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# jobs made the news in 1980

t has refused to hear the of Attorney General k Kelley in his effort to a tax rollback for the n-Gage School District.

uly 10 -- Except for a few inkles, second annual s City 4th of July Festienjoys good weather, h crowds estimated as se to last year's number. -liminary census count is 30 residents in Cass City. when village counted in 7, there were 2,456. Owene\_celebrates 75th annisarv.

uly 17 -- Service station t,has stood at Seeger and in since 1928 is torn down. nes E. Fisher, 9, dies en car hits his bicycle. rishioners of St. Ignatius tholic church in Austin

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township are celebrating its grand champion steer at Tuscola County Fair. Chest-90th birthday. July 24 -- Norma Emblem er (Chet) Muntz retires after escapes with minor damage from rain and wind storm

which caused major damage

elsewhere in upper Thumb.

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Aug. 7 -- Paul Berry State Court Administrator defeats four other candi-Einar Bohlin says creation dates to win Republican of single-judge circuit court nomination for sheriff; Standistrict for Tuscola county ley Henry winner of three-Board decides not to reinwas done in violation of state man Republican race for constitution. Shirley Geiger drain commissioner; Keith of Cass City is seriously Muxlow defeats three oppoinjured in Saginaw county nents to win Republican crash in which Vasser nomination for 77th state House of Representatives July 31 -- Four miles of seat. Sprouted wheat due to Germania Road in Green- heavy rains means big loss leaf township are paved for farmers. Wells township after several years of wait- fire leaves Jack Putnam ing. John Gallagher has family of seven homeless.

Aug. 14 -- Teacher contract talks between Cass City School Board and Tri-County Bargaining Association are stalled. At Sanilac County 4-H Fair, Merilee Leslie, Decker, has grand champion steer; Marlene Janowiak, Argyle, has grand champion hog, and Brian Hirsch, Decker, has grand champion market lamb. Owen-Gage School

state study halls. Aug. 21 -- Grain elevators which have stood on Vulcan. Street since the 1880s are torn down. Cass City School District voters approve 1-mill tax increase by vote of 751-472. Federal government approves \$30,800 grant for new tennis courts.

Aug. 28 - School starts at Owen-Gage despite lack of teacher contract. Ubly Board of Education approves contract giving teachers 10 percent pay increase each of two years. Cass City School Board decides against hiring Joyce Crouse, wife of the superin-, tendent, as a teacher.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4 -- Picket signs aren't needed, as last minute settlement allows Cass City schools to open on schedule. New Tuscola Area Skill Center doesn't open, as Tuscola Intermediate School District professional staff strikes due to lack of contract. After 25 years as superintendent of Cass City wastewater - treatment plant, village council deplace of Nelson Willy to be in charge. Sept. 11 -- Clio couple and their five grandchildren are

ton. Ubly School District voters reject \$1.295 proposed build high school addition. Total Owen-Gage tax levy to decrease by half-mill. Sept. 18 -- Tuscola Area

Skill Center opens and county special education programs begin as Tuscola Intermediate School District

tentative agreement on three-year contract. Rain delays bean harvesting and damages yields in some areas. Kingston Krome employees receive Trade Readjustment Act benefits.

Sept. 25 -- Cass City without long distance telephone service for about 17 hours due to soaked long-distance cable. Cass City teachers approve new three-year contract, 59-7. United Auto Workers applies for Trade Readjustment Act benefits for laid off workers at Walbro, Anrod Screen Cylinder and 12 other plants in upper Thumb.

#### **OCTOBER**

Oct. 2 -- Cass City schools lose 62 students, as enrollment in all area districts declines compared to last year. Robert Roy Clark of Decker dies in crash on Shabbona Road. Elkland township firemen battle barn blaze on Krapf Road for seven hours. Oct. 9 -- Elkland-Novesta United Way keeps same goal

as last year, \$13,500. Cass City School Board delays making apology to Joyce Crouse. Stanley Kirn retires

after 23 years of delivering mail in Cass City. Gagetown ends fiscal year in black. Oct. 16 -- Latest U.S. Census count for Cass City is 2.250 residents; village to protest. Loss estimated at \$50,000-60,000 as home of Gordon Teddy near Kingston burns. Owendale-Gagetown cides to hire someone in ends fiscal year in "black," but only if revenue which it doesn't have from Goslin parcel is counted.

Oct 23 -- \$3.4 million Highkilled in crash near Milling- land Pines School for county's handicapped children opens. Michigan to Cass City. Not a lot of birds to be found as pheasant hunting season opens.

television reception to

improve, Cass City Village Council told. Richard J. Hisey of Decker killed in Lapeer county traffic accident. Red Hawks win share of Thumb B Association title,

and professional staff reach schools owe Construction Coordinators \$41,283.

> Dec. 18 -- Tuscola County Board of Commissioners tentatively approves very tight 1981 budget of \$3.9 million, which may avoid lay-

offs. Texas and Oklahoma appear to be promised land for Cass City area unemployed. Approval of sewer project funding for Gagetown and Owendale one step closer. Dec. 24 -- Forty-seven to

lose jobs'at Caro Regional Center. Retirement near for Hugh Marr after 18 years as Tuscola county sheriff, Federal CETA funds provide jobs or job training for 3,182 in upper Thumb in 1979-80.



EASY RIDER -- Casually coasting down the hill in the village park Saturday afternoon was Keith Malkowski, 8.



their first since 1972.

NOVEMBER

million bonding proposal to Artrain to make return visit Oct. 30 -- Estimated 1980-81 Cass City school budget more than \$3 million; Cable



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Nov. 6 -- Paul Berry elected Tuscola county sheriff. Most township and county millage proposals are defeated, including one mill for Tuscola county operations and bridges. Arson believed to be cause of fire that destroys Harmony Hill lanes in Caro, with loss of almost \$500,000.

Nov. 13 - Dryer bin fire loss on Arnold Broecker farm in Evergreen township more than \$50,000. Twentyfour charged with delivery of various illegal drugs in largest "drug bust" in Tuscola county history. Joyce Crouse withdraws complaint against Cass City School Board.

Nov. 20 -- Michigan Supreme Court hears arguments in Goslin transfer case, crucial to future of Owendale-Gagetown School District; decision could be year away. Sheriff-elect Paul Berry selects Paul Megge to be undersheriff. Heating fuel cost increases probably won't be as much as overall inflation rate. Cass City and Owen-Gage girls' basketball teams both

win league titles. Nov. 27 -- Elkland-Novesta United Way collects at least \$13,800, \$300 more than its goal. General Cable honors 13 employees who have been with the firm for the 20 years it has been in Cass City. Cass City School Board wrestles with new teacher hiring policy, but no decisions are made.

### DECEMBER

Dec. 4 - Turnout exceeds last year and musicians rave, as repeat of Village Bach Festival in 1981 seems likely. Twenty percent increase in water and sewer rates likely as Cass City Village Council reviews proposed 1981 budget. Countless cars off road as early winter storm wreaks havoc. New Baltimore youth killed in apparent accidental shooting in Argyle township. Dec. 11 -- Most motorists and homeowners will pay higher premiums under Michigan's new Essential Insurance Law. Further state aid cuts will mean further belt tightening for Cass City schools. Ameri-

can Arbitration Association rules Owendale-Gagetown

Facing a possible federal court order, the legislature voted late in the last session to give the governor emergency powers to act in the event of a prison overcrowding situation.

By Warren M. Hoyt

Mich. Press Association

The legislation gives the governor emergency powers to reduce sentences and to order the release of prisoners in the event of a prison overcrowding crisis.

Current prison facilities are overpopulated by more than 1,000 inmates and law suits are at a point where they could soon enter the federal courts, where new facilities or reduced population could be ordered.

Under the legislation, the governor's authority would take effect any time the inmate population reaches 95 percent of capacity for a month.

Corrections would inform the governor of the condition and he would then reduce sentences of all inmates by 90 days. Currently, this could re-duce the population by about

If the first reduction does not solve the overcrowding problem, the governor could continue to reduce sentences by another 90 days until the overcrowding problem is

important tool in holding the process remain intact through this act so we can state's prison population at the capacity established by continue to refuse to release dangerous the Ingham County Circuit Johnson said. Court.

called the overcrowding community. The screening

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The state's top corrections

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partment to develop a plan

for demolition of the Michi-

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Johnson said without the

dictate, the state might

maintain operation of that

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ard facility almost indefi-

The court in late October, as a result of a suit filed by official also said he was pleased with enactment of East Lansing Attorney Zolanother bill providing for a ton Ferency, ordered the state to reduce its inmate statewide regional prison system. population to 13,013 by Jan.

At that time, the population was 13,140 with another 1,968 residing in halfway houses and alternative corrections facilities or programs.

"The provisions of the act are rational because they allow for rapid reduction in population but do not unduly nitely."

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1,200 inmates.

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