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### **GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



#### **Michigan Rewards School**

Kinyon Elementary & West Middle School have been named as Michigan Reward Schools. Reward Schools are those who have achieved one or more of the following:

1. Top 5% of schools on the overall school rankings.
2. Top 5% making the greatest gains in achievement.
3. "Beating the odds" by outperforming the schools predicted ranking.

The Taylor Alumni Association congratulates the staff and students of these schools for earning this prestigious award.



Harry S. Truman High School

#### **The Truman Reports**

The DECA club (Distributive Education Club of America) did very well in the State competition and Amanda Massey qualified for the National competition. We have not received information on the Nationals.

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★ Beau Keathly received a Baseball Scholarship to Oakland University

★ Truman & Kennedy both have reported that 100% of the Senior Classes have applied for College.



JFK High School

### The Kennedy Report

Kennedy Administration has asked members of the 1967 Graduating Class to march at Commencement with the Class of 2017. Red White & Blue will be the colors. Boys in blue, girls in red and the 20 marchers representing the graduates of 50 years ago will be wearing white caps and gowns. The following is a list of the 20 individuals representing the class of 67: Patricia Sheridan Baker,

Patricia Hartwig Baugh, Claudia Michael Boyda, Susan Robinson Floyd, Brenda Baugh Kittle, Pattianne Sherrick Ledbetter, Brenda Shelton Mills, Karen Saul McGraw, Donna Schmoekel Purcell, Sandra English Schuck, Charles Chapman, Larry Floyd, Deryl Ickes, Lanny Mills, Victor Nettleton, Russell Pobursky, David Schmoekel, Dennis Schmoekel, Terry Styer and David White.



### Taylor Foundation Scholarship

Taylor Foundation Scholarship committee headed by Ken Nelson reported they have raised more money this year than any other year. The Foundation thanks Ken and his committee for that achievement. ✍️

## GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

### 2017 Taylor Summer Festival Highlights

The festival is June 22nd - 25th at Heritage Park.

- ▶ Thursday night activities include: a free Family Movie featuring Despicable Me.
- ▶ Friday night features a concert co-headlined by Sebastian Back & Warrant with special guest Sponge. Leading off the night will be the popular Detroit band "Eva Under Fire".
- ▶ Saturday night at 10:00 pm the Masco Taylor Summer Festival Fireworks Display is featured. There will also be a carnival which opens Thursday, a Color Fest Run, fishing and a variety of other activities and bands during the four day event. For a full list of times and activities visit [cityoftaylor.com](http://cityoftaylor.com)

## ALUMNI NEWS!



### The Taylor Alumni Association

Welcome to our newest Lifetime member Dan Unger, JFK Class of 1967.

How about You? Please consider joining the fastest growing Alumni Association in the State. To join send your name, school and year of graduation along with \$25 payable to the Taylor Alumni Association and mail to the Taylor Alumni Association, 11501 Beech Daly Road, Taylor, MI 48180. It's that easy.

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### Added Features for our Alumni

- ▶ Yellow Pages - We are adding a new feature to the Alumni Website. All alumni owned or managed businesses will now be included on our website. It's free of charge—just send a yellow page type add and we will post it on our website. This is a great opportunity for any alumni who would like to advertise with us and it's an excellent opportunity for alumni to support former classmates and their businesses.
- ▶ Inspiring Stories - NBC nightly news has a feature called "Inspiring America". The Alumni Association will start sending out

stories that could be an inspiration to all of us. Some suggested titles for this column has been "Inspiring Taylor", "Inspiring all of Us", "Inspiring Alumni". Please let us know if you would like to suggest a title or which of the above you like.

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June 8                      John F Kennedy Graduation.

June 9                      Harry S Truman Graduation

June 10                    It is our 7th annual BBQ for all TCH Ram classes will be held at the Jaycee Bicentennial Community Park on Pinecrest Street in Taylor from 1:00 p.m.- 7:00 pm. This allows all classes a yearly event to catch up with friends, listen to some tunes, share old stories and play horse shoes. Since it's a park feel free to bring kids/grandkids. We look forward to seeing you there, Stefan, Greg and Kathleen.

July 29th                   JFK class of 1967 50th reunion, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 pm Taylor Meadows, \$45 per person. A block of rooms are being held at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 6778 Telegraph Road in Taylor at a rate of \$89.99 by mentioning "Kennedy Reunion 1967". Questions contact Linda Pilous 248-478-4145, Gloria Villet 734-775-6167 or Nancy Mascaro 313-291-3556.

September 23            TCH Class of 1960 party has been canceled.

October 7th                TCH Classes of 1966, 67, 68 & 69 Reunion. Holiday Inn Southgate. \$75 per person. Dinner, Dance, Open Bar & Souvenir. Make checks payable to TCH and mail to TCH Reunion at 25143 Lyncastle, Farmington Hills Mi 48226. Please direct questions to Joan Cleveland Graham (248) 476-3558 or email to [jngraham2@aol.com](mailto:jngraham2@aol.com).

## 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**

Michael Wilkinson, Class of 1967 (passed May 2, 2017)

### **Taylor Center High**

Ray Harshberger, Class of 1966 (passed May 6, 2017)

### **Harry S. Truman High School**

Lisa Burgor, Class of 1982 (passed May 12, 2017)

### **Faculty**

Larry Malesky, Teacher, Coach Administrator (passed May 5, 2017)

For more information about the deceased and there families, please visit the alumni website [tayloralumni.org](http://tayloralumni.org) and click on "In Memoriam".