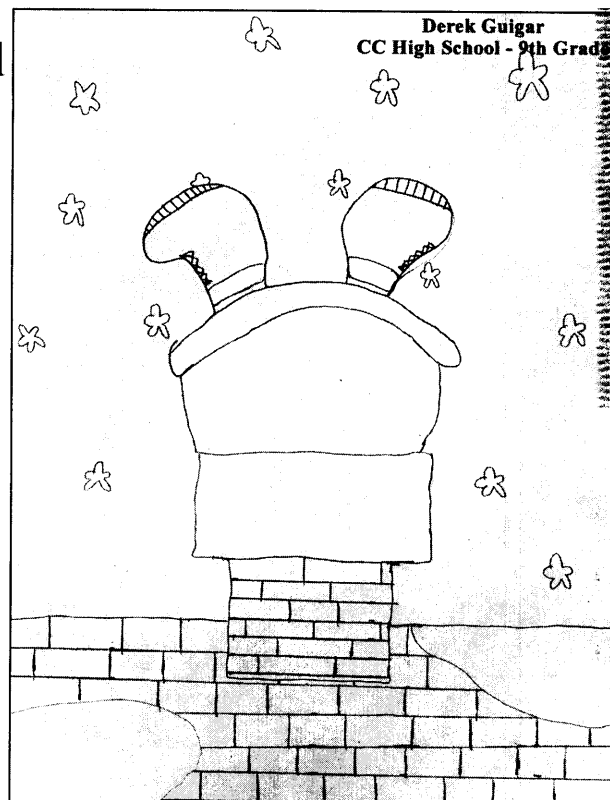
Love,
Matthew F., 6

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How are your elves?

I want a new movie, High School Musical 2. I want a new teddy bear. I want a new snow globe.

Love,
Zach, 6



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Mikayla Reeder

Dear Santa,

My name is Mikayla Reeder and I am 5 years old. I have been a very good girl this year.

For Christmas I would like a camera, a unicorn, and lots of pony and horse toys because I love them so much.

Please bring toys to all the children in Ms. Lovejoy's afternoon class and my childcare friends at Diane Peruski's house. I want them to be happy and surprised, too!

I will leave milk and cookies for you, and treats for your reindeer! Have a safe trip!

Thank you!

Love,
Mikayla



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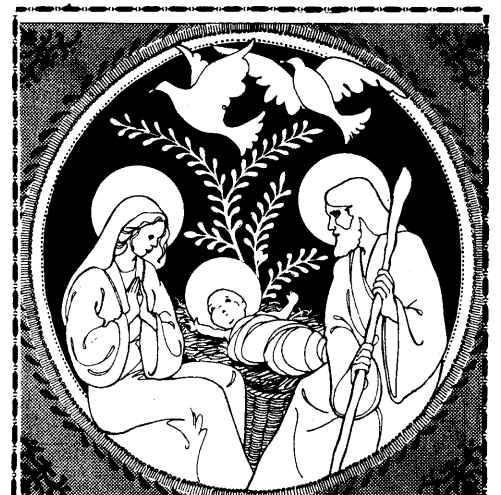
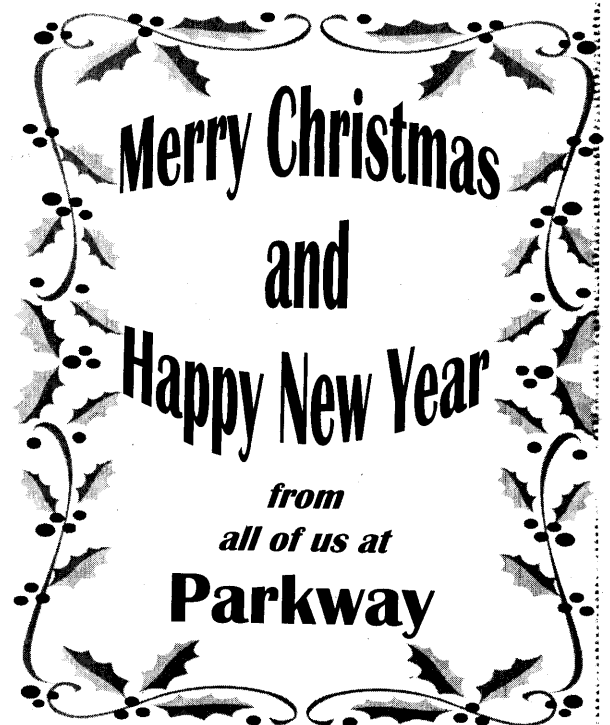
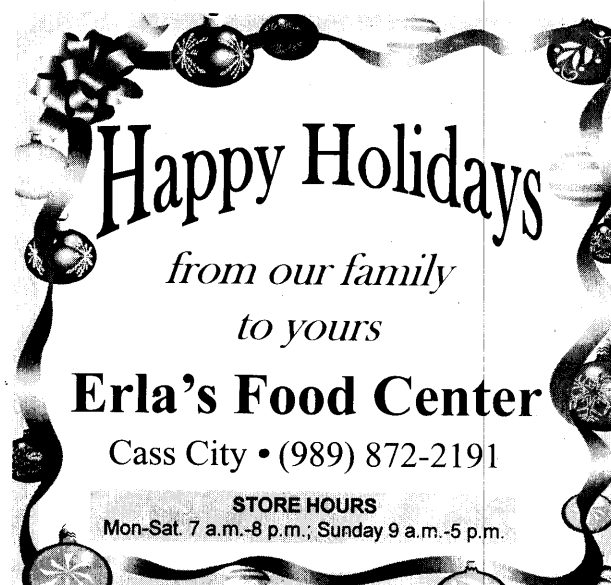
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Kailey Becker

A Barbie dollhouse this year?

Dear Santa,
My name is Kailey and I am 4 years old and I have been a very good girl this year.
I would like a Barbie dollhouse, real camera to take my own pictures, some Christmas coloring books, anything princess, and anything else you would like to bring me.
Please bring my cousin Nathan something very special. I will leave milk and cookies for you to help you get through your busy night.

Love,
Kailey Becker



Mason Becker

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason and I am 18 months old and I am very excited about Christmas this year.
I would like a Big Wheel bike, Tonka trucks and anything John Deere.
My little cousin Noah is very excited, too, for Christmas, and he would like some trucks, too. I will leave your reindeer a special snack to help them fly your sleigh.

Love,
Mason Becker

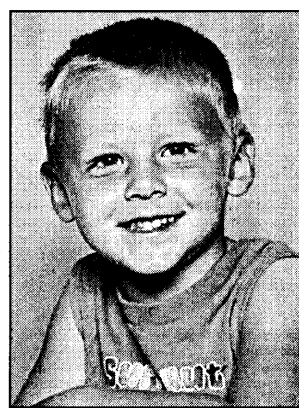


Elizabeth Stahlbaum

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
I want for Christmas a Dora, Dora house, a baby, and a princess phone.
Thank you.

Love you,
Elizabeth Stahlbaum, 2

I have been a good boy!



Chase Stahlbaum

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy.
I was wanting a real phone, a safe box with a key, games for a computer and real big binoculars.
Thank you.

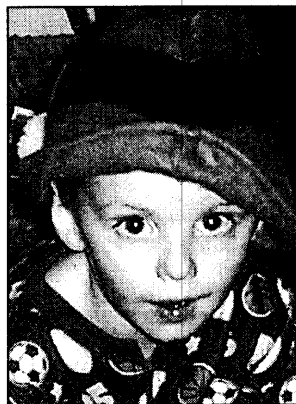
Love,
Chase Stahlbaum, 4

More letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Where are you going? Are you coming to my house?
Can you get me the new red Power Ranger? I want the new blue Power Ranger.
I hope you can get me these things.
Love,
Austin, 6

Dear Santa,
How are you?
I want a pocket rocket. I want the Bee Movie. I want a 4-wheeler and the blue and red Power Ranger. I also want the white Power Ranger.
Will you please bring me these things?
Love,
Daniel, 6

Chico's been good too, Santa



Seth Kappen

Hi Santa! My name is Seth Kappen. It's getting close to that time of year when I should tell you that my nana Crissy said that I was a very good boy when she watched me this year, so maybe you could bring me a Farmall Tractor just like my Papa Rob Kappen's.

Nana and Papa Kappen said all they need is a big hug and kiss from me, so I'll take care of that for you Santa, but please don't forget about great grandpa Wally and great grandma Shirley.
Thanks Santa.

XOXOXO
Seth Kappen

P.S. Could you ask Rudolph to leave Chico a carrot? He's been a good horsey, too! See you next time.

More letters to Santa...

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is your family? I would like you to visit us.
I would like you to get me a game. I would like a PlayStation 3. I would like all of the toys.
Love,
Brendan, 6

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer? How are you doing?
I want a PlayStation 2 and a new game that has cars in it. I hope you can bring me these things.
Love,
Ronnie, 7

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How are you? How are your elves?
I hope you can bring me these things. I want a DS and a punching bag and a toy mouse.
Love,
Carlee R., 6

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? How are your reindeer? How is your family?
For Christmas, I would like a camera. Also, I would like a Barbie and the Island Princess movie. Also, I would like a snow globe, Island Princess Barbie doll, a picture of the Island Princess, a Polly Pockets set, and lipstick.
Love,
Megan, 6

Dear Santa,
How is your wife, Mrs. Claus? I think you are cool.
I want a toy zebra.
You are going to taste good cookies this year. I hope you don't get sick on Christmas night.
I love opening presents from you. I love you, Santa!!
Love,
Hallie, 6

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer? Do you like to deliver toys?
I want a new game for my mini Game Boy.
Love,
Justin, 7

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer? How are your elves?
I want a X-Box and a DS and I want a Wii. I also want a wrestling game.
Love,
Matthew S., 6

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are your elves doing? How are your reindeer doing?
I would like an auto 4-wheeler book and a Game Boy and cars super-charge. I would also like a truck and a truck with a horse and trailer. Also, horses, some electric scissors, a BB gun, a 22, and a hockey table.
Love,
Cordell, 6



I don't think you're a fake

Dear Santa,
Everybody thinks you are a fake. But not me. I think you are real because you give presents to the good boys and girls with your name on them.
Love,
Darren John Hutchinson, 7

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel P. Heckroth, a single man, to Thumb National Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2005 and recorded October 27, 2005 in Liber 1059, Page 551, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty and 70/100 Dollars (\$51,330.70), including interest at 6.25% 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 a.m. on JANUARY 17, 2008.

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

The West 108 Feet of Lot 1, Block 14, Seegar's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the Plat of said addition as recorded in Liber 29 of Deeds, Page 144 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.

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 19, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eric H. Spaulding, a married man, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 19, 2003 and recorded March 12, 2004 in Liber 984, Page 269, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and 42/100 Dollars (\$85,970.42), including interest at 6.125% 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 3, 2008.

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

Part of the Northwest one-quarter of fractional Section 7, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 7; thence along the North line of said section 7, South 89 Degrees 42 Minutes 51 Seconds East, 715.89 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North line of Section 7, South 89 Degrees 42 Minutes 51 Seconds East, 97.38 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 37 Seconds West, 568.15 feet to the centerline of East Dayton Road; thence, along said centerline of East Dayton Road, North 65 Degrees 12 Minutes 15 Seconds West, 264.06 feet; thence North 16 Degrees 53 Minutes 50 Seconds East, 478.55 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.

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 5, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael L. Cryderman, a single person, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 11, 2001 and recorded on April 27, 2001 in Liber 829 on Page 1322 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Three and 04/100 Dollars (\$76,273.04), including interest at 6.875% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 27, 2007.

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

Parcel G: Part of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at a point on the East-West 1/4 of said Section 18, North 89 degrees 50 minutes 23 seconds East, 331.09 feet from the center corner of said Section 18; thence continuing along said East-West 1/4 line, North 89 degrees 50 minutes 23 seconds East, 331.09 feet; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 05 seconds West 1321.62 feet to the North

line of said South 1/2; thence along said North line, South 89 degrees 49 minutes 37 seconds West, 330.76 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 13 seconds East, 1321.54 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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.

Dated: November 28, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kimberly Sue Fistler, a married woman, Daniel Fistler, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to PHH Mortgage Services, Mortgagee, dated October 9, 2006 and recorded on October 13, 2006 in Liber 1099 on Page 137 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen and 97/100 Dollars (\$97,514.97), including interest at 7.125% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 27, 2007.

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, described as: commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section 36; thence along the East line of said Section 36, North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, 315.0 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 375.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West 133.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 625.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 200.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, 563.50 feet; thence North 88 degrees 32 minutes 33 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds East 563.91 feet to the point of beginning. Together with an easement for ingress and egress described as: Commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section 36; thence along the East line of said Section 36, North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West 200.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West 375.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, 48.22 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 66.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, 133.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 1559.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, 66.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds East, 1625.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds East 133.78 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds East 375.00 feet to said East line of Section 36; thence along said East line of Section 36, South 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds East 115.00 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: November 28, 2007

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11-28-4

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by ALDO MARTINEZ, a single man of 372 WELLS STREET, CARO, MI 48723, Mortgagor to MACOMB, SCHOOLS & GOVERNMENT CREDIT UNION of 4555 INVESTMENT DRIVE, TROY, MI 48007, Mortgagee, dated DECEMBER 5, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on APRIL 6, 2004, in LIBER 986 on PAGE 1442 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 63/100THS (\$21,619.63) DOLLARS including interest calculated at the rate of (11.75%) percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN 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 JANUARY 10, 2008, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: VILLAGE OF CARO, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN

LOT 15, BLOCK 9, MONTAGUE SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 11A OF PLATS, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 372 WELLS STREET, CARO, MI 48723.

During the Six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

Dated: November 19, 2007

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE
24525 Harper Avenue, Ste. 2
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11-28-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leo Spencer Jr. and Debra Spencer, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 18, 2005 and recorded June 2, 2005 in Liber 1040, Page 1347, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four and 81/100 Dollars (\$96,464.81), including interest at 10.75% 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 3, 2008.

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

Section 23 Town 14 North Range 10 East the South 20 Rods of East 20 Rods of Southwest one-quarter of Northeast one-quarter containing 2.5 acres as recorded in 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.

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 5, 2007

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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 Reed H. Schlicker, and Janet M. Schlicker, his wife, original mortgagors, to Second National Bank of Saginaw, Mortgagee, dated November 28, 1995 and recorded on December 5, 1995 in Liber 683 on Page 222 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Four and 38/100 Dollars (\$7,444.38), including interest at 7.625% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 3, 2008.

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

Parcel 1 - Lot 10 and a triangular portion of Lot 11, Block 28, Commencing at the Southeasterly corner of said Lot 11; thence Northeasterly on the Easterly line of said lot to the Northeasterly corner of Lot 11; thence Northwesterly on the Northerly line of said Lot, 21.69 feet; thence Southerly on a direct line to the Southeasterly corner of Lot 11 of the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Page 93 of Deeds, Page 143 and Liber 2 of deeds, Page 93 EXCEPT commencing at a point on the West line of the alley in said Block 28, 9 Rods 8 feet North of the Southwest corner of said alley; thence Southwesterly 49.00 feet to a point 27.00 feet West of said West line; thence East 27.00 feet to the West line of alley.

PARCEL 2 - Lot 18 and also commencing at the southwest corner of alley on Block 28, thence Running North on West line of said alley 9 rods, 8.00 feet, thence In a southwesterly direction 49.00 feet to a point 27 feet west of the west line of said alley, thence East 27 feet to West line of alley of the village (now city) of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of deeds, Page 143 and Liber 2 of deeds, Page 93.

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.

Dated: December 5, 2007

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12-5-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BERNARD O. KILLIN II and CHRISTINE N. KILLIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2005, and recorded on August 24, 2005, in Liber 1051, on Page 487, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Eight Cents (\$89,452.08), including interest at 7.875% 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 3, 2008.

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

LOT 21, WELSH ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 37, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 21, WELSH ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 17, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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

Dated: November 30, 2007

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

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
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12-5-4

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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 Jeremy Chad Albrecht, single man, original mortgagor, to Bank of America, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 21, 2006 and recorded on June 30, 2006 in Liber 1086 on Page 767 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine and 02/100 Dollars (\$111,869.02), 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 3, 2008.

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

Parcel #3: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section which is West 390.0 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 31; thence West 160.0 feet along said North line; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 25 seconds West, 327.88 feet; thence East 160.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 25 seconds East 327.88 feet to North line of Section and Point of Beginning.

Parcel #4: Part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter, Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section which is West 550.0 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 31; thence West, 160.0 feet along said North line, thence South 0 degrees 12 minutes 25 seconds West, 327.88 feet; thence East 160.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 12 minutes 25 seconds East 327.88 feet to North line of Section and 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 5, 2007

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12-5-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Johnson, married, and Michel Johnson, non-obligator spouse/owner, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2004 and recorded February 2, 2005 in Liber 1025, Page 1022, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Four and 18/100 Dollars (\$91,144.18), including interest at 11.234% 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 17, 2008.

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

Commencing at the Southeasterly corner of Lot 6, Block 3, of Williams Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, on Page 492, Tuscola County Records; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes West 133.65 feet along the East line of Block 3 to the point of beginning; running thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes West 57.17 feet along the East line of Block 3; thence North 86 degrees 55 minutes West 62.18 feet along an old fence line; thence South 46 degrees 49 minutes West 15.17 feet along an old fence line; thence South 08 degrees 18 minutes East 53.31 feet along a once existent fence; thence North 87 degrees 43 minutes East 65.67 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of Lots 6 and 5, Block 3 of William Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, on Page 491, 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.

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 19, 2007

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12-19-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charlotte Cooper, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 29, 2004 and recorded November 12, 2004 in Liber 1017, Page 270, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2005-SD1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 67/100 Dollars (\$56,999.67), including interest at 11.875% 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, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 3, 2008.

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

Lot 16, Block 21, of North's Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Pages 21A, 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.

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: November 28, 2007

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11-28-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bob W. Redmond, a single man, and Debra J. Kidd, as joint tenants, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 27, 2001 and recorded on August 3, 2001 in Liber 840 on Page 205 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and 89/100 Dollars (\$59,319.89), including interest at 7.75% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 3, 2008.

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

Commencing at a point 260 feet North of the Southeast corner of the North half of the Southeast quarter, Section 10, Town 12 North, Range 11 East; thence West 400 feet; thence North 400 feet; thence East 400 feet; thence South 400 feet to the point of beginning. Right of way for Englehart Road over the Easterly side thereof.

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.

Dated: December 5, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randy David and Carla Jane Davis, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2005 and recorded on September 6, 2005 in Liber 1052 on Page 1492 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Citimortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-One and 90/100 Dollars (\$141,471.90), including interest at 6.125% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 3, 2008.

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

The West 20 rods of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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.

Dated: December 5, 2007

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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 Karen Maxwell, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 11,

2005 and recorded on August 11, 2006 in Liber 1091 on Page 131 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Twenty-Four and 99/100 Dollars (\$74,024.99), 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 3, 2008.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 5 Town 14 North, Range 9 East; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes West 865.0 feet along the East line of said Section 5 to the point of beginning; running thence South 0 degrees 00 minute West 265.0 feet along the East line of said Section 5; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 second West 164.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East 265.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds East 164.0 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 5, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Smith and Julie M. Smith, a/k/a Julie 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-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Four and 62/100 Dollars (\$87,204.62), 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 3, 2008.

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 5, 2007

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Sanilac resident facing drug charges

A Sanilac County man's alleged penchant for marijuana has landed him in hot water for the second time in 8 months.

Sanilac County Drug Task Force officers recently conducted a surveillance of a Sandusky resident known to be involved in marijuana trafficking, according to drug task force Director William Gray. During the operation, he said, suspect Lonnie Brodbent was observed taking delivery of suspected marijuana in Tuscola County.

A subsequent traffic stop in Sanilac County resulted in the seizure and execution of a search warrant at the suspect's current residence in Sandusky.

Earlier this year, task force officers executed a search warrant May 19 at Brodbent's previous residence, where they recovered one-quarter pound of marijuana, cash, scales, packaging materials, drug trafficking paraphernalia and a switch blade.

Brodbent was charged with possession with intent to deliver marijuana, possession of marijuana and possession of a mechanical knife. Those charges are still pending in Sanilac County Circuit Court.

Following his arrest in May, drug task force investigators conducted periodic surveillances of Brodbent.

"On Saturday (Dec. 8)...investigators were conducting a surveillance of Brodbent when he was observed driving to a roadside rest stop on M-46 west of M-24 in Tuscola County," Gray said. "At that rest area, Brodbent was observed (meeting) with another subject who had driven into the rest area from the west. A short meeting between the 2 took place and then the second subject left westbound towards Saginaw, while Brodbent returned eastbound toward Sanilac County.

"At M-46 and M-53 Brodbent was stopped for a traffic violation by a marked unit assigned to the task force," Gray continued. "During the traffic stop, Brodbent was questioned about a large bulge in his coat pocket and (he) admitted that it was marijuana and that he had just purchased it for retail sale purposes in Sanilac County."

In all, officers seized 60 grams of marijuana that was prepackaged in multiple bags, cash and a 2001 Ford sedan. Gray said the retail street value of the marijuana is about \$600.

Brodbent told investigators that the subject he had met at the Tuscola County rest area was his marijuana supply source from Saginaw, but that

the Saginaw suspect would not come into Sanilac County with marijuana because he feared being caught and arrested by drug task force officers.

The task force subsequently obtained a search warrant for Brodbent's residence, where they seized a small, additional amount of marijuana, records, packaging materials and drug trafficking and use paraphernalia.

Brodbent was arrested and lodged in the Sanilac County Jail pending new charges of possession with intent to deliver marijuana, second offense, possession of marijuana, second offense, commission of a felony while released on bond, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and maintaining a drug house.

Gray reminds residents that they can anonymously report suspected drug trafficking activity in Sanilac County by calling 1-800-544-DRUG (3784).

Obituaries

Ronald Fritz

Ronald E. Fritz, 55, of Cass City, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007 at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born June 7, 1952 in Cass City, the son of the late Elmer and Thelma (Franklin) Fritz.

He married Karen Mayer July 14, 1990 in Caro.

Fritz worked as a farmer.

He is survived by his companion, Karen Mayer; children: Michael Fritz of Harbor Beach, Timothy Fritz of Pigeon, Jonathan Fritz, Cory Mayer of Saginaw, David Mayer of Cass City, and Wilma Neff of Sanford, and 5 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 17, at Living Word Worship Center, Cass City, with Pastor Keith Misany officiating.

Burial will be in the spring in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Frank Todis; and 2 sisters: Stella Johnson and Bernice May.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 13, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmet, with Sr. Riccardina Silvestri officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Research, or the Kingston Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Mary Holcomb

Mary B. Holcomb, 92, of Deford, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007 at St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital, Saginaw.

She was born April 16, 1915 in Fayette, Mo., the daughter of the late William and Pearl (Mullins) Tyler.

She married Gordon Holcomb Feb. 24, 1945 in Detroit.

Holcomb taught Sunday school. She was a 4-H leader and was a member of the Novesta Church of Christ.

Holcomb is survived by her husband Gordon; children: Sandra Miller of Oxford, Franklin Holcomb and Patricia (Alan) Peters, both of Deford; 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters: Glenna Nesbitt and Dorma Lee Bleu, both of Mo.

She was preceded in death by brothers: Clayton Tyler, Kermit, Herbert and Harold Patton; and a sister, Bertha Fenters.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 13, at Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Burial was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

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Josephine Wolak

Josephine Wolak, 86, of Kingston, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City, following a long illness.

She was born June 9, 1921 in River Rouge, the daughter of Stanley and Mary (Zawacki) Todis.

She married Frank J. Wolak Oct. 28, 1939 in St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmet. He died Dec. 27, 1998.

Wolak and her husband worked in factories in Detroit following their marriage to save money to buy a farm. In 1947, they moved to Kingston and began their farming life.

Wolak is survived by her children: Kathryn (Sheldon) Brown of Rochester, Thomas F. (Mary) Wolak of Vassar, Philip H. (Linda) Wolak of Mason, Francis (Pamela) Wolak of Clemson, SC, Robert (Chris) Wolak of Saginaw, Gregory Wolak of Sandusky, and JoAnn (Bryan) Kurtz of Howell; 12 grandchildren; and

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