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Weekend assault leaves woman dead, baby hurt

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A woman lost her life and a baby remained hospitalized with serious injuries following an assault

at an Ellington Township residence over the weekend.

The assault took place Sunday and was reported at about 7:15 p.m. at 2900 Gerou Rd., Caro, according to Tuscola County Sheriff

Glen Skrent, who said a suspect — described only as a 37-year-old male — was taken into custody the same day.

“A 36-year-old female suffered life-threatening injuries at the Ellington Township residence and was transported by MMR ambulance for emergency treatment to a local medical facility. Unfortunately, the female victim succumbed to her injuries,” Skrent said.

“An 11-month-old child was also treated for injuries and was transported for emergency treatment to

a local hospital,” he added, noting the child was listed in stable condition Monday afternoon.

Few details were being released Monday. However, Skrent said the victim and suspect were in a domestic relationship. He also emphasized that the assault “was an isolated incident and that residents in that area are safe.

“Numerous deputies from the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Office were involved in the investigation as well as members of the Michigan State Police Crime Lab who worked into the early morning

hours (Monday),” the sheriff said. “The incident is still an ongoing investigation.”

The case is pending the authorization of formal charges, according to Skrent, who said the suspect’s name will be released and additional details provided once charges have been finalized.

Sheriff’s deputies were assisted at the scene by the Michigan State Police, Caro Police Department, Caro Fire Department, MMR Ambulance and a FlightCare medical helicopter crew.

Top rating earns Hartel extension

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education wrapped up its final business of 2019 Monday night, formally approving school Supt. Jeff Hartel’s job performance evaluation and adopting revisions to the district’s academic eligibility policy for athletes.

For the second consecutive year, board members last month rated Hartel as being “highly effective” — the highest grade possible — in the job he’s held for nearly 10 years now. It was another step up for the veteran administrator, who received ratings of “effective” prior to last year.

As a result, the board on Monday extended his contract by another year and granted him a salary increase of 1.5 percent in conjunction with Cass City’s new evaluation/pay schedule. Hartel earned a salary of roughly \$106,600 in 2018-19.

Michigan law requires local and intermediate school district boards

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New village budget shows less spending

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

After a pair of extremely brief public hearings Monday night, the Cass City Village Council unanimously approved its 2020 operational budget as required by law before the end of the fiscal year.

During the council’s rescheduled monthly meeting, on a 7-0 roll call vote, a millage rate of 18.1387 mills — unchanged from the past several years — was adopted to help finance next year’s spending plan. Other revenue sources in the budget include property taxes, state shared revenues, user fees, utilities fees, and federal, state and local grants.

The 2020 proposed budget actually calls for a planned spending decrease. Expenditures in the new proposal total \$4.9 million and are

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On life support

Bingham officials planning to shut down ambulance service

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The Bingham Township Board still expects to pull the plug on its ambulance service shortly after the first of the year.

In November, township officials announced plans to shut down the ambulance service effective Jan. 31.

“There haven’t been any changes since then. We had a month to see if anyone would step up and take EMT or first responder classes. No one came to the plate. We are still where we were at a month ago,” said township Supervisor Donald Wright. “It’s like laying in your death bed and no one wants to pull the plug.”

It was a difficult decision for the board to make. They met three times over the last month in an effort to find a solution.

“We have not had one citizen contact anyone on the board concerned about this,” Wright said.

“I’ve been a supervisor for 36 years, and part of the ambulance. I hate to see it go, but we cannot man it 24/7,” he added. “Years ago, we had 20 to 30 people on the service — now there are only four to six. You can’t man it with that. The ambulance would be out of service more than on.”

The ambulance service currently is staffed by five emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and one medical first responder (MFR).

The service has a large geographical coverage area, serving the townships of Bingham, Paris and half of Sheridan Township in Huron County, and the townships of Austin, part of Minden, and part of Argyle in Sanilac County.

Aside from a lack of personnel, money is another key issue.

The ambulance service pays only \$3 an hour standby fee and \$20 for a run.

“If you go to the trouble to get your EMT license, you are going to

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HURON COUNTY Sheriff’s deputies Jackie Cregeur (left side, front) and Janice Pulaskey stuff Christmas cards with \$100 bills, while Deputy Randy Smaglin-ski (right, front) and Lt. Brian Wisenbaugh make arrangements for the card deliveries. The cash gifts came from anonymous donors who asked the sheriff’s department to distribute them to struggling families in the county.

Anonymous donors come through (again) with Christmas cash, food

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You don’t have to tell Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson that the Christmas season has a way of bringing out the best in mankind, especially

when it comes to giving back to communities and reaching out a helping hand to those in need.

For the sixth year in a row, a group of residents have come forward in Huron County, offering anonymous cash donations in hopes of making the holiday

brighter for struggling families.

“Later on this afternoon, our deputies will begin delivering 58 \$100 gifts of either cash or food gift certificates to people or families who have experi-

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Foundation distributes thousands in grants

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) officials recently handed out more than \$326,000 in grants in conjunction with the foundation’s annual fall distribution cycle.

The following is a list of the grant funds, the amounts and the recipients:

*Janks (William and Ruth) Fund — \$10,000 to the Caro Community Schools (construction of four tennis courts); \$4,900 to the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department (halogen bars for patrol units and cell phone investigative software); \$3,000 to the Great Start Parent Coalition/Tuscola (purchase 125 welcoming baby bags for all new families in the county); \$3,000 to the Great Start Imagination Library (purchase books given free to about 133 children from birth to age five); \$2,000 to Frank E. Schall Elementary School (engi-

neering design learning lab); \$5,000 to the Millington-Arbela Fire Department (to help fund cost of 12 self-contained breathing apparatus); \$4,000 to the Millington-

Arbela Historical Society (equipment to create oral histories, film event and presentations, etc.); \$10,000 to the Child Advocacy

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“Shop with a hero” big success in Caro

Nearly 80 Tuscola County youngsters were treated to a special evening of Christmas shopping last week courtesy of a host of county agencies and organizations.

“The 2019 ‘Shop with a Hero’ event... was a great success due to the organizing and coordination of Officer Robert Gaiser, Caro Police Department, along with Tuscola County Dispatcher Amanda Berlin and Marie Thane from Caro Walmart,” Caro City Police Chief Brian Newcomb reported

on the department’s Facebook page.

“The Caro Police Department is grateful to Caro City Manager Michael Silverman and Caro City Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Savage for allowing time to organize the event, as well as assistance in processing the donations and distribution of funds to hold Shop with a Hero,” he said.

“The Caro Police Department and Caro Walmart host Shop with a Hero,” Newcomb explained. “Fundraising efforts and generous

community donations have enabled the event to grow to allow 77 children from elementary schools countywide to participate and benefit from this very worthwhile program.”

Newcomb noted that each child is given \$100 to purchase Christmas presents for family members that they otherwise would be unable to afford.

“The Shop with a Hero event is a wonderful opportunity for first responders from throughout Tuscola County to give their time to children in need,” he said.

“Due directly to the continuing efforts of Officer Gaiser and Amanda Berlin, the ‘hero’ participants have grown to include police officers, fire fighters, MMR paramedics, Tuscola Dispatchers, Michigan Department of Corrections, Tuscola Prosecutors Office, court personnel, Child Advocacy Center, Tuscola Behavioral Health, Tuscola Tech Center Law Enforcement program, Caro Alternative Education and many other generous and giving volunteers that assist with gift wrapping.”

Newcomb recognized a number of donors whose contributions made the effort a success, including area churches, MMR, Tuscola County fire fighters, Cass City Police Department, Tuscola County court employees, department of corrections (MDOC) and Greater Thumb Area Lodge 148 Fraternal Order of Police.

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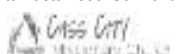
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Movies for seniors set

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will host its next Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Dec. 20, starting at 1:30 p.m. Films slated to be shown are:

“*Super Hummingbirds” — With high-speed camerawork and breakthrough new science, viewers enter the fast-paced world of hummingbirds as never before. Speed is their middle name. Their lives are moving faster than the eye can see, and they possess natural born superpowers that enable them to fly backwards, upside-down, and float in mid-air.

For the first time, viewers will see the tiny birds mate, lay eggs, fight and raise families in intimate detail. They are great athletes, tender mothers, brave in combat, and up for any challenge. They are Super Hummingbirds; the smallest, most brilliant birds on earth (60 minutes).

“*Italy’s Cities: Venice Side-Trips: The Best of Veneto” — Italy has Europe’s richest, craziest culture. This nation is the cradle of European civilization, established by the Roman Empire and carried on by the Roman Catholic Church.

Join Rick Steves as he makes a point to get out of the center of Venice and discover what the surrounding area has to offer. One should not overlook the gems nearby, with their distinctive culture and history, sumptuous art, and in-love-with-life people, embracing today with classic Italian flair (30 minutes).

Ambulance

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want to go to a hospital ambulance service for a 40-hour a week paycheck,” said Wright, who predicted the demise of other small ambulance services before long.

“It will come down to a few manned ambulance services covering the area. The little services will be squeezed out.”

And then there is the cost of operating the service. For the last four years, the township had to take \$120,000 out of its general fund budget to keep the ambulance operating.

“Even if we were flush with money, we can’t get enough people to operate it,” Wright said.

The township is in discussions with Central Huron Ambulance Service in Bad Axe to take over and possibly purchase the equipment.

According to Wright, nothing has been agreed on yet, and if another agency wants to buy the ambulance and equipment, it might be sold.

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Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

For crying out loud!



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 St.

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 super-natural 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

I soon will not be the only one who does not care for Santa, and actually finds him kind of creepy.

A whole generation of children who will be afraid of Santa is being developed, and developed on purpose.

I watched the news in horror about a new trend of parents not just wanting the traditional photo of their child taken with Santa, but instead wanting a photo of their child crying and totally freaking out about being near him.

The more terrified the child was of being near the old guy dressed in red with a big white beard, the better the photo is considered to be. Great lengths were taken to make sure that type of photo occurred.

I'm like, really? You could be scarring your child for life.

A childhood misadventure with Santa has scarred my psyche for life. My Santa paranoia dates back to when I was about three to four years old when he caught me red-handed being bad.

The dining room table was pulled away from the window because we were having guests. Because the table was moved, I was able to walk right up to the window to see a display of a plastic toy Santa with a reindeer and a sled filled with miniature wrapped gifts. My mother told me over and over that I was not to touch the display.

To this day, I swear that toy Santa told me it was okay to open the gifts. As soon as I touched one of the little packages, Santa was in the window watching me being bad. I screamed and fell backwards. Santa saw me being bad, so I wouldn't get anything for Christmas.

For weeks, I was sure there would not be any gifts under the tree for me Christmas morning. There were gifts, but none of the ones that I had asked Santa for in my letter to him. I figured that was my punishment for Santa seeing me be bad.

It wasn't until I was an adult with children of my own that I found out my father and his friend would take turns dressing up as Santa to leave footprints in

the snow and to peek in on us.


To this day, I'm still surprised when there are gifts under the tree for me.

Merry Christmas.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Don't be lonely this Christmas.

The Potter's House Church of Cass City, located at the corner of Leach and Sixth streets, invites the public to a free Christmas Day Dinner starting at 1:00 p.m.

The meal will be served in the church basement and a chair lift is available if needed.

According to church representatives, they look forward to a great time of fellowship and food.

For more information, call 989-872-5186 or 989-872-5057.

The future of Cass City's business environment seems bright.

According to Village Manager Debbie Powell, we have seen investment and development already started with the new construction for Frankenmuth Credit Union on M-81, adding, new construction for a Dollar General is planned for a groundbreaking in March 2020.

Also, DTE has been busy renovating their current facility to be a regional call center and the Ben's Supermarket renovation is progressing and will bring opportunities to Cass City for grocery, employment and tourism. Finally in 2020, the AMI facility for medical marijuana will be in operation.

All of these new ventures together will create over 200 local jobs.

We realize threats on the Internet are nothing new, but it's worth repeating that area residents can never be too careful, especially as hackers and scam artists become more skilled in their efforts to deceive victims.

Which is why we're sharing this item, which Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent shared Thursday on his department Facebook page.

"Cyber criminals use phishing emails that claim to be from trusted companies to gain personal information and/or install malware on victim's mobile devices. Moreover, cyber criminals are getting more advanced in the way they design these emails (using correct logos, fonts, and better English), so it is becoming harder to tell the difference between a legitimate and a fake email or text notification.

"Hackers have always heavily relied on deception and misdirection to deliver an initial malware payload which they can then use to open the doors to systems and networks at will, and social engineering, or scamming people, routinely plays a big part in making that happen.

"Phishing and spear phishing emails are a great example. They are a problem year-round, disguised as notices requiring action that come from well-known and reputable organizations like Amazon, PayPal, E bay, banking institutions or any other organizations that are highly recognizable and used by the majority of the public.

"Always use extreme caution when responding to these and never give out personal information. Any reputable company you do business with already has the information. Never ever respond to companies that demand money orders or gift cards in lieu of some form of payment.


"Our Tuscola County chief information officer, Eean Lee, says, 'If you receive any email, text message or phone call that you are not expecting and it's requesting you for a call to action (regardless if it appears to be from someone you know or not), take steps to validate the sender before you do anything. Hang up and call the person back. Don't reply to the message and call the sender to see if it was them or not. Call the company that is soliciting you to ask the question, is this for real? Validating the sender can solve many of these issues before they start. Chances are, if you didn't ask for it, you don't want it!'"

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Wednesday, December 18

•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Humand Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, December 19

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

Friday, December 20

•Senior Citizen Movies, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21

•Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
•Grief/loss meetings, 9:45 a.m., Novesta Church of Christ.
•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

Sunday, December 22

•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at Hills and Dales Boardroom 4675 Hill Street. Social support group that strives to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

Monday, December 23

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. 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.
•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.
•Families Against Narcotics, 6 p.m., Hills and Dales Corporate Services and Regional Education Center, 6667 Main St. Cass City. For more information, call (989) 551-4326.

Tuesday, December 24

•Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.
•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.)
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

Zoning board okays compromise to address new store parking concerns

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Although the new Dollar General store slated for construction in Cass City will be about double the size of the current Dollar General store at 6121 Cass City Rd., the number of parking spaces will be limited.

Because the new store is being built right next door, John and Beth Bouws, who own and lease Dollar General's current facility to the company, are concerned about parking overlap. The couple submitted a certified letter to the village about their concerns regarding a variance for fewer parking spaces for the new store.

During a recent village zoning board of appeals meeting, Michael McPherson, project engineer for the Atwell Group, which is working with Dollar General, explained the plans for the new store and requested the parking space variance.

According to McPherson, the plan for the new store is to have 32 parking spaces instead of 56. And, that is what concerns the Bouwses.

One of the key reasons for their objection to granting a parking space variance for the new store was the "possible use of their parking spaces at their facility by customers of the new location for Dollar General" because of the limited number of parking spaces outlined in the new store's development.

The zoning board of appeals' decision on the issue was a compromise, according to village Manager Debbie Powell.

The appeals board approved the zoning variance for parking spaces with the stipulation of the installation of a split rail fence on the west property line, from the southwest corner of the building to the southern expanse of pavement.

"This motion will require a barrier between their parking lot and the new Dollar General Parking lot and building; therefore, alleviating the parking lot concerns of the Bouws," Powell explained.

The new Dollar General store will be located just to the east of the current location on the site of the former Croft-Clara Lumber yard that was destroyed by fire in the 1990s. The site is also home to a new Frankenmuth Credit Union building.

"The most current information provided to me is that the groundbreaking for the new Dollar General store will be in March 2020," Powell noted.

The Dollar General company was established in 1939 as a family-owned business called J.L. Turner and Son in Scottsville, Ky. In 1968, the name was changed to Dollar General Corporation and the company went public on the New York Stock Exchange.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Melissa D. Spencer, 41, Caro, was sentenced to 19 months to 10 years in prison following her pleas of no contest to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor – with an occupant under the age of 16 years, second offense, July 5 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, the defendant was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,826.

*Stewart S. Patterson, 21, Caro, pleaded no contest to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstruct-

ing a police officer Aug. 18 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Amie M. Aaron, 38, Caro, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building, possession of a controlled substance and impaired driving Sept. 18 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Teresa F. Zechmeister 54, Caro, pleaded no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 5 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Dennis P. Clara, 68, Caro,

pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 23 in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Cory A. Ziegler, 29, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail following her pleas of no contest to possession of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor – with an occupant under the age of 16, child abuse, second degree, and child abuse, third degree, April 9 in Wells Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,694.

Foundation distributes thousands in grants

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Center of Tuscola County (to purchase up-to-date, reliable recording equipment for forensic interviews); \$10,000 to the Caro Fire Department (to purchase a new thermal imaging camera and accessories); \$2,500 to the Caro Chamber of Commerce (equipment for chamber events); and \$600 to Connections Human Services (to upgrade and replace computer systems).

*Andrews (Claude and Etta) Fund — \$2,500 to Caro Community Schools (tennis court construction); \$1,000 to the Great Start Parent Coalition/Tuscola (purchase 40 welcoming baby bags); \$1,000 to Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library (to purchase books given free to children); \$1,622 to Frank E. Schall Elementary School (engineering design lab); \$2,250 to the Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County (to purchase reliable, up-to-date recording equipment); \$3,000 to Caro Fire Department (contribution towards thermal imaging camera and accessories);

\$2,500 to Caro Chamber of Commerce (chamber equipment); and \$1,870 to the Fowler Center (first phase of mattress replacement).

*Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund — \$2,500 to Caro Community Schools (tennis court construction); \$8,525 to Kingston Community Schools (purchase high jump mat for use by all ages); \$700 to the Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD)/Tuscola Transition Network (to fund Tuscola Transition Day for high school juniors with special needs); \$2,250 to the Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County (contribution towards recording equipment); \$375 to Mayville Middle School/High School Yearbook (to purchase materials for yearly digital and physical memorials); \$500 to Mayville Museum of History and Genealogy (purchase bean bag games for annual Easter egg hunt); \$2,248 to village of Cass City (purchase new stacking air chairs and lounging chairs for Helen Stevens Memorial Pool); \$6,000 to Millington High School (funding for classroom set of graphing calculators) \$2,500 to Cass City Public Schools (purchase 10 gaming desktops to start up the Cass City eSports League); \$2,500 to Akron-Fairgrove Schools (to create a book club and purchase library books); and \$1,700 to Kingston Elementary School Cardinal Daycare Center and Preschool (to purchase a new curriculum).

*Millington Scout Building Endowment Fund — \$1,800 (to support Millington area scouting program).

*Reese Public Schools Because We Care Outreach Fund — \$2,500 (to support local students).

*Love for Lexi — Paying it Forward Fund — \$6,000 (to support Cass City area children living with cancer).

*William and Joanne Kaiser Fund — \$10,000 to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (support backpack program in Millington and Vassar schools); and \$11,270 to Millington Com-

munity Center (assist with building payment).

*Tuscola Great Start Imagination Library (pass-through) Fund — \$30,054 (to provide thousands of free books to preschool children throughout the county).

*Rawson Foundation — \$1,597 to Child Fund International (to support needy children).

*Tuscola County Medical Care Foundation — \$160,440 (to pay for completion of walking path/trail).

*Carl Fritz Cancer Transportation Fund — \$200 (for transportation services provided to Thumb area residents to cancer treatments).

*Impact Hope Fund — \$2,000 to Band of Brothers (assistance for Reese area resident).

The Tuscola County Community Foundation was formed in 1996 when nine community-minded volunteers met to determine requirements to establish a community foundation, according to foundation Executive Director John Hunter.

"Committee members were from the Caro and Cass City areas — Richard Ransford, Robert Tuckey, Susan Walker, Sue Ransford, Harry Schubel, Richard Donahue, Linda Marshall, Richard Kern and L. James White," he noted.

"Part of their motivation was a challenge grant issued by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to match \$1 — up to \$1 million — for every \$2 raised by a community foundation," Hunter said. "To meet the grant requirements, they also had to form a youth advisory council (YAC). TCCF's YAC is Future Youth Involvement (FYI)."

The TCCF met the Kellogg challenge and received the grant money in two installments — \$900,000 in November 1998 and \$100,000 in August 1999.

"TCCF has now granted a total in excess of \$5,580,000," Hunter said, noting the FYI group has granted more than \$740,000 of that total.

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Reporter's notebook

A few Christmas wishes on my list

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I've been blessed in my lifetime, so it's not surprising I've reached a point where it's difficult to come up with wonderful Christmas gift ideas for myself, even though I know my wife will be asking as Dec. 25 nears. That doesn't mean I don't take a few mental notes of things I'd like to find wrapped up nice and neat and placed under my tree.

Unfortunately, most of the items I'm thinking of these days can't be wrapped up and decorated with colorful paper and a bow, largely because they involve personal effort.

Still, it would be nice to at least consider how a few simple changes (and who doesn't like change?) might improve our outlook on life, not to mention how we see our family, friends, neighbors – even the strangers we've never met yet.

Okay, so I realize "peace on earth" is a pretty unrealistic goal in these times – heck, I can't even imagine peace in this country anytime soon – but I wonder how many of our readers have any of the following on their Christmas lists this year, too:

*I wish we would all spend far less time on cell phones, iPads, tablets, etc., and more time talking to each other, face to face. Facebook and other social networking websites have many wonderful uses, but a serious debate or discussion about anything isn't one of them.

And, frankly, those websites are frequently more trouble than they're worth, given the amount of false reports and downright hatred they attract.

*I wish folks would focus more on how grateful they should be for all they have, rather than wasting time concentrating on and pursuing what they don't have but think they really need to make them happy.

I can't count the number of times I've chased something I just had to have, only to be disappointed by a "thing's" inability to satisfy what I thought I really needed.

*I wish it were easy to prioritize our lives in such a way that spending more time keeping in touch with family members and friends always trumps stressing about work and other issues that really aren't going to amount to a hill of beans in the end.

*I wish everyone would take another look at the wrongs committed by others against them. I'm talking about the wrongs that remain unforgiven, keeping those who were once close far apart now. Time is precious, folks, and if you're really honest with yourself, you'll agree there's no way to justify wasting even one second.

Besides, resentment is like cancer, not to mention a monstrous waste of time and energy.

*I wish more Americans would set at least as much time aside thinking about and praying for the men and women defending this nation in the armed services as they do bickering and debating about politics.

*I wish we would all pray more. About everything. Period.

*I wish we would take the time to learn about the people we meet in life, long before making all sorts of judgments about them or get into arguments over issues that eventually won't matter. I wonder how many times I've done that and missed out on getting to know a really wonderful person.

*I wish we lived in a society where we could feel comfortable sticking to our own beliefs and personal opinions, but at the same time listen to those with differing views without resorting to name-calling and labeling those who disagree with us as haters. Unfortunately, that's what politics on the national level has become.

The same goes for people who appear determined to give old sins new names and then try to convince everyone else that it's okay to indulge, provided enough people openly and vocally support it.

*I wish we could all put more effort into walking away from petty arguments that keep us from focusing on what makes living in the Thumb great: a sense of community that is all about caring, compassion and working together for the good of everyone.

Finally, I wish all of our readers a really wonderful Christmas season. Enjoy every moment with your loved ones and the spirit of giving this time of year brings.



Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

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.

Cass City students Harlie Mal-lory (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.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Dear Santa, My name is Ryan Mellendorf. I am 4 years old. I have tried to be a good boy this year. I really like Thomas the Tank Engine and would like to have Hiro and Percy to add to my collection. Please also bring some straight train tracks so that I can make a bigger circle. I will leave you cookies and milk on the table. Thanks Santa.

Dear Santa, My name is Matthew Mellendorf. I am 2 years old. I have tried to be good this year, too! I would like you to bring me a blue Mack truck, some new trains and cars. I will leave some carrots by your cookies for the reindeer. Thanks Santa. Oh, yeah, we would also like you to remember our baby brother, Brady. He's too little to write you a note, but he would like some new Wiggles movies and some new blocks. Thank you Santa.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Air Force Airman William Boldizar III has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the 6 weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. Boldizar is the son of Barbara L. Russell of Burtchville and William Boldizar, Jr. of Cass City.

Marine Cpl. Jason R. Smith, son of Dennis E. and Deborah K. Nausedas of Cass City, has been serving off the coast of Bosnia-Herzegovina with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked with the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group. Smith and the 22nd MEU left the U.S. in late October for a 6-month overseas deployment with USS Nassau, USS Gunston Hall and USS Poncc. Departing from North Carolina, Smith traveled to the Mediterranean Sea, where the ARG was scheduled to take part in several multinational amphibious landing exercises.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Marine Pfc. Eric D. Czewski, son of Raymond and Jean Czewski of 4346 Pike St., Ubly, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. During the 11-week training cycle, Czewski was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines. He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle. A 1984 graduate of Ubly Community High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1984.

40 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy and Theo Hendrick spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bok and daughter at Willis. Other guests were the Ray O'Dells of Carleton and the Theo O'Dells of Milan.

Greg Reynolds of Central, S.C., received a B.A. degree Dec. 14 from Central Wesleyan College in Central. He will assume a position as minister of youth and music at the Moeller Road Wesleyan Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., beginning Jan 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Little and family entertained her family Christmas Day. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Lonsberry, Mr.

and Mrs. William Bright and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ron McKinstry and children of LaPeer, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pratt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Little and baby and Mr. and Mrs. David Little.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Announcement was made this week of the sale of Konrad's Bakery by Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Konwalski of Cass City to Virginia and Tom Sutter of New Haven. The Sutters are originally from Detroit, but have been operating a restaurant and bakery in New Haven for 51/2 years. The couple has six children, four boys and two girls. They have a total of 23 years experience in the bakery business. The new owners say that the bakery will continue to be operating under the name of Konrad's Bakery and that they will specialize in cake decorating.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Clayton of Detroit announce the marriage of their daughter, Gwendolyn Joyce, to Lt. Frank Lincoln Morris, Jr., on Saturday, Nov. 25, at three o'clock in the St. Columba Episcopal church in Detroit. The groom's parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Morris, of Cass City attended the wedding. Lt. and Mrs. Morris are making their home at Spartanburg, South Carolina.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Miss Margaret McCreedy of Ann Arbor will come the day after Christmas to spend the week end at the home of her uncle, Robt. McCreedy.

John Striffler has received an announcement of the marriage of his son, David Striffler, to Miss Mary Ida Thompson on Dec. 11.

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News briefs

Thumb wind park operational

THUMB — The third and final phase of Cross Winds Energy Park in Tuscola County became operational this month.

The last segment of the \$150 million project included construction of 33 turbines that have a combined 76-megawatt capacity.

The wind farm is in Columbia and Akron townships

Completion of the last segment of the Cross Winds Energy Park brings the total number of turbines to 114, with a combined capacity of 231 megawatts — enough to power 90,000 residents.

Phase I of the Cross Winds Energy Park started operations in December 2014 with 62 turbines and 111 megawatts of power. Phase II of the wind park began in January 2018 with 19 turbines, producing 44 megawatts of power.

Consumers Energy's Clean Energy Plan calls for meeting 90 percent of customer's electricity capability by 2040 via clean energy resources, and reducing carbon emissions by 90 percent in that time.

Lawmakers honor families of vets

LANSING — Legislation establishing a special recognition license plate honoring Blue Star Families was approved by the Michigan House Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security Tuesday afternoon.

"Blue Star Families has gone above and beyond to help military families across the nation," said state Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum), the bill's sponsor. "They have over 150,000 members who have logged more than 40,000 hours of volunteer work since 2015. Their efforts have helped countless families get back on their feet."

Senate Bill 118 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the secretary of state to develop and issue a special recognition license plate recognizing Blue Star Families. Under the bill, residents who are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces — or members of their immediate family — would be able to apply for the special recognition plate.

The plate would include a Blue Star Families insignia and the words "Blue Star Family" under the registration numbers.

State youth award workshop set

SANDUSKY — A state award workshop will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the MSU Extension Office in Sandusky beginning at 6:30 p.m. This workshop is for any youth ages 11 to 19 (by Jan. 1, 2020) who is interested in applying for a Mark of Excellence Award or other state award.

The workshop will cover all of the awards that are available and the application process to apply for them. The workshop is free for active 4-Hers and \$20 for non-4-Hers.

More information is available by calling (810) 648-2515.

4-H skating, workshop scheduled

HURON COUNTY — 4-H youth members ages 5 to 19 are invited to a free afternoon of ice skating Sunday, Jan. 12, at the Huron County Ice Arena from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Youth must be currently active 4-H members to attend the event free of charge, and must call (989) 269-9949 (ext. 604) by Thursday, Jan. 9, to participate.

Also in 2020, the 4-H Projects Galore Workshop has been slated for Saturday, Feb. 8, at Bad Axe High School.

This workshop offers hands-on learning experiences for youth ages 5 to 19 (as of Jan. 1, 2020) in many popular project areas. Class sizes are limited to 10 youth per session. Registrations and sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis.

The workshop is free for active 4-H youth members and \$25 for non-4-H youth. Pre-payment for non-4-H youth is required. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. The registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 27.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Top rating earns Hartel extension

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of education to evaluate school superintendents each year. Boards must then assign the administrator a rating of highly effective, effective, minimally effective or ineffective, taking into account a variety of measures, including student growth and assessment data.

Hartel's career in education spans nearly 32 years, including 28 years in the local district, where he started out as a teacher and was later promoted to then-middle school assistant principal/athletic director and, later, middle school principal.

Turning to athletic academic eligibility, the board approved the changes proposed last month by new Athletic Director Lindsay Bitzer.

In a nutshell, Bitzer explained, the new policy replaces the current semester-do-date format with a marking period-to-date format in which students' grades will be checked each week.

"Cass City is the only school in the GTW (Conference) that uses a semester-to-date eligibility... (which) enables some students to 'coast' during a second marking

period should they have performed well in the first, while it also discourages those that might have failed the first marking period from ever becoming eligible in their current marking period," Bitzer explained. She said the new policy could serve as a motivating factor for students who struggle academically, without compromising the district's academic standards for all student athletes.

Under the new format, she said, "grades will be checked on Monday, as opposed to Friday at noon, in an effort for students to have the entire week to turn in work, and the weekend for teachers to get their gradebooks up to date."

In other business

In other business during the rescheduled regular monthly meeting, the board:

*Adopted a formal emergency operation plan in accordance with a new state law requiring schools to file plans — covering everything from contact information and building maps, to protocols for various emergencies — with the Michigan State Police by Jan. 1.

*Accepted the resignation of Tracy Robinson, elementary

school social worker, who has accepted a position as regional school health coordinator for the Thumb. The board authorized Hartel to proceed with filling what is now called the "social behavioral coach" position as soon as possible.

*Accepted the resignation of Deb Ross, a longtime elementary school staffer who is a retiring. An open house in her honor is scheduled for today (Wednesday) after school.

*Heard general building reports from junior-senior high Principal Chad Daniels and elementary Principal Aaron Fernald, as well as an agriscience program update from new teacher and FFA Advisor Heather Middleton.

*Was presented with holiday treat bags by Patricia Little on behalf of Praying Ladies Uplifting Schools (PLUS), an outreach of Revive Ministries in Cass City. Little explained the group strives to support the school staff, including teachers, bus drivers, crossing guards. Over the past four years, she noted, the organization has contributed about \$3,000 worth of items to teachers via wish lists for their classrooms.

Village budget shows less spending

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\$400,000 less than the current year's budget due to pool renovations funded in the 2019 Water Recreation Fund and changes to the village's capital improvement plan.

"I would like to see more involvement from the public," village President Dan Delamarter commented, referring to a lack of citizen input on the budget during the two public hearings, which lasted a total of three minutes. Other than a couple village employees, there was nobody from the community in attendance at the final meeting of 2019.

General Fund revenues for the new year are expected to increase nearly \$53,000 compared to 2019. The increase stems from a \$5,457 increase in state shared revenue based on projections from the state treasury website.

The 2020 spending plan calls for \$1,032,035 in capital improvements such as plant equipment, street work and motor vehicle fund purchases — a police car, dump truck and leaf vacuum truck are being sought, for example.

The budget incorporates a "transportation improvement plan" for local streets. Work to be completed includes \$526,000 for chip and fog seal coating on Doerr Road along with Ale, Church and Houghton streets, as well as mill and overlay on Beechwood and

repairs to segments of Schell Drive in the industrial park.

Additionally, \$45,150 has been earmarked for sidewalk installation and other repairs to village streets that include plans for construction of a contiguous sidewalk on M-81, running past the McDonald's restaurant towards the Family Dollar Store.

In the water fund budget, no rate increases for sewer services are proposed in 2020, although a \$33,475 loan payment for the wastewater treatment plant's grit master system is included in the \$689,218 fund.

Increases in the new budget reflect a 1.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment increase across the board for employees and an increase of 9.55 percent (\$23,222) for employee health care insurance premiums for the same coverage as in 2019.

"I feel it is a very good budget," said Delamarter, adding, "It is a working document and things will need to be addressed as the year progresses. It a good starting point."

In other business during the 45-minute session, Trustee Rob Piskowski's motion to authorize the transfer of three parcels of real property to Kelly Gee and to authorize the execution of the quit claim deed on behalf of the village was quickly approved.

Village Manager Debbie Powell explained that the Gee family,



many years ago, donated four properties in the Maple Street area to the village for the sole purpose of constructing Habitat for Humanity homes.

Powell noted one of the parcels has a home on it that was built through this program, however, the remaining three parcels remain undeveloped. The village contacted Habitat for Humanity to inquire if they have plans to build on these lots, and they responded they do not, she said. At this time, the Gee family would like to invoke the "reversion clause" in the original warranty deed which would have the village return the property to the Gee family. The properties would then be added to the tax rolls.

Also during the December meeting, the council renewed an insurance policy with the Decker Agency for the fiscal year 2020 in the amount of \$44,239, covering property, liability causality and vehicle insurance. The annual cost of the policy is slightly more than the \$43,890 paid in 2019.

Finally, a quote from Giffels Webster for zoning ordinance updates in the amount of \$24,525, plus \$1,200 for an interactive format on the village website (bringing the total to \$25,726) was approved.

"This expense is reimbursable up to 75 percent through the State's Redevelopment Ready Communities Program," said Powell.

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GOD LOVES YOU AND THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT. ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Last week's Ad from Cass City United Methodist Church was due to an error and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Week of surprises for Cass City Lady Red Hawks on hardwood

The Cass City girls' basketball team split a pair of Greater Thumb Conference crossover games last week, shocking guest Sandusky Tuesday, but bowing two days later to host Ubly.

In Thursday's matchup against Greater Thumb East foe Ubly, a huge opening quarter propelled the Lady Bearcats to an easy 32-13 win.

Dajnae Leipprandt had the hot hand early for the hosts and poured in 10 of her game-high 15

points in the opening 8 minutes. Cass City, meanwhile, was limited to a Saylor Cuthrell field goal in the period and would trail 17-2 entering quarter two.

Defense ruled the game's middle quarters. Ubly was limited to a Leipprandt free throw in the frame before the break, but Cass City couldn't capitalize on Ubly's scoring woes as they too had trouble finding the basket and trailed 18-6 at the halfway point.

"We need to keep working in the

lab on offense, I thought we had some good looks at the rim, but they didn't go in. We'll make shots with time," said Cass City Coach Justin Ketterer.

Ubly extended its cushion early in the third quarter and leading 26-11 held Cass City to a Tiara Anthony field goal in the closing period.

"Our defensive effort was good throughout the game, missing shots didn't deter our effort on that end. We'll have to figure the offense out," Ketterer said.

Cuthrell and Haven Bouverette

each netted four points to lead Cass City.

SANDUSKY

Cass City recorded its first win in early season action Tuesday, nipping visiting Sandusky 33-30 in non-conference play.

In a defensive struggle, both teams played to a 12-12 score at the break, before Cass City used three shots from beyond the arc to secure victory.

Treys from Cuthrell and Morgan Russell helped the hosts surge in

front after three quarters of play, while another Cuthrell 3-pointer and a pair of hoops from Bouverette down the stretch spoiled any comeback hopes the Redskins may have been entertaining.

"Feels good to get that one," Ketterer said of the exciting victory.

For Cass City, Cuthrell turned in a game-high 10 points while Anthony netted eight points and Bouverette, seven.

Abigail Bolsby topped the Sandusky score sheet with nine tallies.

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Obituaries

Steven Irvine

Steven Douglas Irvine passed away in his home on Sat., Dec. 14, 2019. Steve was born Dec. 24, 1953 in Port Huron, the son of the late Wells and Donna (Veen) Irvine.

His father passed away when Steve was 18 years old and he later welcomed Ruben Hewitt as his stepfather.

He married his wife Cindy Ryan on Oct. 16, 1976.

Steve enjoyed his retirement these past few years, along with his many hobbies including fishing, hunting and most of all riding motorcycle with his wife Cindy and friends. He also enjoyed his time with his grandsons and family.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1974-1976, worked at General Cable of Cass City for 24 years, and Mosquito Abatement for 3 years.

Steve is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Cindy; his sons, Steven (Bonnie) Irvine of Ubly and Christopher Irvine of Bay City; a daughter, Sandie Irvine of Caro; his grandsons, Damion (Heather) Irvine of Minden City, Jonathan Irvine of Ubly & Cole Irvine of Caro; and a brother, Andrew (Karen) Irvine of Brown City.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather Ruben Hewitt; his sisters, Holly Dinsmoore and Denise Sprague; and father-in-law Milford Ryan.

Honoring his wishes, cremation has taken place.

The family will have a small memorial service on Thurs., Dec. 19 at noon with a luncheon to follow at the VFW, Post 3644, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City. Per the family's request, any monetary donations may be made directly to the family.

Steve's family wishes to thank you all. Trust in God with all thine heart, lean not on your own understanding, but in all things trust God! Bonnie Irvine.

Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com
Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.



Irene Kruchko

Irene Kruchko, 91, of Cass City, died following a lengthy illness Thursday, December 12, 2019 in Northwood Meadows, Cass City. She was born May 2, 1928 in Auxier, KY the seventh of ten children born to George and Elizabeth (Rice) Music. She married Willie James Goodman November 17, 1945 in Auxier, KY. She later married Stephen Kruchko January 19, 1977 in Las Vegas, NV.

A waitress and hostess for 25 years, Irene worked for the Dearborn Inn, Ted's in Bloomfield Hills, Old Mill and Harvey's Restaurant in Waterford. She enjoyed golf and working outside with her beautiful flowers. Irene loved spending time with her children and grandchildren; especially during holidays at the farm. She planted flowers and brought comfort to Medilodge residents as a Visiting Angel. Irene was known for being utterly unselfish and always wore a smile. Her favorite quotes were; "Where there's a will, there's a way" and "Let your conscience be your guide".

Irene is survived by her children: James (Bonnie) Goodman of Traverse City; Roger (Donna) Goodman of West Olive; Mark (Deborah) Goodman of Indianapolis, IN; Gregory (Susan) Goodman of Harbor Springs; Pamela (John) LaFave of Cass City; 16 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Irene is preceded in death by husbands Willie and Stephen; 9 brothers and sisters; granddaughter, Amy Goodman.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, December 15, 2019 in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Private funeral service held with Merrel Robinson officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Northwood Meadows. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Several gymnasts earn regional marks

Several members of the Cass City gymnastic team - a cooperative with students from Bad Axe and Ubly - recorded regional qualifying scores in early season matches.

At the season opening Holt Invite, held Saturday, Dec. 7th, the Red Hawk tumblers posted a team score of 112.18 to place 11th at the 16-team venue.

Recording regional qualifying scores for the local squad on the vault were Lauren Peters (8.05), Riley Copeland (8.3), Ubly's Katelyn Grifka (8.0) and Madison Beckrow (7.9).

On the bars, Copeland turned in a score of 7.125, while on the floor, Copeland earned a score of 8.325, Grifka a score of 8.25 and Bad Axe's Alexis Blackstock a score of 7.875 to round out the regional qualifying marks.

In the team's latest invite, at Howell over the weekend, Cass City earned a team score of 116.575.

"Good start to the season, let's keep it going," said Coach Kathy Bouverette.

Individually, on the vault, Cass City had Copeland, Grifka and Peters with regional scores of 8.3, 8.3 and 8.2 respectively, while on the bars, Copeland handed in a performance of 7.125 and on the beam, Katie Mendrick earned a mark of 7.575.

On the floor, Copeland (8.15), Olivia Schuette (7.9), Peters (7.8) and Grifka (7.8) all recorded regional qualifying scores.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2019-20
Basketball
Season
Dec. 17-20



Clarke Haire



Ray Maurer



Geoff Morgan



Doug Hyatt

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Birch Run @ Cass City
O-G @ North Huron
Ubly @ Caro

Birch Run
North Huron
Caro

Birch Run
North Huron
Caro

Birch Run
North Huron
Caro

Birch Run
North Huron
Ubly

Thursday, Dec. 19

EPBP @ Cass City
Kingston @ Mayville

Cass City
Kingston

Cass City
Kingston

EPBP
Kingston

Cass City
Kingston

Friday, Dec. 20

O-G @ BCAS

BCAS

Owen-Gage

BCAS

Owen-Gage

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 17

O-G @ North Huron
Deckerville @ Kingston

North Huron
Kingston

North Huron
Kingston

North Huron
Kingston

North Huron
Kingston

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Caro @ Ubly

Ubly

Caro

Caro

Ubly

Friday, Dec. 20

EPBP @ Cass City
O-G @ BCAS
Mayville @ Kingston

Cass City
BCAS
Kingston

EPBP
BCAS
Kingston

Cass City
BCAS
Kingston

EPBP
Owen-Gage
Kingston

SEASON RESULTS

5 - 2 (71%)

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BOYS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/13	Ubly 42, CC 39
12/20	EPB Lakers
1/08	Marlette
1/10	Bad Axe
1/15	USA
1/17	Vassar
1/22	Caro
1/24	S.A.A.S.....TBA
1/29	EPB Lakers
1/31	Reese - Snowcoming
12/03	Sandusky
2/05	Capac
2/07	Bad Axe
2/12	USA
2/14	Vassar
2/19	Caro
2/21	Harbor Beach
2/26	Montrose
2/28	Reese
3/05	Nouvel
3/9-13	Districts @ USA.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/03	Harbor Beach 43, CC 32
12/12	Nouvel 58, CC 14
12/10	CC 33, Sandusky 30
12/12	Ubly 32, CC 13
12/17	Birch Run
12/19	EPB Lakers
12/27	Capac @ SC4 (Varsity). 12:30
1/07	Marlette
1/09	Bad Axe
1/14	USA
1/16	Vassar
1/21	Caro
1/24	S.A.A.S.6:30
1/28	EPB Lakers
1/30	Reese
2/06	Bad Axe
2/11	USA
2/13	Vassar
2/18	Caro
2/25	Reese
3/2-6	Districts @ Bad Axe....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/18	Mayville/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
12/21	Mercer Memorial Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/04	Ogemaw Hgts. Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/08	Vassar/Ubly	6:00 p.m.
1/11	Flushing Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/15	Caro/Capac	6:00 p.m.

Please take notice that the Novesta Township Board meeting dates for 2020 are as follows:

January 6, 2020	July 13, 2020 (2nd Monday)
February 3, 2020	August 3, 2020
March 2, 2020	September 14, 2020
March 28, 2020 (Annual 9 a.m.)	October 5, 2020
April 6, 2020	November 2, 2020
May 4, 2020	December 7, 2020
June 1, 2020	

Please take notice that the Novesta Township Planning Commission meeting dates for 2020 are as follows:

January 28, 2020	July 28, 2020
March 31, 2020	September 29, 2020
May 26, 2020	November 24, 2020

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the

New Township Hall
3016 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
Pennie Rienas, Novesta Township Clerk

Legal Notices

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Albert O. Harris and Betty Harris, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 2004 and recorded December 8, 2004 in Liber 1020, Page 98 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2017-3, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2017-3, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five and 30/100 Dollars (\$83,725.30), including interest at 8.49% 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 at 10:00 AM on JANUARY 16, 2020.

Said premises are located in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 1, Village Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 41, Tuscola County Records.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: November 27, 2019
File No. 19-008933
Firm Name: Orlans PC

11-27-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment
ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on January 9, 2020. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): William L. Mathews, Jr., a Married Man Original Mortgagee; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for BLG Holdings, Inc., dba Simple Mortgage its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation Date of Mortgage: February 10, 2016 Date of Mortgage Recording: February 12, 2016 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$98,505.81 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 22, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section 22; thence North 87 degrees 43 minutes 56 seconds West, 1323.31 feet; thence North 02 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East, 297.0 feet; thence South 87 degrees 41 minutes 40 seconds East, 1323.36 feet; thence South 02 degrees 27 minutes 21 seconds West, 297.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 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(16) 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. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 11/27/2019 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 311953

11-27-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 9, 2020;

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dennis R. Geitman II, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the NRZ PASS-THROUGH TRUST XIV
Date of Mortgage: August 24, 2004
Date of Mortgage Recording: September 10, 2004

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$86,776.93

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 35, which is East, 465.00 feet, from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence continuing along said South line East 186.02 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 50 seconds West 350.0 feet; thence West

186.02 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 50 seconds East 350.00 feet to the South line of said Section 35 and the point of beginning. Except an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: November 27, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.
1402757

11-27-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 9, 2020;

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Alden J. Dean And Donna M. Dean, Husband And Wife

Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

Date of Mortgage: November 24, 2003

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 25, 2004

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$166,012.40

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) in Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

Excepting therefrom:
Parcel E:

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the West Section line that is South 2 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds West 1057.73 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 12; thence north 87 degrees 0 minutes 33 seconds East 573.23 feet; thence South 15 degrees 12 minutes 11 seconds West 338.48 feet; thence North 83 degrees 0 minutes 57 seconds West 489.27 feet; thence along said West Section line, North 2 degrees 50 minutes 13 seconds East 283.93 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom:
Parcel D: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point that is South 2 degrees 56 minutes 23 seconds West 907.73 feet and the North 87 degrees 0 minutes 33 seconds East 291.96 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 13, thence North 87 degrees 0 minutes 33 seconds East 314.01 feet; thence South 18 degrees 12 minutes 11 seconds West 157.05 feet; thence South 07 degrees 0 minutes 33 seconds West 281.27 feet; thence North 2 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East 150.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom:
Parcel C: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the West Section line that is South 2 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West 917.73 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 12; thence North 97 degrees 0 minutes 33 seconds East 291.56 feet; thence South 2 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West 150 feet; thence South 87 degrees 0 minutes 33 seconds West 291.96 feet; thence along said West line, North 2 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East 150.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom:
Parcel A: Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North Section line that is South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 897.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 12; thence continuing South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 485.39 feet; thence South 3 degrees 10 minutes 0 seconds West 233.18 feet; thence North 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds West 474.51 feet; thence North 5 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East 233.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom:
Parcel B: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North Section line that is South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 897.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 12; thence continuing South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 485.39 feet; thence South 3 degrees 10 minutes 0 seconds West 233.18 feet; thence North 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds West 474.51 feet; thence North 5 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East 233.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom:
Parcel D: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North Section line that is South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 897.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 12; thence continuing South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 485.39 feet; thence South 3 degrees 10 minutes 0 seconds West 233.18 feet; thence North 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds West 474.51 feet; thence North 5 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East 233.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom:
Parcel E: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North Section line that is South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 897.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 12; thence continuing South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 485.39 feet; thence South 3 degrees 10 minutes 0 seconds West 233.18 feet; thence North 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds West 474.51 feet; thence North 5 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East 233.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom:
Parcel F: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North line of Section 12 which is South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 710.00 feet to the point of beginning.

west corner of Section 12; thence continuing along said North line, South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds East 197.00 feet; thence at right angles to said North line, South 05 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds West 233.00 feet; thence parallel to said North line, North 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds West 187.00 feet, thence North 05 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East 233.00 feet to the North line of section 12 and the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the northerly 33.00 feet thereof as Murphy Lake Road.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: November 27, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.
1402778

11-27-4

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE

- Amy Jo Fox, a single woman, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 7, 2014, and recorded on October 21, 2014, Liber 1317, on Page 891, and assigned by said mortgagee to Quicken Loans Inc., as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Seven and 48/100 Dollars (\$36,587.48). 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 Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 09, 2020. Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at a point 10 rods 5 feet 6 inches North of the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, and running thence West 10 rods, thence North 4 rods, thence East 10 rods and South 4 rods to the place of beginning. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 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. Quicken Loans Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 1402804

11-27-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 9, 2020;

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Billy J Turner, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

Date of Mortgage: October 30, 2008
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 25, 2008

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$133,662.85
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 320, Shay Lake Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 111, now being Liber 2 of Plats, Page 1A.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: December 4, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.
1403005

12-4-4

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-A mortgage was granted by JORDAN TURNER, a single woman, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH,

MI 48734, Mortgagee dated FEBRUARY 11, 2019,

and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on FEBRUARY 14, 2019, in LIBER 1416 on PAGE 335 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE AND 55/100THS (\$76,283.55) at 5% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on JANUARY 9, 2020, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: VILLAGE OF FAIRGROVE, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: LOT 27 OF HILLCREST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 27-28, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS. During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period.
JOHN W. BUTLER (P 33908) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770
Dated: 12-11-19

12-11-5

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 16, 2020;

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Edwin Blackmer and Diane Blackmer, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of MFRA Trust 2014-2

Date of Mortgage: September 30, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 9, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$73,786.91

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at a point 670.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence running East 168 feet, thence South 130 feet, thence West 168 feet, thence North 130 feet to the place of beginning. The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a.

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.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: December 18, 2019
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12-18-4

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE MORTGAGE SALE - Default

has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Boyd Vollweier, an unmarried man of 7083 North Lake Rd., Millington, MI 48746, the Mortgagor, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, whose address is 5151 Corporate Drive, Troy, MI 48098-2639, the Mortgagee, which Mortgage is dated July 29, 2005, and was recorded on August 9, 2005, Liber 1048, Page 1423, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and which Mortgage was assigned by said Mortgagee to ARCP E 1, LLC, 1900 Sunset Harbour Dr., The Annex, 2nd Floor, Miami Beach, FL 33139, by an assignment dated January 16, 2017, and recorded on January 20, 2017 in Liber 1366, Page 1472, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and 42/100ths (\$83,674.42), including interest at 5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said

mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Tuscola County Courthouse Building at 440 N. State Street, in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on January 16, 2020. Said premises are situated in Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION commonly known as 7083 North Lake Rd., Millington, MI 48746 Tax ID No. 021-004-000-0130-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated December 12, 2019 ARCP E 1, LLC 1900 Sunset Harbour Dr. The Annex, 2nd Floor Miami Beach, FL 33139 /s/ S. Thomas Padgett S. Thomas Padgett (P31748) DeBricat, Padgett, Kobliska & Zick 34705 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Suite 311 Farmington Hills, MI 48331 (248) 553-4333 THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, EXCEPT COMMENCING AT A POINT THAT IS S 89 DEGREES 56' E, 165 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 56' E 201 FEET; THENCE S 0 DEGREES 08' W, 325 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 56' W, 305.34 FEET; THENCE N 19 DEGREES 47' 24; E, 310.20 FEET; THENCE N 0 DEGREES 08' E, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO EXCEPT COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, THEN SOUTH 400 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY TO A POINT ON THE NORTH SECTION LINE 165 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4; THENCE WEST TO A POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO EXCEPT COMMENCING AT A POINT WHICH IS S 00 DEGREES 08' W, 325 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, THENCE S 00 DEGREES 08' 00' W, 360 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 56' 00" E, 366 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 08' 00" E, 360 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 56' 00' W, 366 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO EXCEPT COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 4; THENCE SOUTH 1523.12 FEET; THENCE WEST 660.91 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1511.8 FEET; THENCE EAST 661.87 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TAX ID NO: 021-004-000-0130-00

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Morgan Watkins and Ruth Watkins, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

Date of Mortgage: June 14, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 5, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$70,649.71

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 231, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 2, Being a part of the East half of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 10 East and Lot 232, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 2, being a part of the East half of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 10 East

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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.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: December 18, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.
1404539

12-18-4

MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by D & G Hall, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, and Dwayne L. Hall and Gloria J. Hall, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Mayville State Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated March 24, 2011, and was recorded on April 4, 2011, in Liber 2495, on page 443 of the Lapeer County records, and also recorded on September 14, 2011, at Liber 1230, page 248 of the Tuscola County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$167,997.29, including interest at 6% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing. The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale on the Lapeer County property will be held on January 15, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Lapeer County Court Facility, 255 Clay St., Lapeer, Michigan, that being the place of

holding Circuit Court for Lapeer County, Michigan. The sale on the Tuscola County property will be held on January 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility at 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The Lapeer County property to be sold is located in the Township of Rich, County of Lapeer, Michigan and is described as:

Parcel 1: Commencing at the W 1/4 corner of Section 9, T10N, R10E, Rich Twp., Lapeer Co., Michigan and the point of beginning; running thence N 02°19'37" W 2017.0 ft along the W line of said Section 9; thence N 87°07'48" E 693.63 ft; thence N 02°19'37" W 628.0 ft; thence N 87°07'48" E 641.47 ft along the N line of said Section 9; thence S 02°16'31" E 2657.30 ft along the W 1/8 line of said Section 9; thence N 87°39'28" E 1332.64 ft along the E and W 1/4 line of said Section 9; thence S 02°13'26" E 2197.60 ft along the N and S 1/4 line of said Section 9 to a point that is 415 ft N of the S 1/4 corner of said Section 9; thence S 87°05'54" W 1332.05 ft along a line that is parallel to and 415 ft N of the S Section line of said Section 9; thence N 02°14'29" W 879.80 ft along the W 1/8 line of said Section 9; thence S 87°22'41" W 666.13 ft; thence N 02°15'15" W 220.0 ft; thence S 87°22'41" W 666.17 ft; thence N 02°15'32" W 874.30 ft along the W line of said Section 9; thence N 87°44'28" E 350.0 ft; thence N 02°15'32" W 207.0 ft; thence S 87°44'28" W 350.0 ft; thence N 02°15'32" W 18.0 ft along the W line of said Section 9 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the W half of Section 9, T10N, R10E, Rich Township, Lapeer County, Michigan.

Except: Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 9, T10N, R10E, Rich Twp., Lapeer Co., Michigan, being further described as commencing at the S 1/4 corner of said Section; thence N 02°13'26" W 1421.62 ft along the N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning; thence S 87°46'34" W 375.98 ft; thence N 02°13'26" W 231.72 ft; th

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Shooting woes hamper Cass City in opener

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

In a battle between two schools with extended runs in the MHSAA football playoffs, host Ubyly handed Cass City a disappointing loss in the Red Hawks' first cage game of the 2019-20 season. Ubyly, meanwhile, improved to 1-1 on the season, rebounding from a loss to Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port on Wednesday.

A big opening half saw the Bearcats take an 11-6 advantage after 8 minutes of play and extend the margin to 22-13 entering the final half.

Both teams struggled to score in the third period, although Ubyly was able to stretch its lead to double digits - 30-20 - entering the final period, where a Cass City comeback bid fell just short, re-

sulting in a 42-39 setback.

"I thought our kids played hard Friday, but struggled shooting the ball. We could never find a rhythm. Hopefully another week of practice, we can become sharper," said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald.

Although Cass City has seven key returning letter winners on its roster, several were standouts of the gridiron team that could help explain the Red Hawks' shooting woes in the opener due to a lack of practice.

Back from last year's team that posted marks of 8-12 overall and 3-9 in the Greater Thumb West are Hadyn Horne, Sandyn Cuthrell, Kendall Anthes, Landon Schenk, Collen Wrubel, Bryce Fernald and Tyler Czekai.

From that group, Horne, Cuthrell, Anthes, Wrubel and Fernald.

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THE 2019-20 Cass City Red Hawk basketball team should be GTW title contenders. They are: (front row, l-r) Tyler Czekai, Kenton Wiseman, Brandon Witherspoon, Jeremy Velasquez, Hadyn Horne, Bryce Fernald (back row) Coach Aaron Fernald, Kendall Anthes, Thom Rijshouwer, Landon Schenk, Alex Perry and Collen Wrubel. Missing is Sandyn Cuthrell.



THE KINGSTON boys' basketball team's winning ways should continue during the 2019-20 campaign. The Cardinals are: (front row, l-r) manager Jack Lester, manager Luke Krug (middle row) Coach Dave Lester, Luke Fetting, Marco Saenz de LaCuesta, Ronnie Lemke, Trayton Wenzlaff, Caleb Goss (back row) Kendal Geister, Jack Green, Quinn Boucard, Aaron Koehler, Morgan Green and Evan Neff.

Kingston rolls in non-league affair

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Kingston kicked off its 2019-20 boys' basketball season in convincing fashion Friday, pounding guest Bay City All Saints 68-22 in non-conference play.

The Cardinal defense held the visitors to single digits in each quarter on the night, while building leads of 19-6 after one frame and 45-11 after two.

"We got off to a quick start. We really moved the ball well and played unselfish. Everyone contributed," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester.

With five key returning players from last year's squad that posted a 19-4 overall record, while sharing the league title with International Academy of Flint, the fast start for Kingston surprised few.

Returning for the Cardinals, who also won district honors, are key veterans Evan Neff, Aaron Koehler, Caleb Goss, Jack Green and Quinn Boucard.

Neff, 6'2" senior, is a tremendous perimeter shooter who has improved his overall game with the ability to create off the dribble. Great court vision and improved defender. Neff has college offers from SVSU, Concordia, Grace-land and Alma.

Koehler, 6'1" senior, was the starting point guard from last year's team and will play multiple positions this season. He gets to the basket well off the dribble and has great court vision.

Goss, 5'9" senior, height notwithstanding, is a physical post player who can score in the paint as well the perimeter.

Green, 6'1" senior, is a physical post player who had a great summer. A tireless rebounder, who will be looked to increase his scoring and rebounding for the Cardinals.

Boucard, 6'8" senior, is the team's big man who has improved his overall game in the post. Has added a mid-range jumper to his arsenal. Needs to be a difference maker on both ends of the floor for Kingston to be at its best.

Although Kingston will need to find replacements for the graduation losses of Nathan Cloyd - he was first team NCTL and an honorable mention all-state player and Hunter James - he was a second team NCTL choice, Coach Lester has four newcomers that should help with that chore in Ronnie Lemke, Trayton Wenzlaff, Morgan Green and Marco Saenz de LaCuesta.

Lemke, 5'11" junior, is a great ball handler who makes his team-

mates better, while Wenzlaff, another 5'11" junior, is a good scorer and defender. Both will contribute immediately.

Green, 6'0" junior, is a good defender and tireless worker who will bring energy off the bench for the Cardinals and Saenz de LaCuesta, 6'0" junior, is an exchange student from Spain with a high Basketball IQ and great fundamentals.

Against Bay City All Saints, it was Neff leading the way with 21 points. Saenz de LaCuesta and Aaron Koehler added 9 points apiece and Wenzlaff chipped in 8 for the Cardinals.

"We are excited about the season. Our goals are to win league, district and regional championships. We have come up short of winning a regional championship the last two years. We are ready to

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THE 2019-20 Owen-Gage varsity girls' basketball team members are: (front row, l-r) Amber Haldane, Libby Ondrajka, Allison Haldane, (back row) Kaitlyn LaCroix, Dana Morrish, McKayla Christian, Karsyn Gruehn, Coach Bob Haldane, Erin Morrish, Madelyn Haldane, Cristal Crandall and Carley Haldane.

Owen-Gage lifts curtain on cage seasons

The Owen-Gage girls' basketball team got off to a strong start in its 2019-20 campaign last week, before suffering a setback Friday to Genesee.

Lady Bulldog Coach Bob Haldane, now in his second season in Owendale, says he has an athletic team that includes returning letter winners Carley Haldane, Maddy Haldane, Libby Ondrajka and

Dana Morrish to build this year's team around that should be much improved from a year ago. In Haldane's rookie season the Bulldogs were 2-18 overall and 1-7 in the North Central Thumb League.

Although the Bulldogs will be without the services of Megan Fritz and Carley Rievert from the Owen-Gage 2018-19 squad, Haldane will have newcomers Amber

Haldane, Allison Haldane and Erin Morrish to help fill the graduation void.

In the team's opening game against the International Academy of Flint Monday, a balanced attack led by Dana Morrish and Madelyn Haldane helped produce a 50-43 outcome. The sophomore duo scored 14 and 11 points, respectively, in the Bulldog road victory

that featured nine different players entering the scorebook.

Completing the list of scorers for the winners were Ondrajka with 7 points, Erin Morrish with 7 points, Carley Haldane with 5 points, Allison Haldane with 2 points and McKayla Christian with 2 points, while Amber Haldane and Kaitlyn LaCroix each chipped in one

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Caister leads wrestlers in early season action

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The Cass City wrestling team opened their 2019-20 season with a better than expected showing, including a sweep in a double dual match at Bad Axe High School and a middle of the pack performance at the highly competitive Birch Run Tournament.

"For a very young squad, half of our starting lineup are freshmen, we got off to a good start. To go 3-2 in the always tough Birch Run Tournament was somewhat of a pleasant surprise. Cass City was

the smallest school in attendance at the tournament. We have a lot of work to do with a very inexperienced team," said Cass City Coach Don Markel.

Over the weekend in Birch Run, Cass City went 3-2 Saturday to place 6th in the 12-team field.

The Red Hawks split their pool play matches losing to Yale 52-30 before going on to defeat Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 72-12. Then in the placement rounds they defeated Bay City John Glenn 60-23 and Essexville Garber 48-36, while losing to Leslie 54-30. Hunter Caister led Cass City with

a perfect 5-0 showing, while Matt Ferri, Lucas Swiderski and Tristan Swiderski each posted 4-1 marks.

Caister's big day included first period falls over Garber's Aiden Westphal (:34), Leslie's Nick Carey (:52) Notre Dame's Christian Bowser (1:22) and Yale's Mason Joppich (:18).

Earlier in the week, on Wednesday, Cass City took on a depleted Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker squad in Greater Thumb Confer-

ence action and came away with a 72-6 win. The Red Hawks also took on Bad Axe in a non-league contest and defeated the hosts 58-24.

Double winners for Cass City were William George (112), Cameron Gottschalk (125), Drew Markel (130), Lucas Swiderski (135), Jacob Graves (140/145), Tristan Swiderski (145/152), Ryan Pisarek (160), Logan Kaake (171) and Hunter Caister (215).

The Lakers forfeited every

weight class but two in the opening Greater Thumb Conference match for both schools. Their only points came on Tyson Steinman's fall in the 103 weight class, while Cass City's Graves recorded a fall in the 140 weight class bout.

Against the Hatchets, Gottschalk, Markel, Graves, Pisarek and Caister all recorded pins.

Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 5-2 overall, and 1-0 in the Greater Thumb Conference, for the season.

Ubyl cagers squeak out win

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nald are all capable of knocking down shots from beyond the 3-point arc.

Varsity rookies for the Red Hawks included Kenton Wiseman, Thom Rijshouwer, Alex Perry, Jeremy Velasquez and Brandon Witherspoon.

Look for newcomer Rijshouwer - a foreign exchange student - to play a huge roll on this year's team that will need to find replacements for the graduation losses of Luke Stern and Zach Beecher.

Still, it was Schenk, who led Cass City with 11 rebounds and poured in a pair of field goals in each of the opening half quarters to help keep the visitors close in the early going.

However, Ubyl used two treys from Casey Sweeney and one from Kyle Sweeney to offset the work of Schenk in the paint before the break.

Cuthrell, a first team all-conference performer in 2019, despite sitting out most of the team's practices to this point due to a shoulder injury, heated up down the wire and poured in nine of his 11 points in the closing frame.

Ubyl, however, converted 8 free throws - compared to just two by Cass City - in the closing minutes to turn back the visitors.

Schenk and Cuthrell split 22 points to pace Cass City, while Anthes and Rijshouwer each added 6 points in vain.

For Ubyl, Casey Sweeney finished as the lone Bearcat in double figures, netting 11 markers.

Cardinal boys whip BCAS

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take the next step. We need to want it more and play motivated every night," Lester said.

Looking at the league title chase, Lester feels International Academy of Flint and Dryden - both return a majority of their core

players from last year - should be favored to win the conference, adding, Deckerville and Mayville return some very good players and athletes. I expect both teams to be vastly improved. Peck switches over to our side of the division this year. They are well coached and could make things interesting.

Owen-Gage boys struggle

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point.

International Academy of Flint received a game-high 30 points from Julia Lulgjuraj.

On Friday, the Bulldogs entertained Genesee and suffered a 37-

21 defeat.

Turning to the Owen-Gage boys, the Bulldogs stand at 0-2 after a 100-16 loss to International Academy of Flint and a 65-39 setback to Genesee.

No other information was made available to the press.

Lady Cardinals win again

Kingston won its second non-conference road game, in as many tries, Thursday, knocking off Bay City All Saints in a contest settled early on.

Kingston wasted little time in setting the tone against the Cougars and tallied 21 unanswered points after the opening tip.

The hosts were able to trade baskets with Kingston in the second period and entered the break trailing 37-8. However, a 17-4 Kingston run to open the final half would lead the visitors to a one-sided 58-23 victory.

"We moved the ball around well early and knocked down the open shots. Overall, the girls played with great energy, getting a lot of loose balls and rebounds," said Green.

Hannah James led all scorers with 18 points, while Brooke Mooney chipped in 13 and Callie Becovic had eight for Kingston.

For Bay City All Saints, Rocio Costilla recorded 17 markers.

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DEPUTIES Daryl Ford and Kim Kociba load presents into a Huron County Sheriff's Department van and trailer. The gifts were delivered in time for a Toys for Tots distribution over the weekend, according to Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

Anonymous donors come through

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 enced a hardship-related event during the past year," Hanson announced Thursday.

"Some examples of those hardships include losing a loved one, serious illness, grandparents having to raise grandchildren, losing a job because place of employment closes, etc.," Hanson explained. "We'll also contribute to a couple of non-profit organizations committed to providing services to homeless or other displaced individuals."

"This program began six years ago when caring Huron County citizens, wanting to remain anonymous, came to me and asked that we use our discretion to distribute \$100 bills or \$100 food certificates to those who may have had a bad year, or were in a bad way," the sheriff recalled.

"New this year, the Bad Axe City Police have asked that we find six families who are or have endured a similar type hardship, because they will provide for each family's Christmas dinner."

Hanson noted he annually works with local police agencies, clergy, municipal and school leaders, and other organizations as he seeks out recipients for the gifts, which have added up to some impressive numbers.

"Over the last five years, we've averaged receiving around \$5,000 per year and have had two of those years total over \$7,000 each," he said. "Although deciding who actually gets the gifts is very difficult because the money is limited. We consider it a great honor to be held in such high regards by such unselfish, generous, private individuals, who have entrusted us to help out others on their behalf."

Hanson and his staff typically don't complete their distribution duties until New Year's Day because deputies strive to deliver the gifts unannounced, and the recipients aren't always home when they try.

"By year's end, between this six-year program and our eight-year partnership with Toys for Tots, our deputies and myself will have collected and distributed a combined total of over \$230,000 in cash and toys that have directly impacted

thousands of Huron County citizens, both young and old," he said.

Hanson added, "The residents of Huron County should be very proud of the many volunteers, contributors and other organizations who have put Huron County way out in front of other counties when it comes to caring and sharing their good will."

"Know that myself and the deputies of our sheriff's office consider it our pleasure."



SANTA CLAUS is still making his rounds in the Thumb before his big trip Dec. 25. His stops in several area communities recently included a visit to Owendale, where he took the time to read a story to some local youngsters (above).

Med examiner services go private in Tuscola, Saginaw

by Mary Drier
 For the Chronicle

A private company recently took over medical examiner services for Saginaw and Tuscola counties, and more counties are expected to follow suit.

The Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM), Saginaw, was established to provide the Great Lakes Bay Region with an accredited center for medical examiner and crime laboratory services.

Former Tuscola County Medical Director Russell Bush, M.D., is on board with the institute.

"I am the executive director and chief medical examiner for the counties with agreements with MIFSM," Bush said. "Dr. Kanubhai Virani continues as the chief forensic pathologist."

Aside from Saginaw County, Tuscola County agreed in May to commit to the program and signed a three-year contract, and more counties are expected to join the program and turn over the duties of the medical examiner to MIFSM.

The institute is expected to address the state's need for more trained forensic pathologists and medical examiners, and help with costs associated with county-operated medical examiner and forensic pathology operations.

"Our price of \$75,000 per year for these services is all inclusive. The county will not be responsible for any costs associated with deaths in Tuscola County outside of a mass casualty incident," Bush noted.

He said the institute will provide counties with quality medical examiner services and with forensic pathology services, and serve as a training center as well.

"Not just for medical examiners, but also forensic lab technicians and support staff," Bush explained while meeting with Tuscola County commissioners regarding the proposal. He pointed out the institute will have a morgue and can handle autopsies.

The institute is a full-service regional medical examiner system, and Tuscola's medical examiner's office is now fully transitioned to the new program. As a result, all cremation and death certificates, medical examiner questions, and requisitions for information should now be directed to the institute by calling (989) 341-5077.

In addition to Tuscola County, officials in Huron County are in the process of considering joining the MIFSM.

Bizon announces candidacy

by Mary Drier
 For the Chronicle

Lexington Democrat Kimberly Bizon recently announced she will be running in 2020 to represent Michigan's 10th Congressional District.

District 10 consists of all of Huron, Lapeer, St. Clair and Sanilac counties, as well as most of northern Macomb County and eastern Tuscola County.

The primary election will be Aug. 4, and the general election is scheduled for Nov. 3.

This will be Bizon's second attempt to secure the congressional seat. In 2018, she tried to unseat Republican Paul Mitchell, who announced he will not seek re-

election in 2020. Bizon, who indicated she learned a lot about the 10th Congressional District during her previous campaign, says she will provide a strong leadership, bring new ideas, and protect citizens and the Great Lakes.

"I am the candidate that listens to all people and will work hard to find common ground and fight for solutions that work for the people of the 10th District," Bizon said. "I will put the people and the communities first."

She added she has proven her strength and endurance with a successful marketing career.

Bizon grew up on a small family farm in Yale, and has resided for the past several years in the village of Lexington.

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Please send one of your elves, Santa



Leah Lapratt

Dear Santa,

I am writing this letter to ask for a Scout Elf. I promise not to touch my Scout Elf and take good care of the Elf on the Shelf. I promise to be good so my elf will report back to you every night. So please, please, please send me an elf to watch over me to make sure I'm a good girl.

Leah Lapratt, Age 5



Thank you for sending Max the elf

Dear Santa,

My name is Abby and my full name is Abby Rose Romstad. Now that you know who I am (oh I almost forgot I am 9 years old). Ok, now that you know who I am, here is some stuff I would like for Christmas; Apple iPad, Apple pen for iPad, grey and pink bedroom pillows and decor, grey and pink bedding. Ok, now that you know what I want (oh maybe slime supplies too). Also could you maybe find a way to get me a solo for the Christmas program? Max my elf on the shelf, well he is kind of crazy, but I love that and every morning and every time I see him he makes me happier and happier. That is all I have to say but thank you so much for Max.

Love, Abby Romstad



Jackson, Monroe & Lennox Klein

We all have been so good

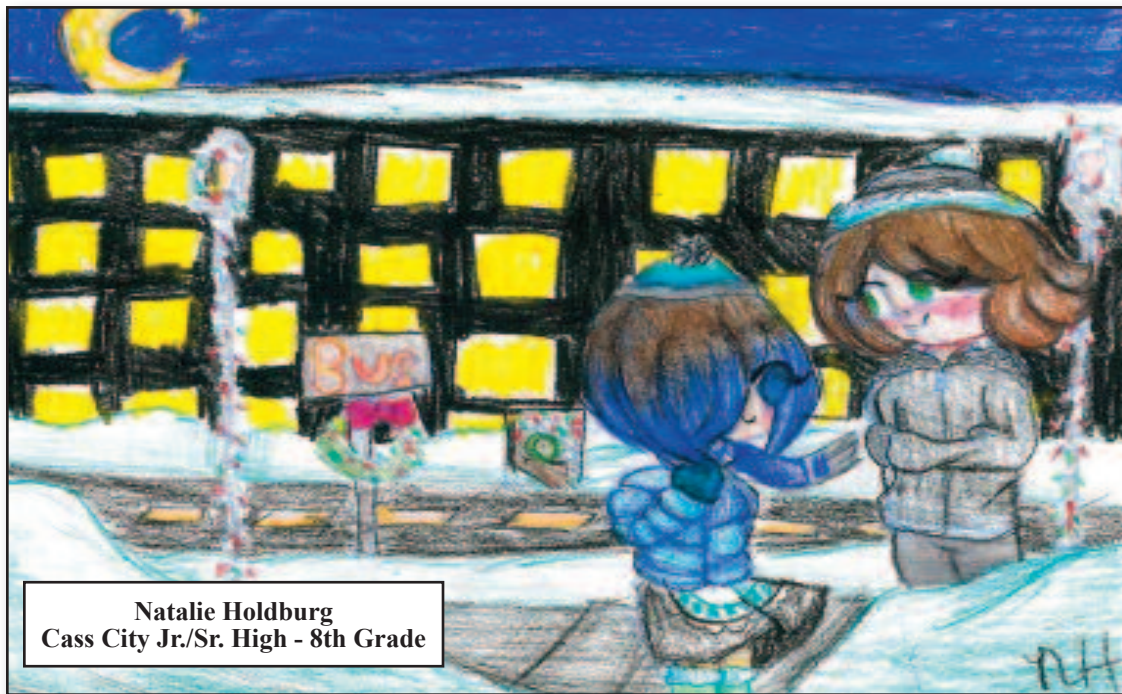
Hi Santa,

My name is Lennox. I have a younger brother, Jackson and a baby sister, Monroe, and we have all been so good! I'm really enjoying kindergarten this year and work really hard. For Christmas I want the LOL house and camper. My brother would like the mighty pup cars. I'm sure Monroe would like anything she can chew on. Oh and a new bone for my dog Lucy. I can't wait to see how many cookies you eat on Christmas morning.

Love, Lennox, Jackson and Monroe Klein



Abby Romstad



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Cole Pippin

I would love SpongeBob toys

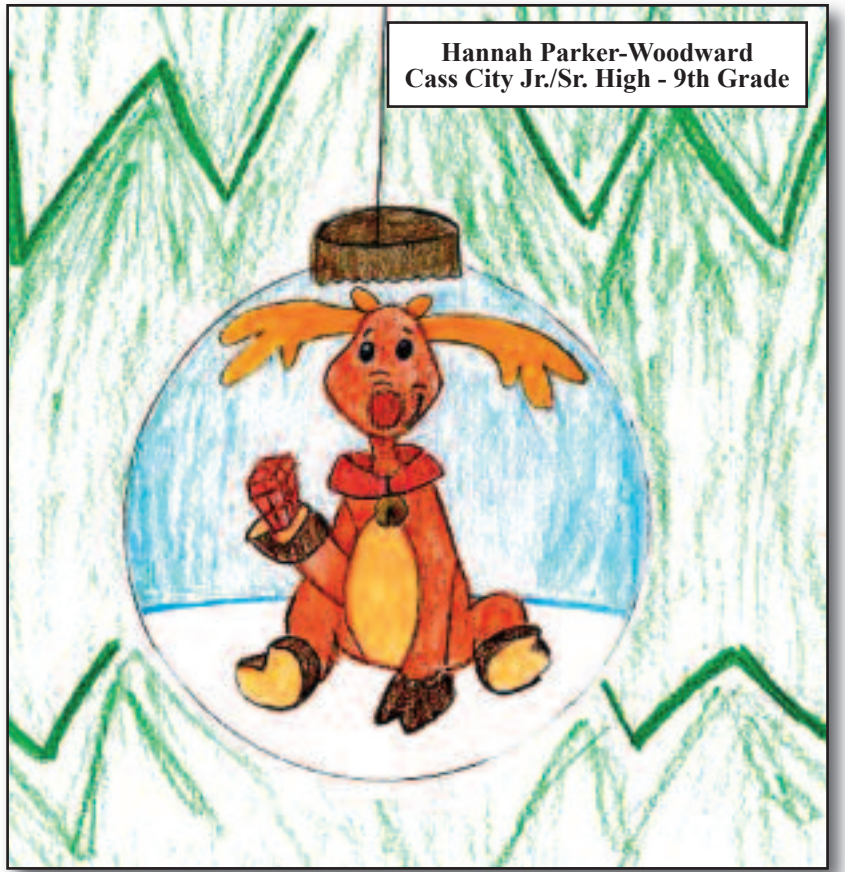
Dear Santa,

It's me, Cole! I'm two years old and it's very hard to be good all the time. There are just so many things with buttons to push! I can be a real sweetheart, but Mom and Dad say I'm just a big goofball and I make them laugh a lot! My favorite things this year are SpongeBob, Ghostbusters and Jeopardy!

I sing and dance to their songs every day, and my current favorite thing to say is "This is Jeopardy! Here is the host, Alex Trebek!" I would like any SpongeBob, Puppy Dog Pals or Ghostbusters toys, especially the Stay Puff Marshmallow Man! I also want a digital camera, because I like taking pictures just like my mom!

I can't promise I won't eat your cookies this year, but I will try my best.

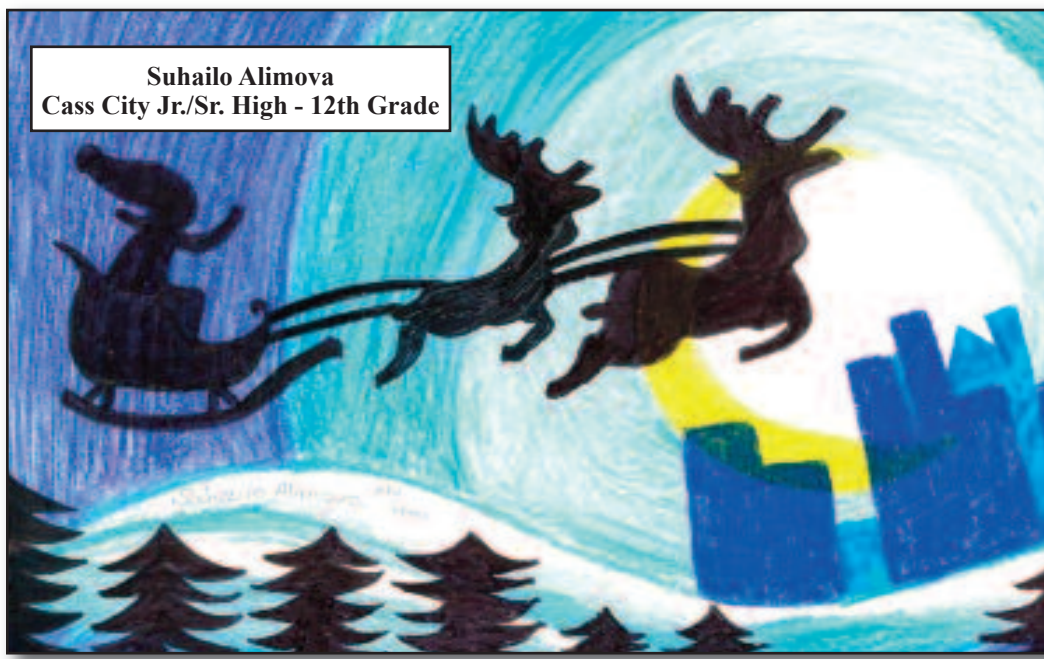
Love,
Cole Pippin



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Sloane and Otto Carpus

We have been good, Santa

Dear Santa, I would like a car just my size, the Fisher-Price Frozen castle, and a PJ Masks playset. Don't forget the big hot wheels race track! I think my baby brother would like a pirate playing ship with a treasure chest trampoline! We have been so good this year!

Love, Sloane (4) & Otto (1) Carpus Detroit

I would really, really like a beagle puppy



Jade Rockwell

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? I would like some Lego Friends, the books Junie B Jones, First Grade Boo and I Mean It. Also I would like an Art 101 set and Barbie in a wheelchair. I would also like some teacher stuff and some cute clothes. This year I would really, really like a puppy, the kind of puppy I want is a beagle. I might leave the reindeer some reindeer dust.

Love, Jade Rockwell

Could I have a yo-yo this year, Santa?



Madilynn Brown

Dear Santa,

I would love some tennis shoes, a new yo-yo, a toy that looks like my dog, some painting stuff and toy dog like a husky plus 2 fingerlings. Santa, I love you and will leave you cookies.

Love, Madilynn Brown Age 6 Cass City

Can you bring me a big truck?



Franklin Blovsky

Dear Santa,

I would like a big bed when I get bigger, and a warm blanket with cars on it. I would also like a big box, just not too big. I would like another Spiderman chapstick as well. And a big truck, just not too big. I have been so good and will leave you some cookies. But not peanut butter since you don't like it, so maybe chocolate.

With love, Franklin Blovsky



Aubrey Boyce

I will leave you milk and cookies

Dear Santa,

I would really like an American Boy doll and a Baby Alive puppy and a toy doll, I will call her Gaby Gaby. I also would like 12 Fingerlings and art supplies. One more thing I want is 6 girl dolls, just one more thing a pet kitten.

I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Aubrey Boyce Age 6 Cass City

Bring my cat, Tulip, a present

Dear Santa,

I would like a big slime bucket. I also want a lot of presents under my tree. Could you send a treat for my dog and a dog toy. My cats would like a treat and my cat named Tulip would like a cat toy.

Love, Courtney Forster Gagetown



Courtney Forster

I would like a new guitar

Dear Santa,

I would like a new guitar, a new baseball bat, a remote control dinosaur, a wrestling guy with a wrestling ring and a basketball hoop for my door with a ball. I have been a good boy, I'll be sure to leave you milk and cookies.

Love, Noah Brown p.s. I am five this year! Cass City



Noah Brown

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Dear Santa,

Santa one thing I want is a baby doll that looks real, with real eyes and hair. The second thing I want is a new bed set with a new blanket. I want everybody to have a good Christmas this year. The third thing I want is a lot of LOL dolls. The fourth thing I want is a stuffed horse.
Love your friend,
Brooklyn Morrish

Dear Santa,

I want a Call of Duty Ghost on PS4 and Dead by Daylight on Nintendo Switch. Look on the table I left the cookies for you on it. How do you deliver all the presents in one night?
Love,
Ayden Reynero

Dear Santa,

I would like a 336 Littlest Pet Shop character. I also want a yellow husky to go with. I also want a 09 Sharkboy T-Shirt. He is my favorite YouTuber. His name is Andrew. How is Mrs. Claus?
Love,
Gabi Tietjens
p.s. and blue light paint and black paint.

Dear Santa,

I want a Pokémon card and toys. I want Xbox One and a TV to play it on. I like Pokémon so I would like some shirts with Pokémon on them.
Your friend,
Jack Brinkman

Dear Santa,

I want LPS toys an LPS house and LPS clothes. How do you get in my house since I don't have a chimney? How do the reindeer fly? Is it magic? Is it true Rudolph's nose glows? Was I good or bad this year? I hope I was good so I can get my toys.
Love,
Catalyna Ibarra

Dear Santa,

I want a phone and money, an ATV and a really nice remote control Monster Truck. I would like a nice picture and shirt. Can I have some nice shoes and cute puppies that are newborn Yorkies that like to cuddle with me and take naps with me and don't make a mess!
Love,
Jordan Pasanski

Dear Santa,

Some things I want for Christmas are tons and tons of LOL Dolls and the rest of the LOL OMG Dolls I do not have. I also want a ton of American Girl Doll accessories like shoes and outfits and a light purple bunk bed. I also want lots of blankets and pillows and decoration pillows and six lunch pails that go with my dolls and lots of food for them. One question? How long has Christmas been going on?
Love,
Ellie Ulfig

Dear Santa,

What are your reindeers' names? How do you get down my chimney? I want a red Fitbit, can you also bring me a polar bear stuffed animal and a Fortnite game. There will be cookies for you.
Love,
Tanner Thompson

Dear Santa,

I want a huge dinosaur set, a medium dinosaur Lego set, a dragon set, an enormous truck with a bunch of cars to go with it and finally, a set with rainbow coloring markers, please. How are the reindeer doing? How many elves do you have? I might leave milk and cookies.
Love you,
Preston O'Dell

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Fitbit and a hover board. How are your reindeer doing and how are you doing? We might set out some food for your reindeer like carrots and we might make reindeer food. How are all the elves doing too? We will set out some cookies and milk for you.
Your friend,
Joslyn Bartnik

Dear Santa,

This year I want a shopping set, I want more Berenstain Bear books and Biscuit books. I want two more snow globes because I want to start a collection. I also want drawing paper and a desk. Do you have a break from working so hard getting ready for Christmas Eve? I will leave you cookies on the counter.
Love,
Lola Dorland

Dear Santa,

The things I like to do is play with my sister. I want to get a hoverboard, a remote control car, Xbox and Fortnite games. I like to read books with my family. Can I have an elf so he knows if I'm bad or good. I want a desk. I will leave cookies and milk on the counter.
Love,
Maverick Little

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a laptop, a fake phone, and a camera. I have a question. Are you really real? I asked because when I open my presents it doesn't say: From, Santa Claus. It doesn't. Guess what? Every year a FAKE Santa comes with a FAKE elf. Well maybe, FAKE. Well that's all I got for ya Santa. I'll talk to you soon.
Love,
Caralyn Gniewek

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a real puppy not a stuffed animal. I would like to have a slime kit and then I want a basketball to share with my brother in the summer. The thing I want the most is to see my Grandma.
Love,
Emma Halasz

Dear Santa,

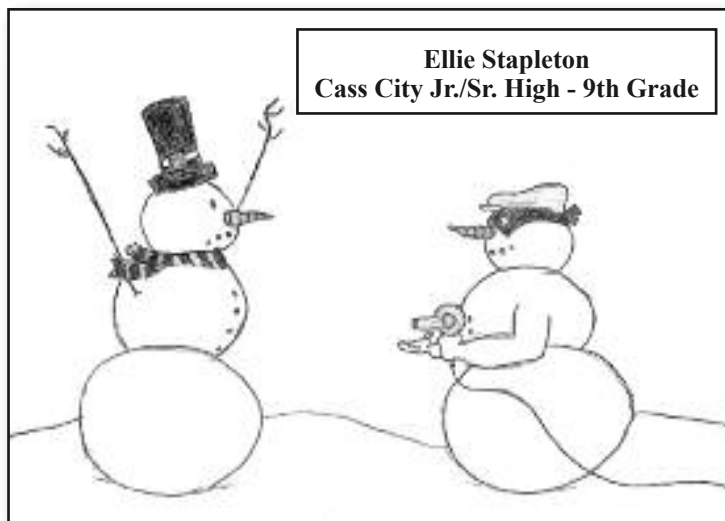
For Christmas I want Dino Legos and Legos. Second I want a Ken Barbie Doll. Last can I have a Dragon Lego set? How many elves do you have? Can I have an American Girl Doll, too?
Love,
Kylah Stapleton

Dear Santa,

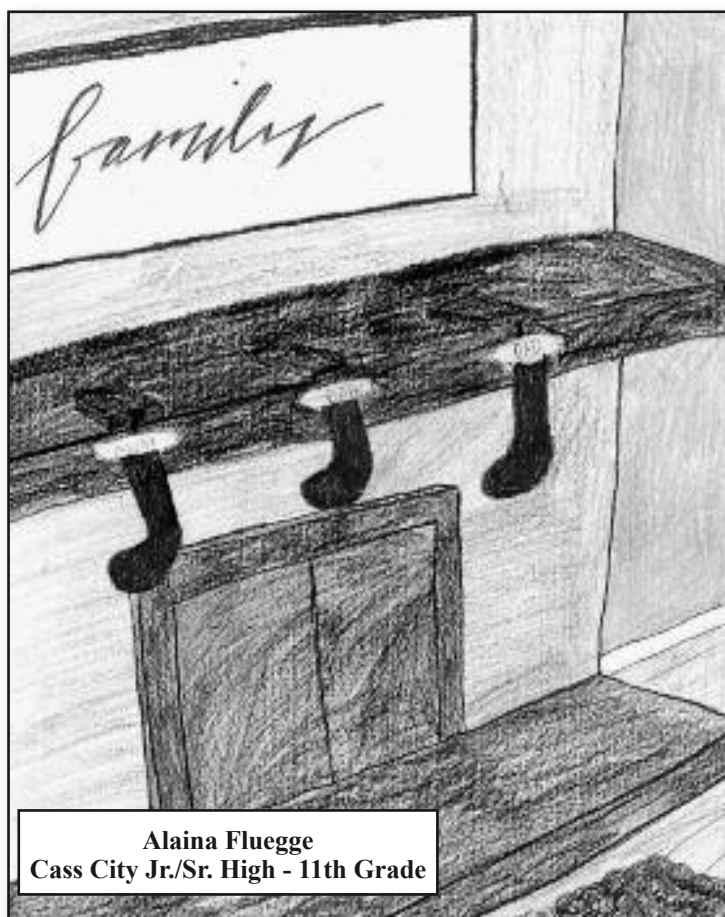
How do you come down my chimney when my chimney is small? I want a new tablet and a new sleeping bag and then some pillows and a stuffed unicorn. I also want a Nintendo Switch. I will leave you milk and cookies by the chimney.
Love,
Brenna Pine

Dear Santa,

I want a hoverboard, and a new game for my Playstation PS4. I also want a Dogman book. I will leave you milk and cookies on my table.
Your friend,
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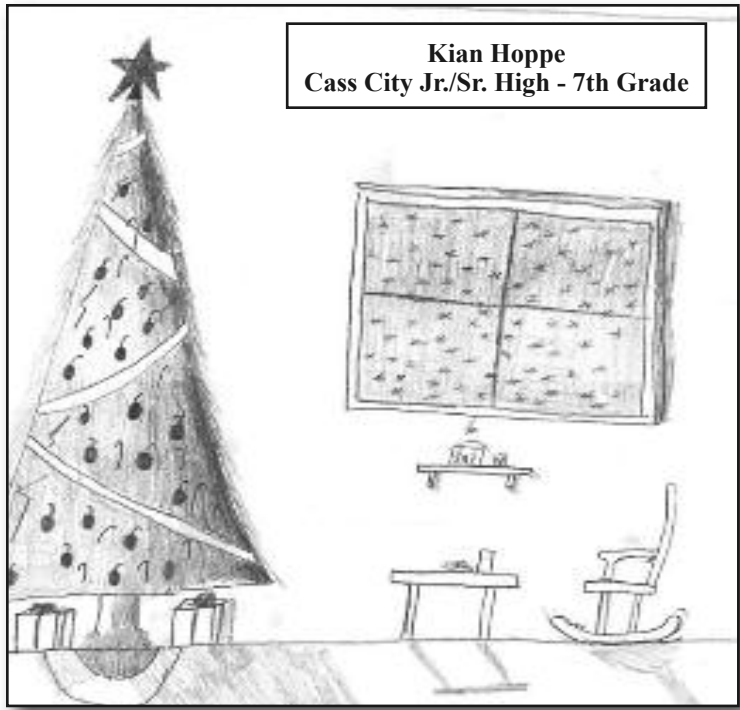
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Allison & Nicolas Osantowski

I have a new baby brother

Dear Santa,

It is me again, Allison, as you probably don't know I have a new brother Nicolas. He was born on Oct. 1. My great-grandparents live in Cass City, their last name is Osantowski just like me. For Christmas I would like a doll and My Little Pony, and a dump truck for my brother. I'll play with the dump truck until Nicolas is big enough because I like trucks, too. Also, please bring Nicolas some chew toys just like grandpa's dogs, because he likes chewing things.

Thank you for all the toys you gave me.
Allison, 3, & Nicolas, 2-1/2 months, Osantowski
Wasilla, Alaska



Keely Scharff

Could I have an Easy Bake Oven?

Dear Santa,

My name is Keely Scharff & I've been a very good girl this year! (I hope my elf Skye has been telling you the same!)

I really want some LOL dolls, an easy bake oven, an Ashton Drake baby doll & Jojo Siwa things for Christmas. I also want a Pioneer Woman cook book so I can help cook! I hope you & the reindeer have a safe trip around the world Christmas Eve! See you soon! P.S. I'll have cookies for you & carrots for the reindeer.

Keely Scharff

This is my very first letter to you

Dear Santa,

My name is Kylee Campbell. I live in Fairbanks, Alaska. My Grandpa Dave Osantowski who lives in Alaska told me to write you so this is my first letter to you. For Christmas I would like a radio, LOL stuff, Box girl, clothes, unicorn, books and slime. I know I am asking for a lot of things but I really have been a good girl. Now my Aunt Mackenzie, that is a different story, she's been giving grandma a hard time. But I hope you can see that she is good sometimes. Please bring her something. Willow and Benjamin are my cousins.

Kylee Campbell
Age 9
Fairbanks, Alaska



Kylee Campbell

We have been very good

Hi Santa!

Our names are Madelyn and Sawyer. We are three and five years old. We have a baby brother named Blake. We have been very good this year. For Christmas Madelyn would like a new baby alive doll and Sawyer would like a nerf gun. We think our baby brother would like a Christmas tree ornament! Merry Christmas!

Love,
Madelyn, Sawyer and Blake Thick



Madelyn, Sawyer and Blake Thick

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I would like
Pokemon
cards, Santa

Dear Santa,

I want Pokémon cards, Legos, maybe a track and remote control car. I wish you could make me run faster than Easton, too.

Love,
Hailey Lynne Kilbourn
Lancaster, KY



Josie Kilbourn

This is my very
first Christmas

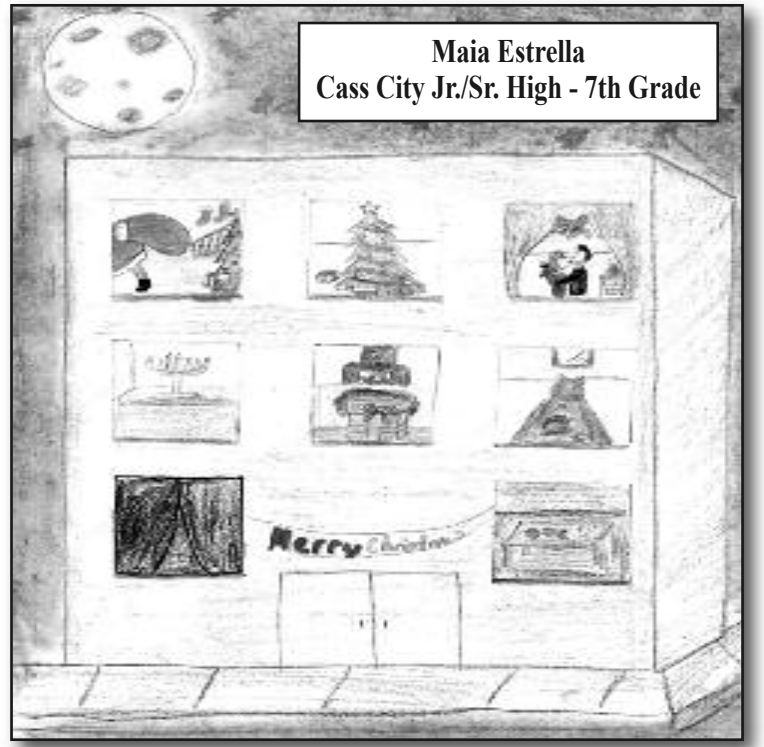


Avery Kilbourn

Dear Santa,

I'm not sure of how this all works, but according to my big sisters I need to ask you for something. I want endless attention from my mommy...I'm used to that and I like it. Also I want anything I'm not supposed to have.

Love,
Avery Louise Kilbourn
Lancaster, KY



Maia Estrella
Cass City Jr./Sr. High - 7th Grade



Hailey Kilbourn

I want all the
pretty things

Dear Santa,

I love you. I want all the pretty stuff, Barbies, Pokémon cards, because Hailey likes them. I want to be at my Nina Lynn's for after Christmas so I can play, play, play.

Love,
Josie Majeau Kilbourn
Lancaster, KY



Ben and Willow Little

Thank you for sending
Christmas toys for me

Dear Santa,

My name is Willow Little, I never wrote to you before either but Grandpa and Grandma said I should write. I just had a birthday on Dec. 4th so I don't need too many things, but I would like some LOL Dolls or pets, arts and craft things and a surprise. Grandma said I am a real good girl, too. Thanks for all the toys you have given me over the years. I'm still coming to see you at your home.

Love,
Willow Little,
Age 6
North Pole, Alaska

I would like video games

Dear Santa,

My name is Benjamin Little. I never wrote a letter before because I live in the North Pole. My Grandpa David Osantowski told me when he was little he wrote Santa a letter and they put his picture and letter in the Cass City paper, so I thought I would try it. This year for Christmas I would like video games, dinosaurs and a few surprises. My Grandma Heather said I'm always good. Thank you for all the toys you gave me last year.

From,
Benjamin Little,
Age 7
North Pole, Alaska



Caleb Houthoofd

Please send
a keyboard

Dear Santa,

This year I would like a keyboard, PlayStation, and Dog Man books.

Thank you,
Caleb Houthoofd



Josh Houthoofd

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,

I would like a computer, TV and Legos. I also want a Lamborghini, but mom says maybe a toy one will do. We are having so much fun with Kevin & Sparkle.

Thank you,
Josh Houthoofd

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I would love LOL Dolls

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like XOXO Friends, Pikmipops, LOL dolls and Descendants toys. I think my brother Chris wants a new blanket and candy to share with me.

Love,
Olivia Osantowski,
Age 6
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Olivia Osantowski



Johnathan Morris

I have been trying hard to be good

Dear Santa,

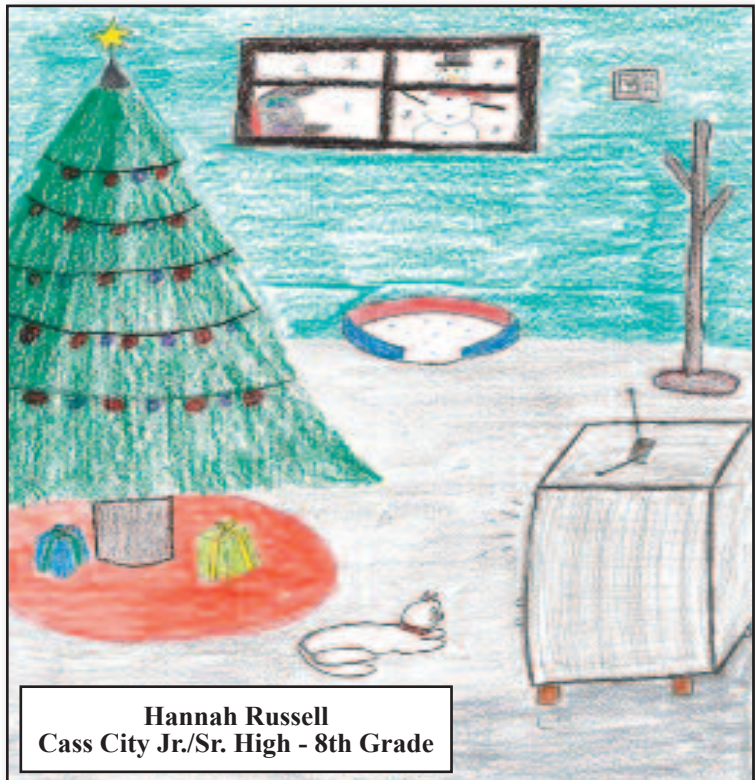
I have been trying hard to be good. But I have my moments. For Christmas I would like: Football gear, football characters, and maybe some medieval time toys. Thanks for all the toys you brought me last year. Don't blame me if all the cookies are gone, blame Enick. If Enick doesn't eat all the cookies you could bring him something, too. He is 18 now!

Johnathan Morris
Age 10
Centennial Colo.

p.s. We will be in Colorado this year.



Gabrielle Laming
Cass City Jr./Sr. High - 7th Grade



Hannah Russell
Cass City Jr./Sr. High - 8th Grade



Rebecca Morris

Thank you for sending gifts

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like three Scooby Doo movies, a Barbie and maybe a doll that I can hold. Thank you for all the gifts you gave me last year. Especially little passports that Johnny and I shared. Grandma and Grandpa are getting it for us this year. I have been good 50% of the time.

Love,
Rebecca Morris
Age 8
Centennial, Colo.



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We will be in Cass City for Christmas



Lottie Perry

Dear Santa Claus,

This year, I am spending Christmas Day at Grandpa & Grandma Perry's house in Cass City. Since we do not have snow in Las Vegas, I would like to ask for snow for Christmas... but not too much, because I have to go to Kalamazoo to visit my other grandparents the next day.

I would also like a book and a set of play pots and pans.

Sincerely,
Lottie Perry
Age: 1
Las Vegas, Nev.



Easton Pavlichek

In February I will be a big brother

Hello Santa!

My name is Easton and I am two years old! Right now I am an only child, but in February I will be promoted to a big brother! I have been really good this year and am always such a big help to my mom and dad! This year for Christmas I would like anything Mickey Mouse or Paw Patrol because they are my favorite!

Merry Christmas!
Love,
Easton Pavlichek

I would love a toy unicorn for Christmas



Madison Hollinshead

Hi Santa,

I have been good this year. I have not missed one day of school. The things I would like from you is a baby doll that cries, a karaoke machine, smelly markers and coloring books, toy kitchen set with dishes and a play blender and the last thing I would like is a toy pet unicorn. Thanks for everything that you got me last year.

Love,
Madison Hollinshead
Age 9
Cass City



I would love some hockey things, Santa



Caleb Henne

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa and your elves. I've been a good person this year. I would like football and hockey things for Christmas. We will have cookies waiting for you and your reindeer. Be safe and Merry Christmas.

Love,
Caleb Henne



Leiya Lounsbury

Christmas is the best time of the year

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. All I want for Christmas is my family to come. I also want a LOL Christmas doll house and new ice skates. Santa does your reindeer like candy canes? What do elves like to do in the North Pole?

Santa I love Christmas, it is the best time of the year.

Leiya Lounsbury
Age 6
Cass City

I would like a toy piano



Kaitlyn Elwood

Hi Santa!

It's me! Kaitlyn Dallas! I am one year old now and my family says I am so much fun! I have tried to be a good, good girl this year, but the last few months have been hard for me because I am just so curious about life. This Christmas I would like a Little Baby Bum piano, some clothes for my baby doll and maybe some new clothes for me because I am growing so big. Please don't forget my big sister Madyson. She would like Apple AirPods this year, and she is the best big sister in the world, so I think you should bring them for her. I might leave you milk and cookies, but I might also eat them. What can I say? I'm a growing girl.

I love you Santa,
Kaitlyn Elwood
Age 1



Keegan Elston

I would like an aquarium

Hi Santa!

It's your best buddy Keegan! I have been so good this year. I get great grades in school, I am kind, and I am very helpful at home. This year I would like some big Legos, a Nintendo switch, and a Newtons Cradle. If you have any extra room in your sleigh and could bring my pet turtle, Tortellini, a new aquarium, I think he would appreciate that.

I love you Santa!
Keegan Elston
Age 10

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