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# SPECIAL EDITION



## Annual Christmas Dinner Gift Exchange & Election

**Tuesday, December 4, 2007**

**6:00 p.m. – dinner served at 6:30**

**Cost – \$10 per person**

**4-H Building located at the  
Branch County Fairgrounds**

**Spouses, family and friends  
are always welcome!**

**Please RSVP no later than  
December 1st by emailing**

***wvoss@charter.net***

**or by calling**

**Jim at 517-278-4636**



**See page 2 for Gift Exchange rules**

### MENU

**Swiss Steak  
Chicken Breast  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Roll & Butter  
Tossed Salad  
Coffee/Iced Tea  
Lemonade  
Asst'd. Desserts**

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## 2007 Gift Exchange Rules



The gift exchange is open to all members and guests. In order to receive a gift, one must bring a gift. Gifts should be useful items that have a value of \$10 or more. A gift can come from your junk box or can be purchased and should be radio or computer related. Gifts should be wrapped in and need not have “to” or “from” tags or other identification on them. Be

sure to remember which gifts you brought so you don't select your own gift! If your spouse and/or children bring a gift that will maximize your “take” from the exchange and may enable you to take home that “prize” gift that everyone covets. Those that bring gifts will be asked to draw a number, which will determine the order of gift selection and opening.

The gift opening will proceed as follows: Number 1 chooses a gift from the gift table, opens it, and **MUST** show it to everyone present. Number 2 can choose a gift from the table or he can take Number 1's gift if he thinks that is a better gift than he could find amongst the unopened gifts. If number 2 chooses a gift from the table, he opens it and **MUST** show it to everyone present. If Number 2 takes the gift from Number 1, then Number 1 goes back to the gift table and selects another gift, opens it and **MUST** show it to everyone. Number 3 can choose a gift from the table, Number 1, or Number 2 and follow the same procedures listed above. This same procedure is followed until the final person selects the last gift. The third owner of any gift gets to keep it. An individual cannot retake a gift that was just taken from him. Gifts must be able to be carried by one person. Gifts cannot consist of spouses, children or pets. After all gifts have been opened, it is acceptable to trade your gift to anyone who is willing to trade with you. Be creative in the selection and packaging of your gift. This event is supposed to be fun so feel free to “ham it up” a bit to add some humor to the evening. Walk around and look over the gifts that are available for taking. Look at everything... even those items that you have no intention of taking. Do what you can to “fake out” the crowd and when the time comes, pounce on that treasure! Feel free to take pictures of the event and the haggling and conniving that will undoubtedly go on.

