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WHERE ARE THEY NOW



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Arthur Nielson, Taylor Center High School, Class of 1963.

Art relates..... I did not do well in school until the 9th grade I played basketball and was involved in music, this sparked my interest all

through high school. Those were some of my best years.

Arthur graduated from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan with degrees in Architectural Drafting and Tool Design while earning double majors and a minor in machine shop. He started a teaching career at Vincennes University in Vincennes Indiana, move on to Lincoln Trail College in Robinson, Illinois and then back to Vincennes where he became department chair for nine faculty members. He retired in 2006.

In his private life – Arthur started building a real log home in 1976. It became a focal point during the construction and made articles in several newspapers. Later when he and his wife moved to Vincennes, Indiana, again he built a log house of all hand hewed logs 6” by 12” eastern white pine.

In addition, in 1966 Art built his first kayak and has fished out of kayaks ever since. In all he has built two kayaks, a car and two log houses.



At age 54 Art started playing baseball as a catcher in an amateur baseball league. His team went on to play in the Men's Senior Baseball League World Series held in Arizona. The team was runner up in 2006 and won the World Series in 2007. In 2010 they won the over 65 World Series. He has also been a volunteer commissioner for Babe Ruth Baseball for twelve years, eight years as State Commissioner.

Art has remained very active and in 2015 he entered the Senior Olympics in Pickle Ball, Track & Field Disc, Shot Put, Long Jump, 50M & 100M Dashes. He has not only spent a lot of time in athletics but hours and hours on his family tree going back to a grandfather



who left Denmark to work construction at the Chicago Worlds Fair in the late 1800's.

In closing, Art Nielsen said to me – "Thanks for asking about my life. I had a great run, and hope to keep running."

In deed he has had a great run and the Taylor Alumni Association says congratulations to Art for all of his many achievements. 📝

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH!

How come we choose from just 2 people for president and over 50 for Miss America?

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

Farmers Market - The Farmer Market will be open every Friday at the pavilion in Heritage Park from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. From June 3rd - September 2nd.

Taylor Conservatory - Music and art in the beautiful Taylor Conservatory, Once again there will be concerts in the park every Wednesday starting June 8th. Admission is \$5. What a great way to spend an evening. The area opens at 5:30 pm and concerts start at 6:30 pm and run until 8:30 pm.



Concert Schedule

- June 8th Big Ray & the Motor City Kings
- June 15th Sean Dobbins Trio featuring Marcus Elliot
- June 22nd Motor City Soul Tribute to Motown
- June 29th Rotary Day...Los Gatos Hot Latin Jazz with salsa dancing.

Summer Festival, The annual summer festival will be held this year from June 23rd - 26th. A hugh fireworks display will be on June 25. 📌

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The Taylor School District Robotic team will be hosting a competition July 8 and 9th. Forty eight teams from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Canada will be participating. Each of the 48 Robots will be doing required functions. It is amazing to see what these student constructed Robots are capable of doing. For more information contact Joe Horth at (313) 520-1823. The Taylor Alumni Association congratulates the students and team leader Joe Horth on all their achievements. 📌

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS



An Alumni lifetime membership has been sent to Luke Adams a 1991 graduate of Harry S Truman High School. The Taylor Alumni Association is pleased to have you as a lifetime member.

The Association would very much like to be the largest in the state. Why don't you join today? For only \$25 you can become a Lifetime Member of the fastest growing alumni group in the state. Five

dollars of the membership goes toward a yearly scholarship the remainder allows us to continue providing services to our more than 50,000 graduates.

THANK YOU!

Great to Hear From You Regarding our Newsletter...

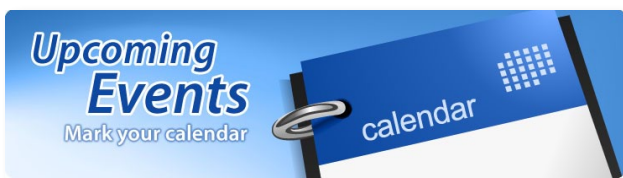
Great letter and content! Thank you! —Barbara Dail

Thank you for this and for everyone's effort. —Ralph Babcock

Thank you for all your work and for keeping us connected. —John Boyless

Thank you, great work. —Mark Jesulaitis

Thank you! It is nice to know that the work is appreciated The Taylor Alumni Association Board.



June 5th

Taylor Community Chorus Concert featuring 60 years of Disney and Irving Berlin Songs. William D Ford Senior Center, 6750 Troy at 4:00 pm, admission is \$5.

- June 9th Harry S. Truman Graduation, Class of 2016 held at the Taylor Sportsplex.
- June 10th John F Kennedy Graduation, Class of 2016 with members of the JFK Class of 1966.
- June 10th March in Gold—50 years after their first graduation ceremony 20 graduates of the JFK Class of 1966 will again take part in a graduation. The following 1966 graduates have been fitted for gold caps and gowns and will march with the 2016 graduates June 10th in the current graduation ceremonies: Paula Adkins, Rita Barnard Feitel, Fred Baugh, Chuck Bloomer, Linda Brown Colstrom, David Burkeen, Marilyn Pannanen Devore, Alice Fredricks Juszko, Richard Gorski, David Harrison, Penny Fiske Harrison, Gerald Marcis, Fred Phail, David Reid, Nancy Rimar-Howard, Charlene Roberts Ansel, Linda Robinson Marcis, David Schuck and Larry Wright.
- June 11th Ken Wood Memorial Golf Outing—The 8th Annual Memorial Outing will be held at the Lake Erie Metro Park Golf Course at 1 pm. For questions, please call Rod Fadoir at 734-735-0082 or email him at rfadoir@gkcorp.com.
- June 18th JFK 1966 50th Class Reunion. 3 - 9 p.m., Taylor Conservatory, 22314 Northline Road. Cost is \$50 per person and covers traveling food stations and live band. Please mail check or money order to: JFK 66 50th, 11539 Syracuse, Taylor, Michigan 48180. Contact Paula Adkins 734-771-7871, email adkinspd@ameritech.net or Linda Milne 313-585-1198.
- June 22nd - 26th Taylor Summer Festival at Heritage Park.
- July 8th - 9th The Big Bang Robotics Competition will be held at the Taylor Sportsplex.
- September 10th Truman Class of 1976 Reunion. Email Truman76reunion@gmail.com for more information.
- October 15th - 16th Kennedy Class of 76 Reunion. Call (734) 505-9925 for more information.



CLASS REUNIONS

Truman High School Class of 1976

40th Year Reunion
SAVE THE DATE:
September 10, 2016

Details are in the early stages but wanted to be sure you save the date. It is scheduled to be held at The Bently in Wyandotte. Please spread the word and I will be in touch soon. For more information please join the "Harry S. Truman Class of 1976 40th Reunion" Facebook group. For any of our classmates that do not have a Facebook Account and are interested in attending, please also have them email truman76reunion@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

Gina Fiorini Laarkamp



John F. Kennedy High School Class of 1976

40th Year Reunion

October 15 2016- 5pm - JP McGuires on the corner of Mortenview and Goddard. 50/50 tickets, casual dress, wear what you like.

Tickets for JPs \$25 each, \$50 couple, food is great. Cash Bar.

October 16 2016 - 10am to ??? - Bierkellers located at the corner of Goddard and Ziegler.

Bierkellers Blues, Beatles Brunch. Casual dress, PJs if you like. If flying out Sunday can leave luggage at my house. (Terri McCreary Coulston) I'm right down the street. Brunch is for families also so bring them if you like.

Brunch will be on you. If we get enough people we'll have a tent. If we have a tent there will be a \$5 charge.

Please friend me on FaceBook for any additional information or updates. If there is a football game Friday night would also be a good time! Can't wait to see my old classmates, have to say so much interest already. Let's go Eagles, put the word out see you in October.

Please Contact Terri McCreary Coulston, for any additional info 734-502-9925.

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.

John F Kennedy High

Roger Lewis, Class of 1959, (passed May 13, 2016)

Peggy Horn Charboneau, Class 1968), (passed May 11, 2016). Peggy was also a retired Taylor teacher.

Taylor Center High

Connie Quigley Overby, Class of 1959, (passed May 13, 2016)

Harry S. Truman High School

O'Connor, James "Jim" (Truman 1977) May 22, 2016

Other

Shirley Ivey, School District Employee (passed May 6, 2016)