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## Stores open Sunday

### Free bikes, Santa visits highlight of yule season

Cass City's Christmas season kicks off with a special town-wide sale Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., and special events are scheduled following the kickoff all during the holiday season under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Santa Claus will make frequent visits. The first will be Friday, Nov. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the village parking lot, corner of Main and Seeger Streets.

Santa will have candy for the kids and will visit each Saturday in December from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On the night of Santa's first visit, shoppers and visitors will be entertained by the Christmas Carolers, sponsored by the Tom Thumb Singers.



#### FREE BIKES

In addition, there will be 5 free mountain bikes given away. They are on display at Ben Franklin, McDonald's, Rawson Memorial Library, Friendly Harvest and Chemical Bank, Cass City.

Contest entry boxes are at all participating merchants. It is not necessary to buy, and shoppers can enter as often as they enter the stores.

Bikes will be given at weekly drawings on Saturday, Nov. 29; Saturdays, Dec. 6-13-20, and Wednesday, Dec. 24.



## After 18-month delay

# Modular home site gets DNR approval

The DNR has given a Cass City businessman the green light to resume work on a modular home development in a wetlands area following months of delays and negotiations.

But developer Kelly Smith has been forced to scale-down the project next to the Huntsville Mobile Home Park.

"Realistically, I would say it's going to be a third of the size" originally planned, said Smith, who owns Kelly and Co. Realty.

Instead of developing 80 sites for single and double wide sectional modular

homes, Smith said plans now call for 25 to 28 sites.

The proposed manufactured home community has been put on hold for months due to wetlands issues.

Smith purchased the 20-acre property, commonly known as the Chippi Pond, in 1995. The land, which includes a gravel pit totalling 7 to 8 acres, is located just north of the mobile home park on Doerr Road.

Smith had planned to prepare the land for development in 1996 by filling in low areas of the parcel, about 6 acres in all. C.R. Hunt Construction Co., Cass City, started the work April 29, 1996.

However, someone apparently reported the activity to the DNR office in Bay City, and on May 6, 1996, then-DNR District Supervisor Robert P. Zbiciak appeared at the site and shut down the operation.

Zbiciak, who was in charge of all land and water management activities in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, indicated the property was classified as wetlands and the gravel pit, an inland lake.

At the time, Smith said he

was asked to provide Zbiciak with aerial photos and various documents, which were delivered by Smith personally 2 days later.

More than 2 months later, Smith received a letter stating he was required to file a permit application that would have to be approved before work could resume at the site.

The delay proved frustrating for Smith, who had already received contacts from a number of prospective buyers.

After months of negotiations and a few trips to Lansing and Bay City, Smith convinced DNR officials that there is a need for the type of housing he wanted to develop in the area, and a permit was finally issued.

"There's a big demand for the modular sites," said Smith, who pointed out the housing is a more affordable option for many people. A 16-foot by 80-foot single-wide sectional can be purchased for \$25,000, he noted, and a double-wide home with a carport and shed can be had for under

\$40,000.

"I don't think we'll have any problem filling" the sites.

Smith lauded the efforts of Dan Morgan, who replaced Zbiciak as DNR district supervisor. "He (Morgan) was wonderful to work with," he said.

Smith said his permit allows him to fill in about 1 1/4 acres of the lake. C.R. Hunt Construction Co. was expected to start the work last week.

Although the project has been downsized, Smith said the development remains a worthwhile business venture.

And he understands the DNR's concern over preserving the wildlife habitat created by the former gravel pit. "I guess I agree with them that these animals have been using this for 30 years... and they want to leave it alone!"

Smith said the lake will continue to provide habitat for geese and other wildlife, as well as provide recreational opportunities — fishing, swimming, ice skating, etc. — for residents of the development.



**AFTER MONTHS OF waiting, a Cass City businessman has received permission from the DNR to develop a portion of this wetlands, located at the south end of Doerr Road, into modular home sites.**

## Council incumbents all seek reelection

Cass City Village President L.E. Althaver will seek another term in the spring, as will all other village officials and trustees whose terms are expiring.

Althaver confirmed his decision Monday, saying he had learned earlier in the day that incumbents Clerk-Treasurer Joyce A. LaRoche, Assessor Dan Erla and trustees Elwyn Helwig, K. Michael Weaver and Leslie Karr also have decided to seek reelection.

Individuals planning to seek one of the seats must file a nominating petition by 4 p.m. Nov. 25. The election is scheduled for Monday, March 9.

Althaver indicated he believes continuity on the village council would be a plus for new Village Manager Jane A. Downing as she completes the transition into her new job.

Althaver's service on the council dates back to 1963. He served as a trustee for 2 years, then was elected village president in 1965, continuing in that role through 1984. Althaver returned to the president's seat in August 1987 after being appointed to fill a vacancy left by then-president Larry Davis. He has served as village president since.

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**WINTER ARRIVED in earnest in the Thumb over the weekend with a snowstorm that dumped several inches of snow and caused headaches for motorists. Above, Richard C. DeLong, 44, Cass City, escaped injury when he lost control of his vehicle Friday morning on snow-covered Cemetery Road, just south of Elmwood Road.**

## New YFC director

# 27-year drug agent career ends for Rick Coleman

Probably any drug dealer who has ever had contact with Rick Coleman would tell you Coleman was a tough cop who would go to any length to put a dealer out of business and behind bars. And neither threats on his life nor the other dangers inherent in being a drug agent would deter him from getting the job done.

Coleman, who recently moved to Cass City after closing out a 27-year career with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), has shifted his energies with his appointment as the new executive director of Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ (YFC).

But he says he plans to put the same tenacity that served him well on the streets of Detroit and in other cities to work in the Thumb, where YFC's goal is "to communicate the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to every young person."

Youth for Christ is an international, interdenominational organization that strives to share that message through campus life programs, concerts and family activities. The organization depends heavily on private donations.

Among Coleman's goals is to build financial support for YFC in the Cass City and Caro areas, enabling the or-

ganization to hire one or two campus life directors to serve the communities.

Currently, YFC has campus life directors serving the Akron-Fairgrove, Bad Axe, Lakers, Port Austin, Millington-Vassar and Cross-Lex areas, he noted.

#### EXPAND

"Right now we're real strong in Huron County," said Coleman, referring to YFC campus ministry activities such as breakfast clubs, Bible studies, weekly meetings and other events. "We want to do that in the whole 3 counties. I want to spread that through Tuscola County and especially in the Cass City area where I live."

Coleman's desire to provide a strong YFC presence throughout the Thumb stems in part from years of witnessing young lives ruined by drugs.

Coleman, 50, began his career with the DEA in Detroit in 1971. A federal narcotics officer, he spent much of his time on the streets, making undercover buys of cocaine, PCP, acid, LSD and other illicit drugs.

"It was not unusual to spend \$1,000 or \$1,500" on a first buy, he said, adding he sometimes spent as much as \$3,500 on a single drug purchase during an investiga-

tion." Coleman conducted thousands of interviews with drug offenders, and found the majority tried drugs to "fit

in" or fill a void in their lives. "But every single time it left them empty, hopeless. It was destructive.

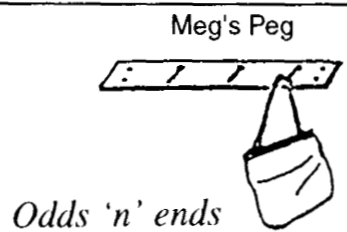
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**Cass City Social Item**  
Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

Bill Catts of Waynesville, Mo., and Nate Ruppert of Nokomis, Ill., were Saturday overnight guests of Stan and Melva Guinther. They had come to attend a surprise birthday party for Dave Nordquist, a Navy buddy they hadn't seen in over 25 years. The party, at the Cass City VFW Hall, was planned by Nordquist's wife, Peggy, and mother, Julia Sanchez.

**Community hymn sing set Nov. 30**

The annual Christmas Community Hymn Sing will be Sunday, Nov. 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Living Word Worship Center, 6536 Houghton, 2 blocks south, 1/2 east of stop light. Everyone is welcome to attend.



by Melva E. Guinther

Random observations of a diverse nature.

The age we live in. Our son, Mark, who lives in Pennsylvania but still gets that "itch" when deer hunting season begins in Michigan, called me Saturday morning and let me know that his dad got a 4-point buck.

Now Dad was hunting in the Argyle area a few miles from home. He had called Mark on the cell phone but the call had broken up, and Mark wanted the number so he could call him back.

Dad obviously knew that Mark would be far more excited about his success than yours truly.

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Another sign of the times. A plus when visiting our kids is that we have interest-

ing dining experiences that old fuddy-duddies like us would probably not otherwise enjoy.

On our latest trip to Dayton, we ate at Bravo, an Italian restaurant. It was crowded and we had to wait for a table. That's not unusual. What was a first for us was the pager they gave us to signal when our table was ready.

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Until I launched a personal boycott against products made in China, I never guessed how hard it would be.

Everything is made in China!

In order to fill a couple shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse "Christmas Child" project, it was necessary to look for items kids would like that would fit in a shoe box. Have you ever tried to find a small toy made in the USA?

Clothes shopping was another eye opener. It seemed as though everything I considered buying, for myself or as a Christmas present, had the "Made in China" label. Determined to stick to my resolution, I put every one of them back on the rack.

My few purchases, or lack of them, won't impact China's leaders to change their policies, but if enough people of conviction start to boycott their goods, it could get their attention. Anyway, it makes me feel good.

Another difficult boycott target is Procter & Gamble. It's a challenge to find products at the grocery store that aren't made by the corporate giant.

In addition to the fact that they make almost everything, in today's business world, the parent company has all sorts of subsidiaries, many of which you'd never suspect, which makes boycotting even more difficult.

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From the book, "More Holy Humor", edited by Cal and Rose Samra:

Three small boys were bragging about their fathers. The first boasted that his dad owned a farm. The second said his dad owned a factory. The third boy, a pastor's son, replied, "That's nothin'. My dad owns hell."

"No way", another boy scoffed. "How can a man own hell?"

"Sure he can", the preacher's son said. "My mom told Grandma the elders gave it to him last night."

**A glimpse of past and present in first Cass City home tour**



The Alice Guernsey home was built by Meritt Otis.

**For senior citizens Free movies at library**

Rawson Memorial Library will show senior citizen movies Friday, Nov. 21, at 1:30 p.m. Showing will be:

Sons of the Desert with Them Thar Hills (Laurel and Hardy); Stan and Ollie, both members of the "Sons of the Desert" fraternity, are all set for the annual convention in Chicago. Ollie's wife forbids him to go! Their elaborate schemes to get there and back undetected make for the boys' most acclaimed feature. In "Them Thar Hills" Laurel and Hardy head for the mountains for lots of fresh air and healthy spring water. What they don't know is that the well they've been imbibing from has recently been "replenished" by the local bootleggers. Things go from bad to worse when the wife of a fellow traveler

dunks her canteen in, leading to yet another battle of reciprocal indignities. (83 minutes)

Second Span, Blue Water Bridge: Experience the dynamic activities of constructing the Second Span, Blue Water Bridge, connecting Port Huron, Michigan and Point Edward, Ontario. This informative entertaining video features action-packed scenes of pile driving, pier building, steel fabrication, concrete pours, crane lifts and ironworkers balancing on 4-foot beams 160 feet over the St. Clair River. (25 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

**King completes training**

Army Pvt. Jason J. King has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics,

military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

King is the son of Dennis H. and Marilyn K. King, Decker.

He is a 1997 graduate of Cass City High School.

**Sr. Citizens' Menu**

Senior citizens are asked to make reservations on the day of the meal between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. by calling Berenice Sowden, 872-2397.

NOV. 24-25-28

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**DISASTER!** A MOCK school bus rollover accident near Hardees last week tested the skills of Cass City emergency response personnel as well as the staff at Hills and Dales General Hospital. A host of Cass City drama students (above) helped to make the drill very realistic.

# Disaster!

## Mock school bus rollover tests emergency workers

A school bus driver loses control on a patch of black ice and flips over, injuring several students, some of whom are thrown from the bus only to become trapped underneath.

Bodies, bloodied from shattering glass, are scattered everywhere on the pavement, and the sound of ambulance sirens do little to drown out the victims' crying and screams of pain.

One girl lies still, her chest and abdomen torn open, organs exposed.

That was the scene Thursday at Hardees in Cass City, the site of a disaster drill designed to test emergency crews as well as the staff at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

And while the exercise was only a drill, ambulance attendants and fire fighters know only too well that a major accident can happen anywhere at anytime.

"It does happen and it could very well happen here," said Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski, whose department participated in the exercise. "(This) gives you an idea of what to expect."

Also taking part were 18 Cass City High School drama students, who, with the use of makeup and acting skills, were convincing "victims".

"I thought it went off really well. The kids are to be highly commended for the show they put on," Pawloski said. "I was really pleased with it."

He noted MMR emergency medical technicians on call Thursday did a great job of completing triage and transporting victims to the hospital. Just 20 minutes passed from the time the first ambulance arrived to the time the last of 7 patients was transported to the emergency room.

Thursday's drill was largely

designed to determine how prepared the hospital staff is to effectively handle mass casualties as well as the effectiveness of coordinating the hospital's disaster plan with local emergency operations personnel.

As the scenario unfolded, ambulance crews arrived and the EMTs immediately performed an initial triage to prioritize the injured, which included 4 children trapped

under the bus. There were 4 possible DOAs (dead on arrival). Aside from the 7 critical victims transported by ambulance to the emergency room, 6 students had minor injuries and all of them were taken to the hospital by private vehicles.

Meanwhile, the emergency room already had 2 patients; one with severe abdominal pain and another with a small laceration requiring stitches.

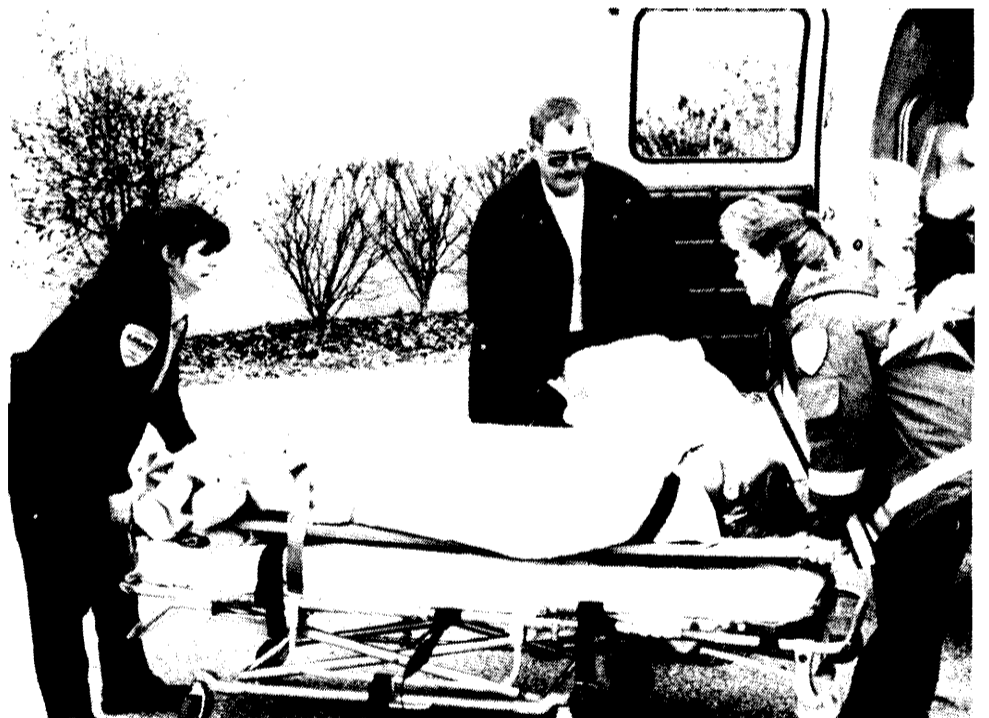
Pete Burrows, an X-ray technician and disaster committee chairman at Hills and Dales General Hospital, was pleased with the hospital staff's performance.

The goal is to continue improving from year to year, and that's what is happening, he said.

"It went a lot better than last year's (disaster drill), and we anticipate next year will be even better," he added.



**ELKLAND TOWNSHIP** Fire Chief Ron Pawloski helps Cass City High School sophomore Sonya Regnerus with her makeup prior to Thursday's disaster drill.



**THE DISASTER** drill tested the ability of emergency medical technicians to prioritize the injuries of 14 victims, about half of which were transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital.



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### Kula finishes course


Air Force Airman Shelly L. Kula has graduated from the operations resource management systems apprentice course at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss.

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Kula is the daughter of Yvonne M. and Jerry A. Kula, Owendale. She is a 1997 graduate of Laker High School, Pigeon.

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## Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

### 5 YEARS AGO

The Blue Bay League may be in trouble. Last week the Marlette board voted to seek entry into the Thumb C League. If accepted, Marlette's withdrawal would effectively kill the Blue Bay League because it would leave only 3 teams in it.

Last week area veterans dedicated a memorial in honor of Frank McComb, a lifelong Cass City resident who fought with the U.S. Army in the European Theatre. McComb was master carpenter in charge of restoring the old bowling alley into the present Cass City VFW Post home. He died in January 1991 just as the building was completed.

Rick Tuckey, Cass City, shot a 7-point buck opening morning and bagged a 3-pointer Monday morning.

St. Pancratius Women's Council met Monday at the parish hall. Ladies from St. Agatha's parish were guests. The meeting opened with a presentation of slides and commentary by Geneva Richards on her trip to Israel.

Cass City and Marlette battled each other to the bitter end Monday in the opening game of the district tournament at Reese. When all was told, it was senior Jenny Storm who delivered the knockout punch in the Hawks' 47-46 win.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Because of the drought that struck the Cass City area last summer, the farm pond lowered at the home of Kenneth Kern at the corner of Pringle and Lampton Roads, southeast of Cass City, and when it did, a motorcycle was found resting in the mud. It was a popular Japanese motorcycle with less than 4,000 miles on it. Kern speculated that someone had set the throttle and deliberately run the motorcycle into the water. The license plates had been removed.

"Hazen" William Guinther, Cass City, received his WW II decorations Nov. 2, more than 42 years after he served as a marine at Iwo Jima.

Janet E. Bryant, an R.N. at Hills and Dales General Hospital, earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Michigan-Flint. She will participate in commencement exercises Jan. 7.

Deford brothers David and Matthew Purvis, who attend Northwood Institute, have been named recipients of scholarships for the 1987-88 academic year. Matthew is recipient of the William H. Metzel Memorial and Northwood Institute Scholarship, while his brother,

David, is a recipient of the Jim Moran Scholarship.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutchinson have lived to the 80 plus mark without seeing the inside of a hospital. They are like the advertisement for Geritol. Eat right, exercise and get plenty of sleep. Only they don't take Geritol. They don't smoke or drink, either. Timothy Guinther, 15, Cass City, was discharged Tuesday from Hills and Dales Hospital where he was taken Saturday after he was accidentally shot in the leg by a shotgun while hunting partridge.

The scarcity of railroad cars and the possibility of snow are hampering the efforts of farmers and grain elevators in harvesting and shipping this year's corn crop. Area elevators reported Monday that the crop is about half off the field but about 3 weeks late.

The marching band awards banquet for Cass City High School was held Saturday at Sullivan's Restaurant in Saginaw. The following awards were given: Donald Yax — Most likely to improve; Darryl LaPeer — Most able to find money on the field; Cindy Urban — Most able to march with 2 left feet; Dave Langmaid — Rookie of the year; Henry Nolan — Most unexcusable; Neil Compo — Most improved; Deloris Sherrard — Most valuable player; Mollie Butler — Most valuable marcher; Jeanne Alexander — Most dependable, and Ken Hampshire — Most valuable band member.

### 35 YEARS AGO

From some 45 boys now practicing daily will come the varsity and junior varsity Red Hawks basketball team for 1962-63. Head Coach Wayne "Speed" Wilson is busy trying to find a starting line-up for his opening game with Marlette just one week away.

First woman hunter to report killing a deer was Mrs. Ray Surbrook, who shot a 6-point, 160-pound buck Thursday, Nov. 15, southeast of Cass City. It was her first deer.

Ed Mantey of Caro was guest speaker at the Cass City Rotary Club Tuesday noon at the New Gordon Hotel. He told members Russia's agricultural practices are the same as practices in the United States about 20 years ago. Mantey illustrated with slides that depicted life behind the Iron Curtain, taken on his trip to Europe Sept. 8-28.

Coach Oarie Lemanski has announced that 15 senior graders will graduate this year. They are: Dean Rienstra, Roger Karr, Bob Harmon, Jerry Ross, Mike Bryant, Roger Parker, Richard Reid, John Shagena, John Bohnsack, Bruce Shaw, Charles Seecley, Gerald Behr, Bob Rockwell, Bill Hutchinson and Dennis Rienstra.

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District winners

# O-G, Kingston advance

## North Huron bows to Cards' rally, 39-30

Coach Jim Green's Kingston Cardinals started strong and finished fast Monday to escape with a 39-30 win over North Huron in the opening round of district play in Owendale.

The Cardinals will now face Port Hope Wednesday, with the winner advancing into Friday's Class D district final. The championship tip-off is slated for 7:30.

Kingston will now reign as favorites to repeat as district champs. However, Port Hope is capable of defeating anyone as the Blue Stars were

the only North Central Thumb League team to knock off league champion Peck during the regular campaign.

Kingston jumped out to a quick 12-5 lead as Dana Zyrowski tossed in a pair of hoops in the early going. But North Huron's pressing defense in the second stanza jettied the Warriors to a 19-14 advantage at the intermission.

"We made some adjustments at the half," said Coach Green. "We moved Zyrowski to the middle and that

seemed to help solve their press."

The Cardinals drew to within a basket, 25-23, entering the final period where a 16-5 run sealed the victory. Zyrowski, who led all scorers with 11 points, nailed 7 charity throws in the final period to help secure the victory.

"Our game plan was to shut down Melissa O'Bea," said Green. "She scored 20 in both games during the season and we wanted to hold her down and make the other players beat us."

O'Bea finished with 7 tallies.

Besides Zyrowski, Kingston had sophomore

Beth Hunter with 9 points, followed by Jesse Kaniszewski with 7 points. Tammi Williams chipped in 6 tallies, while Bobbi King and Laura King added 4 and 2 tallies, respectively.

North Huron's Kimberly Yaroch and Jessica Deblouis split 16 to lead the losers.



ON THE FLOOR for a loose ball in Monday's Class D district action in Owendale is Kingston's Tammi Williams. The Cardinals came from behind in the final period to record a 39-30 win over North Huron. Also pictured are Cardinals Bobbi King (12) and Jesse Kaniszewski.

## Bulldogs upset A-F

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs opened the Class D district Monday in Owendale with a 50-48 upset win over league rival Akron-Fairgrove.

"In the districts anything can happen," said Viking Head Coach John Adams. "It's a whole new season."

The win, Owen-Gage's third of the season, advances the Bulldogs into tonight's contest with Caseville. Owen-Gage's only wins during the regular season came against the Eagles. If Coach Dave Fritz's Bulldogs can defeat the Eagles for a third time, they will earn a chance to play for the district crown Friday night against either Kingston or Port Hope.

The Bulldogs got a huge lift from freshman Erin Salcido in her varsity debut as she poured in a game high 15 points.

Trailing 10-6 entering the

second period, the Vikings used an 8-3 run and took a 14-13 lead on Staci Steffek's 10' jump shot to start the period. However, a pair of hoops from Salcido and Melissa Vargo's triple from the top of the key gave Owen-Gage its biggest advantage of the night at 22-16.

The Vikings found their shooting eye near the end of the first half and were able to draw even with the Bulldogs by the break on 12' jumpers by Danielle Latimer and Andrea Adams.

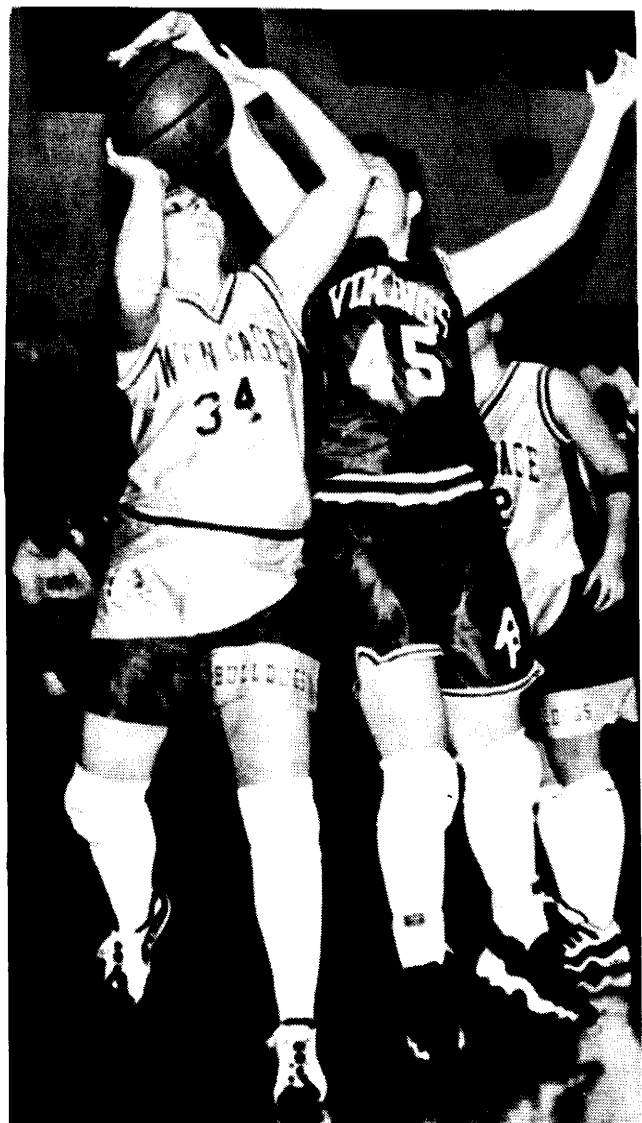
The 2 schools traded hoops for most of the third period in a frame that saw 13 lead changes and ended with the Vikings clinging to a 37-36 edge. Tara Hills led the Vikings in the stanza, registering 10 points on 5 field goals.

Bulldog Tonya Smith gave the hosts a 44-43 advantage with just over 3 minutes re-

maining when she hauled in a defensive rebound, drove the entire length of the floor and converted a 3-point play after being fouled as she penetrated the lane. It would be a lead that the Bulldogs would not surrender. Smith, who tallied 14 points, scored again with her Bulldogs clinging to a 47-45 advantage that sealed the victory for Owen-Gage with just 32 ticks showing on the clock.

The Vikings had Tina Petiprin, Danielle Latimer and Andrea Adams all with 9 points. Steffek added 6, while Angie Miller and Sydney Monte contributed 3 and 2 points, respectively.

Owen-Gage got 10 points from Vargo and 7 from Melanie Lemanski. Stephanie Lowry and Cassie Vargo finished with 2 points each for the winners.



OWEN-GAGE'S MELISSA VARGO attempts a shot over Akron-Fairgrove's Tara Hills during Monday's district opener in Owendale. Vargo scored 10 points in the Bulldogs' 50-48 upset win.

## Family member suspected in theft of auto Friday

Cass City police last week investigated a reported stolen motor vehicle in the village.

Susan McIlhargey, Cass City, reported the 1991 Buick 4-door stolen sometime Friday night, according to reports, which state a family member is believed to have taken the car.

The incident remains under investigation.

Also recently, Russell Bieffer, Cass City, reported someone poured hydraulic fluid into the brake fluid reservoir on his 1995 Chevrolet pickup truck, causing damage to the vehicle.

Police also reported making

one traffic related arrest. Reports state Carolyn M. Csanay, 31, Cass City, was arrested on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor early Sunday morning. Police stopped Csanay's vehicle on Main Street at the east end of the village.

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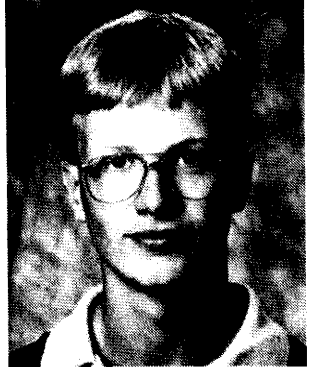
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**Student of month**



**Chadd C. Rhodes**

Owen-Gage High School senior Chadd C. Rhodes, the son of Charles and Jeanne Rhodes, Owendale, has been named "student of the month" for November.

Rhodes has been active in football, basketball and baseball, as well as band, homecoming court and pep club. He is an honor roll student and was recently honored as "Focus Student of the Month."

His future plans include working and attending college.

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Friday, November 21

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

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

### Monday, November 24

Cass City Women's Club, 6 p.m., Charmont.

Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary, noon, Charmont.

Cass City School Board meeting, Deford Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

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

### Tuesday, November 25

Rotary Club, 12 noon, Charmont.

Gavel Club

### Wednesday, November 26

Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

Last week's winners: Bill Dupuis and John Haire.

### Appoint Peters to board

The Elkland Township Board last week appointed resident Anton Peters to fill a vacancy on the township Zoning Board.

The seat was previously held by Bob Alexander, who moved out of the county, township Clerk Norma Wallace explained. She said Peters was appointed to complete a term that will expire in May 2000.

In other business during the Nov. 10 monthly meeting,

the board accepted a bid of \$755 from Jim and Pat McDonald for a 1930 Model A pickup truck used at the township cemetery. The bid was the highest among 7 offers, Wallace said.

The board also voted to pay 2 township fire fighters \$8 per hour to attend county fireman association meetings. Wallace said the pay rate is the same for firemen attending local meetings.



CAS PASIECZNY, president of the Cass City Gavel Club, presents a check for \$2,500 to librarian Barb Hutchinson. The check is the final payment of the club's pledge of \$10,000 for Rawson Memorial Library expansion.

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# Crashes claim 2 lives

Traffic accidents have claimed 2 lives in 4 days in Tuscola County.

The latest crash, reported Saturday morning near Unionville, left a Bay City man dead.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro identified the victim as Mark J. Mika, 38, who was a passenger in a 1994 GMC Jimmy driven by his brother-in-law, Michael W. Hogan, 37, of Waterford.

Troopers said Hogan was northbound on Thomas Road north of Loomis Road at about 9:10 a.m. when he lost control of the vehicle, which left the roadway and entered a large water-filled ditch.

The vehicle landed upside down and submerged, according to troopers, who reported Mika drowned.

Passersby assisted in pulling both men from the water prior to the arrival of emergency medical technicians, however, Mika could not be revived.

The accident remains under investigation.

The other fatal crash occurred last Wednesday about 2 1/2 miles west of Kingston on M-46 just west of Froede Road. Killed was James M. Sadro, 27.

Troopers reported Sadro was driving west on M-46 when he appeared to cross the center line, colliding head-on with an eastbound tractor-trailer driven by Scott Schwartz, 29, of Grayling.

Schwartz was not injured, according to reports, which state his semi-tractor load of lumber was spilled onto the highway. Police closed a section of M-46 for more than 5 hours to investigate and clean up the debris.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts at the time of the 5:10 a.m. crash, reports state.



MEMBERS OF DAISY Scout Troop 637, Cass City, (from left) Sadie Jordan, Stephanie Bock, Stephanie Steely, Emily Martin and Monica Stover, set up their mitten tree boxes at Coach Light Pharmacy and the local post office last week. The scouts will accept donations of hats, mittens and other items until Dec. 15, then distribute the items to Campbell and Deford students.

## Nov. 29 in Cass City

# Virtuoso cellist featured Bach Festival performer

Virtuoso Cello Brant Taylor will perform "Cello Concerto in C Major", by Austrian Composer Franz Joseph Haydn, at the 1997 Village Bach Festival. Taylor's performance of this challenging and brilliant composition will be at the First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, Saturday, Nov. 29, at 8:15 p.m.

Taylor, who has become an audience favorite in recent Village Bach Festivals, has just this season joined the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra in Missouri. A former member of the Everest String Quartet, Taylor holds a Bachelor of Music degree and a

performer's certificate from the Eastman School of Music, where he was a winner of the school's prestigious concerto competition in 1993. His Master of Music degree is from Indiana University, where he was a student of Janos Starker. His performance of the Haydn concerto will be with the Village Bach Festival Orchestra under the direction of music director Don Th. Jaeger.

"It is always a musically rewarding experience to have Brant Taylor as a soloist with the Festival Orchestra," states Jaeger. "Brant is a superb musician who establishes

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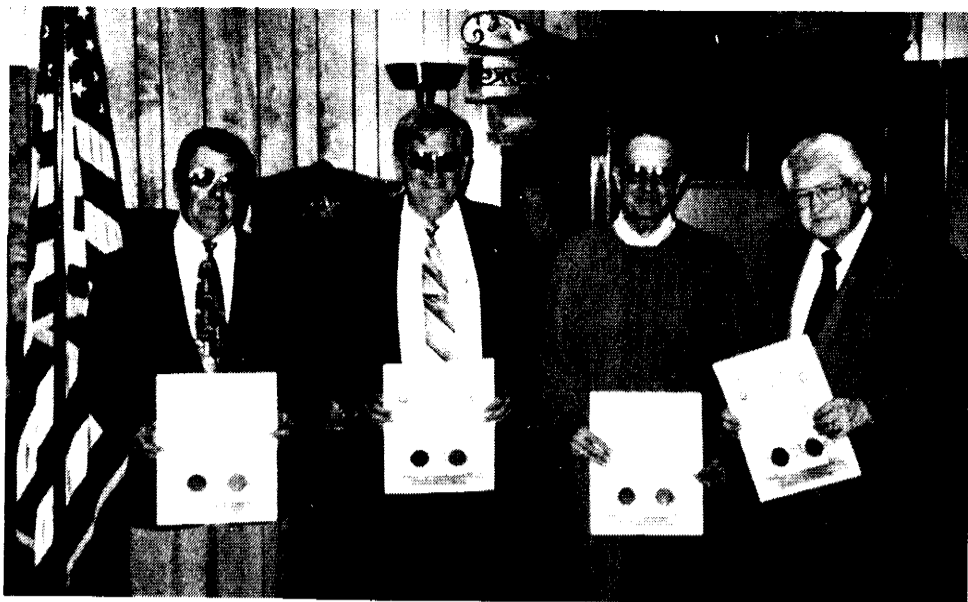
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**HONORED DURING** the annual awards dinner with 40-year life certificates were (from left) Bob Wood, Albert Griffen, Robert Ricker and Willard Dobbs.



**STANLEY MORELL (second from left) and Alfred Lowell (far right)**, are congratulated by Past Master Willard Dobbs and Worshipful Master Barney Hoffman after receiving their 50-year lapel pins.



**THE REV. ROBERT Garrett (left)** was presented with the "Edgar A. Guest" award annually and selected by members of the Mason Lodge. This award is presented to a non-member and outstanding citizen.

### Uby Lions celebrate holiday

The Uby Lions Club's annual Halloween party was Friday, Oct. 31, at the Uby Elementary School gymnasium.

It was highlighted by the judging and money scrambles for different age groups. Cider and donuts were provided for them by the Lions. The grand champion costume was a scarecrow worn by Ashley Burton. She was the unanimous choice of the 9 judges of the 3 different categories. Scariest, Funniest and Most Original. Lola Brown, Marilyn Schneider and Bonnie Ross judged the Most Original. Doreen Zulauf, Barbara Butch and Judy Glaza handled the Funniest groups. Patricia Krug, Georgianna Chinoski and Connie Swartzentruber decided the Scariest costumes.

Lion members congratulate parents and the children for making this another safe Halloween day and for their continued support of this event and all other Lion activities and projects.

## 6 arraigned on felony charges

The following people were recently arraigned in Tuscola County District Court on various felony charges:

•Mark C. Childs, 23, Vassar, is charged with delivery/manufacture of marijuana Sept. 25 in Vassar Township.

Bond in the case was set at \$2,000 and a preliminary examination was scheduled for Dec. 5 at 9 a.m.

•Jason W. Hoover, 17, Millington, faces a charge of delivery/manufacture of marijuana Oct. 9 in Arbel Township.

His bond was set at \$5,000. A preliminary exam was slated for Dec. 5 at 9 a.m.

•Malcom J. Heath, 18, Millington, was arraigned on 3 counts of breaking and entering a vehicle for the purpose of stealing property valued at more than \$5, 3 counts of conspiracy to commit breaking and entering a vehicle, 2 counts of receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100, 3 counts of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, 3 counts of conspiracy to commit breaking and entering a building, and 3 counts of larceny in a building.

Bond was set at \$500 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Dec. 5 at 9 a.m.

•Elizabeth K. Hopper, 18, Millington, was arraigned on charges of possession of cocaine (less than 25 grams) and possession of marijuana Oct. 2 in Arbel Township.

Bond was set at \$5,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for Nov. 26 at 9 a.m.

•Keith S. Stalter, 33, Genesee, faces charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle Sept. 20, 1996, in Vassar.

Bond was set at \$25,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Nov. 26 at 9 a.m.

Court records state all of the alleged offenses took place Aug. 13 in Millington Township.

Bond for Heath was set at a combined \$30,000. He faces a preliminary exam Dec. 5 at 9 a.m.

•Paul G. Viele, 46, Vassar, was charged with writing a \$100 no account check Aug. 16 in Indianfields Township.

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*Asia-Pacific operations*

# Walbro marks anniversaries

Walbro Corporation recently celebrated the anniversaries of 2 operations in its Asia-Pacific region. In September, ceremonies were held marking Walbro

Japan's 25th anniversary. Walbro Japan was initially formed in 1972 as a joint venture with Keihin-Seiki. Later, Walbro bought out its partner, making the Japanese

operation a wholly-owned subsidiary. Today, in addition to administrative offices in Tokyo, Walbro Japan has extensive operations 200 miles north, in Miyagi Prefecture. These include a recently-expanded engineering center with design, engineering, test and calibration labs, plus major manufacturing operations where carburetors, solenoids and fluid handling components are produced.

Ceremonies were also held in September for the 10th anniversary of Mitsuba-Walbro, a joint venture with Mitsuba Corporation of Kiryu City, Japan. Mitsuba-

Walbro, also located in Kiryu City, produces fuel pump and module components in a new facility that includes extensive engineering and development activities. Mitsuba-Walbro also serves as a marketing arm for these products in Asia.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to celebrate 25 years of expanding operations in the Asia Pacific region," said Robert H. Walpole, president - Walbro Asia-Pacific. "Walbro Japan has grown in size and importance to the company over 25 years of successful operation and is an important source of

both technology and products. Mitsuba-Walbro, in addition to providing high quality components for our operations around the world, plays an important marketing role in Asia."

"These 2 anniversaries demonstrate the success of Walbro's global philosophy. When Walbro established its first operations in 1972, it was regarded as an unusual move for a company of its size. Today, Walbro has over 30 facilities around the world, allowing us to serve a global customer base with world-class levels of technology, quality and service."



**RICK COLEMAN, Cass City, a former longtime special agent with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency, is the new executive director of Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ.**

## Former DEA agent new YFC director

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"Contrary to what people believe, marijuana is a stepping stone to the other drugs. I saw it constantly," Coleman said, adding he saw the same pattern repeated time after time: a small-time marijuana user goes from using to selling to support his own habit, then buys and sells larger and larger quantities and makes good money, then moves on to cocaine or another drug that offers even bigger financial gains. "And before long, he's a federal drug offender."

**DANGER**

During his 8 1/2 years in Detroit, Coleman made plenty of enemies.

"It was extremely dangerous. I never had to shoot anyone, but I was involved in several cases where shots were fired and individuals were shot," he said.

In 1979, FBI officials received word that a heroin trafficking group in Detroit had put a contract out on Coleman's life. The offer: \$100,000.

That same year, Coleman said he turned his life over to Jesus Christ. But the reason had more to do with an

answer to prayer than fear of professional killers.

He explained that after the contract was put out on his life, he was subsequently transferred to St. Louis, Mo., but he was having no luck selling his home. He asked for prayer during a church service, and the next thing he knew, a buyer showed up willing to pay the asking price.

"It changed me drastically," Coleman said. "I became a better family man and I had compassion on drug dealers instead of treating them like the scum of the Earth."

Coleman, who in time began to share his own testimony with drug offenders, said years as a narcotics officer had convinced him enforcement of the law — repeated arrests and even hard prison time — were not enough to stop a drug addict from buying and selling dope.

"Nothing will change these drug dealers except a change of heart. I realized... that was the answer, not law enforcement."

**TRANSFERRED**

After working in St. Louis,

Coleman was transferred to a satellite office in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He was promoted to group supervisor back in Detroit in 1985, then was sent to Washington, D.C., to train as a staff coordinator. In 1991, he was selected to serve as "agent in charge" in Cleveland, Ohio.

Coleman said he had become very active in his church through various leadership positions and as a member of a missions committee, and was in the process of preparing for the mission field himself as he looked forward to retirement from the DEA. He noted he had taken classes through the Moody Bible Institute and had already made 3 trips to the Dominican Republic.

At the time, he thought he would spend the coming years serving as a missionary on foreign soil. But a call from the Bluewater Thumb YFC Board changed all that.

Coleman said he had become familiar with the Thumb and the area YFC organization because his wife, Melva, is originally from Pigeon and has family there, and she was active in YFC as a teen. The Colemans, who have 3 grown children, also traveled to the area many summers to spend time at Bay Shore Camp.

"That's how they knew us. People knew I was available, having retired," he said.

Coleman brings with him extensive experience in administration, organization and personnel as well as public relations, all skills that were honed during his years as a narcotics office and DEA administrator.

Perhaps the biggest difference between that job and serving as YFC executive director is budgeting, according to Coleman, who pointed out there is a federal budget for drug enforcement. "This is strictly a donation-based budget. (YFC is) an organization that requires financial backing."

Towards that end, Coleman has already begun to work with a local steering committee in hopes of securing the financial support needed to further expand YFC activities into the Cass City area.

Anyone interested in getting involved or making a donation can learn more by calling Bluewater Thumb YFC at 1-888-258-4862, or 1-517-453-3239.

Residents can make a difference by making a one-time gift or a monthly pledge of support, Coleman said. "If people are willing to do that, we desperately need it."

## 4 sentenced in circuit court

Four people were sentenced for felony convictions last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

•Donnie K. Harp II, 22, Cass City, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 6 months in the county jail, with work release or worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100 July 13 in Elkland Township.

Harp was also ordered to reimburse the county \$1,000, and pay \$1,000 in court costs and fines plus \$360 in oversight fees and \$650 in restitution.

•David Warren, 17, Caro, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 365 days in jail, with school release, for his plea of guilty to attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years July 26 in Almer Township.

Warren was ordered to pay \$750 in costs and fines, \$442 in attorneys fees, \$360 in

oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

•Troy R. Inches, 18, Tuscola, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 180 days in jail, with school release, for his plea of guilty to attempted receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 Aug. 18 in Vassar.

All but the first 60 days of Inches' jail term was deferred without a date. He was ordered to complete high school and pay \$400 in costs and fines, \$310 in attorneys fees, \$360 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee. Restitution is to be determined.

•Seth W. Dever, 18, Vassar, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 60 days in jail (30 days deferred), with school release, for his plea of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny in July-August in Tuscola Township.

Dever was ordered to complete high school and pay \$500 in costs and fines plus \$360 in oversight fees, \$500 in restitution and a \$60 victim crime fee.



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