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Rotary brightens Christmas for 90 Cass City families

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Rotary Club's 16th annual Christmas for Kids Campaign wrapped up Friday without a hitch. Club members distributed bags loaded with toys, clothing, games, books and other gifts to 90 families –

Curtis Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Cass City again served as the campaign headquarters and primary donation collection site for the program, which targets families residing in the Cass City School District. Referrals are provided by the Tuscola County Family Independence Agency and local

"It's done and you know you're going to have 200 kids happy on Christmas morning. That's the best part."

--Emily Phillips, Christmas for Kids coordinator

CASS CITY Rotary Club members served 90 families in this year's Christmas for Kids campaign, which concluded Friday with the distribution of toys, clothing, books and other gifts. Pictured above are local Rotary Club members (front row, from left) Amy Peters, Val Hartel, Sue Truemner, Craig Bellew, (back row, left) Mark Karwowski, Carolyn Sorenson, Greg Biddinger and Emily Phillips.

seven more than last year. The distribution benefited an estimated 200 children.

For first-year Christmas for Kids Coordinator Emily Phillips, the campaign organized for years by Rotary Club members Pat Curtis and Colleen Langenburg continued to run like a well-oiled machine.

"It was a very seamless year for a transition (in leadership) year," Phillips said. "Pat and Colleen are just an instrumental part of the program along with the Curtis Chrysler and their staff. They have such a great system; it just flows, so I kept up with the same system."

"And, of course, the generosity of the community, the businesses and individuals. Really, without their support...Cass City is such a generous community," Phillips added.

school officials.

Phillips said contributions this year covered every base, from toys and board games to clothing, including cold weather items such as coats, boots and mittens.

In addition, for the 12th year in a row, Rawson Memorial District Library organized a drive to collect books to be included in the Christmas for Kids gifts. Library officials hoped to collect more than 100 books for this year's campaign.

Phillips indicated she was very pleased with everyone's effort in making this year's collection and distribution another success.

"It's all done and you know you're going to have 200 kids happy on Christmas morning," she said. "That's the best part."

Fraczek retiring in Tuscola County

Long named court administrator

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Tuscola County Trial Courts will begin the new year with a new court administrator following the retirement of veteran Court Administrator Donna L. Fraczek.

Tuscola County Chief Judge Kim D. Glaspie announced that Sheila M. Long, an experienced member of the

county's probation services staff, has been selected to fill the position.

"Sheila's experience and track record of excellence gives me all the confidence in the world that she will serve with distinction as our next court administrator," Glaspie said. "We're excited that Donna can take her well-deserved retirement while leaving our operation in good hands."

Long's resume includes having worked in the 71-B District Court Probation Office since December 2001. In 2005, she was promoted to chief district court probation officer, and in 2012 she became the director of Probation Services, supervising both the district court's adult criminal probation staff and the 54th Circuit Court Family Division's Juvenile Office, which deals with truants and delinquents.

A graduate of Sandusky High School, Long has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Saginaw Valley State University and is pursuing a Master of Public Administration Degree at the U-M Flint. She will be graduating next May.

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Tuscola Co. man dies in crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies say an icy roadway contributed to a fatal traffic crash that claimed the life of a county man Thursday morning in Indianfields Township.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent said the crash was reported shortly after 8 a.m. on Gilford Road near Purdy Road.

"Deputies found that a vehicle had been eastbound on Gilford Road, lost control on the icy road, left the roadway and struck a tree," Skrent reported. "The driver, an 85-year-old Fairgrove man, was pronounced dead at a local hospital. The passenger was the driver's son, a 38-year-old Fairgrove man who was slightly injured."

Skrent did not release the name of the occupants.

The Caro Police Department, MMR Ambulance Service and the Tuscola County Road Commission assisted deputies at the scene.

Two injured in one-car crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a one-vehicle traffic crash that left two people injured Saturday afternoon in Sanilac County's Moore Township.

The accident was reported at about 1 p.m. on Freiberger Road near Urban Road, according to investigators, who said a 2007 Ford Focus driven by a Taylor man was traveling northbound on Freiberger Road

when a deer crossed his path. The driver tried to avoid striking the deer and lost control, causing the car to enter the west ditch and roll over.

Both the driver and his passenger were transported to McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky, for treatment of their injuries. Both occupants were wearing seatbelts, according to reports.

Deputies did not release any names. A Sanilac EMS crew and the Moore Township Fire Department assisted officers at the scene.

Police arrest man following assault

Cass City police arrested a local man following a reported assault Friday at Marshall Distributing, 4162 Doerr Rd., Cass City.


According to reports, officers arrested Norman J. Peters, 49, Cass City, on suspicion of assault or assault and battery after Peters allegedly punched Marshall's employee Joseph P. Mooney, 50, of Saginaw, multiple times in the parking lot of the business.

Mooney told police that Peters also assaulted him the day before after work when he (Peters) allegedly followed him as he traveled to Caro. Mooney stated his vehicle was repeatedly rammed by a vehicle allegedly driven by Peters.

The Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office issued a warrant for Peters' arrest Friday, and officers took him into custody at his Seeger Street residence.



DANIELLE LAMING'S art students at Cass City Junior-Senior High School are annual contributors to the Chronicle's Christmas edition, and this year's artwork submissions were outstanding. Above, Hailey Beckrow, a seventh grade student, created a colored nativity scene. Readers will find more student artwork on pages 11 through 16 and 20.



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Owen-Gage announces Students of the Month

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for December is being a 'Cooperative, Collaborative Worker'. A student who is a cooperative, collaborative worker communicates without bias and functions as a leader as well as a follower. He or

she also accepts and involves all members of a group, moves effectively from one group to another, and demonstrates loyalty and trust in a

Academically, Adam has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. He was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society as a sophomore.

As a freshman and sophomore, Adam served as a class representative to the student council and a homecoming representative. He was selected as the 2014 Homecoming King this year. Adam has served as a representative of Owen-Gage for the Youth Advisory Council (Y.A.C.)



Anastacia Torrez



Emalee Bach

group. The following students have been chosen: Anastacia Torrez, first grade (elementary level), daughter of Juan Torrez and Shannon Roehrig; Jameson McKnight, sixth grade (junior high level), son of Todd and Rebecca McKnight; Emalee Bach, ninth grade (high school level), daughter of Ernie and Christi Garcia; and Adam Retford, twelfth grade (senior student), son of John and Gina Retford.



Adam Retford

the past two years. He is attending the Huron Area Technical Center where he is enrolled in the Power Technology Program.

Adam plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall and enroll in their Agriculture Program.

In his spare time, Adam enjoys hunting and fishing when he is not helping on the family farm.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Adam Retford. Adam has been very active in sports throughout high school. He has been a member of the football, golf and baseball teams all four years. He played basketball his freshman and sophomore years. Adam has also been a member of the Owen-Gage Band all four years in which he plays the trumpet.



Jameson McKnight

Obituaries

Julia Hyrcko

Julia N. Hyrcko, 45, of Ann Arbor, died suddenly December 2, 2014. Julia is the beloved daughter of Carol and the late Thomas (d. 2008); and loving sister of Raymond, Jeffrey (Betty Jo Grajeda) and Russell (Junene).



A memorial service was held Dec. 20 at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts suggested to Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan, gemgreyhounds.org, or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements were made Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington.

Rosemary Samons

Rosemary Samons, 91, of Cass City, passed away on December 16, 2014 at Marlette Long Term Care, Marlette. She was born October 29, 1923 in Grand Traverse, the daughter of William and Lena (Brewer) Olman.

She married Jerry Jerome Samons in Chillicothe, OH, he passed away in July 1984.

Rosemary was mother and grandmother for so many, was always ready to help those who needed it and enjoyed playing bingo. She is survived by her children, Jeanette (Bill) Miller of Cass City, Dorothy (the late Bob) Leffler of Sumpter Township, Jim (Cathy) Wooters of Decker, Pat (Karen) Boyd of Howell,

Jerry (June) Samons of Snover, Ralph (Jean) Samons of FL, Calvin (Patra) Samons of FL, Earl (Loretta) Samons of Decker and Tony (Carolina) Samons of KY, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Donald Champagne, grandchildren, Chris, Steve and Danny and a brother, Ralph Sexton.

A funeral service was held December 22 at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City. The Reverend Judy Eskilsen officiated. Burial will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

Biddinger received degree

Cass City native Ryan Biddinger recently received his Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) Degree at the fall quarter commencement of Palmer College of Chiropractic's San Jose campus, Calif., in the theater of the Santa Clara Convention Center.

Biddinger graduated from Cass City High School in 2007 and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science (kinesiology) Degree from the University of Michigan in 2011.

Biddinger plans to practice in Michigan.

Palmer College's San Jose campus, established in 1980, is the California branch campus of Palmer College of Chiropractic, founded by the developer of the chiropractic profession, D.D. Palmer, in 1897.

Chiropractic is the third largest organized healthcare profession, with approximately 70,000 practicing doctors around the world - of which, approximately one-third are Palmer College graduates.

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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
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Editor

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps. We present it again to our readers for their enjoyment.

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON,
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET."

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Tooth fairy loses her oomph after decade of deliveries



Our household is reaching the tail end of tooth loss. It's been a decade-long endeavor where the tooth fairy went from super benefactor to sleeping beauty. That can happen to a person (or fairy) after 60 pick-up and deliveries. The whole fairy thing sort of loses its charm somewhere around the forty-second tooth. After that, things just aren't as glossy anymore.

At least that was how it was for our fairy. I can't speak for anyone else's.

After about tooth 42, the fairy started lacking in performance. You might say she was no longer enamored with the enamel. She forgot pickups, botched deliveries and started hiding the money in out of the way places, just to trick the children.

She can be a wicked one, that fairy.

My three oldest kids have each lost their 20 baby teeth and have learned to deal with the eccentric nature of our tooth fairy. Heck, they've been known to fill in for her in a pinch. I've got patient and understanding kids.

So, when our baby, who's 5, showed up with a "wiggly" the other day, let's just say I was excited beyond belief – just like he was.

He was hopping and bopping like anybody's business. His tooth wasn't quite so lucky. I watched his finger move back and forth across the top of the tooth, and if I squinted my eyes and tilted my head just so, I thought maybe I could see it move a fraction of some very small metric measurement.

It was good enough for him. He knew the tooth fairy was on her way.

"She brings money," he told me. "When you are little, she leaves it under your pillow, but when you get bigger she hides it."

Good explanation, I thought. Couldn't have come up with a better one myself.

He went on wiggling...for two days.

I offered to yank his tooth out for him. I do this with every tooth and every child. No one has ever taken me up on my offer. Quite honestly I don't know what I'd do if they did.

He wouldn't let me yank, but he did let his brothers do some wiggling. I watched their dirty fingernails enter his mouth and gave a big mom sigh. Moms with lots of kids tend to sigh quite a bit. It's a defense mechanism.

Day by day, the tooth grew looser and looser, until it was lying sort of sideways, hanging by little more than a thread of dental floss. And then it was out.

Excitement rippled through our household. We gazed into the mirror to revel in the new look. We called dad at work to tell him about the loss. Big brothers showed how, when you use a straw, you can drink through the hole that used to be your tooth. It was a good day.

And then, my 5-year-old lost his tooth – literally.

We searched the kitchen counter and bathroom floor, but the tooth was nowhere to be found. It was gone, lost into thin air, like the pixie dust of fairies. We looked at each other with a grimness never known before. Sixty teeth, and this was a first – a lost, lost tooth.


It was the 5-year-old who broke the silence. "Maybe a note will work," he said. "Will the tooth fairy take a note?"

My sigh turned to smile. "Let's write one right now," I said.

And we did. And we put it under his pillow. And the tooth fairy did visit that night. And she put the money right where she was supposed to.

It just goes to show that sometimes the tooth fairy can be pretty understanding, especially when she knows there are only 19 to go.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. She welcomes having readers follow her column on the Slices of Life page on Facebook.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder shared an early Christmas present with state residents last week in the form of news on the unemployment front.

Snyder announced that Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November fell four-tenths of a percent to 6.7 percent. The rate is the lowest in the state since April 2006.

"It's exciting to see the continued improvement in our unemployment rate – the lowest in more than eight years — because it shows the foundation we've built for economic success is strong and there are more and better jobs for Michiganders. More than 303,000 private sector jobs have been created since December 2010, showing how far we have come as a state. But it also should inspire us to reach even higher and go even further."

Cass City Lions Club Treasurer Eric Brown confirms that area resident Wendy Romain was the lucky winner from the civic club's 50/50 raffle held during this year's Christmas in the Village celebration.

She netted roughly \$550 and quickly donated the proceeds between a recent area house fire victim and to a local food pantry.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) recently announced the launch of a new free mobile application for smartphones designed to help Michigan citizens and their families prepare for emergencies.

The Michigan Prepares Emergency Plan app, developed by the MDCH Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP), allows users to create, manage and export emergency plans from their mobile devices.

"Smartphones are a significant part of our lives, and we keep a lot of important information and tools on our phones that we might need during an emergency," said Nick Lyon, director of the MDCH. "With the winter months and colder weather approaching, now is the perfect time to utilize some of these resources to create a basic emergency plan and share it with family members prior to needing one."

With the Michigan Prepares Emergency Plan app, Michiganders can easily import emergency contacts from their phone into their emergency plan, designate meeting places, create an emergency kit for your home, and have quick access to fact sheets and links to more information about common hazards in Michigan. Once the plan is complete, a printable version can be easily emailed to you and your emergency contacts so the entire family can be prepared for an emergency, even when smartphones aren't available.

The Michigan Prepares Emergency Plan app is available for both iPhone and Android devices. Michigan citizens are encouraged to try out the new app and to visit the Michigan Prepares website at www.michigan.gov/prepares to learn more about how to stay healthy and safe during emergencies.

To download the Michigan Prepares Emergency Plan app for iPhone, visit the App Store at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/miprepares/id912956539?mt=8>.

For Android devices, visit the Google Play store at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.michigan.mdch.ophp&hl=en>.

Letters to the Editor

We can be proud of where we live

Recently, a generous area family, which is held in high regard in our county, contacted me with a request. With the strict understanding that their identity remain anonymous, I was given 10 \$100 bills to distribute at our discretion to families or individuals that might need some help with Christmas.

I and staff immediately reached out to fellow local law enforcement agencies, as well as local homeless advocates, clergy and educational leaders to devise a plan. Over the next few days leading up to Christmas, deputies will be delivering those \$100 bills in Christmas cards throughout the county with the same hope as the donors, that some lives will have a little brighter Christmas this year.

I, like many others, have been tested and tasked from time to time with the many difficult challenges of our occupations. It is rewarding for me to be in association with thoughtful and caring individuals such as those who contributed the \$1,000. People like them have certainly helped me balance out some of my more difficult times as your sheriff.

In fact, I saw many other compassionate individuals come in to our sheriff's office this year and donate toys or contribute money toward the Toys for Tots program. I think we as a community should all be very proud of where we live and the many generous people who live in it.

Kelly J. Hanson
Huron County Sheriff

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Wednesday, December 24

- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, December 25

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
- Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Monday, December 29

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Tuesday, December 30

- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

- Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. \$6 donation.

First Monday:

- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Meadow Lane, 150 Meadow Lane, Bad Axe, 1-3 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

Second Monday:

- Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Second Tuesday:

- Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
- Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Second Wednesday:

- Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City. (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

Second Thursday:

- Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Third Tuesday:

- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

Third Wednesday

- Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

Third Thursday:

- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
- Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Fourth Monday:

- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Fourth Wednesday:

- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

Fourth Thursday:

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
- Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

Last Monday:

- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Every Monday:

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Every Tuesday:

- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

Every Wednesday:

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Every Thursday:

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Right to Life gearing up for annual ceremony

The Tuscola County Right to Life affiliate will be kicking off the new year with its annual Sanctity of Life memorial service next month in Caro.

The ceremony is slated for Sunday, Jan. 18, starting at 3 p.m. on the steps of the Tuscola County Courthouse. The keynote speaker will be newly elected 84th District State Rep. Edward Canfield, who represents Tuscola and Huron counties.

The memorial service will include a short message from Canfield, prayer, the singing of God Bless America and the taking of a group photograph. The event is open to the public and is one of several similar gatherings planned across the state and nation.

"Nearly 42 years have passed since the landmark Supreme Court ruling that changed our nation's response to pregnancy. Forty-two years and the words 'Roe v. Wade' and 'Doe v. Bolton' still darken the hearts of all who defend the right to life," said Right to Life of Michigan President

Barbara Listing.

"Because of Roe and Doe, abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy," she added. "Because of Roe and Doe, some do not have the right to live and breathe and grow and laugh and love. Because of Roe and Doe, hundreds of thousands of people will peacefully march later in January in Washington, D.C., to be a pro-life witness, protesting the so-called right to abortion."

"After 42 years we are still here, still ready to march and defend the lives of babies preparing to be born," Listing said. "Positive changes are being made in Michigan, the pro-life movement is thriving, but our life-saving work continues because there is a need to value human life."

According to Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) statistics, a total of 23,230 induced abortions were reported in 2012 - a 52.7 percent decrease since 1987, the year when the largest number of induced abortions was reported.

"We celebrate the decrease in abortions performed in Michigan and

mourn the lives lost," Listing said. "Abortions represent a void in our communities. This reality leaves many heartbroken. Abortion hurts women, babies and families."

She added, "To think that an abortion only impacts a mother and her child preparing to be born remove the genuine pain family members experience when abortion touches their lives. That is why Right to Life of Michigan is made up of local pro-life groups in the cause of protecting life. As community pulling together, pro-life people join to offer real options to women facing untimely pregnancies."

"I am honored to represent Right to Life of Michigan," Listing continued. "We are people who acknowledge that human life is precious and irreplaceable. The values we embrace lead us to reject the taking of human life to resolve the challenges of life itself. The memorial of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton give us an opportunity to reflect on the sanctity of human life."

Long appointed new court administrator

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"I am so excited to begin this next step in my career with the court system," Long commented. "I have been working in the court system for over 15 years, and I am so pleased to have the confidence and support of the judicial council."

Fraczek, Long's current supervisor, applauded the appointment.

"I have been working with Sheila since she started with us in 2001, and not a day goes by when I am not impressed all over again at her work ethic, attention to detail and commitment to her job," Fraczek said. "She's going to do a fantastic job."

Glaspie emphasized the importance of continuity in hiring Long.

"We have spent years implementing changes to improve the quality of service that we deliver to the public," he said. "Sheila is going to do a great job in helping us maintain that momentum."



ROTARY CLUB members collected enough gifts and cash donations to make Christmas merrier for some 200 area youngsters during the 16th annual Christmas for Kids Campaign in Cass City. (See story, page one)

Mental Health: Reaching out is a sign of strength.

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Reporter's notebook



A lifetime in 3 years? You bet

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I've lived a lifetime in just three years. Not a very long period of time in the broad picture of life, you say? Well, you're dead wrong, because to an addict, 24 hours can seem like a lifetime. So can a week, a month, or any string of days you can put together as a sober human being.

I touch on this subject here during the holiday season each year because December marks a turning point in my life, when I went from alcoholic to recovering alcoholic.

I took my last drink Dec. 29, 2011.

Contrary to what some believe, I'm willing to talk openly about this issue because I know there are others living in the utterly selfish, hopeless, dark place I left nearly three years ago, and I want them to know that it's never too late to turn their lives around if they're willing to emerge standing from what can be an excruciatingly painful battle, one that you'll never really win until you've drawn your last breath.

Hey, if I really wanted to draw attention to myself, I'm reasonably sure I could come up with a less embarrassing/humiliating subject, especially knowing how some people enjoy judging others while ignoring the little "secrets" in their lives.

Oddly enough, I sometimes find myself having to work hard not to judge others, too. Pretty ironic for a drunk, don't you think? But, yeah, there was a time I figured alcoholics were all a bunch of weak, poor excuses for normal folks like - well, like me.

And then I woke up one day and realized I was one. It was a gradual process, taking years to reach that point, then a few more years to accept just how deep I was in this mess, and a few more years to really get serious about getting better.

I've come to realize a number of things along the way. Addicts are strong people, for example. They have to be because addiction is hard work and exhausting, especially among those who are determined to live a "normal" life - hang onto their families and jobs, stay out of jail, etc., while trying to keep up with an insatiable habit.

I've learned firsthand that recovering addicts are some of the most human people you'll meet, maybe because they've been forced to take a really hard look at how low they've sunk. This is a fight that requires brutal honesty, and frankly, the truth isn't very pretty sometimes.

I'll clue you in on another secret. You can't possibly make an addict or drunk feel worse than they already feel about themselves. Can't be done. And, no offense, but if you've never been an addict or alcoholic, consider yourself fortunate. Heck, go ahead and look down on those who are. But don't ever presume to understand what it's like to be one.

On the other hand, you could reach out to someone struggling with addiction, and let them know you're there for them. Sure, they'll likely recoil at first, but who knows what a word of encouragement (without a side of judgment) might do in the long run for someone you care about.

In time, they may experience a reality you couldn't convince them of now if your life depended on it: that sobriety will deliver everything their drug of choice promised.

Perhaps most important, I've learned to never underestimate the power of being grateful, not just for everyone and everything in my life, but for each and every day. It's a good feeling, one I hope our readers will be enjoying as they gather with friends and family this holiday season.

Merry Christmas.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2009)

Cass City High School has been ranked among the top high schools in the country, earning a "Bronze Medal" from U.S. World and News Report. Cass City was joined by high schools in a few other Thumb school districts - Ubly, Bad Axe, Harbor Beach and Deckerville - in the rankings, released earlier this month by the national publication.

The Law Offices of Amanda L. Roggenbuck and Associates and the Joles Law Group, Cass City, helped to make Christmas brighter for Michigan soldier Casey Viegelahn and his unit by collecting and shipping nearly 70 boxes of goodies to them overseas.

10 YEARS AGO (2004)

The Cass City Village Council took a step back in its quest to replace Frank Sheridan as village manager Monday night in a special meeting at the municipal building. Lou LaPonsie, Cass City, who was hired by a 6-1 vote, withdrew his name from consideration as a village manager for what was expected to be a one-year term. LaPonsie withdrew, president Bert Althaver explained, after reading in the Chronicle that he did not have the unanimous support of the village council.

Earning certificates and ribbons as Red Hawk Award of Excellence recipients were Audrey VanAuken, Stephanie Richards and Elsie Nicol.

25 YEARS AGO (1989)

Betty Greenleaf, of Cass City, last week helped bag some of the toys collected by the Cass City Toys for Tots organization this year. The group, which distributed the toys to 94 area families (273 children) Saturday, reported a successful campaign, with donations of 274 toys plus another \$2,251 to purchase toys.

Cass City resident Thomas B. Gunther was recognized recently by GTE North for completing 20 years of employment with the company,

according to Kevin Hammer, GTE district manager. Gunther, a central office technician working out of GTE's Cass City office, started his telephone career as a switchperson in Cass City. He obtained his current position in 1985. A graduate of Cass City High School, he and his wife, Kay, reside in Cass City. They have 2 children.

35 YEARS AGO (1979)

Grand Prize of \$100 in the Christmas home decoration contest sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce went to Maynard Helwig, 6336 Virginia Drive. He was co-winner of the first prize last year.

Two Owendale-Gagetown High School band members have received All-American honors from the All-American Hall of Fame Foundation. They are Jennifer Error of Owendale, who plays saxophone, and Robin Sullivan, Gagetown, clarinet. Both are seniors. Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Error. Robin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sullivan.

40 YEARS AGO (1974)

A long distinguished business career officially ended Wednesday for C.R. Hunt, 68, when he sold the stock in C.R. Hunt Construction Co. of Cass City to Lester Ross, 60, and Grant Ball, 57. Terms of the sale were not revealed. What this means, the genial Hunt said with a grin, is that there comes a time when everyone should call it quits and the time for me is now.

50 YEARS AGO (1964)

Christmas was made a little more colorful this year for a nine-member Cass City family when Santa Claus, disguised as the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, presented them with a color television following a drawing Thursday noon at the corner of Main and Seeger streets. Lucky winners of the TV set was the Floyd Nicholas family. Besides Nicholas and his

wife, Martha, there are seven youngsters at home. They also have a married daughter.

Twelve Cass City area youngsters got a head start on Christmas when they received prizes Thursday, Dec. 24, in the Wood Rexall Drug Boys' and Girls' contest. In the girls' division, Sandy Wells rode off with the grand prize bicycle. Other girls' division winners and their prizes in the order of placing were: Renee Dee Peters, camera; Jeanne Alexander, record player; Gail Whittaker, buggy; Jill Auten, Barbie set, and Cindy Doerr, stuffed toy dog. Claiming the grand prize bike in the boys' division was Randy Damm. Other boys' division winners and their prizes in the order of placing were: Larry Buehrly, Auto-Rama set; Scott A. Fisher, fishing set; Michael Papp, Electric Skill-Drive; Matthew B. Smith, drum, and John Schwartz, car set.

75 YEARS AGO (1939)

When Willis Campbell, district manager of the "Pennies for Peace" campaign in this section of Michigan, presented Frederick J. Libby, executive secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, with check totaling \$33, most of which represented contributions of school children, Mr. Libby expressed himself as greatly pleased with the interest of students in the peace movement. The presentation was made at the Rotary Club luncheon Tuesday at Hotel Gordon.

100 YEARS AGO (1914)

Owendale had another fire Saturday when Ricker & Parker's hardware store received slight damages from the flames. The fire, it is thought, started from the stove pipe or chimney. Fortunately, a tank in the second story was well filled with water and the citizens were able to subdue the flames in a short time. The loss is estimated at about \$200.

Pastor's Corner: Jesus, the reason for the season?

No doubt we have all heard the slogan, "Jesus is the reason for the season". Usually it comes up when someone is trying to combat the commercialism of the Christmas season. Right after Thanksgiving we now have "Black Friday" which is the starting gun for the retailers' marathon race to get their ledgers in the black by year's end. We really can't blame the retailers; after all, Cass City has just experienced this year the inconvenience and hardships when a retailer is forced to close the doors!

Going back to our slogan though, is Jesus really the reason for the season? Rewind back to the first days of Adam and Eve. Two perfect human beings created by and in fellowship with their Creator with every need provided. God had given

them one prohibition—do not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Enter the enemy of God and man, Satan, in the form of a serpent. Man decides to rebel against God and eat of the forbidden tree. He sinned. And sin brought the consequences the world struggles with today—sickness, sorrow, death and alienation from God spiritually. Fellowship with God was broken and man began to die physically, his days were numbered, and he died spiritually.

Amazingly the Lord deals with Adam and his wife in grace. He promises that the seed of the woman would one day crush Satan's head (a fatal blow) but that the seed of the Serpent would bruise the heel (non-fatal blow) of the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15). Adam understood

this to be a promise of the coming of a Savior. In response to God's promise and in spite of the reign of death all around him, Adam named his wife, Eve - the mother of all living (Genesis 3:20).

Fast-forward to the first Christmas when the Son of God enters the world as the seed of the woman made possible through the virgin birth (Matthew 1:23). With this miraculous event the promise of God in Isaiah 9:6 was fulfilled: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..." "A child is born" refers to that first Christmas; the promised seed of the woman has come! "Unto us a son is given" refers to the cross work of Christ who was born to die taking the sin of the world upon Himself. At the crucifixion of Christ the heel of the seed of the woman

was bruised. That was the real "Black Friday" when the debt of man's sin was paid in full by Christ! But at the death and resurrection of Christ the head of the Serpent was crushed. Satan's plan, program, and power were completely defeated. Now God is free to forgive man's sin based on the sacrifice of His own Son.

So perhaps the slogan should read, "We are the reason for the season!" He came for us. He came to give us the gift of salvation having purchased our redemption with His own life's blood. What a gift! Don't leave it "under the tree", open it by faith, trust Him and receive the gift of eternal life.

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Laurie, Mallory named latest Red Hawk award recipients

Cass City Public School officials recently honored the latest recipients of the district's Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

They are Erin Laurie, a fifth grader, and Harlie Mallory, an eighth grade student.

During the months of October, December, February and April, each school building staff is asked to nominate students for the honor, which is awarded to recognize students for leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being most improved and/or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

The nominees and their families are invited to attend a school board meeting, during which school officials present each recipient with a maroon ribbon and certificate, and board members personally congratulate each student.

Laurie, the daughter of Dave Laurie and Stephanie Laurie, was selected based on a strong work ethic and determination to be the best she can be, according to teacher Barbara Kirn, who nominated her.

"Erin is an outstanding student and wonderful role model to her peers. She has a quiet determination within herself to accomplish new skills and tasks set before her," Kirn said. "She works diligently and thoroughly on her tasks and is willing to help others as needed. Her work is done thoughtfully, accurately and very neat, which makes her assignments a joy to grade."

"Honesty, respectfulness, kindness and being accepting of others are a few characteristics that describe Erin," Kirn added. "She works well with others and does not judge or condemn others for their shortcomings."

"Erin's genuine desire to learn along with her determination and diligence will no doubt assist her in reaching great and wonderful accomplishments in her life."

Mallory, the daughter of Darryl and Brooke Mallory, was nominated by Jon Zdrojewski on behalf of the junior high teaching team.

"Harlie is an outstanding student that is very conscientious of her work and strives for excellence in her daily school work. (She) was on the cross country team and was a great, positive influence with her very likable nature and caring for others," said Zdrojewski, Cass City's cross country coach.

"This caring for others has carried over into the classroom as Harlie is always available to help out any student that is in need of assistance with a difficult concept," he said. Harlie can be counted on to help anyone that is in need of help, often times

without being asked. This willingness to share her skills with all of her classmates really stands out in the classroom.

"In a time when most students are only worried about themselves and not concerned for the well-being of others, (she) stands out as a person that cares for others at least as much as she cares for herself."

Zdrojewski added, "Harlie's happy demeanor and smile brightens even the darkest of days in our classrooms. She shows up every day, ready to work and accept whatever challenge is presented to her with a great attitude."



CASS CITY STUDENTS Harlie Mallory (left), an eighth grade student, and Erin Laurie, a fifth grader, were recently honored as the latest recipients of the coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence. Both girls were recognized during a recent board of education meeting.

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Officers issue 1,814 citations during campaign

Officers from more than 150 police departments, sheriff's offices and the Michigan State Police issued 1,814 seatbelt and child restraint citations during the Click It Or Ticket seatbelt enforcement campaign Oct. 27-Nov. 9.

The Michigan State Police released the figures Dec. 11. "Officers from local, county and state agencies conduct seatbelt enforcement zones to remind motorists that seatbelts are your best and primary defense in the event of a crash," said Michael L. Prince, director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). "These efforts are about saving lives and preventing injuries."

For the first time since 2009, seatbelt use in Michigan increased slightly in 2014, from 93 percent to 93.3 percent.

During the two-week effort, officers also issued 512 citations for speeding, 319 citations for driving with a suspended license, 258 citations for red-light running and 445 citations to uninsured motorists. Officers arrested 119 fugitives and 142 others for misdemeanors. Of the 180 arrests for drunken driving, 23 had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.17 percent or higher.

According to reports, there were six traffic fatalities Oct. 31-Nov. 1. One of those involved alcohol and two drivers were not wearing seatbelts. There were 13 fatalities during the same period in 2013.

The traffic enforcement effort was paid for with federal traffic safety funds coordinated by OHSP.

Grant-funded seatbelt and drunken driving enforcement is part of Michigan's Strategic Highway Safety Plan signed by Gov. Rick Snyder in February 2013.

Area 4-Hers gearing up for a busy new year

Area 4-Hers will have a busy new year, according to Kari A. VerEllen, Huron County MSU Extension 4-H administrative assistant, who reminds youth to re-enroll in the 2014-15 4-H program before the end of the year.

All previous 4-H youth and adult leaders will need to complete a new 4-H enrollment form, along with the 4-H code of conduct/media/medical release form," VerEllen said. "Forms can be picked up from your 4-H leader or by stopping by the MSU Extension Office, located in the Huron County Health Department Complex at 1142 S. Van Dyke, Suite 200, in Bad Axe. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and open during the noon hour. Completed forms and participation fees are to be returned by Jan. 1 to the MSU Extension Office."

An informational 4-H Camp Teen Counselor Training is scheduled for

Friday, Jan. 2, and will be held at the Huron Expo Center at the fairgrounds in Bad Axe from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"So if you have 4-H teens ages 15 to 19 by Jan. 1, 2015, interested in becoming 4-H camp teen counselors for the 2015 4-H Camp, please call the MSU Extension Office at (989) 269-9949 with their contact information by Wednesday, Dec. 31," VerEllen said. "The 2015 4-H Camp will be held June 29 through July 1 at Camp Cavell in Lexington."

Also planned for next month is "Teen Cooking Matters", a free hands-on series of cooking and nutrition classes for teens.

"This series of classes will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 7, and run for six weeks on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office Conference Room. Space is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis," noted VerEllen, who said interested youth should contact Renee Stacer at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 606) to reserve a spot.

"There will also be free hands-on cooking and nutrition classes for adults," VerEllen said. "This series of classes also begins on Wednesday, Jan. 7, and runs for six weeks from 10 a.m. to noon at the MSU Extension Office Conference Room. Space is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis."

Sunday, Jan. 18, is the 4-H Day at the Breslin - Women's Basketball

Event. The MSU Lady Spartans take on Iowa State Lady Hawkeyes at 2 p.m., with the gates opening at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are free and can only be ordered through the MSU Extension Office by contacting VerEllen at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 604). "When calling to request tickets, please have the number of youth attending available, as well as the number of adults going. Remember the last day to order tickets through the MSU Extension Office is Friday, Dec. 26," she said.

Thumb Area 4-H Snow Camp is a new adventure for area 4-H youth ages 13 and older and is sponsored by MSU Extension-Huron County in cooperation with Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola counties.

"Thumb Area 4-H Snow Camp will take place Saturday, Feb. 14, through Sunday, Feb. 15, at Snow Snake Ski Resort in Harrison," VerEllen said. "The night will be spent at Camp Deer Trails in Harrison. Saturday afternoon will be spent skiing, and tubing on Sunday morning. Adult chaperones are needed for this awesome event. Space is limited, so register early."

Registration forms and payment are due by Monday, Feb. 2. Scholarships may also be available. Registration forms can be picked up at the MSU Extension Office located within the Huron County Health Department Complex.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m. unless noted

12/10 Sandusky
12/12 Caro
12/17 Harbor Beach
12/19 Memphis
1/7 Ubly
1/9 Bad Axe
1/14 Marlette
1/21 Lakers
1/23 BCAS
1/30 Vassar
2/4 Reese
2/6 USA
2/11 Bad Axe
2/13 Brown City
2/18 Mayville
2/20 Deckerville (Snowcoming)
2/25 Lakers
2/27 Reese
3/3 Vassar
3/5 USA
3/9-3/13 Districts @ Bad Axe

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m.

12/2 Cass City 32, Harbor Beach 72
12/5 Cass City 47, Memphis 37
12/9 Cass City 13, Sandusky 57
12/10 Cass City 27, Caro 52
12/16 Cass City 34, Vassar 35
12/18 Cass City 16, USA 58

1/6 Ubly
1/8 Bad Axe
1/13 Marlette
1/20 Lakers
1/22 Mayville
1/29 Vassar
2/3 Reese
2/5 USA
2/10 Bad Axe
2/12 Brown City
2/17 Akron-Fairgrove
2/19 Deckerville
2/24 Lakers
2/26 Reese
3/2-3/6 Districts @ Bad Axe

WRESTLING

12/10 Millington 6:00 p.m.
12/13 Marlette Team Tourny 8:00 a.m.
12/17 Caro 1:30 p.m.
12/20 Cros-Lex Team Tourny 9:00 a.m.
1/3 North Branch Team Tourny 9:00 a.m.
1/7 Memphis/EPB Lakers 6:00 p.m.
1/10 Saginaw Heritage 9:00 a.m.
1/14 Bad Axe/Marlette 1:30 p.m.
1/17 Marysville Team Tourny 8:00 a.m.
1/22 Sandusky/Mayville 6:00 p.m.
1/24 Mayville Team Tourny 9:00 a.m.
1/28 Vassar/Brown City 1:30 p.m.
1/31 Bullock Creek Team Tourny 8:30 a.m.
2/7 GTC League Meet @Bad Axe TBD
2/11 Team Districts TBD
2/14 Individual Districts TBD
2/18 Team Regionals TBD
2/21 Individual Regionals TBD
2/27-28 Team State Finals @ Battle Creek TBD
3/5-3/7 Team State Finals @Auburn Hills TBD

GYMNASTICS

12/10 Vassar 6:30 p.m.
1/10 Fraser Invitational 9:00 a.m.
1/13 Vassar 6:30 p.m.
1/17 Milford-Lakeland 8:30 a.m.
1/22 Vassar 6:30 p.m.
1/31 St. John Invitational 10:00 a.m.
2/7 Vassar Invite 12:00 p.m.
2/26 Vassar 6:30 p.m.



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Boys' Basketball
Dec. 17 ~ Harbor Beach ~ 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Jan. 22 ~ Sandusky/Mayville ~ 6 p.m.

JR. HIGH

JH Boys' Basketball
Jan. 14 ~ USA ~ 5:30 p.m.



BOWLING

All meets at 4 p.m. unless noted

1/8 North Huron
1/13 Harbor Beach
1/15 Ubly
1/20 USA
1/27 Brown City
2/5 Reese
2/10 Bad Axe
2/12 Sandusky
2/14 Conf. Singles Tourny @ Sandusky
2/17 Girls Position RD @ Harbor Beach
2/19 Boys Position RD @ Capac 4:00 p.m.
2/21 Conf. Team Tourny @ Bad Axe



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1/14 USA
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1/26 USA
1/28 Reese
2/2 Vassar
2/4 USA
2/9 Reese
2/11 Vassar
2/14 8th grade League Tourny



TBD

JH GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 5:30 p.m.

11/3 Vassar
11/5 USA
11/7 EPBP Lakers
11/10 Reese
11/12 Vassar
11/17 USA
11/20 Reese
11/24 Vassar
12/1 USA
12/3 Reese
12/6 8th grade League Tourny



TBD

JH WRESTLING

11/8 Mayville 9:00 a.m.
11/12 Bad Axe/Brown City/Sandusky 5:30 p.m.
11/13 Mayville 5:30 p.m.
11/17 Brown City/Marlette/Lakers 5:30 p.m.
11/19 Mayville/Brown City 5:30 p.m.
11/24 Vassar/Memphis/Brown City 5:30 p.m.
12/3 Bad Axe/Lakers/Memphis 5:30 p.m.
12/5 GTC League Meet @ Lakers 5:30 p.m.



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CASS CITY'S Parker Haire pressures Memphis' William MacDonald during Friday's Greater Thumb Conference crossover contest. Looking to swipe a pass is Red Hawk Sawyer Cuthrell.

Lebioda collects milestone victory

Senior Blake Lebioda joined some elite company over the weekend at the Cros-Lex High School. There, the Cass City wrestler earned his 100th career win, pinning Cros-Lex's Brandon Ling 3 minutes and one second into their 135-weight class match.

At the Cros-Lex Team Tournament, Coach Don Markel's grapplers compiled a 3-2 record for the day to place third in the 8-team field. In pool play, the Red Hawks defeated Frankenmuth 51-27 and Byron 66-16, while bowing to Crosswell-Lexington, 46-30.



Blake Lebioda

In the Championship pool, Cass City defeated Memphis 54-27 before their day came to an end with a 42-37 defeat to Capac. Final team standings on Saturday, and their records, were: Cros-Lex 5-0, Capac 4-1, Cass City 3-2, Frankenmuth 3-2, Memphis 2-3, Lapeer "B" 2-3, Byron 1-4, and "Unified Team" 0-5. Lebioda (5-0), T. J. Moore (5-0),

and Ethan Monte (4-0) all posted perfect records to pace Cass City at the gathering, while Red Hawks Alex Jeffrey, Darren Dickson, and Dominik Navara all finished as runner-ups with 4-1 efforts. Daymon Tabako went 3-1.

CARO

Earlier last week, Cass City was defeated on Wednesday by host Caro 60-22.

"This contest was held at 2:00 as part of a school wide assembly which created an awesome environment," said Markel

In spite of the lopsided loss Cass City wrestlers wrestled quite well against several state ranked opponents. Winning matches for the visitors were Wyatt Dickson (119), Navara (160), Moore (189), and Tabako (285).

"We looked somewhat flat on Saturday and even though the score did not reflect it we wrestled better on Wednesday against Caro. During the Christmas break we will work hard to get back to the how we had performed the week before when we won the Marlette Tournament."

Cass City dual meet record now stands at 9-4 for the season.

Lady Hawks bow to USA, Vassar in GTW hoop play

The Cass City Lady Red Hawks will enter the holiday break with a 1-5 record following Thursday's Greater Thumb West contest against visiting USA. The Patriots rolled to a 20-5 advantage after one quarter and then used a 17-2 spurt in the third quarter to win in convincing fashion.

With the 58-16 victory, USA improves to 4-1.

"That's an aggressive group," says Cass City Coach Clarke Haire about the Patriots. "I feel there are about 4 elite teams in the Greater Thumb Conference and USA is one of them. We've also played Harbor Beach and Sandusky this year and those 3 teams will be hard for anybody in the conference to beat."

Patriot Nicole Bauer tossed in 14 points to register game scoring honors, while Marisa Morton chipped in 10. The winners put 9 players into the score book, but it was their

defense that decided the outcome.

Trailing 31-11 at the half, the Patriots held their hosts to a pair of Becca Warford field goals over the final 16 minutes.

Alliah Riddle had 5 points for Cass City.

VASSAR

Cass City gave Vassar all they could handle Tuesday before surrendering 35-34 in the GTW opener for both schools.

A quick start - spearheaded by Riddle with 10 points - had the visitors in front 15-9 early. However, the Red Hawks would go scoreless in the second stanza and entered the break trailing 17-15.

Rebecca Haizar and Jaylee Burnham sparked the Vulcan comeback combining for 12 first half

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Cass City wins easy

Cass City overpowered host Memphis Friday during a Greater Thumb Conference crossover game to end play in 2014.

The Red Hawks used a huge height advantage to control the action en route to a 49-28 victory that wasn't as close as the final margin suggested.

An old fashioned 3-point play by Mason Erla and shots from behind the 3-point arc from Kyle Ross and Parker Haire had the visitors enjoying a 15-4 gap entering the second quarter.

Memphis would be limited to a Gavin Gerstenberger triple from the floor in the period before the break and a 10-0 run by Cass City to close out the frame removed all doubts from the game's outcome.

After senior Kyle Ross took aim from the top of the key in the opening quarter and drained a pair of jumpers, the bulky Red Hawk southpaw used his strength to net back-to-back baskets in the paint that put the visitors up 26-8 and the route was on.

Despite the whipping, only 6 players scored for the winners led by Erla with 16 points and Ross with a dozen, both season highs for the pair. Sawyer Cuthrell pitched in 7 points, Keith Lounsbury 6, Haire 5 and Logan Schenk 3.

Gerstenberger's 10 points and Austin Jaehn's 8 tallies were tops for Memphis.

HARBOR BEACH

The kid can also play hoop. After being named the All-Thumb Football Team player of the year, Josh Schelke put on a show worthy of the same honor on the basketball court Wednesday in Cass City.

The senior play maker scored a

game best 18 points in his team's 59-47 non-conference victory.

Both teams were on the mark in the opening half. Haire and Schenk combined for 15 points before the intermission, but the Red Hawks would still trail 30-26 entering the third.

There the wheels stopped spinning for the host offense as Cass City was limited to jumpers from Haire and Cuthrell, allowing the Pirates to increase the gap to double digits, 40-30, entering the stretch run.

Schelke took over in the closing minutes and hit for 7 markers to derail any rally hopes Cass City was entertaining.

Cuthrell, Haire and Schenk all finished with 11 points each in vain.

O-G falls

David Binder and Jacob Wright combined for 44 points, but it wouldn't be enough to defeat visiting North Huron in the Bulldog's final contest in 2014.

Owen-Gage led 12-11 after one quarter and 27-24 after two. However, the Warriors caught fire in the final half and outscored their hosts 17-10 in the third period that proved fatal for the Bulldogs as the visitors came out on top in an exciting 56-52 decision.

Binder led all scorers with 23 points, while Wright added 21 and 17 rebounds.

North Huron had 4 players reach double figures led the Aaron Smith's 15 points, while Tony Nugent added 14, Wyatt Hooper 13 and Aaron Cooney 12.



GOOD SAVE. Bulldog Dan Good goes airborne under the basket, while teammate Jacob Wright readies for a pass during non-conference action against North Huron.

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Vassar girls edge Cass City

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 points.
 The final half was a sea-saw affair with each team trading buckets to the final whistle. Sayge Cuthrell and Riddle took over the scoring duties for Cass City in the final period each hitting a pair of timely field goals that help put the visitors up 34-30 with 1:50 remaining on the clock and with possession of the ball.
 "I called time out and thought we could run the clock out. We still had 3 time outs available and I told the girls to use them if they got trapped. Nothing but a lay-up," Haire told his team.
 But the plan failed when Cass City took a quick, ill-advised, jump shot

that missed its mark and allowed Vassar an opportunity to slice into the margin.
 A Macy Zwerk triple did just that and moments later Haizar got free under the basket and hit what proved to be the game winning baskets in the final minute.
 "We had 3 good looks at the basket to pull out the win, but they didn't fall. The girls played their best game of the season. Hopefully, we can build on this going forward. I was really proud of how we played."
 Riddle recorded a season-best 16 point and Cuthrell added 8 with all but 2 points coming after the intermission. Lauren Scott added 5 points in vain.
 Burnham scored 10 points, Haizar 9, and Zwerk 8 to pace Vassar.



THE CASS CITY 8th grade Lady Red Hawk basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Deedee Haley, Brianna Mester, Hailey Schmotzer, Brittany Hamilton, Stephanie Skiles, Kelly Ziegler (back, l-r) Layna Mathewson, Rebecca Morrish, Kacey Haire, Jalene Krol, Gabrielle Romain and Coach Lloyd Schinnerer.

Kingston hands Marlette defeat

A 17-8 run in the closing quarter lifted Kingston to a 46-41 victory Friday over previously undefeated Marlette.
 Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals used a 4-for-4 showing at the foul line from Cassidy MacGuire and a late trey from Jenna Boyl to pull off the upset. "The girls came ready to play and we made some winning plays down the stretch," said Green as his team improved to 4 - 1 entering the Harry Moore Classic Monday in Brown City.
 Boyl led all scorers with 19 points, while MacGuire added 11.
 Marlette received a double-double from Haley Cross, who recorded 14 points and a dozen rebounds, while Caitlin Quade netted 11 points.

State parks offer winter fun

Whether you ski, sled, toboggan, ice fish, snowmobile or snowshoe, Michigan's state parks offer lots of seasonal fun. Michigan motorists can get in on the fun by buying a recreation passport when they renew their plate tabs or get a new plate, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents.
 Many state parks offer snowmobiling, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing opportunities and events, among other wintertime outdoor activities, and state boat launches are great places for anglers to find new ice-fishing spots. Select state parks offer winter camping opportunities in lodges, yurts, tepees and several types of cabins.
 "Winter is a great time of year and offers many opportunities for outdoor recreation," said Johnson, who loves the outdoors and has been known to kayak in January. "I encourage people renewing their plate tab to help support Michigan's exceptional parks by buying a

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 In fiscal year 2014, more than 1.9 million recreation passports were issued, generating almost \$21 million for state parks.

Boys' Basketball				Girls' Basketball			
Greater Thumb West				Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	W	L		W	L
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USA	0	0	2	0	Reese	1	0
Reese	0	0	3	1	Vassar	1	0
EPBP	0	0	3	2	EPBP	0	1
Bad Axe	0	0	1	2	Bad Axe	0	1
Cass City	0	0	1	3	Cass City	0	2

Greater Thumb East				Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	W	L		W	L
Harbor Beach	0	0	3	0	Sandusky	2	0
Brown City	0	0	2	1	Marlette	2	0
Sandusky	0	0	2	2	Harbor Beach	0	1
Marlette	0	0	2	2	Brown City	0	1
Memphis	0	0	1	3	Memphis	0	1
Ubly	0	0	0	3	Ubly	0	1

NCTL				NCTL			
	W	L	W	L		W	L
Peck	2	0	3	0	Kingston	3	0
Kingston	2	0	2	2	North Huron	2	0
Deckerville	1	1	2	1	Deckerville	2	1
Mayville	1	1	1	1	Peck	1	1
North Huron	0	1	1	4	CPS	1	2
CPS	0	2	1	3	Caseville	0	2
Caseville	0	1	0	2	Mayville	0	3

Michigan Summit League				Michigan Summit League			
	W	L	W	L		W	L
Akron-Fair.	0	0	4	0	SASA	0	0
Owen-Gage	0	0	1	3	Owen-Gage	0	0
BCAS	0	0	0	2	Akron-Fair.	0	0
SASA	0	0	0	2	BCAS	0	0
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ATHLETE of the WEEK

The final Schneeberger Athlete of the Week award for 2014 goes to Cass City senior Kyle Ross.

Ross came up big in Friday's Greater Thumb Conference crossover basketball victory at Memphis, the team's first in the early going. Ross hit shots from the top of the key and from the corner on his way to a season-best 12 points, despite sitting most of the final quarter in the 49-28 victory. He scored back-to-back baskets for the winners in each quarter of the opening half, which ended with the visitors leading 30-8.

Kyle, who plays both guard and small forward positions, is the son of Steve and Andrea Ross.



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Jim Roe of Owendale was recently named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), in recognition of his commitment to serving the local and world community.

Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is the foundation's highest honor. It is recognition of a commitment to humanitarian service.

Roe is a member of the Owendale Lions Club. He received a finely crafted plaque and lapel pin acknowledging his dedication to the foundation's goals. As a Melvin Jones Fellow, he becomes a part of a growing network of individuals who are committed to improving the quality of life for people locally and in communities around the world.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, numbering more than 1.4 million members. As the charitable arm of the association, LCIF makes grants for vital community and global projects that meet a wide range of humanitarian needs.

The Lions motto reads, "We Care, We Serve, We Accomplish".



OWENDALE LIONS Club member Jim Roe receives his Melvin Jones Fellow lapel pin from his wife, Linda, with Immediate Past District Governor Wes Wagster looking on.

Green bill "brings home the bacon"

Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville) sponsored Senate Bill 144 to include agricultural processing in the state's economic development focus. At committee hearings on the bill, he used a store-bought pound of bacon to demonstrate the need for the legislation.

The bill eventually became law as Public Act 22 of 2011 and now appears to be bringing home the bacon, literally.

Clemens Food Group, a food processing firm based out of Hatfield, Penn., recently announced plans to build a \$255-million pork processing plant in Coldwater, Mich. The plant will process hogs from Michigan and surrounding states into finished pork products and directly employ 810 workers.

"This announcement represents the return of pork processing to Michigan and the beginning of substantial growth in the entire agriculture processing industry," Green said. "It is an exciting day for

Michigan workers and Michigan agriculture."

The last pork processing plant located in the state, owned by Thorn Apple Valley, was closed in 1998 with a loss of 1,000 jobs. Under PA 22's agriculture provision, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) secured the Clemens project in Michigan over an alternative location in Ohio.

In addition to creating jobs, the plant will allow Michigan's pork producers to have their hogs processed in the state, reducing related transport costs.

"With the completion of the new plant, Michigan hogs will be processed by Michigan workers into products sold to consumers, including bacon, and that is something we can be proud of," said Green. "This development also sends the message to other job creators in the processing industry that Michigan's door is open to business and I believe we will see more projects like this in the future."



Chamber, students focus on giving...

BAKER COLLEGE students recently sold ornaments at \$1 each to help raise money for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The Cass City Chamber of Commerce and Baker College of Cass City worked together for the third consecutive year, according to local Baker campus Director Karen Easterling. "Through cash and canned good donations at the Christmas in the Village Craft Show and from the students at Baker College, we raised \$744.73 and at least 50 pounds of food that will stay here in the community," she said. "Keeping in mind that for every dollar donated it provides six meals, (the donations translate into) 4,464 meals to those in need in our area."



POLAR EXPRESS? Uby's Kevin Gracey returned to Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City this month with a portion of his impressive model train collection. Gracey, a familiar face at the Cass City Post Office, where he's employed, has been collecting trains — Lionels are his favorite — for more than 30 years.



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Something nice for my teacher?



Aurora Reeder

Dear Santa,
My name is Aurora Reeder and for Christmas I would like: a Barbie doll, a boy Barbie doll (Ken), a BIG doll house, something nice for my teacher, Mrs. Maurer, and all the babies in the world! I will leave cookies and milk out for you, too!

Love, Aurora
5 years old, Kindergarten
Cass City



Please bring something for my big brother?



Olivia Osantowski

Dear Santa,
This is Olivia I turned one on December 4. As you know, I have been having a lot of surgeries since I was born and I have been good through them all, but I really don't want anything special because I received a new baby doll for my birthday that I can burp just like they do at day care. I do like to rip up papers so maybe you can just wrap up a box or 2 so I can rip them open.
But Santa, my big brother Christopher should get something really nice as he takes care of me a lot on the weekends when mom has to work. We will be at Grandma and Grandpa Osantowski's this year so bring Chris and my gifts there.

I love you,
Olivia Osantowski
Fort Wayne, Ind.

We have been good this year

Dear Santa,
We have been good this year. Mariah would like a digital camera and a Monster High doll.
Caleb would like Thomas the Train toys. We will leave cookies and milk for you and special food for the reindeer.
Love,
Mariah and Caleb Henne



Mariah and Caleb Henne

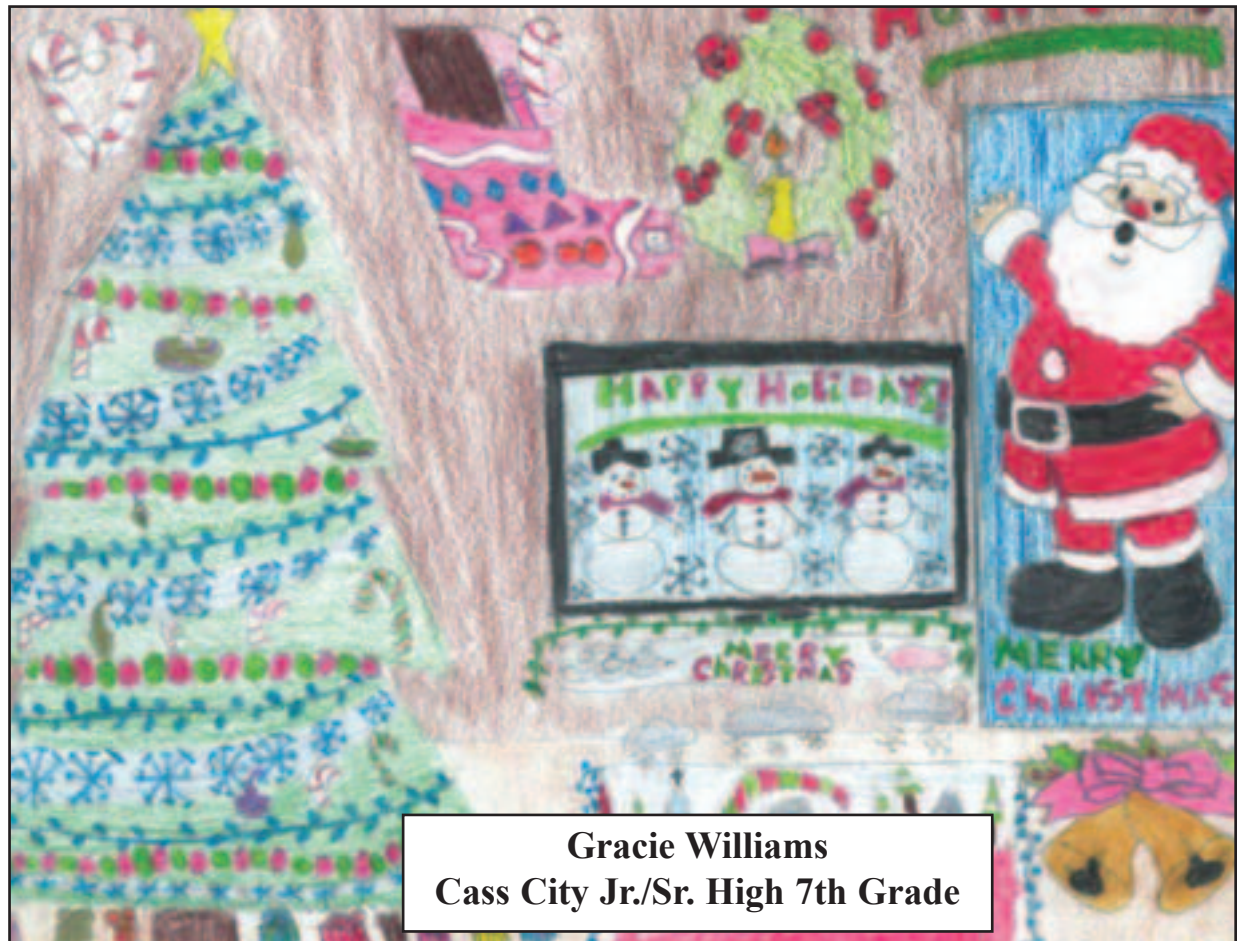
Please bring me a dirt bike

Dear Santa,
Can I have a toy semi and a real dirt bike that I can ride? Mama said it should be a Honda. And can you get Shanny and Braylon a Barbie? I've been a good boy this year!
Thank you Santa! I'm gonna leave you some cookies on the kitchen table.

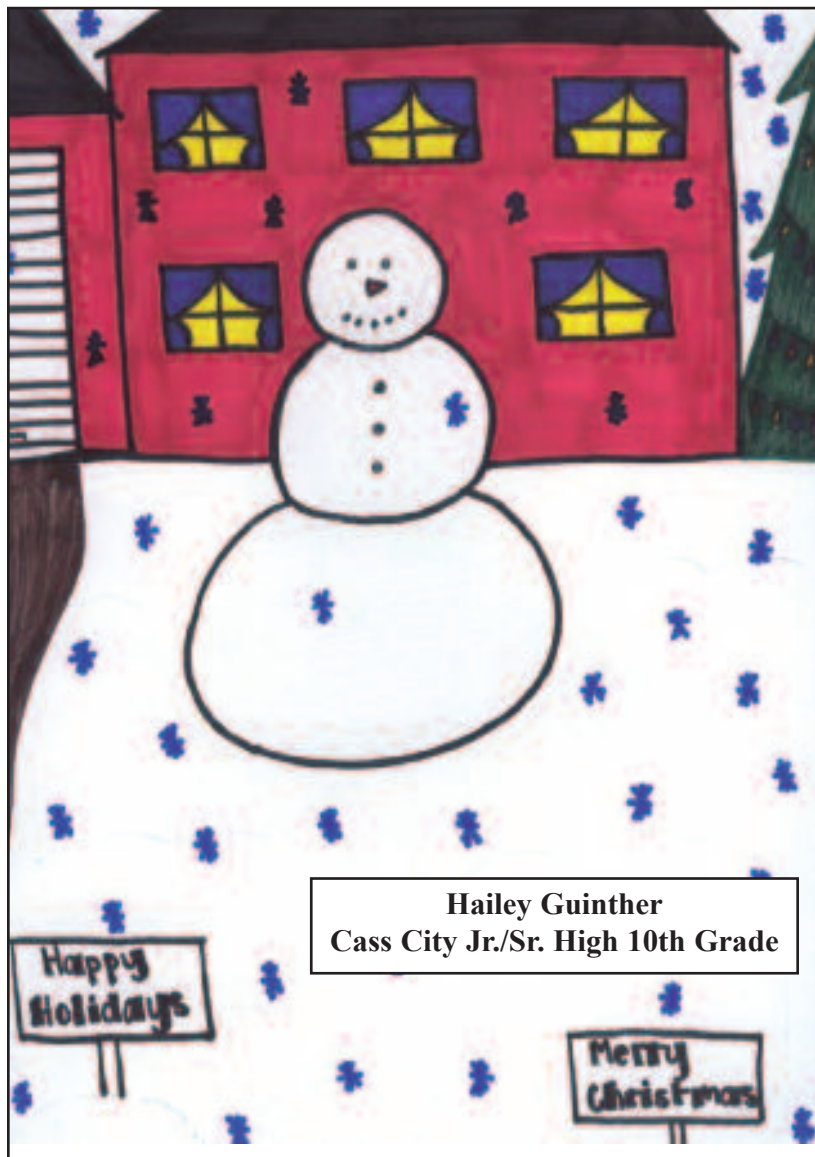
Landyn Raymond, 4 years old
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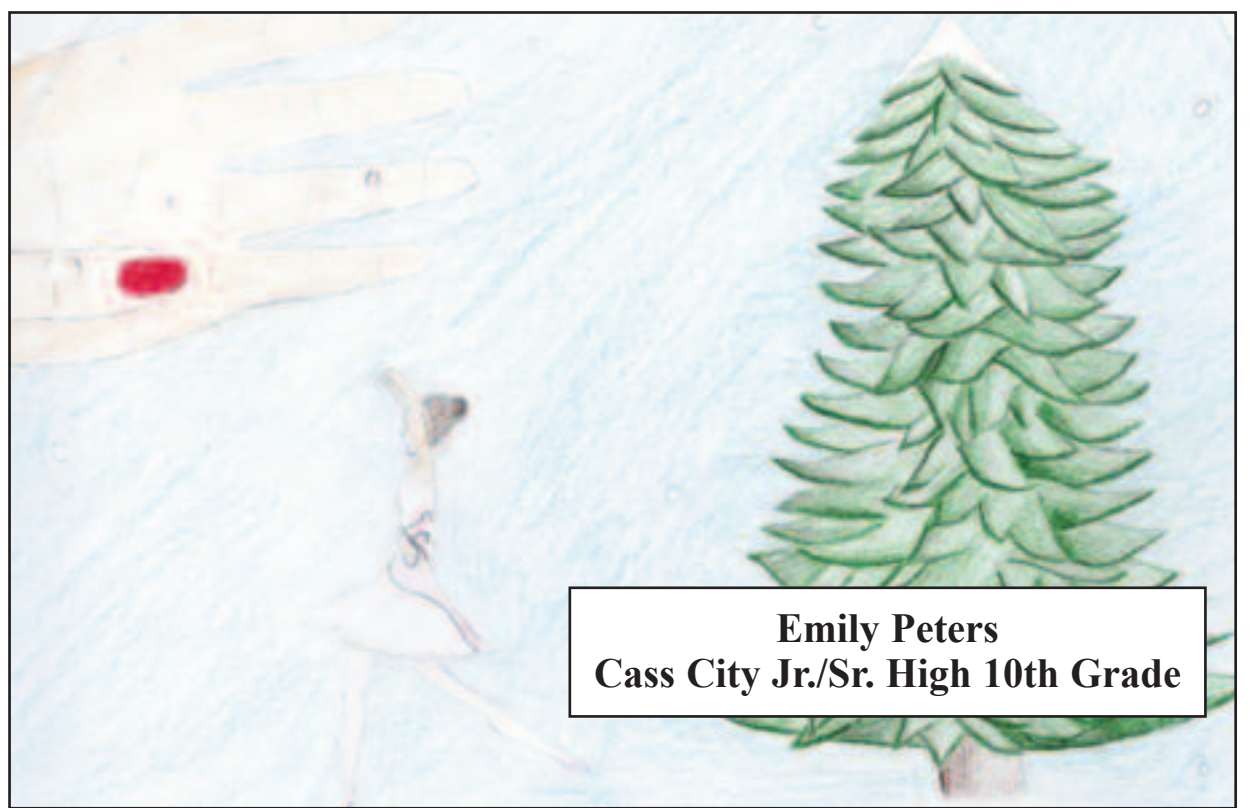
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**Gracie Williams
Cass City Jr./Sr. High 7th Grade**



**Hailey Guinther
Cass City Jr./Sr. High 10th Grade**



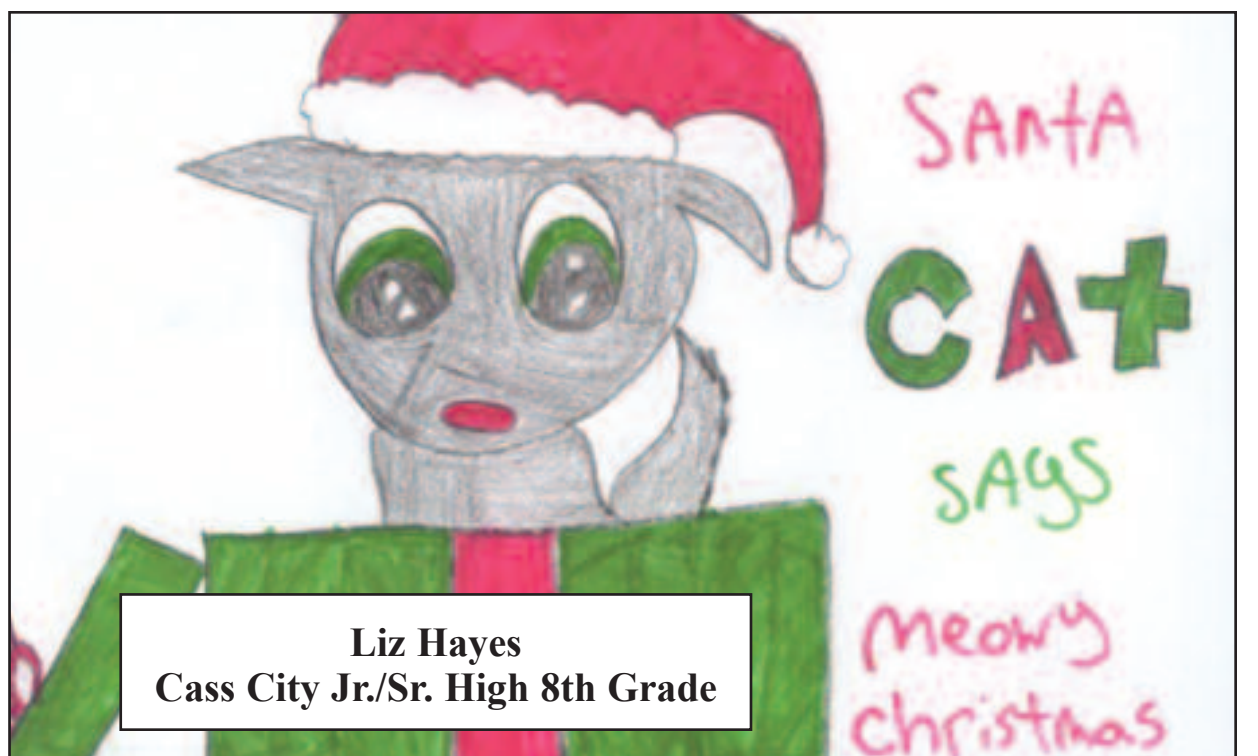
**Emily Peters
Cass City Jr./Sr. High 10th Grade**

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**Liz Hayes
Cass City Jr./Sr. High 8th Grade**



Aubrey Boyce

For Christmas I would love a new baby doll

Dear Santa,
This is Aubrey and this will be my second Christmas, I have been really good. I love to play all day and sing songs.
For Christmas I would love a brand new baby doll and a FurReal pet.
Santa, I hope you will stop by my Grammy and Papa Boyce's house and give them a nice present, since they always invite me over to play!

I love you,
Aubrey Boyce, age one
Cass City

How is your wife, Santa?



Justin Daniels

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is your wife? I've been getting good grades in school. I would like you to bring me an Asus MeMO pad 7 in 16 gb tablet. I would like it to be able to get music and games. If you can't find that, an iPad mini or a desktop computer would be good. As you can tell I like technology. We will leave you cookies and milk. Have a safe trip.

Love,
Justin Daniels, 7 years old
Cass City



Oliver Walker

I would like a surprise!

Dear Santa,
I love you. I do NOT want a mermaid. I WOULD like a remote control airplane like Dusty Crophopper so I can zoom into action! I would also like surprises please!
Love,
O
(Oliver Walker, 4 years old. Son of Ryan & Rebecca Walker)
P.S. I love the reindeer, too!



We will leave you a bottle of Coke



Kira and Damion Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Kira and this is my little brother Damion. I'm 3 1/2 and he is 2 years old. For Christmas I would like 2 Frozen dolls, some dress up clothes and a backpack.
Damion would like some Tonka trucks, a Batman cape and candy!
We both would love a sled each so we can play at Gram's. We will leave cookies and a bottle of Coke for you. We love you!
Love,
Kira and Damion Hernandez
Marlette

The Action Bible book is all I want



Alexander Gilliam

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is the book The Action Bible and a WWE game for the Nintendo DS.
Sincerely,
Alexander Gilliam, age 13



Melanie Gilliam

Thank you for all the toys from last Christmas

Dear Santa,
Thanks for all the toys you gave me last year. This year I want the massage chair with a table, origami paper and lots of family time together for the whole day and to just have fun.
Thanks and Merry Christmas,
Melanie Gilliam, age 11



Caitlyn Mowery
Cass City Jr./Sr. High - 10th Grade



Madison Hollinshead

I really, really want a guitar

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the year. I did have some times where I was bad. I am hoping you can forgive me. Here are some things I would really love for you to bring me. A princess computer with a mouse, glow dough, a robot dog, a baby with a suckie, a seat belt pet, Mouse Trap the game, the As Seen on TV fish tank that cleans itself and the very last thing that I really, really want is a guitar.
Thanks for taking your time and reading my letter.
Love,
Madison Hollinshead, age 4
Cass City



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Rebecca Morris

Dear Santa,
My name is Rebecca. I live in Colorado, too, but this year we get to spend Christmas with my Osantowski Grandma and Grandpa in Cass City. So please bring my toys there. I would like some new Barbies and some kind of horses this year. Thanks for all the toys you brought last year.

Please remember to bring my big brother Enick some gifts, too. He plays hockey if that helps you.

Love,
Rebecca Morris, age 3
P.S. I have been trying to be good.



Johnathan Morris

Dear Santa,
My name is Johnathan Morris. I am 5 years old. I just started Kindergarten this year and it has been really rough trying to learn all the rules, but I'm trying to be a good boy now, and I'm getting a lot of green cards.

I live in Colorado, but this year I need my gifts delivered to Grandpa and Grandma Osantowski's in Cass City because we are spending Christmas with them. I would like some Ninja Turtles, Peter Pan stuff or Jake and the Neverland Pirates.

Thank you for all the gifts you gave me last year, and Santa don't forget to bring my big brother Enick something, too.

Love,
Johnathan Morris, age 5



Lauren Dickinson
Cass City Jr./Sr. High - 9th Grade

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I would really like a tow truck



Chase Jaenicke

Dear Santa,
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I will leave some milk and cookies for you.
Chase Jaenicke, age 7

Electric scooter, please



Thomas Harp

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a remote controlled car a big one and I want an iPad mini and can you please get me an electric scooter pretty please.

Love,
Thomas Harp, age 14
Gagetown



Corbin Forster

I really, really love race cars

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi, this is Corbin and this year I have had a very fun year starting Kindergarten! I am in Mrs. Maurer's class. My favorite part of school is coloring.

This year I would really like a new football and some Legos. But what I would really love is race cars, especially a Zack Olger race car for my collection, I also like Jimmy Owens, too!

Santa can you please remember to bring something awesome for my dad and mom, too! Like a new sports car!

Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, your buddy,
Corbin Forster, age 6
Gagetown



Kennedy Vanwormer

I have been keeping my room clean!

Dear Santa,
I would really like an iPod this year, an American Girl doll, and clothes. I would also really like some Nike sandals. I have been trying to keep my room clean this year like you told me to work on last year!

Thank you,
Kennedy Vanwormer, age 8

Jesus is the reason for the season



Parker Vanwormer

Dear Santa,
I would like a Skylanders Trap Force game for the Wii, I would also like an iPod, and some board games. Even if I do not get all of this that is ok, because I know the real reason for Christmas is that it's Jesus' birthday.

Thank you,
Parker Vanwormer, age 10

Please visit the Smiths in Decker

Hi Santa,
Just want to tell you how good I've been this year...well I think I've been good...anywho, I do gymnastics, it's really fun. I've been doing pretty



Claire Schroder

Bring a toy for my kitty, please Santa



Courtney Forster

Hi Santa,
My name is Courtney Lynne Forster! I have been really good this year listening and learning a lot of new things.

All I would like for Christmas is a Happy New Year present.

Guess what Santa? This year I got a kitten and her name is Tulip, can you bring her a toy for Christmas?

My brother Corbin and I will leave some milk and cookies out for you and a special treat for your reindeer, especially Rudolph.

Love,
Courtney Forster, age 3
Gagetown

good. This year I'd like a desk for my room, white will do. I'd also like the cream colored, bobble-head, special edition LPS, blind bag, horse with pink, fluffy hair. And any other bobble-head LPS you can find. I'd also like an LPS house that has a door... please!

Thanks for the caterpillar puppet from last year, I'd like another one this year. Some lotion and a stuffed animal would be nice, too.

Please bring my sister a thing or two, you'll find her near the top of your "naughty" list.

Please visit my Grandpa & Grandma Smith in Decker, Michigan and my Oma & Opa in Sylvania, Ohio.

Love you bunches, I truly BELIEVE!
Claire Schroder
Boise, Idaho



Ella Schroder

Hi Santa!
This is Ella Schroder from Boise, Idaho. I'm the one you'll find at the top of your "naughty" list... according to my little sister Claire. Anyways, for Christmas I don't want much this year. Just a few things. I would like a few makeup products such as mascara and maybe the Naked Basics Pallet from Urban Decay.

I would also like an iPad mini. And yes, I have been very good this year... at least I think so. And last but not least I would love to own a pair of Miss Me Jeans. They are pretty expensive, so those aren't a must. But just like always, make sure to make a visit to my Grandma and Grandpa Smith in Decker, Michigan and my Oma and Opa in Sylvania, Ohio.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Ella Schroder
Age 12, Grade 6
Boise, Idaho



Madison Mandich
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Dear Santa,
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I would also like a bike since I have grown out of my other one. I really like the black and white one I saw at the store.
Thanks Santa,
Keagan Voss



Keagan Voss



Zoey Blackstock

I would like some cool clothes

Dear Santa,
Hi, I hope you are having a good year. This is a pretty busy time. I would like some cool clothes and a bike. I also like barbies and I like to jump rope, too. I pretty much like everything so you can just pick something cool for me.

Thanks Santa,
Zoey Blackstock



**Mckenzie Blackstock
Please bring presents for all of my family**

Dear Santa,
I hope your reindeer are exercising for the big night. I really like Monster High stuff. I even saw a Monster High bike I really like! I am so excited to spend Christmas with my family.
Please bring presents to all my family, they were pretty good this year, mostly.

Thanks Santa,
Mckenzie Blackstock

Make sure to bring something for my baby sister

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old this year and I was so excited to see you. I sat right on your lap and you gave me a candy cane! I love baby dolls. I have a lot of them but could always make room for another one. I watch my mommy and she shows me how to take care of my babies. Make sure you bring something for my baby sister Analee. She is special and I love to give her hugs and kisses all the time. And don't forget grandpa, too! You could get him a big tub of pretzels cause I eat them all when I go visit.

Love,
Elizabeth Blackstock



Elizabeth Blackstock

Please bring my sister something

Dear Santa,
There is one thing I want so much and that is a remote control helicopter. They are so cool. I really want the one that shoots missiles. I would like a bike, too. I like to take bike rides. Make sure you bring my sister Elizabeth something. She loves baby dolls and books.

Thanks Santa,
Devin Voss



Devin Voss

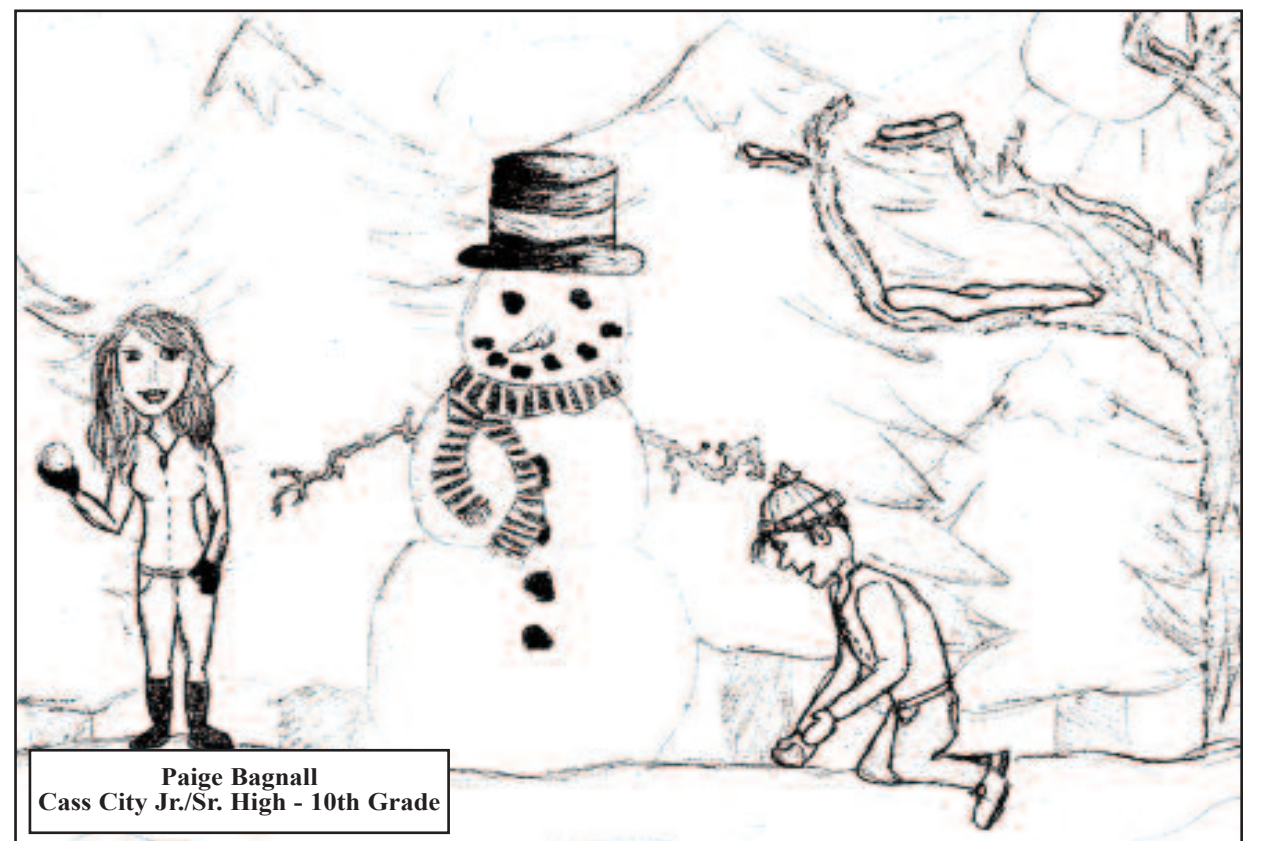


Analee Blackstock

This is my very first Christmas

Dear Santa,
This is my first Christmas and I am 3 months old. Mommy says she loves my big smile and my sweet cooing. I don't need much but I am starting to play with toys and chew on things so a couple little toys would be nice. I am pretty spoiled at home, my sisters and brothers all want to hold me, change me, talk to me, and bring me toys. Make sure you bring all of them something nice.

Analee Blackstock



Paige Bagnall
Cass City Jr./Sr. High - 10th Grade



Autumn Mowery
Cass City Jr./Sr. High - 10th Grade



Taylor Warchuck

I have been a good girl

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl and help my mom out. I would like an iPod, a rabbit, a water baby and clothes. I left you cookies and milk.

Taylor Warchuck, 7 years old
2nd grade
Decker



I'd like to be a big sister, Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Hailey and I am almost 2 years old! I'm sure you recognize my name from showing up on the naughty list. I hope you can look past that because I hear you are a very reasonable man. I was hoping for some more tractors, preferably John Deere, some books with animals and most of all I'd like to be a big sister maybe in July if that isn't too difficult. I need someone to share all my toys with.

Oh, and mom said we'll leave out cookies and I can't promise I won't eat one. Thank you Santa for the goodness you stand for!

Love,
Hailey Lynne Kilbourn
Lancaster, KY



Hailey Kilbourn

We still have a chimney, you don't have to use the window

Dear Santa,
My name is Marshall L. Posluszny and I am 4 years old. This is my sister Ava C. Posluszny and she is 10 months old and celebrating her very first Christmas.

Thank you for sending our very own elf, Junifer she's silly and fits right in. Dad and mom said she goes home at night and reports to you everything that happened that day, but I'd like to think she leaves a few things out. Mom says there are no curves on the nice and naughty list so I need to be good just in case. She also says I have been doing a great job and I am very helpful.

For Christmas this year I would really like an Easy Bake Oven so I can bake cookies for my family and I think Ava would like her very own baby or maybe some Little People toys. Most of all I just want to spend time with my family and play.

This year I have decided to leave you a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with a nice cold glass of water. Tell the reindeer not to worry I have

their special food as well. P.S. I double checked with mom, we still have a chimney so you don't have to use the window.

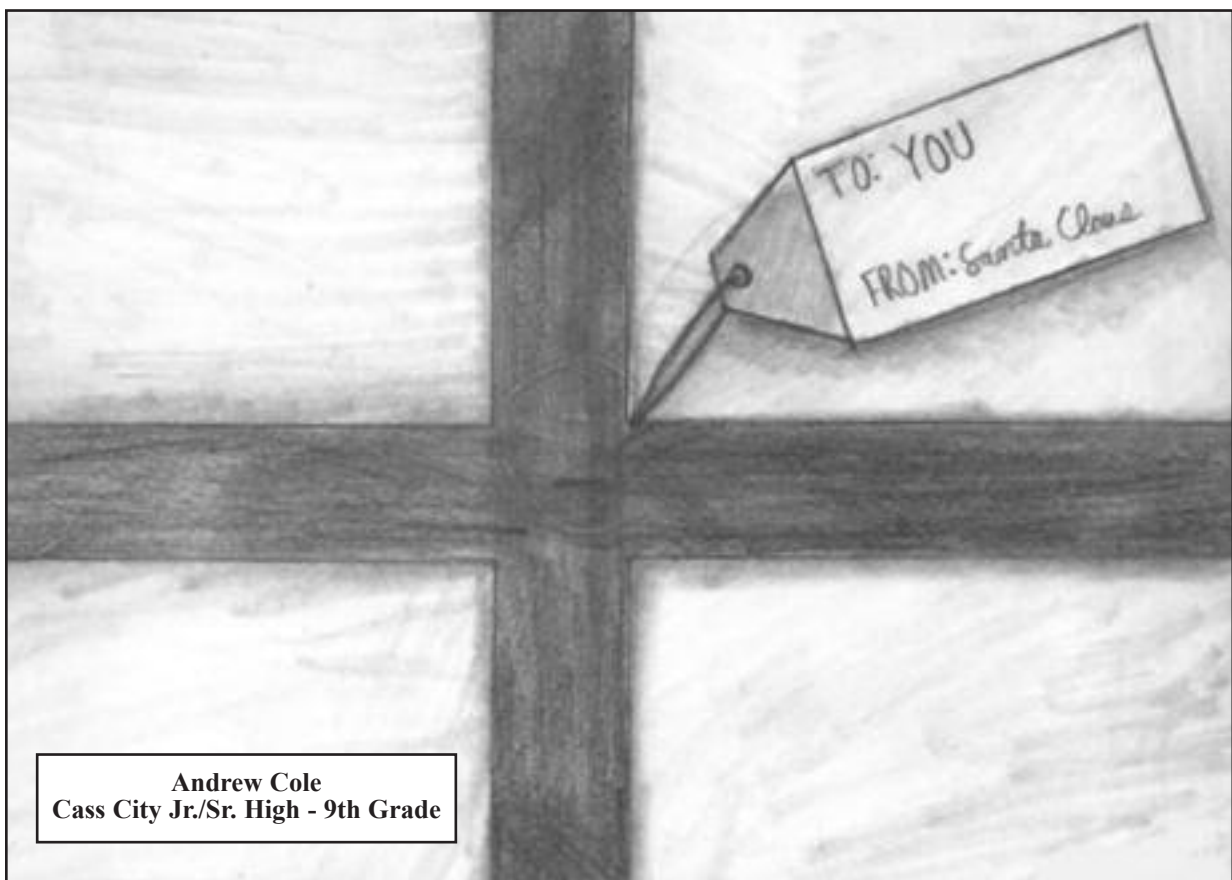
Love,
Marshall and Ava Posluszny



Marshall & Ava Posluszny



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There is claimed to be due on such mortgage an amount in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-One and 31/100 Dollars (\$150,821.31) including interest at the rate of 7.750% per annum accrued since May 1, 2013, plus taxes, insurance, late fees and other costs incurred by the Assignee. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the Tuscola County Circuit Court, 440 N. State Street #2, Caro, Michigan 48733 at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, January 8, 2015. The premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1 - Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 15; thence along the North line of said Section 15, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1400.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence perpendicular to said North line of Section 15, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1321.30 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 15, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 349.47 feet; thence perpendicular to said North line of Section 15, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 586.78 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 15, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 714.90 feet; thence North 00 degrees 47 minutes 22 seconds East 305.59 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 15, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 286.01 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 2 - Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

Described as beginning at a point on the North line of Section 15, which is West, 1,070.00 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 15; thence continuing along said North line, West 330.00 feet; thence at right angles to said North line, South 1,321.30 feet; thence East 330.00 feet; thence North 1,321.30 feet to the North line of Section 15 and the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 4185 Waltan Road Permanent Parcel Number: 020-015-000-0800-01 The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. Pursuant to MCL 600.3212(f), take notice that the mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period, as further provided in MCL 600.3278.

Dated: November 17, 2014
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Page 1497 in the Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven and 84/100 (\$102,267.84), including interest at 9.5% 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, Michigan on January 08, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 Section 10, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the East Section line that is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West 926.84 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 10; thence continuing along said East Section line, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West 209.42 feet; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West 208.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds East 209.42 feet; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds East 208.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Property Address: 8088 Oak Road, Millington, MI 48746 Tax ID No. 79-017-010-000 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If this property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the Mortgage sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

U.S. Bank National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee Gerner & Kearns, PLLC
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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 City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 8, 2015 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST SECTION LINE THAT IS SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 534.60 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 10; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 209.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES EAST 209.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 209.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 209.00 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 MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month from the date of such sale, or as to MCL 600.3241a only, 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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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 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 369 and 370, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 3, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 21.

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.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 3, 2014
For more information, please call:
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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 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 466.69

feet of the West 466.69 feet of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 9, Town 12 North, Range 11 East.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 3, 2014
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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 at the Tuscola County Court Building in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM on January 8, 2015, any adjournment to be indicated by posting of a notice of such adjournment before or at the time and at the place where said sale is to be made. Said premises are situated in the Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast fractional quarter of Section 6, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at the East quarter corner of said Section 6; thence along the East line of said Section 6, North 1014.12 feet to a point which is South, 1320.00 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 6; thence parallel to the North line of said Section 6, North 88 degrees 52 minutes 10 seconds West, 218.54 feet; thence South 1013.16 feet; thence along the East and West quarter line of said Section 6, South 88 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East, 218.56 feet to the East quarter corner of said Section 6 and the point of beginning, EXCEPT the Southerly 258 feet thereof.

Commonly known as 200 Mona Road, Caro, Michigan 48723. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If

the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 4, 2014,
Talmer Bank and Trust,
Transferee of Mortgagee by merger
Attorneys: Aidenbaum Schloff and Bloom PLLC
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David M Kuczynski, II, a married man, joined by his wife, Sara Kuczynski, non titled spouse joining as to marital and/or homestead rights only, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2011, and recorded on August 26, 2011 in Liber 1228 on Page 632, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Five and 20/100 Dollars (\$92,595.20).

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 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 132.0 feet of the East 143.50 feet of the West 343.50 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, more particularly described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 13, which is East 200.0 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 13; thence continuing along said North line, East 143.50 feet, thence South 02 degrees 25 minutes 45 Seconds East, 132.0 feet; thence West 143.50 feet; thence North 02 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds West, 132.00 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.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 10, 2014
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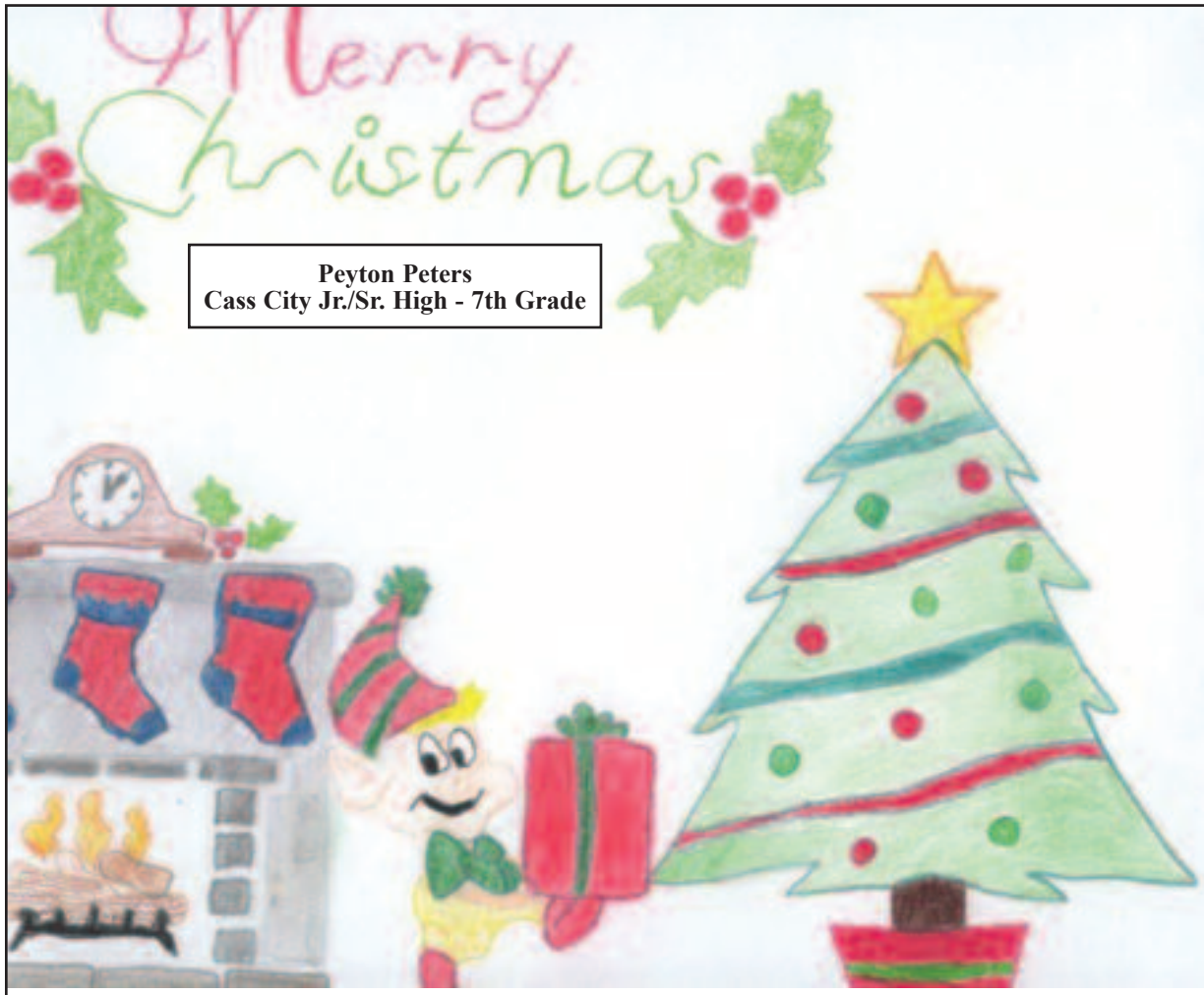
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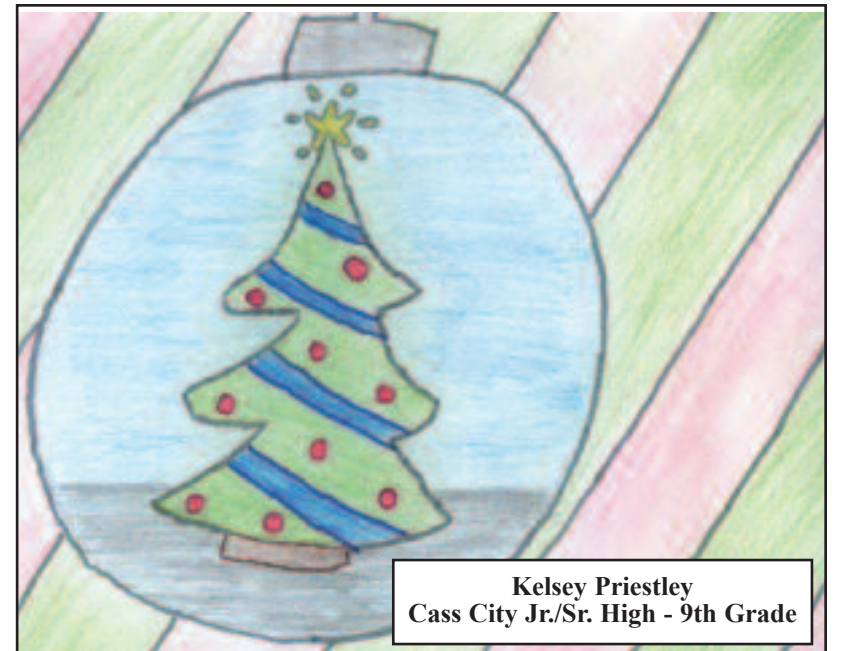
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