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IN THE NEWS



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Charlie Green

A real "Michigan Man" Charlie Green is ailing. The Detroit Free Press recently ran an article on Charlie Green, who for more than 15 years, was the clubhouse manager at the U of M Golf Course. And for 52 years, he

worked summers around the University of Michigan course and the Radwick Farms Golf Course. Charlie was also the timekeeper for Michigan Football games for 46 years and men's basketball for 45, retiring from both in 2012. He also helped run the game clock and scoreboard for the women's basketball team.

Green served four years on the board of directors of the University Alumni Association and for his service he was honored with an Honorary Varsity M and a letter jacket in 2002 which he wore

proudly. For his support and promotion of women's golf, especially at the U-M course he received a certificate signed by two state legislators. His charity work included helping put together a yearly C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Golf fundraiser that raised millions of dollars for the hospital.

"Charlie Green is an incredible ambassador for the University of Michigan, former U of M football coach, Lloyd Carr said.



University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital

Charlie Green was a Teacher in The Taylor School System for decades until retiring in the early 1990's to work full time at the U of M. What a great career Charlie had at Michigan. He is married to Jean who also taught in Taylor.

Charlie Green is now 80, has pancreatic cancer – held off by multiple surgeries and treatments, but has now been placed in Hospice care. There is a [gofundme](#) page started by Shemy Schembechler, the son of Bo Schembechler, to raise money to help Green's family's with his medical expenses. If you would like to donate click above.



Image source: detroit free press

Gordie Howe

As you may know Legendary Gordie Howie passed away in June after a long battle with dementia. He was 88. According to the Detroit Free Press, his son Murray sent them a message saying "Mr. Hockey left this morning peacefully, beautifully, and with no regrets." The article detailing his hockey career can be found [here](#).

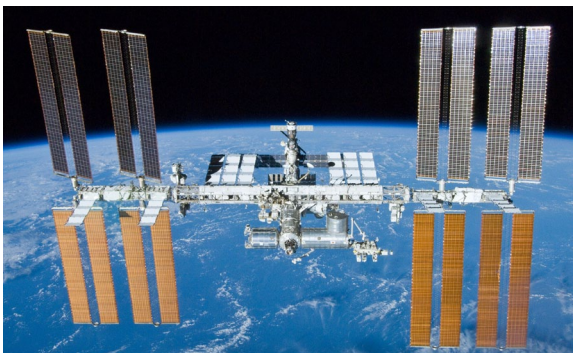
The passing of Mr. Howe in June brought back memories of John F Kennedy High School being fortunate to have had Gordie Howe as the featured speaker at the 1970 Athletic Banquet. John Pantalone asked a friend to contact Gordies' wife, Colleen, as it was known she managed his calendar. Gordie agreed to speaking at JFK. What a thrill that was for the Kennedy students and staff to have had "THE GORDIE HOWE" as speaker at the Athletic Banquet.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Ralph Babcock

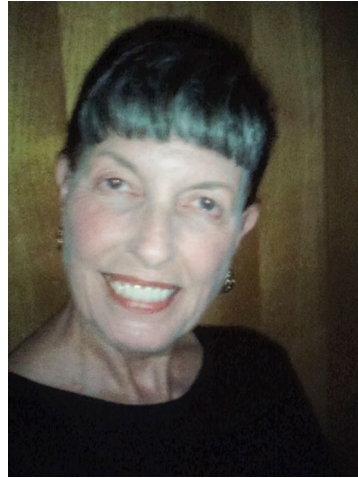
We found Ralph in Sunnyvale California. Ralph, a 1961 graduate of Taylor Center High, is now retired after a long career in Aero Space Engineering. Ralph earned degrees at U of M Dearborn and a Masters in Electrical Engineering from the University of Santa Clara in California. Most of his career was with Lockheed's Missiles and Space Division. During his tenure with Lockheed, Ralph's duties included working on the AGENA Spacecraft; assigned to Ford to help them apply aerospace design techniques to their electric car; to France to oversee some battery work; to the Marshall Islands to support Missile Launches; and worked on the solar array and thermal radiator joint motor controllers for the International Space Station.

The Taylor Alumni Association congratulates Ralph Babcock on a great career and the Alumni Association is very proud of the education that has and is still being provided in our public schools.



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ALUMNI NEWS!



The Alumni Association has a new Secretary. Gail Smith Hardin has been appointed Secretary. Gail replaces Sandy Kyte who resigned for personal reasons. The

board is very fortunate to have such a well qualified person. Gail graduated from John F Kennedy high school in 1967. She said it was disappointing not to have been in the first graduating class but has fond memories of her high school days. She recalls her Algebra and Driver Training instructor, Mr. Robert Haarala. Gail states that Mr Haarala had such a great connection with the students and a natural flair for teaching. She goes on to say that she received a great education at JFK, allowing her the ability to immediately find employment with the State of Michigan. Gail has also worked at Price Waterhouse, Ford, Visteon and Blue Cross Blue Shield where she is still employed as an executive Assistant. The board is fortunate to have had Sandy and now Gail.

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

Farmers Market - The Farmer Market will be open every Friday at the pavilion in Heritage Park from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm until September 2nd.

Taylor Conservatory - Music and art in the beautiful Taylor Conservatory continues every Wednesday start at 6:30 pm and until 8:30 pm admission is \$5. 🎨

Concert Schedule

July 6th TNT Big Band 18 piece band – Tribute to the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

July 13th Don Middlebrook & The Pearl Divers (Jimmy Buffet style).

July 20 Just Jazz featuring Mark Randisi – A tribute to Frank Sinatra.

July 27 People Choice Winner - Band with top vote will perform.

QUIZ FOR THE “OLDIES FANS”

1. When did “Little Suzie” finally wake up?

- (a) The movie’s over, it’s 2 o’clock
- (b) The movie’s over it’s 3 o’clock
- (c) The movie’s over it’s 4 o’clock

2. “Rock Around The Clock” was used in what movie?

- (a) Rebel Without A Cause
- (b) Blackboard Jungle
- (c) The Wild Ones

3. From a Rock & Roll standpoint, what’s missing from? Earth _____

- (a) Angel
- (b) Mother
- (c) Worm

Answers are on the bottom of pages 6.

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Dual Enrollment Program

Dual Enrollment is a program that allows Taylor Public School Student (usually sophomores, juniors, and seniors) to enroll in college courses and earn high school and college credits prior to high school graduation.

Harry S Truman High School is very proud of 7 seniors who have participated in the program for two years and have earned 25 college credits. Enrollment for the 2016-17 school year has projected 33 juniors and senior will join in the Dual Enrollment Program. Kennedy reported 37 students took part in the dual enrollment and they earned a total of 600 college credits. 📖



U.S. New & World Report

Earlier this year US News & World Report announced it's U.S. News Best High Schools Rankings. Rankings include data on more than 21,000 public schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. The 2016 Best High Schools rankings, awards the top 6,517 public high schools with gold, silver and bronze medals, based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.

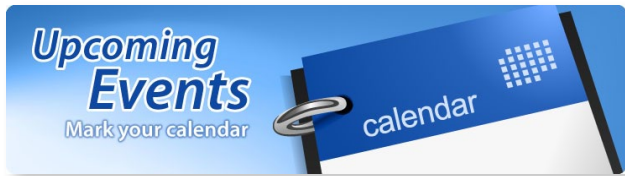


John F Kennedy received the Bronze Award given to only 25% of the high schools for excellence and achievement for schools with similar demographics in the United States. Kennedy has been given that award for 3 consecutive years and is the only school in the downriver area to have achieved that record. 📖



Applications to Colleges and University

Again this year JFK had every senior apply for admission to some for of higher education. Mr. Tommy Saylor, Kennedy Principal, reported that as of this date 82% of graduating seniors have been accepted by Colleges and University. 📖



- July 8th - 9th The Big Bang Robotics Competition will be held at the Taylor Sportsplex. Over 30 robotics teams from Michigan, surrounding states and Canada will be participating.
- September 10th Truman Class of 1976 Reunion. Email Truman76reunion@gmail.com for more information.
- October 1st “Who was your favorite Taylor Center High School Teacher?” Saturday, October 1st we are going to honor every teacher that taught during the 44 years that Taylor Center High existed. Dean Elliott, TCH Class of 1977 wants to honor every teacher that taught at TCH from 1957 to 1994. For more information contact Dean at: dean@aboundinghope.com.
- October 15th-16th Kennedy Class of 76 Reunion. Call (734) 505-9925 for more information.
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Answer to Quiz.

1. Four o'clock
2. Blackboard Jungle
3. Angel

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

Linda Kalich Summers, Class of 1970 (passed May 25, 2016)

Dale Dawson Class of 1977 (passed June 12, 2016)

Taylor Center High

Steven Mosher, Class of 1976 (passed June 5, 2016)

Harry S. Truman High School

Gary Burdick, Class of 1975 (passed June 3, 2016)

Other

Judy Casey, Elementary Teacher in Taylor (passed June 12, 2016)

Fred Gebhardt, Fred was husband of Joan Gebhardt a retired Taylor School District Elementary Principal, (passed June 16, 2016)

William Jacobs, Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director (passed June 3, 2016)

(Please note, The Jacobs Family suggests Memorial Contributions be made to The Taylor Alumni Association. Our deep appreciation to the Jacobs Family for thinking of us. When making contributions to the Alumni Association, if writing a check please add Jacobs in the memo area of the check and make it payable to the Taylor Alumni Association, 11501 Beech Daly Road, Taylor MI 48180.)