

Good morning everyone,

Literacy Support Volunteers Needed at George Long Elementary School -

If you are in the area and would like to support literacy at George Long Elementary School, a program is in place that will allow that. Energizing Education, a United Way mentoring program promoting literacy, has seen steady growth since its inception in 2012 and is making a push to reach a greater number of students next school year, including increasing the number of volunteers at Grass Lake's George Long Elementary School.

If you are interested in exploring this opportunity to support literacy, you can find more information at the official website (<http://energizingeducationjackson.org/.../how-to-become-a-vo.../>), or contact Kriss Giannetti, program coordinator, at 517-841-2148 or kgiannet@jpsmail.org. (You can learn more about the program at http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2015/07/energizing_education.html#incart_river).

Wolf Lake Festival 2015 is August 29 –

Mark your calendars for the WOLF LAKE FESTIVAL AUGUST 29TH noon-10pm. The festival kicks off with the WOLF LAKE WATERSKI CLUB performing at noon. Check out their Facebook page with lots of video and pictures of the new club and some nostalgic pics (names on the Facebook page) :

www.facebook.com/wolflakeskiclub.



Warrior Baseball Players Named to Citizen Patriot Dream Team –

Congratulations to the following Warrior baseball players for being named to the Citizen Patriot Dream Team for 2015:

Brandon Schulze - First Team

Michael Herendeen - Second Team

Kyle Farley - Special Mention

Well done gentlemen!

<http://highschoolsports.mlive.com/.../citizen-patriot-2015-.../...>

Warrior Golfers Named to Citizen Patriot Dream Team –

Congratulations to Nick Bobich and Nick Latka for being named to the second team of the 2015 MLive Jackson-area Dream Golf team. Go to <http://bit.ly/1KRDRgl> for the story.

STEM Education –

Today's education is turning toward more emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to better prepare our students for careers in areas that are in great need of qualified employees. Grass Lake Community Schools continues to introduce and expand educational opportunities for our students that will better prepare them for successful lives after their K-12 education. Go to <http://bit.ly/1NQB4C4> to see the latest in the expansion of technology and STEM education at Grass Lake Community Schools. Go to http://www.mlive.com/.../.../new_computers_stem_programs_be.html for the recent MLive story.

7th Annual Grass Lake Traffic Jam'In was a Success –

Thanks to hundreds of hours of volunteers, the 7th Annual Traffic Jam'In and 5K Run/Walk were a success. The car show was bigger than ever and attendance was great. This two day event is held on the north side of tracks next to the car wash. (This area was formerly the lumber storage area for the Grass Lake Lumber Company. Joe DeBoe captured many of the sights of the event, which can be seen at <http://www.ghostriderdj.com/#!07112015-grass-lake-traffic-jamin-/cm9f>. An MLive story about the Jam'In can be seen at http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2015/07/7th_annual_traffic_jamin_car_s.html.

Speaking of Volunteers.....

While searching for another item, I came across a couple of "Retrospect" pages dedicated to the volunteers who installed the asphalt running track at Stoker Field on Union Street many years ago. I remember running (slowly) on the original dirt track and remember now that the running lanes had to be marked with chalk. What a job that must have been! Then to have our community members come together to create this 6-lane asphalt track was an astounding effort that still serves our community and our students. Our Middle School track teams use it to practice on, while community members use it constantly for walking. (Stoker Field also hosts our Middle School football games and our Varsity Girls soccer games and practices.) I need to mention that one of the most avid users of the track is Betty Rice. She shares time between Grass Lake's sidewalks and the Stoker Field track. **THANK YOU to all of you who spent time and money to develop such a long-standing asset for our community.** (If I can come across those yearbook pages again, I will get them sent out to you. If you know what year the track was completed, please let me know.)

"Fear the Spear" Football Camp –

Our GLHS football program is hosting its annual "Fear the Spear" football camp for students from our school and around the area entering grades 1 through 12. This is a four day, three hour per day skills camp that is run by the football coaching staff at Grass Lake. 135 students are participating this year. Also, believe it or not, the

2016 HS athletic season is just around the corner. Our High School players will report to camp on Sunday, August 9, at 6 PM with practices beginning August 12. Other official starting dates are:

HS Volleyball – August 12

Girls Golf – August 12

Cross Country – August 12

Go to

<http://athletics.glcs.schoolfusion.us/modules/groups/homepagefiles/cms/880961/File/Fall%2C%202015%20Schedule.pdf> for a fall schedule.

Grass Lake Athletic Facilities Being Used by National Tournament Sponsor –

This summer we have been hosting baseball tournaments at the Joe Bechtel Baseball Field at Grass Lake High School for “Pastime Tournaments” out of Indianapolis, Indiana (<https://www.pastimetournaments.com/>). We have had teams from all over the Midwest playing at Grass Lake and we always receive very positive feedback about our facilities and our staff (Roger Cook) who takes care of the field while they are here. In fact, all of our High School facilities are noted to be some of the best in the area. Thanks to our community and our school district’s grounds staff for making this happen.

1965 GLHS Grad Don Moody Receives Diploma -

Congratulations to Don Moody for receiving his Grass Lake High School diploma at Grass Lake’s Board of Education meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015. Don left for service in the United States Navy on Jan. 30, 1965 prior to his graduation and was able to receive his diploma through Public Act 181 of 2001, which permits school districts in Michigan to award high school diplomas to service men and women who did not receive their diplomas prior to entering into military service during World War II, Korea or the Vietnam era. We thank Don for his service to our country. *(In the photo Don receives his diploma from GLCS Board of Education President Tim Waskiewicz.)*



GLHS Girls Basketball Star Invited to Scout Camp –

Grass Lake Junior basketball player Gracie Cabana is the lone Jackson-area female player to be chosen for the July 23 "Reaching Higher" program at Milford High School, which is presented by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan and the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Four other Jackson-area players were invited, but they are all male. Invitees are chosen from those who may have the potential to move on to the college level. Best of luck Gracie! [http://highschoolsports.mlive.com/.../five-jackson-area-bas.../...](http://highschoolsports.mlive.com/.../five-jackson-area-bas.../)



GLHS Classes of 1970 and 1975 Reunion –

We wish these classes a wonderful time at their reunion being held Saturday, July 25, at the Glinsky Farm (Gerard graduated in 1975, and Carmelyn graduated in 1970.)

Class of 1965 Reunion –

A reminder that the GLHS Class of 1965, so far the date has been set for Saturday, August 22, 2015, and will be held at the Wolf Lake Yacht Club. More information will be shared as I received it. Thanks to Dave Sherwood for this information.

Class of 1985 Reunion –

The class of 1985 would like to invite to class members, friends of the class and past teachers. Please join us on July 25th for drinks at Missy's Grass Shack (5:00 p.m.) , and then at the home of Cathy Trudell Kulpinski, 12743 Curtis Road, Grass Lake for a BBQ and bon fire. (Starting at 6:30 pm) The BBQ is BYOB, lawn chairs, snacks/passing dish. Cathy will provide the BBQ pork sandwich. We look forward to enjoying the company of all, some good food and fun times. Please send questions or RSVP to Cathy Trudell Kulpinski at ckulpinski@yahoo.com

I wish everyone well as we finish July and head into August. I appreciate everyone's input toward these newsletters. I try to get them out once per month to keep you informed of Grass Lake and GLHS alumni happenings. Our contact list continues to grow and I invite you to invite others who are not receiving the newsletter to send me their e-mail address and they will be added immediately.

All the best, Doug

Go Warriors!