



# ***The Bulletin***

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Thank you to Kevin Stitt, HH Class of 1975 of Nashville, MN for sharing this memory-

“One Saturday night about a year ago, I called Betty Reeves on the phone. If any of you don't know who Betty is, she was the mother of John, Bill, Dan and Gary Reeves.

She was like my Little League God Mother!

She seemed to be in good spirits, and was delighted to hear from me after about 50 years.

Her husband Howard, was our baseball coach,(Me, Bruce, Gary) so many more. In my opinion, if there is a Hanover Little League Hall of Fame, she should be in it! Betty never missed a game in all the years I know of. She kept score and still has the records of every game we ever played!! She was amazing!!

I can remember her opening up the building and concession stand at the ball diamond in downtown Hanover, going upstairs, laying out her record books, and she was ready.

I was the catcher most of the time. Betty was just there, right above me keeping track of every pitch. If I had a question about anything, she was the one to ask.

Big Don Avery was the Umpire most of the time. Don would let his mind wander every once in a while, and lose count of the pitches, if he got it wrong, Betty was there to correct him. I can remember plain as day, Don would stop, look at Betty, not saying a word, and she would say the pitch count, number of outs and who was up to bat. Don would look at her, give her a wink, and on the game would go!!

I always admired her devotion to our teams. All the way through high school, she was always there for us!! I am glad I got a chance to tell her that.”

Please consider sharing a memory with us, so we can share it with others!!

Contact us via facebook or Emily at [reedemily@hotmail.com](mailto:reedemily@hotmail.com)

## 2019 Spring Events

| <b>May 2019</b>   | <b>June 2019</b>  |
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| 5 <sup>th</sup> -Museum Opening Day<br>1pm-5pm                                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Museum Open<br>1pm-5pm   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> -Jackson County Museum Day   | 9 <sup>th</sup> -Museum Open<br>1pm-5pm   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> -Museum Open<br>1pm-5pm  | 16 <sup>th</sup> -Museum Open<br>1pm-5pm  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> -Community Potluck<br>6pm gather<br>6:30pm dinner                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> -Community Potluck<br>6pm gather<br>6:30pm dinner                  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> -Organ Restoration Workshop<br>9am-5pm both days | 21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> -Organ Restoration Workshop<br>9am-5pm both days |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> -Museum Open<br>1pm-5pm  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> -Museum Open<br>1pm-5pm  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> -Museum Open<br>1pm-5pm  | 30 <sup>th</sup> -Museum Open<br>1pm-5pm  |

### **Trash to Treasures annual sale at Rust n Dust:**

As many of you know one of our biggest fund raisers is our Trash to Treasures sale that is held in conjunction with our Rust n Dust event. We have been so very grateful to our people in charge, Sue and Nancy for all that they've done in the past few years. We also have a core group of volunteers who are dedicated to help organize, sell, and pack up for this sale; Salle, Janice, Darlene, Sue, Joan and others. In years past our volunteers would pick up donations, this year we will not be doing this. If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the event center at Heritage Park (121 Tefft in Hanover). Unload your items on the east side of the building on the covered porch. We sell just about anything **but please do not bring us something that you wouldn't buy yourself.** We spend many hours sorting and unfortunately throwing away items that can't be sold. We also do not take clothes unless it's something unique or vintage that you might buy at a sale. We appreciate all of your donations, thank you.

The Hanover Horton Area Historical Society once again, had a very successful Maple Sugaring Season! This is a result of all the dedicated volunteers who worked as crew (tapping, gathering, boiling, and bottling) and the wonderful women who kept us well fed with all the meals, desserts and treats they made for us. Thanks again!

## **Memory of Service-**

John Litwin, one of our area veterans and a volunteer for the Hanover- Horton Area Historical Society, enlisted in the US Navy in 1975. The Vietnam War had ended, but because jobs were hard to come by, many men, including John, enlisted.

By the time that he was finished with boot camp, both of John's heels were badly infected from marching in new boots. When everyone else was going home for leave, he had to stay behind while they worked on healing his heels. After two weeks, the others returned, and they were stationed on the USS DeNato, a World War II destroyer. Their job was to patrol up and down the east coast.

"One day, Christmas Day, we were in port and the lobster guys were pulling up traps. When the lobster guy was done and left, we dropped some tools into the water. We got our hooks out and when we pulled the tools up we had caught lobster traps too, with lobsters in them. We pulled them aboard the ship and kept them hidden in case the lobster guy came back. Our CEO of that day said that those lobsters would make a good Christmas Dinner for us. So we cooked them up for Christmas and that was one of the nicest things we had for Christmas that year."

"We found out later, that those lobsters were the property of the lobster guy. We also heard that in the past in the Navy, if you were caught taking those lobsters you would get shot. But we heard that the lobster guy wasn't coming back to get them, and if they had been left there over the weekend, they would have died. So it really didn't matter that we took them."

"I was in the Navy for 4 years on the same ship. I never left the US waters. We mainly went from port to port up and down the East Coast. Mostly training reserves and maintaining the ship. I enjoyed watching all the dolphins, flying fish, whales, and sharks that would follow the ship."

"We did go through the Bermuda Triangle several times. And it was a little scary whenever we went in. Nothing ever happened so we were all relieved at that."

**Thank you, John, for sharing!!**

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| <p>Learn more about our area veterans at the Memories of Service Exhibit at the Conklin Museum. Opening Sunday, May 5, 2019</p> |
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Jackson County Michigan Museum Day is on Saturday, May 11, 2019. You can visit nine Jackson County museums for FREE and we are happy to say that the Lee Conklin Organ Museum/HHAHS is one of those museums!

We have a new email address!! Please note the change and use this new one to contact Linda in the office with any questions or concerns-Thank you!!

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