



TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES HAVE SUCCESSFUL CAREERS

Submitted by Forrest T Bone TCH 1961



I owe a debt of gratitude to the Taylor Schools for the staff that provided my education and welcomed me as a staff member. Athletically, I was fortunate to be coached by some excellent role models and instructors. Charles Milo, my baseball coach, was probably the most loved and respected coach at Taylor Center. Several staff members had a positive influence on my professional career. To know Frank Troech was to love him. He was a social studies teacher, but it didn't matter. You just enjoyed spending an hour with him. My senior year, I had a visit scheduled at Olivet College, which he learned about, and he let me know he was an alum of Olivet. His brother, Bob, attended Olivet and would show me around the campus during my visitation, which led to my commitment to attend Olivet. John Pantalone, was Assistant Principal at Kennedy, that allowed me to develop the Phase One Program that provided academic support for students with reading or educational deficiencies. Most of the students read at least two grades below grade level. Van Kostegian was the head basketball coach at Kennedy High School and was my go-to guy when seeking vocational

guidance. Many others, too numerous to mention, positively influenced my teaching and coaching career. My teaching and coaching career at Taylor started in 1968 and continued to retirement in 1998. There were a couple of interruptions with a stint at Brighton High School and coaching opportunities at Dearborn Fordson, Southgate Aquinas, Eastern Michigan, and Wayne State. After retirement, I was fortunate to be a football staff member on Walled Lake Western State Championship Team in 1999. Upon retirement, my wife Jeri, an Olivet alum, and I renewed Tin Can Tourists, a travel/camping group founded in 1919 that went out of existence in the mid-80s. After the club Centennial Celebration in 2019, we turned over the leadership to a Kennedy graduate, our son Terry Bone and his wife, Michelle. Jeri and I are honored by the Recreational Vehicle / MotorHome Museum by being inducted this summer into the museum Hall of Fame. ...continued on page 2

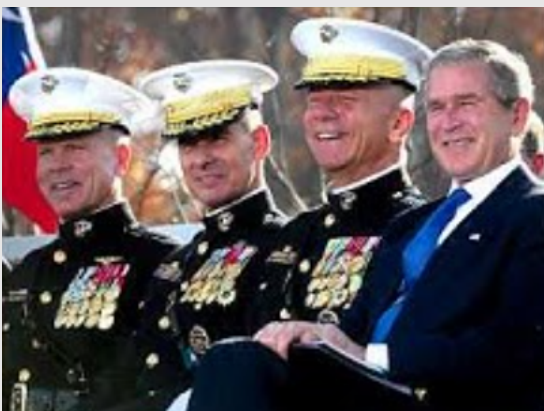
continued from page 1... **Press Release:** RV/MH Hall of Fame Announces Inductees for Class of 2023 Recreational Vehicle / MotorHome Museum Hall of Fame this August in Elkhart, IN. Forrest and Jeri Bone are the founders and retired directors of the Tin Can Tourists, an RV owners club whose 2,000-plus members all have an affinity for vintage RVs. The formation of the Tin Can Tourists dates back to 1919 at Desoto Park in Tampa, Fla. when like-minded RVers sought to “unite fraternally all auto campers” as RVers were called at the time. The group was named after the Ford Model T used by many members and known affectionately as the Tin Lizzie. A tin can would recognize members' vehicles on their automobile radiators, qualifying them for discounted fuel at selected gas stations. The club fell on hard times until the Bones resurrected the organization in 1998.

HENRY ‘LEE’ CRUMP

Lee graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Taylor, MI, class of 1967, and began a career in law enforcement in 1971. Lee graduated from the Detroit Police Academy, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, United States Drug Enforcement Academy, and the FBI Firearm Instructor’s School. Lee began working for the Inkster Police Department in August 1972 and retired in October 2000. He held many positions within the department as he advanced through the ranks, receiving numerous commendations and citations along the way. Lee always stressed the importance of integrity and character in his leadership positions and retired as Deputy Chief of Police, City of Inkster. After retirement, Lee continued to serve the community as City Councilman and Trustee on the Policemen and Firemen Pension Board.



GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR



OPEN SKATING- At the Sportsplex February 3 and 17- Great music and light show to entertain skaters of all ages.

SALUTING OUR VETERANS -The City of Taylor is currently doing a "Saluting Our Veterans" video project through its Communications Department, now located in the new Media Center on the City Hall Campus.

Military veterans are interviewed briefly on camera and talk about their experiences. They range from the Korean War era to modern day

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Interviews to date include Glenn Bondy; Gary Johnson; Nick Dmitruchina; Jerry Wegienka; Gerald Thomas; Pat and Tim Woolley; Jack Myers; Jeff Connole; Phil Drumm; and Ron Bentley.

You can view all of them here on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofTaylor-MI/videos>

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY UPDATE

This article is based on material provided by Cynthia Nickel, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Instruction.

Elementary teachers attended a full day of Professional Development dedicated to preparing them for the upcoming iReady test that all elementary students will take. The iReady is an online Reading and Math test that helps identify student strengths and areas in need of improvement. The test is given three times a year- Fall, Winter and Spring. Each grade level of teachers met together to learn how to strengthen their teaching of math by using an approach called *Number Talks*. These techniques are research-proven to help students build solid number sense.



Also, very important, this day provided teachers with time to collaborate and work together with their grade level colleagues from across the district.

TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATED MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



Students and staff hosted events and created artwork recognizing the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Some of the activities included MLK Readings of Dr. King's life and achievements, students wrote essays of their dreams, created MLK artwork, and much more.

Superintendent, Griff Mills sent the following message to Students and Staff, "I thank all our students and staff for the wonderful celebration leading up to MLK Day. All the activities were really educational and such a great way to celebrate that very special day. I thank you."

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER



Located in the Board Annex it offers support to families by providing access to community partners. With our community database, we can provide referrals to tutoring, food, clothing, and utility assistance to families in need.

TAYLOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAS A NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Alumni Association would like to welcome our new Truman V.P. Bill Sule, class of 1993. Also, Sheri Graham Engelbrink (HST 77) who was our Truman V.P. for many years is now the alumni secretary. Thank you, Sheri, for taking on that position. Remember your alumni meetings are the second Tuesday of the month and we meet at the Taylor Historical Society Museum house in Heritage Park at 6:00 pm. Any alumni are welcomed to attend. At our January meeting we discussed a possibility of a gathering of Alumni from all I classes and all schools. A committee is working on date and location. Information will be posted in our monthly newsletter, and on our Facebook page when anything is finalized. If you know of anyone who doesn't receive our monthly newsletters, please send their email address to us so we can add it to our database which will then assure them of getting our monthly newsletter as well as other timely postings.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Even the darkest night will end, and the sun will arise.





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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. Please Note: If you know of a deceased graduate that is not listed in the Memoriam section of our website, please let us know the name, school, graduating class and date of passing.

TAYLOR CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

- Sidney Roland Morris, Class of 1964 (passed July 2, 2022)
- David Pates, Class of 1957 (passed November 5, 2022)
- Sharlene McVay Trueman, Class of 1965 (passed November 13, 2022)
- Judy Woolford Korody, Class of 1960 (passed December 3, 2022)
- Michael Murphy, Class of 1990 (passed December 8, 2022)
- James “Corky” Borden, Class of 1966 (passed December 20, 2022)
- Carroll Ann Gorski, Class of 1965 (passed January 9, 2023)
- Peter “Pete” Endreszl, Class of 1960 (passed January 11, 2023)

HARRY S TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL

- Alan Sobeki, Class of 1978 (passed December 21, 2021)
- Shawn Potter, Class of 1991 (passed December 12, 2022)
- Lori Blair Masters, Class of 1977 (passed December 12, 2022)
- Curtis Turbyfill, Class of 1985 (passed December 21, 2022)
- David Welch, Class of 1986 (passed December 27, 2022)

JOHN F KENNEDY

- Robert Plassman, Class of 1966 (passed August 29, 2020)
- Henry “Lee” Crump, Class of 1967 (passed February 27, 2021)
- Nancy Dezs Havens, Class of 1966 (passed November 29, 2022)
- Andy Howick, Class of 1992 (passed November 30, 2022)
- Susan Matthies Cornett, Class of 1972 (passed December 12, 2022)
- Diana Whitwell-Neely, Class of 1972 (passed December 13, 2022)
- Rick Mouro, Class of 1976 (passed December 15, 2022)
- Rosemary Carmack Jacobs, Class of 1972 (passed December 17, 2022)
- Carol Wisusik, Class of 1976 (passed December 24, 2022)

STAFF

- Karla Casteller, Retired Insurance Office Administrator (passed January 23, 2023)

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