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IN THE NEWS



Each year the Free Press recognizes businesses that have that special something that keeps their employees happy. In the large firm category, **Plante Moran**, with 2200 employees, is among the largest certified public accounting and business advisory firms in America. The firm has been a winner of the “Top Work Places” 7 times. Here are some of the things they do for their employees.

► Flexible schedules.

- Scholarship programs for children of employees.
- Health club dues.
- Free non-interest bearing loans in time of need and more.

Who is the managing partner of this company?



Gordon Krater,
1976 Graduate
of John F
Kennedy High
School.

The Taylor Alumni Association extends congratulations to Gordon and wish him continued success in his career. ✍️

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Traverse Bay Farms wins three additional Scovie Awards in the 2017 Food Competition (The Scovie Awards recognizes the best fiery foods and barbecue products in the world the world's largest spicy food competition). This brings the number of National Food Awards they have won to 26. Winning the World-Renowned Scovie Awards puts Traverse Bay Farms in the ranks of the Elite.

The business was started by and owned by Andy & Jennifer Weir LaPointe, both Graduates of John F Kennedy High School- Andy in 1986 and Jennifer in 1988.

They are based in Bellaire, Michigan, have a retail outlet located in Downtown Elk Rapids and have plans to open a third location in the Metro Detroit area in the near future.

They offer a complete line of award winning fruit salsa, fruit BBQ sauces, dried fruit and super fruit products (dietary supplement), including tart cherry juice concentrates, tart cherry capsules and more. More information can be found on their website at traversebayfarms.com.

The Taylor Alumni Association extends congratulations to Andy & Jennifer for their amazing success in the food industry.



Traverse Bay Farms award winning products.

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT MICHIGAN

- ▶ Michigan abolished the ‘Death Penalty’ in 1846 for all crimes other than Treason, becoming not only the 1st state but the first English speaking country in the world to do so.
- ▶ In the resort town of Saugatuck, Michigan the Saugatuck Chain Ferry, built in 1838 is the only remaining Hand Cranked Chain Ferry in the USA.



DOWN MEMORY LANE: 50 YEARS AGO

TCH Class of 1967

Mr. Whited was Principal and Mrs. Pauloski and Mr. Herman were his assistants. Senior Counselors were Mr. Mendola and Mr. Thomas.

A time for memories— Homecoming with Queen Marilyn Carroll and Court Pam Durfee, Michelle Legris, Gayle Travis and Sharon McDermott

Two thousand people viewed the production of “Miracle Worker”, starring John Elliott, Diane Kapla, Steve Demsky, Gayle Travis, Maureen Elrod, Ray Elrod, Janet Jewell, Tom Mullins, Jo Anne Hungo, Michael Certain, Ida Elrod, Debbie Baum, Judy Benven, Becky Durfee, Pam Durfee, Elaine Herron, Elaine O’Donnell and Patty McLennon.

JFK Class of 1967

Mr. Maley was Principal and Mr. Lininger and Mr. Pantalone were his assistants. Counselors were; Mr. Bargamian, Mr. Goetz, Miss Ohanesian, Mr. Trierweiler and Mr. Troesch.

Class leaders: President, David Ashe, Vice President, William Levergood, Secretary, Rosemary Schafnitt, Treasurer, Tom Fraser and Class Advisor Mr. Richard Kozik.

The Debate Team guided by Mr. Clements won many trophies. Top Debaters were, Ruth Gerdom, Lorraine New, Art Stanley and Dave White.

The 1967 Football Team went undefeated and were the league Champions. Winning All-League honorable mention awards were; Carl Bantau, Tom Fraser, Russ LaFleur, Paul Psujek, Dan Mann and Terry

Styer. Those named to the All-League Team were Schumake and Tauck.

All-Area Honors went to LaFleur.

Winning both League and Area Honors were Unger and Witz.

Bob Trimai won All-State, All-Area and All-League Honors.



Who Thinks of These Things.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn’t control her pupils?

Velcro— what a rip off!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW... FEATURING THE JFK AND TCH CLASSES OF 1967 (50 YEAR AGO)



Bill and his wife

Bill Levergood JFK Class of 67. "It is hard to believe that 50 years ago the great class of 1967 from John F. Kennedy High School was in the midst of their Senior year. In many ways it seems like it was just yesterday that we heard, 'Band, take the field,' for the halftime of our football games, or we sang our fight song or Alma Mater. But then our bodies snap us back into reality and we realize it has been 50 years.

As we walked out of Ford Auditorium on that June evening of 1967, we all had a

number of hopes and plans for our futures. Let me share with you some of the things the Lord has done in my life over the last half century.

After receiving my degree from Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, my wife, Carol, and I worked on the church staff of two churches for three years. In 1974 we were approved as missionaries to the country of Brazil in South America. Over the next 21 years we started 3 churches, a bible institute, and built a youth camp.

In 1995, due to my wife's health, we returned to the States where I was invited to teach mission's courses at my Alma Mater. I also became Pastor of the Dunnegan Bible Baptist Church in Dunnegan, Missouri, which I Pastored for over 12 years. At the College

I am also in my 19th year as the Dean of Men (the mean guy) and I love working with our students. I also serve on the pastoral staff of the Cherry Street Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri.

As I look back over the past 50 years my mind still goes back to the great times at Kennedy High. I am thankful for the things I learned in the classroom, but more importantly the life lessons I learned from working with my fellow students, administration, and teachers. People like Mr. Maley, Mr. Pantalone, Mr. Craig, Mr. Harala, Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Dickleman, Russ (P-boo) Pobursky, and the list goes on and on. We all learned what it was like to work together for the honor of our school. Wow, 50 years! Congratulations class of 1967!"

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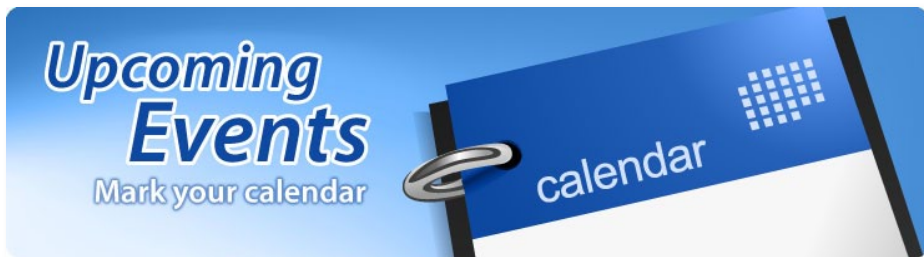
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Tom Barszczowski, TCH 1967.
Tom was born and raised on
Mayfair near Ecorse Road.
He attended Taylor Parks, St.
Cyrils and West Jr High and
Taylor Center High School.
Tom was really active while
attending TCH. In his senior
year he was Vice President
of his class, President of the

Varsity Club, played on the
Tennis Team and acted in
plays. He stated he had a
wonderful education from
great teachers.

After Graduation from Eastern
Michigan University he started
his teaching career in Ubly,
where he met and married
Marilou. He has been married
43 years. The Barszczowski's

have two children, Dawn and
Tom and five grandchildren.
Tom returned to Taylor and
a teaching position at Taylor
Center High fulfilling a long
time dream of teaching in the
district he was a student.

The Taylor Alumni
congratulates Tom and Bill on
fine careers and wishes them
the best. 📌



January 10, 2017

Taylor Alumni Board meeting, 6:30 pm School District Office
Northline Rd—all welcomed.

January 12, 2017

Taylor Foundation 8:00 am School District Office, Northline Rd—
all welcomed.

February 9, 2017

Taylor Foundation 8:00 am School District office Northline Rd—
all welcomed.

July 29, 2017

JFK class of 1967 – 50 reunion 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 pm Taylor
Meadows, \$45 per person. Questions contact Linda Pilous 248-
478-4145, Gloria Villet 734-775-6167 or Nancy Mascaro 313-
291-3556.

OBITUARIES



The Alumni Association members would like to extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the former classmates mentioned below. You will forever be in our thoughts and prayers.

John F Kennedy High

Christine Griggs Philip Class of 1970 and retired District secretary (passed November 30, 2016).

Harry S. Truman High School

John "Red" Warner, Class of 1982 (passed December 12, 2016).

Taylor Center High

Sue Anderson Westbay, Class of 1971 (passed July 8, 2016).

Larry Collier, Class of 1965 (passed October 20, 2016)

Jerry Holt, Class of 1965 (passed November 24, 2016).

Mary Trupiano Szlag, Class of 1973 (passed December 16, 2016).

Sharon Cox Lockett, Taylor Center 1973 (passed October 19, 2016).

Faculty

Verna Jasieniecki, retired Teacher Hoover and Taylor Center High (passed November 23, 2016).

Memorial Sunday, January 22, 2017 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, MI

Visitation 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Memorial at 1:00 pm with luncheon following.

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit the alumni website tayloralumni.org and click on "In Memoriam".