



**HUBBARDSTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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March-December-HAHS Museum Room open

Tuesdays and Wednesdays-anytime by appt.

May 27 Annual Meeting, Membership Drive-Election

St. Johns Parish Hall 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Irish Stew & Trimmin's 11:00-1:00 p.m.

Heritage Recipe Collection and Genealogy on Sale

Annual Report-Election of Board Members- 1:00 p.m.

Hubbardston Irish Dancers 2:00 p.m.

HAHS Historic Museum Room Open 10:00-Noon

May 29 Hubbardston Memorial Day Celebration

Chicken Dinner at Tuscan Lodge 11:00-1:00 p.m.

5 K Race 9:00 a.m.

Hubbardston Irish Dancers 2:00 p.m.

Garden Club Plant Sale-Celtic Path - all day

Grilled Sandwiches at Post 182 from Noon on

Memorial Day Grand Parade 1:30 p.m.

Tractor Pull at Post 182 following parade

June 22-General Meeting-7:00 p.m.

Jake Sheaffer, Local Historian, Presenter

All are welcome. Refreshments served!

July 27-General Meeting-7:00 p.m.

Norman Caldwell, Professional Surveyor, Presenter

All are welcome. Refreshments served

August 24th Fall Social-Potluck Dinner-

Tuscan Lodge-6:00 PM

Clintonaires Barbershop Group

September 28-General Meeting-7:00 p.m.

Nuremburg Trials- F. Beach, Presenter

All are welcome. Refreshments served

October 26-General Meeting-7:00 p.m.

Survivor-Germany-WWII- Ms. Burleson

All are welcome. Refreshments served

November 16-Holiday Celebration-7:00 p.m.

Craft Show! Come and get into the holiday spirit!

Everyone Welcome!

All HAHS meetings at St. John's School

unless noted otherwise.

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Allen Kelly-Calendar and Fall Social

Bud Howard, Jack Stoddard, Allen Kelly-Nominations

Meet the Candidates For Board of Directors

The following 8 people have consented to be on the ballot for the six open positions for the HAHS Board of Directors election on May 27th. Here are the candidates:

Julianne Burns McKenna, incumbent, is co-chairman of HAHS and was a major force for the formation of the Hubbardston Area Historical Society. She has been employed by the City of Ionia for the past 12 years. Prior to that, she was Admin. Assistant. for the Grand Rapids Supt. of Schools and Admin. of the Legal Dept. for Steeplecase in Grand Rapids. Julianne has been a facilitator in economic development activities, historic preservation and a successful 'grant writer' for the area communities of Belding, Saranac, Orleans, Lyons-Muir and Ionia. She is a member of the Ionia Historical Society, Ionia Genealogy Society, and serves on the Board of Directors as a secretary for the Ionia County Economic Alliance. She graduated from Grand Rapids Community College and attended Aquinas College. She is married to Jim McKenna of Ionia and has two children.

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Philip McKenna, incumbent, co-chairman of HAHS is President of McKenna Associates Inc., Landscape Architectural Firm in Northville, Mi. The son of Nick McKenna, Phil was raised on McKenna Road west of Hubbardston, and graduated from St. John the Baptist High School, Central Michigan University, completed graduate studies at Eastern Michigan University and post graduate work at Wayne State, University of Michigan, Illinois and Southern Illinois Universities. Phil was the organizer and the catalyst in the formation of the HAHS. His idea was to preserve in whatever way possible the heritage of the Hubbardston area. The organization was started when Julianne and Phil formed an alliance and formulated a plan for documenting the significant cultural heritage of area residents.

Duane Fahey, incumbent, is on the **Media and Communications Committee**, son of Bob Fahey and President of Visual Automation in Grand Ledge. He is a native of Hubbardston and is the force behind our very successful web-site www.hubbardston.org. Duane is an active researcher for HAHS as well as the Muir-Lyons Historical Society. His up-dated web-site provides a plethora of materials. Duane spends much time with his family in Hubbardston, and has traveled extensively throughout the country and the world.

Jack Fahey, incumbent, is on the Genealogy and Site Research Committee and is the son of Joseph and Midge (Herald) Fahey. He is married to Anne Bushon, lives west of Hubbardston, graduated from St. John the Baptist High School and Montcalm Community College. He is a member of the Muir-Lyons Historical Society where he and Ann are very active as 'First Family' members and on the fund-raising projects. In cooperation with Peter Burns, a fellow genealogist, Larry Burns and Mike Hodges, Jack has completed research on the St. John the Baptist and Maryknoll cemeteries. The cemetery booklet will be published this summer hopefully. He is a past member of the Carson City Crystal School Board, Lyons International, KC's and is a genealogist by choice. Jack is a charter member and active at the HAHS Museum room each week.

Janet Kelly, clerk/treasurer for Carson City, graduated from Greenville High School and attended Ferris State Institute (as Ferris State used to be called). She has been employed with the City of Carson City as Clerk/Treasurer for 24 years. Her interests include crocheting, walking, craft shows, traveling and grandchildren. Her mother lived on a farm on Olmsted Road in Hubbardston until she was 8 years old when the family moved to Ionia because of the poor health of her father making it impossible for him to farm. There are many of her mother's relatives buried in the Hubbardston cemetery (plus Kellys) which is why she joined the Hubbardston Area Historical Society to learn about the early days and possibly talk to people who knew them. Allen (Carson City Barber) and Janet are charter members of HAHS and active in all activities and fund-raisers.

Marie Marion Sweet, incumbent, is on the **By-Laws Committee and Secretary** of the HAHS. She was raised west of Hubbardston on O'Brien Road, graduated from Carson City High School and Montcalm Community College. She moved to the Ionia-Montcalm area at age 13. She is active in many aspects of the community, works every week at the HAHS museum room and is a practicing genealogist as well as a charter member of HAHS

Pat McCormick Baese, incumbent, owns the **Celtic Path Gift Gallery** in Hubbardston. She graduated from Wayne State University and did her graduate work at Michigan State University. She taught Science, Physical Education and Dance for 26 years before retiring to open her own gift gallery and artist's studio at 'The Celtic Path.' Pat is a professional artist and director of the Hubbardston Irish Dance Troupe. She is a charter member of HAHS.

Carolyn O'Grady Cunningham graduated from Carson City-Crystal High School in 1976 and went on to Michigan State University to receive her B.A. in Special Education in March, 1980. Carolyn is the daughter of Clifford and Vera O'Connell O'Grady, has taught in the Carson City-Crystal District since 1985 and was almost solely responsible for the annual St. Patrick's Day

celebrations at the Hubbardston Elementary School for years and years. She will celebrate her 25th wedding anniversary this summer with husband Russ. They have 5 children: sons, Russ Jr.(Michele) and Bart(Wendy), and daughters, Corey (Jason) Werner, Chelsea and Cassidy. Carolyn enjoys reading, cross-stitching, fishing and SU*DU*KU puzzles. Carolyn has been ‘Poppy Chairman’ for Post 182 for many years and she and Rusty are active in the Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. Carolyn is a charter member of HAHS, loves Hubbardston, has always enjoyed learning about local history and is an enthusiastic promoter of the Hubbardston Area Heritage.

Remembering the very successful years of the Hubbardston Elementary School and great staff members who were employed there, this would be a very good time to send a note of thanks to that early principal who did a fantastic job for so many years and who is now retired. John Cook, 2177 Longwoods Drive, DeWitt, Mi. 48820.

Congratulations to the Lyons-Muir Historical Society on their new, very attractive and newsworthy newsletter publication!

Letters from readers:

I would like to submit an article for your newsletter if you would so graciously allow. I so much enjoy reading these newsletters even though I am of German descent. Thank you, (John Pung, Pawamo, Mi.)

Frank McHenry and the “Daisy” Challenge

The year was 1886. France had just given the bright copper Statue of Liberty to the United States; Coca Cola had just been invented, but was only available as a syrup mixed with soda water; and the Plymouth Iron Windmill Company in Plymouth, Michigan had, for four years been making windmills for farmers. However, an item given free to the farmers for purchasing these windmills was about to change the destiny of the company forever. In 1887 windmill sales were off and the company came close to liquidation in 1888. A vote to liquidate the company failed by one vote from General Manager Lewis Cass Hough.

The first air rifle, the “Chicago” made entirely of wood had been in production since 1885 by Markham Air Rifle Co. of Plymouth, Mi. During a demonstration, Mr. Hough watched as a man by the name of Hamilton, the first to produce a metal air gun, fired a shot into a basket of paper and later at an old shingle outside. Mr. Hough’s response was, “Boy, that’s a Daisy!” He later convinced the board to use the rifle as their premium item. It soon became apparent that the farmers were far more interested in the ‘Daisy’ than the windmills and by 1890 they produced 50,000 Daisys. They were distributed within a 100 mile radius of the Plymouth factory.

Hubbardston Heritage Lore and Recipe Collection by Mary Caris & Joanne Howard

We chose Wilma Harris Slocum and her mother Clara Decker Harris for the cover of our Heritage Recipe Collection and Lore for good reason. Wilma was the much loved and admired ‘gourmet cook’ in the area. The school children loved her as much as she loved them. The Methodist Church never put on a dinner that Wilma was not involved. She catered weddings, gardened, painted and repaired, and cooked from scratch (the really talented way). She was deeply religious and never had an unkind word for anyone.

Wilma and Virgil ‘Brick’ Slocum had five children: Dick, Shirley, Charlotte, Carol and Jerry. Wilma’s father-in-law-, Hank Slocum was proprietor of the “Mill!” The Slocum farm was about one-half mile west of the mill and cows, pigs and chickens were pastured in the woods south of the farm. Wilma always had a fresh supply of cream and milk for all of her baking endeavors. We have collected many of her recipes in our book.

This book (\$14.95) is a fund-raiser for the HAHS with recipes in eleven categories, plus Irish blessings, superstitions, poems, and personal sketches about many of the contributors, customs, and local history. These funds will be used to improve our research technology. Makes a wonderful birthday, Christmas or wedding gift. Order your books by phone; 989-584-3803, by mail; Box 183, Hubbardston, 48845, or e-mail mjh655@pathwaynet.com.

In 1891 Charles Bennett was hired to serve as the company's first salesperson at a salary of \$85 a month, plus expenses. Two days later he sold 10,000 air guns in Chicago and the order was filled within six months. In 1895, the company changed its name to the Daisy Manufacturing Co. and ceased to sell windmills. By the end of the 19th century, Daisy had established itself as a dominant force in the air gun industry with sales of over \$100,000. To this day, the company continues to hold market dominance.

If you look around the countryside today you still may see an old windmill with the Plymouth label on it. If you do, look closely to see if the tail is full of BB shot marks, probably from an old Daisy. Charles Bennett who ran the company for years passed away September 17, 1956. E.C. Hough, son of Lewis Cass Hough (born 1873) founder of the company died on January 24, 1959. Charles F. LeFever of St. Louis, Mo. is the inventor of the pump gun and worked for the Daisy Manufacturing Co. as head of the research, development and quality control department at the Plymouth, Mi. plant.

“I would like to challenge your readers to find the link between former Hubbardston resident Frank McHenry and the Daisy Manufacturing Co. I’ve heard rumors of such a connection and was wondering if anyone could substantiate them.” (John Pung)

John, you have come to the right source. For many years through conversations with Frank McHenry, Hubbardston friends learned the history of the Daisy Air Rifle and of John J. McHenry, Frank's father.

Through frugal management and connections in Canada, the Daisy Manufacturing plant survived the Depression and were able to meet their payroll. John McHenry had been manager of the tool room for the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co. until the Depression forced it out of business. So, in 1933, John took the available job in the tool room of Daisy, invested some of his own capital and in 1938 became plant manager for the Daisy Manufacturing Co., a position which he held for over twenty years, until retiring in 1960. The company prospered as did John J. McHenry

And now to the Hubbardston connection? John's son Frank was a bar-keeper in Detroit. Mary

Catherine Cahalan was a graduate of St. John the Baptist High School, daughter of Patrick and Mayme Roach Cahalan, and a niece of Walter T., Roach, the only WWI casualty from Hubbardston. (Walter T. Roach Post 182 founded in 1919 bears his name.) Virginia Hogan, a classmate of Mary Catherine's accompanied her to Detroit where they attended and graduated from college and Mary Catherine became a teacher. Then she met Frank McHenry, married him and when Frank met the Hogans, the Cahalans and the folks in Hubbardston, he loved it so much here, he purchased the former 'Ray Edwards Tavern' and managed it successfully for many years. Frank's son, Michael is a Medical Physician near Saginaw and still has connections with his deceased father's friends. And that is the story of the Daisy Air Rifle connection to the McHenry's of Hubbardston.

Thank you, John, for your research and your contribution to the HAHS newsletter. We sincerely appreciate your interest. For the complete and interesting full story of the Daisy Manufacturing Co. of Plymouth, see the Michigan History Magazine, January-February 2006 issue. It is available at the HAHS Museum room for your perusal. Another irony to this tale is that Virginia Hogan Nieman married a friend of Frank's, Louis Nieman and today her daughter Berta Nieman Lalomia (living in Jackson, Mi.) is a member of HAHS. Bertha and Clara Hogan raised Virginia and Bob from infancy when both of their parents died very young of TB. Today the Hogan House on the hill by the bridge has been renovated beautifully into a summer home by the Denny Dyke's of Sun City, Arizona, a nephew of Billie Herald Cunningham and also a member of HAHS. Following is a tale from Frank's funeral in Detroit and Memorial Service in Hubbardston.

Frank McHenry Funeral

Friends from Hubbardston went to St. Andrews Catholic Church in Rochester, Mi. for his funeral. Pall bearers were Bob Cashen, Jim Ward, Murdo Wood, Doug Cusack, Michael and Sean McHenry, his son and grandson. Internment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rochester. The priests and nuns were all well-known to Frank as he had lived and raised his family in this parish. At a memorial service in Hubbardston the

following week, Sharon Churchill Schafer, lector, took a note from the funeral and delivered it at the end of Mass. Ending the homily at the funeral at Frank's home parish, Frank's priest friend told the following story:

Frank stood at the pearly gates,
His face was worn and old.
He saw St. Peter and asked
Admission to the fold.
St. Peter asked him what he did
To seek admission here.

"I owned a tavern," McHenry said,
"Sold liquor, wine and beer."

The gates flew open – Pete rang the bell!
"Come on in," he said.

"You've had enough of Hell." (Nancy Smith Cusack)

Please accept this (\$100) donation to the Hubbardston Area Historical Society from the Western Michigan Genealogical Society. I was a speaker at a recent WMGS membership meeting and desired to have the honorarium designated to one of my favorite organizations, HAHS. I hope you can use it for something special. Please pass on my greetings to all. (Don Bryant, Grand Raids, Mi. Descendant of the Holbrook and Townsend families of Hubbardston) *Thanks so much Don and Mindy for your caring and interest. You are appreciated members of HAHS. (Ed)*

My sister Donna Baker and I are trying to get some of my dad's (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Thomas Kavanagh, formerly of Carson City, Mi.) things together. Found this newspaper among them and we were going to throw it away. Not knowing whether you had it we decided to send it on. Enjoy your newsletter so much and am enclosing my dues. (Pat Kavanagh Kean, Emmet, Mi.)

Hope all is well with you and family. Everything is fine with the Schinemans. Thanks to all who put so much time into the society. I really enjoy the newsletters. Peace and Love, (Margaret Hogan Schineman, Lansing, Mi.)

To all of you who work so hard at HAHS, thank you, thank you. I so much love to read the letters and articles that you print. It sure takes me back in time. What a wonderful time it was, too. I especially appreciate the notices of deceased friends so if we didn't hear the news we can at least remember them in our prayers. I just recently

moved back to the area from Petoskey. I always felt kind of out of the loop up there. Greetings to all of my old friends, classmates and school chums. Enclosed is my membership fee. How horrible it would be not to have the newsletter coming. God bless all of you who give your time and talent to keep the rest of us informed and entertained. And please reserve a copy of the cookbook for me. (Judy Clark Sheaffer, Vestaburg, Mi.)

My grandparents Ed and Josephine Dwyer lived on a farm west of Hubbardston. While Grandpa milked the cows, we all called them by their names which we gave them. Grandma was a wonderful cook, making home made bread, donuts, cookies and always seemed to be able to make a banquet out of nothing when unexpected guests arrived. They played games with us and we loved to jump in the haymow. There was always a box of chocolates for the kids, we colored eggs at Easter and whenever she peeled potatoes, all of us kids had to have a slice of raw potato. We laughed and copied the way Grandpa ate his fresh tomatoes with salt, pepper, sugar and butter on them. (Kathy Dwyer Hughes, Mulliken, Mi.)

Enclosed are my dues for next year. I don't want to miss an issue. I enjoy the news items, the reminiscing and the smiles. (Florence O'Brien Hummel, Lansing, Mi.)

Just coming in to renew our Hubbardston Area Historical Flyer for Sr. Laurentia and myself. We enjoy reading all about the happenings in Hubbardston. Keep the presses rolling! (Florence Behan, Laud by the Sea, Florida)

I just wanted you to know how the next generation was doing. (Bernard 'Bonny' Burns, Michigan City, Indiana)

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown

And not only that, he is a National Merit Scholar at Marquette Catholic High School. The son of Dr. Stephen and Marion Burns (and grandson of Bonny and Helen Burns), Patrick and his sister (Meredith, 22 is in Medical School at Loyola University in Chicago) have done well. Patrick is the captain of the baseball and soccer teams. He is also active in music and theater and plays the lead in, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." Those talented Irish genes for fellowship follow the generations it seems. He has been accepted at Notre Dame and will pursue his studies there,

hoping to make his home in Michigan City if the opportunity arises. (Bonny Burns, Michigan City, IN)

Enclosed are some articles and pictures about our third annual St. Patrick's Parade in Grand Ledge. It was the best we have had yet. I was privileged to be chosen Grand Marshall and Emily Baese of Hubbardston was Queen. At the Irish Dancers celebration, I presented Emily with a cake I purchased. Keep up the good work. (John Dwyer, Grand Ledge, Mi.) *Thanks John for keeping us abreast of the Irish in Grand Ledge. We'll file the pictures at the HAHS Museum Room for all to see. From, all reports it was a 'grand celebration of the green' in Grand Ledge with the weather cooperating nicely. Your group does a terrific job!(Ed.)*

Enclosed find check for renewal subscription. I have enjoyed the newsletters so much. Please also reserve me a cookbook when it is published. I'm sending you a cookbook that Grandma Nell Brayton Chick used to teach their hired girl (as they were called in those years long ago) to cook. She was Jenny Borza, a Hungarian woman who worked for them until she went off to school and later married Ed Hough and lived in California until she died a few years ago. It is interesting and so many familiar names. Also the flour sack I ran across one day. My mother used to make dish towels, etc., out of sacks after she bleached out the names. In fact I still have some she made for me after I married in July of 1946. I'm also sending a letter from Jennie. I still have the plates and spoons she talks about and she mentions the cookbook. Also, a picture of the Round School house before it burned. My grandfather, Fred Chick's sister Winnifred Chick taught there at one time. Perhaps grandpa did, too. Hazel Chick was married to my Dad's brother, George. Another day I will get to remembering and write you again. (Sincerely, Emogene Drost, Memphis, Tennessee) *Thank you so very much, Emogene for the letter, the dues, the pictures, newspaper article about the Matherton School, the flour sack towel and the fantastic Hubbardston ladies cookbook, "Compend of Cookery." You will find one or two of these recipes in our heritage cookbook. I found it fascinating to read. Following is the letter written to Emogene from her aunt Jennie on Dec. 28, 1970.*

My dear, What a pleasant surprise to receive your letter. I am inclined to believe it is mental telepathy. After I received your mother's card

telling me that you liked the plates so well, that I decided to add to your heirlooms. When I was married in 1932 Uncle Fred, your grandfather sent us several things as wedding gifts. Amongst them, the plates, a water decanter (cut glass) and four grapefruit spoons and six sterling demi-tasse or hot chocolate teaspoons that we used to use when I stayed with Uncle Fred and Aunt Nell. I am sending you the teaspoons and someday when I come your way or go to Michigan I shall get the water bottle (decanter doesn't seem quite the right word) to you. Emogene, you were such a joy to Aunt Nell and she loved the way you used to work your way into her lap, even though you were such a tiny little baby. Aunt Nell has always been God's gift to womanhood to my way of thinking. She was such a lovely gracious person in spite of her badly crippled body-ever cheerful outwardly. She was my ideal and I loved her very much. You said Hazel gave you six plates. Do they match the ones I sent you? The plates I sent you were Aunt Nell's wedding gifts and not Grandma Brayton's We used to use them as dessert dishes. Also I have Aunt Nell's cookbook that she taught me to cook by. It's sort of 'local community women' who put in their best recipes. It is interesting to see so many of the names in there that have gone on. Would you like it? I'm tired but I do want to get this letter on to you as I am mailing the spoons and I hope you will look for them and enjoy using them as I have. With fond memories, Jennie

Children who grow up without work are like barn grass that grows up in the shade. Neither can stand the hot sun or storms.

We say Good-Bye, Godspeed to Our Friends!

Rev. Patrick Barrett, 72, of Traverse City died unexpectedly March 30, 2006 at his home. He was one of 10 brothers and one of three men who were ordained as priests after attending St. Mary's High School in Carson City. He was a priest for 43 years and in the words of his brother John, "He was just a great guy." He was born January 4, 1934 in Hubbardston, the son of Norton and Theone Johnson Barrett. He attended Chester Elementary School in rural Hubbardston and St. Mary's Catholic School in Carson City. He attended St. Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids,

Seminaire de Philosophie in Montreal, Canada. He was ordained by Bishop Allan Babcock at St. Andrews Cathedral in Grand Rapids on June 6, 1959. His first parish was St. Francis of Assisi in Traverse City, St. Andrew Cathedral Grand Rapids, and on to parishes in Mancelona, Bellaire, Lake Leelanau, Hannah, Karlin, East Tawas, Kalkaska, Fife Lake and Mapleton. He was preceded in death by his parents; and seven brothers, Tom, Bill, Jim, Joe, Carl, Danny and David Barrett. He is survived by Mary and Milton Franklin, John and Jean Barrett, Tim and Jean Barrett, Margaret Wilson, Faye and John Ralph, Michael and Judy Barrett, as well as many nieces and nephews. A memorial Mass was held at St. Francis Catholic Church with the Revs. James Gardiner and Kenneth Stachnik as celebrants. Memorials may be made to the Father Fred Foundation.

“Dearest Patrick, you were the personification of a man of God. Simple, humble, you had no ego, and accepted all humanity without judgment, generously giving freely to anyone in need of help. You made this world better by your presence...You gave of yourself to the end until your blessed heart simply grew too tired to carry on. You lived your years with dignity and joy...You were a father in the true sense of the word to us all...You were loved when you lived, you will always be loved.” (The family)

Donna Herald Kelly, aged 86, died April 2, 2006. She was born October 25, 1919 in Hubbardston to Ned and Georgia Gilleo Herald. She was the former owner of Donna K Beauty Salon, Past Pres. Of St. Mary’s Altar Society, and a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in DeWitt, Mi. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob in 1983. Surviving are her children Patrick (Sue) Kelly of DeWitt, Thomas of Lansing, Michael (Kathryn) Kelly and Sharon of East Lansing; 8 grandchildren, one great grandchild, two sisters, Billie Cunningham of Hubbardston and Betty Colorado of Phoenix, AZ. and numerous nieces and nephews. The funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m. at the Catholic Community of St. Jude in DeWitt.

**When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow:**

**For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee, thy deepest distress.**

Eleanor “Pat” McKenna

Mrs. Lewie McKenna (“Pat”) died on April 18, 2006 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. She was born April 22, 1931 in Forestville, Mi. to Anthony and Erna Reuter Patz. She graduated from Alma College, was a devoted religious woman and was an avid Spartan fan. Surviving are her husband of 50 years, Lewie; her six children, ten grandchildren and a sister. One daughter, her parents and a brother preceded her in death. She was buried at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Lansing. Memorials may be made to St. Therese Church or Sparrow Hospice Services. of Lansing. Pat was a beautiful, quiet and wonderful person. Visiting with her at Post 182 when husband Lewie was providing music, was always a joy. She loved her family, had many friends and was always interested and appreciative of everyone. Rest in peace, Pat. You’ve earned your wings! Lewie’s brothers; Pat (Helen McGinn) McKenna and Bud (Joan Shively) McKenna are charter members of HAHS.

“Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the candle because the dawn has come.” (Tagore)

Don’t Tell Lies – Especially to Your Mother!

A mother paid a short visit to her son who happened to be living with a very good looking young lady. “Now don’t get things wrong, Mom, there’s nothing going on. We’re only room mates.”

Shortly after mother’s visit, it was discovered that the sugar bowl had disappeared. The son, trying to be diplomatic wrote this note to his mother:

Dear Mother,

Now I am not saying that you did take it, and I’m not saying that you didn’t take it, but since you left, the sugar bowl has been missing.

Mother sent back this reply:

Dear Son, Now I’m not saying that she is just your room mate, and I’m not saying that she isn’t just your room mate. But, if she had been sleeping in her own bed since I left, the sugar bowl would have been found by now.

For membership, complete the form below and send it with \$15 annual fee for one year or \$60 for a 5 year (one year free) membership, made payable to

HAHS. Send to: H.A.H.S. c/o Joanne Howard, Box 183, Hubbardston, Mi., 48845. **Memberships run June through May.**

Name:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ ZipCode: _____

Telephone: _____ E mail: _____

List _____ surnames _____ you _____ are researching: _____

NOTE: All information may be published in upcoming newsletters unless you indicate in writing otherwise.

Time to renew your membership to HAHS. Dues are \$15 a year or \$60 for five years (one year free). Memberships run June 1-May 31. Send dues to: HAHS, Box 183, Hubbardston, Mi. 48845. Keep your newsletters coming!

Bachelor's Degree

When Cupid's arrow hit Apollo making him fall for Daphne, she begged the gods to turn her into a laurel tree. In honor of Daphne, Apollo decreed that laurel leaves be a sign of courage or accomplishment. Thus to 'win one's laurels' refers to public recognition. So, a wreath of laurels (known for its medicinal values) was given to doctors at graduation. The term 'bacca lauris' became 'baccalaureate degree' meaning a person too busy with his studies to marry. Bay leaf is also known as 'sweet laurel.' So congratulations to all of our graduating seniors as they receive their "baccalaureate" degrees this May and June.

Wine to Vinegar to Antibiotics

No matter what trend was used, the best of wines eventually turned to vinegar. How to prevent that happening was a major concern in the 1800's. Louis Pasteur was contacted by Napoleon III in the interest of wine-makers to determine whether there could be a method of controlling bacteria in wine. By 1866 Pasteur had published a book on the subject and from those findings came a solution for bacterial infections and the

'beginnings' of present day antibiotics which have been a godsend in the prevention and treatment of diseases. The lives saved, the babies who now survive, the mothers who do not die in childbirth, the soldiers who recover from formerly mortal wounds on the battle field, the life-span expectancy extension can all be credited to these advances in medicine and the treatment of these fevers and infections is remarkable. One venue is studied and it applies remarkably to other areas and needs of even more importance. When you have your next glass of wine, remember that the same process used to retain its quality led to life-saving medical research as well.

To determine the earliest family residents of the North Plains and Four Corners area, "First Families of the Four Corners" applications will hopefully be available at the May 27, 2006 annual meeting. Any member of HAHS who is a direct descendant of an individual who settled in the area of Hubbardston and its environs before December 31, 1880, may become a member of the "First Families of the Four Corners" by proof of such descent accompanied by a \$15 non-refundable application fee and official approval of the documents by the HAHS Board of Directors. Induction of new members will be held annually. Deadline for applications is December 31 of each year. Helpful guidance and assistance will be available from our genealogists. First Family Chairperson is Jennifer Churchill.

"Consider the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out."

Bud and Joanne Howard
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