

# DDA Plans To Be Presented to Public

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"It has no impact on the taxpayer," he said.

Tentative DDA boundaries in Hessel are along M-134 between Pickford Avenue and Island View Road and south to Hessel Point Road, as well as the two blocks to the west of Pickford Avenue between Cedar Street and Lake Street, properties in Cedarville along M-134 between Beach Street and M-129 south to Hodeck Street, and along M-134 east to Bay Street and along M-129 between State Avenue and Islington Road.

The M-134 corridor connecting Hessel and Cedarville will also be in the DDA district.

State law allows only one DDA for each municipality. By including the M-134 corridor in the proposed boundaries, both Cedarville and Hessel can be included in one DDA, Mr. Drenth said.

Appointments and scheduling changes

The township board appointed John Shoberg to the Sewer Advisory Board to fill the spot vacated by Steve Autore in September.

Jay Altmaier, Fred Bryner, and Mark Engle were reappointed to two-year terms on the Clark Township Board of Review.

The board also approved its 2009 meeting schedule at the Thursday meeting. Meetings in 2009 will remain on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Township Offices, except for meetings on Thursday, January 15, Thursday, February 19, Thursday, March 19, and Thursday, December 17, which will begin an hour earlier at 6 p.m.

"I think that will be good for the public, because people stay here until sometimes 9:00 or 9:30 [p.m.] to make their presentations, unless we move them up. I've seen it the last few years," trustee Mike Lofdahl said.

# Children, Volunteers Work To Brighten Holiday for Needy



Teamwork and organization is the plan of (from left) Melissa Worden, Jade Edelman, Eileen Getzen, and Donna Elder. The girls are placing cookies on a tray and then slipping it into a plastic bag to keep the treats fresh. A note is included with each package that wishes the recipient happy holidays.

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Within 48 hours, the list quickly grew and 50 more families were added.

An assembly line of volunteers stretched along the back room of the grocery store, each adding supplies to the boxes. Items packed in each included 10 pounds of potatoes, a frozen turkey, eggs, bacon, bread, cookies, vegetables, stuffing, and

candy canes.

Once a box was filled, it was loaded into a waiting pickup truck. The vehicle owner then was given a confidential list of names with addresses. Before 8 a.m., the first driver was on the way to deliver the cargo.

All deliveries were made Saturday to areas including Hessel, Cedarville, Pickford, St. Ignace, St. Ignace Township, Moran Township, Brevort Township, Trout Lake, and Mackinac Island.

Any extra items, say volunteers from the Moose and toy drive, will be given to St. Ignace Food Pantry, Area Hope, and the Cedarville Thrift Shop. The toy drive also contributed \$200 to the senior citizens Christmas dinner at Community Action Agency in St. Ignace Monday, December 22.



Kurtis Belonga (left) and James Cardin carefully place chocolate candy kisses on top of the still-warm cookies in the school kitchen.

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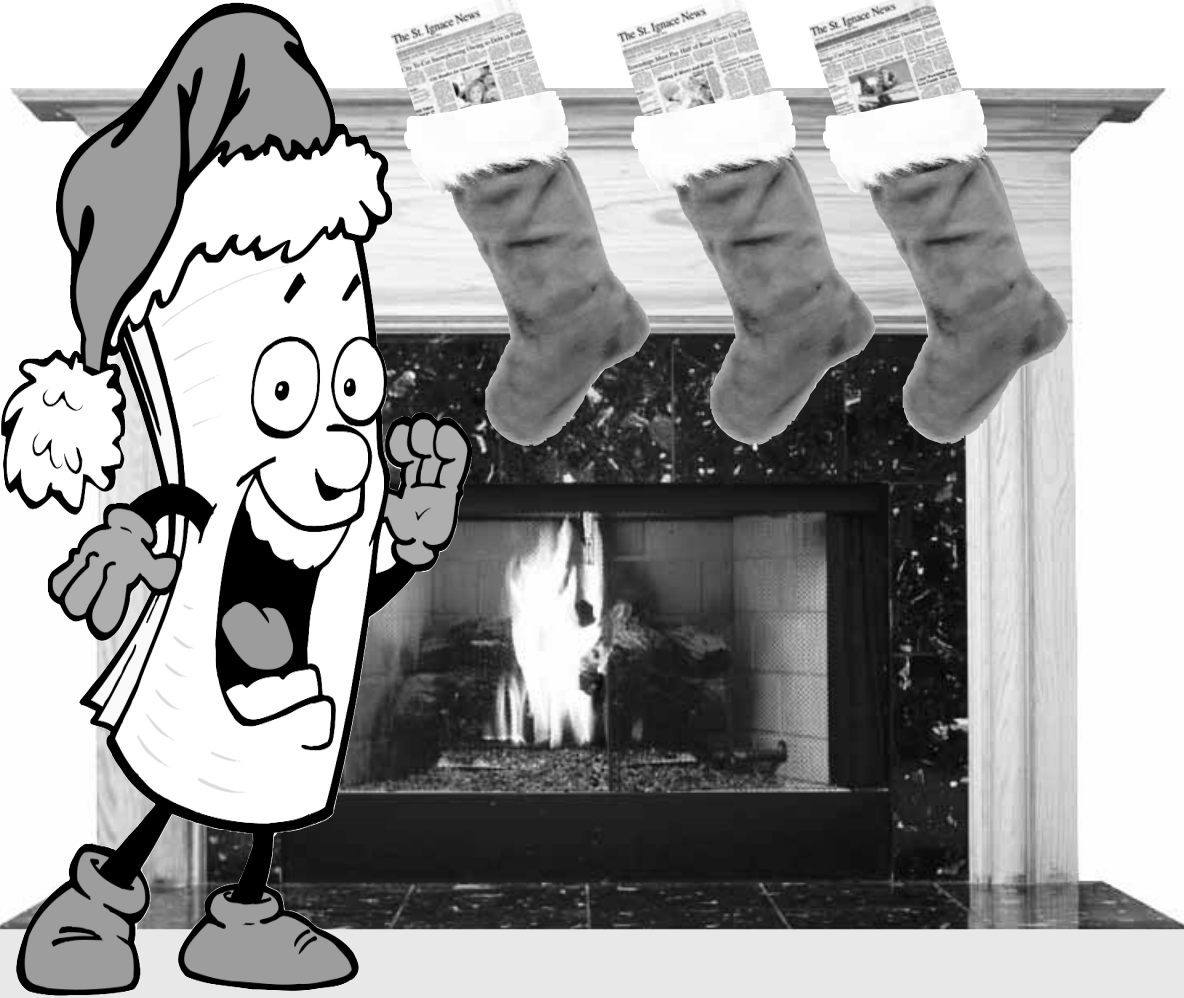
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**Happy Holidays**

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## Police Plan Extra Holiday Patrols

Police in Mackinac and Chippewa counties are among those taking part in a holiday season crackdown on drunk driving planned across Michigan from Friday, December 19, to Sunday, January 4.

Federal traffic safety funds will pay for overtime patrols in Mackinac, Chippewa, and Delta counties in the Upper Peninsula.

A drunk driving conviction carries assorted penalties that can include court costs and fines, increased car insurance rates, legal fees, and \$2,000 in driver responsibility fees.

To help prevent drunk driving, police agencies suggest party hosts can serve non-alcoholic drinks to designated drivers, and make sure all drinking guests leave in a cab, with a sober driver, or spend the night.

Nearly 35% of traffic fatalities in Michigan involve alcohol or drugs. Over the 2007 Christmas and New Year's holidays, nine people were killed in alcohol- or drug-related crashes in the state.

## Support Groups Will Meet in Jan.

Two caregiver support groups will meet in January. The Les Cheneaux Caregivers Support Group will meet at the Les Cheneaux Community Library in Cedarville Thursday, January 8, at 4:30 p.m.