

Wreck kills rural Portsmo

WOODBINE — A two-car accident Sunday afternoon in Harrison County claimed the life of a rural Portsmouth boy.

Killed was Michael L. Leuschen, 12, son of the William Leuschens of rural Portsmouth. The family resides about 5 miles west of Portsmouth.

According to the Iowa Highway Patrol, the accident occurred about 4:30 p.m. on a Harrison County road about 5½ miles southeast of Woodbine.

Authorities said a car driven by Annette M. Leuschen, 17, was eastbound when it collided with a westbound car driven by Marilyn J. Porter of Missouri Valley. The two vehicles had apparently met at the crest of a hill and sideswiped one another.

The impact of the collision forced the Leuschen vehicle into the south ditch and back onto the roadway where it rolled over. The roll-over threw Michael Leuschen from the car, authorities said.

The Porter vehicle remained on the roadway.

Injured and taken to

Myrtle Memorial Hospital, Harlan, were Annette Leuschen; Carol Leuschen, 15; Betty Leuschen, 13; Bennett Leuschen, 14; and Wendy Leuschen, 9.

Ms. Porter was not injured. There was no report of any other occupants in her car.

All but two members of the family have been treated and released from Myrtle

Memorial Hospital. Carol and Betty Leuschen are reported satisfactory condition at MMI.

Services for the Leuschen boy were set for Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Panama, with burial St. Mary's Cemetery.

The youth was born Harlan and attended grade school at the Woodbine Community School.