

IN THE NEWS



Alumni Newsletter October 2023

DEMOLITION OF JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

MEMORIES WILL LAST A LIFETIME!

September 21st, the Alumni Association was informed that the demolition contractor has been working on mobilizing equipment to the site and anticipates a start date of late September for the physical structure demolition of the building. Over the next few weeks, you can expect to see equipment and site fencing arriving on site to prepare for the demolition process.



TAYLOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The City of Taylor, Historical Commission and Historical Society organized the renaming of the replica township hall on August 6, 2023, at Heritage Park. It has been renamed after Jared Sexton, Taylor Township's first supervisor. Jared's niece, Rose Farwell, gave a presentation in costume to those attending on Sexton history and where they came from before coming to Taylor. Plaques were placed above the doors of the town hall with Jared's name on them. The Jared Sexton township hall is also the Taylor Historical Society's gift shop. The Gift shop is open on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The Heritage Park West Mound Church that caught fire in 2020 was also rededicated on August 6. The work that has been done has made the church beautiful again and is back to being open for weddings through the Little White Chapel that rents the building.



MESSAGE FROM:

Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, III (4th District of Massachusetts) received in May 2018

Contacted by Sharon Kenny Vespremi JFK 69

Dear Friends,

I write to wish you well as you say goodbye to Kennedy High School after fifty-three years of service in Taylor.

To this year's graduates. I look forward to seeing all that you accomplish in the years ahead. I am confident that Kennedy High School has prepared you well to find success in whatever path you choose.

To those who will join Truman next year, I hope that in this time of transition you will embrace the opportunity to come together as a community and continue to promote the important values that marked the lives of both President Kennedy and President Truman.

No matter where your career takes you or what mascot you root for, I hope that you will find the inspiration to serve your community and positively impact the lives of those around you.

Thank you again for organizing this very gracious farewell. and I hope that everyone has a wonderful summer.

All my best,

Joseph P. Kennedy, III

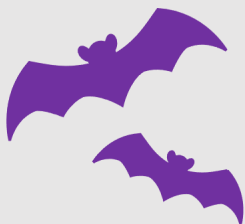
Member of Congress

TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

The Taylor Alumni Association received a request for the names of the Superintendents that have served the Taylor School District:

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| o Orville Jones | o Barbara Van Otterloo | o Diane Allen |
| o Simon Katchetarian | o Bethany Iverson | o Ben Willaims |
| o Kenneth Walker | o Alan Dobrovoloc | o Mark Kleinhans |
| o Vincent Pettipren | o James Harris | o Griff Mills |
| o Jerry Monticello | o Lee Lewis | o Michael Wegher |
| o Roger Craig | o Bethany Iverson | |

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

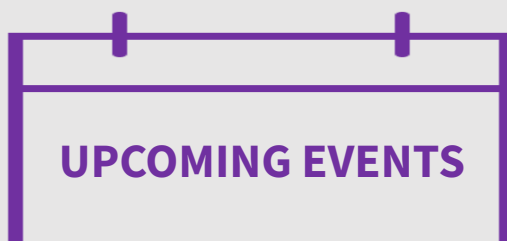


EVERY OCTOBER WEEKEND

FALL HARVEST – Pony Rides, Miniature Train Rides, and more Heritage Park Petting Farm

BOO BARN – 11 AM – 4 PM

October 31 – Official Trick or Treat Hours 5pm-8pm if you are participating leave your lights on.



October

- 10/7, 12-7pm, Taylor Conservatory Scarecrow Stroll + Major Dudes & Motown Eagles Concert + Vendor Market - Taylor Historical Society will participate with a Scarecrow and a vendor table.
- 10/21, 1-4pm Taylor Historical Society Gift Shop open in the Jared Sexton Township Hall, Heritage Park
- 10/22 - 4-8pm, Cemetery Walk, Goldenridge Cemetery sponsored by Taylor Historical Society - check out our Facebook page for more info.
- 10/27 4-7pm Hallow Palooza, The Taylor Historical Society will be handing out treats at the historical log cabin in Heritage Park
- 10/28, Halloween Portraits in the Park, sponsored by the Taylor Historical Society at the Taylor Conservatory (more info/event registration will be available soon)

November

- 11/7, 3-10pm Taylor Historical Society "Dine to Donate" Texas Roadhouse fundraiser and bake sale.
- 11/18 Dueling Pianos - Please see page 4 for more information!

December

- 12/2, Winterfest Parade, Taylor Historical Society will be part of the parade.
- 12/15 & 16, 22 & 23 Winterfest Stroll, Taylor Historical Society will be participating in the Winterfest Stroll, Jared Sexton Township Hall and Log Cabin will be open for visitors.

Taylor Public School Foundation



For Educational Excellence

Presents

Dueling Pianos



\$35/pp

Sat, Nov 18th

\$250/Table

Democratic Club of Taylor
23400 Wick Rd., Taylor

Doors at 5:30 PM Show Starts at 7:00 PM

PIZZA

CASH BAR

w/WINE, BEER, and SODA

GIFT RAFFLES

50/50

GREAT MUSIC

Sponsorship Packages Available

Contacts: Armando Sardanopoli 734.895.5875
or Linda Newsome 313.971.8440

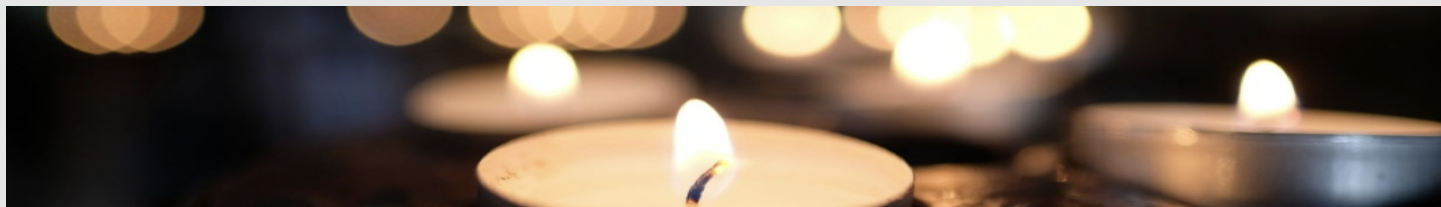
TPS Foundation awards
more than \$45k per
year in Scholarships &
Teacher Grants.

Your Support Fuels
Our Vision to enhance
the potential of Taylor
Students.



Piano Wars!

Premier Dueling Pianos - Delivered



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

- Mary Kathryn Nibert McCulloch, Class of 1968 (passed June 7, 2017)
- Mary Smith Frettenborough, Class of 1973 (passed September 17, 2023)
- Thomas Karadeema, Class of 1982 (passed August 25, 2023)
- Benjamin “Ben” Wheat, Class of 1998 (passed September 11, 2023)

JOHN F KENNEDY

- Lynn Fahnestock Watkins, Class of 1969 (passed August 11, 2023)
- Edward Marshall, Class of 1974 (passed July 7, 2023)
- Ronald Maynard, Class of 1981 (passed September 3, 2023)
- Cody Lyberg, Class of 2007 (passed September 6, 2023)
- Mariah Kiss Deel, Class of 2012 (passed September 12, 2023)

STAFF

- Daniel Matwiejczyk, Elementary Teacher (passed on 8/27/2023)

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