

2014

The year began with the 68th annual Fingerbowl football game on New Years day. The youngsters won this years game 20-6. We had good TV coverage from Channel 12!! Attendance at the game was effected by the fact that several of the Krause family members were in California watching Michigan State at the Rose Bowl!

It was a long cold Winter!! There was snow on the ground from November to March!! We stayed busy and warm at our ATR Computers business where we enjoyed a good year. We also had a busy season at our Ace Tent Rental business this summer! We added on to our business headquarters at our barn for the 11th time this summer!! You can't ever have enough space in a barn!!



The kids, Jim (44), Kris (39), and Melissa (37), all work with us at the computer business. The grandchildren (14) and great-grandchildren (2) are spread out between Michigan, Massachusetts , Illinois, and Colorado!! One of the highlights of the year, was the birth on September 15th, of our great-granddaughter Maddison to proud parents Kelsey and Chris.

Fred recovered from shoulder surgery and played in baseball tournaments in Florida, in February and Las Vegas, in March. When the regular season started in May, he tore a groin muscle and missed most of the regular season. After 8 weeks of rehab he was healed up enough in October to play in a softball tournament in Utah. He also got to play baseball in Phoenix in October and in the Roy Hobbs World series in Ft Myers in November. His team won the Hobbs 60+ AAA Championship!!



Ted & Fred



Cheryl & Denise

Denise and Fred traveled to Pittsburgh in August to visit her family and attend the wedding of her friend Cheryl and new husband Ted Tragard. They also traveled to Ft. Lauderdale to visit friends Steve and Cheryl and were visited in August by Florida friends Peggy and Gary.



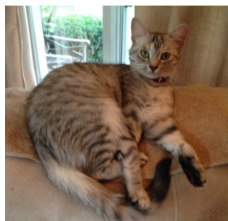
Cheryl & Steve

In August, we hosted the Kearsley Class of 1967 65th birthday party picnic. We had a great time with old friends celebrating our coming to Medicare age!! Our old High School group also enjoyed time together during the year celebrating birthdays, had a float in the homecoming parade, and ended the year with a Christmas luncheon in Frankenmuth.



The Jack-O-Planters pumpkin growing party was held in October. Brother Paul grew the largest pumpkin this year with a record 403 pounder!! Our pumpkin was second at 295 pounds! Cousin Lora won the apple pie baking contest and the minute-to-win-it contest was won by the Cousin Trista and her Port Huron team!

We made it to Las Vegas a few times this year. The CES show and a horse race handicapping contest were a couple of the fun times!! We also had trips there during the year with friends Pam Webster and Sue Clinton and John and Jane Connor. We did not have our 26th annual September birthday trip this year due to a lot of conflicts, but that will make a good excuse for a big birthday bash next year!! You are all invited!!



Fred still bowls once a week with brother Paul, son-in-law Matt and other friends. This last season all 5 team members averaged over 200!! He also golf's with old work friends in the EGL golf league. The league had its annual golf outing this September at Boyne Mountain.

Our two golden retrievers Lexie and Buddy have a new stable mate in Diamond the crazy cat. Lexie still delivers shoes to anyone who is interested, Buddie's greatest fun is car rides, and Diamonds thing is terrorizing the two dogs!!

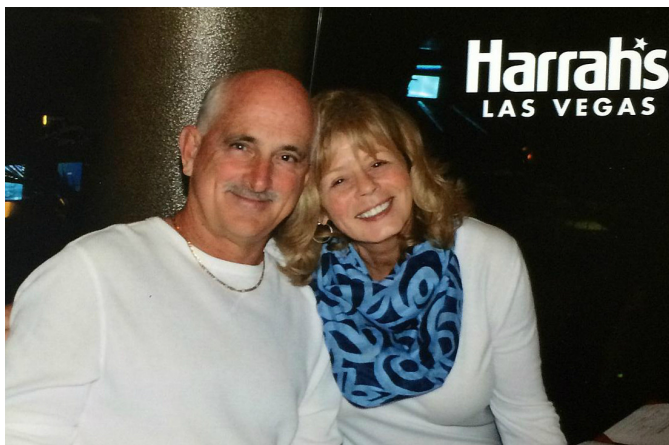
Well that pretty much summarizes another year!! A very special thanks during this holiday season, to each and every one of you for being part of all the memories over the years!! God Bless You and Yours!!



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Merry Christmas From Fred & Denise!!



Alex, Avery, & Matthew



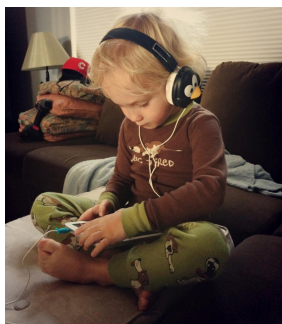
Bret



Kelsey, Jimmy, & Nathan



Alyssa



Tommy