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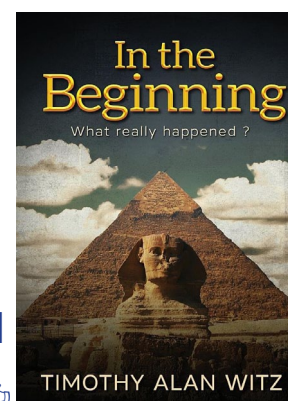
### IN THE NEWS



Timothy Alan Witz, 1971 Author, Tim Witz, graduate of JFK has written his second book. Tim's first book "High School Honeymoon" is a nonfiction book based on the witty mishaps, and misfortunes that happen on his wedding night. Tim's newest book "In the Beginning" is an intriguing

time travel book about a young man's insightful vision into the future and back into the past.

Witz, 64 is a lifelong Taylor resident who constantly gives back to the community. He served 22 years as the treasurer for the Taylor South Little League. Tim also has been treasurer of the Junior League World Series for 15 years. Tim was also inducted into the Taylor Sports Hall of Fame. 📖



## GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR



► A new restaurant is coming to Taylor. Mark Wahlburg actor and co-owner of Wahlburg restaurant chain announced he is expanding to Taylor and will open a restaurant on Eureka Road at I-75 near the Home Depot parking lot. Wahlburgers will take the place of the Big Boy Restaurant that is closing soon.

► Menards, the third largest home improvement store in the United States, will break ground in Taylor this spring. The 300,000 square foot store will also be built near I-75 and Eureka Road.



## LET'S MEET OUR LEADERS

Tim Woolley, Taylor Center High class of 1988 is an elected member of the City of Taylor Council. Tim is a military veteran who served in the Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign. He and his wife Amy Mott (also a 1988 grad of TCH) live in Taylor and their children both attended Truman High School.

The Taylor Alumni Association thanks Tim Woolley for his Military Career and for his public service.



Tim Woolley

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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW... FEATURING THE JFK AND TCH CLASSES OF 1967 (50 YEAR AGO).



JFK High School

### **Richard Kozik, JFK.**

Richard was senior class advisor, English Teacher, Basketball and Football coach. "Dick" is living in Taylor and remains active in school activities. He enjoys bowling, golf and karaoke. When asked about memories of his day's at JFK he responded as follows: "In all my years at Kennedy, I never felt that I was going to work. Each day was enjoyable. I still see several of my colleagues in social and recreational endeavors and we still have fun. Many students have become life-long friends and the gatherings and reunions always bring back fond memories." 📖

### **Larry Floyd, JFK, 1967**

When asked about memories of JFK, Larry responded—"In 1965 10th & 11th grade students walked into a brand new building. I count myself as one of many fortunate students to have spent my years at Kennedy. We had an engaging staff, numerous clubs, sports and activities that impacted all of us. We were taught by teachers like, Mr. Dickelman, Mrs Marshall, Mr. Clements, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Raebel , Mr Kozik and many others who inspired and challenged us to become our best. I then went to Eastern hopefully to become as good a teacher as those I had at JFK. I was very fortunate to be hired in the Taylor School District and began a 35 year teaching career. I still have close ties to the Taylor Schools having lived in Taylor and having my wife Sue teaching at Treadwell

for 19 years. In addition our son, Ryan graduate from TCH and now teaching at West Middle School. Our daughter Shannon is a 1997 Graduate of TCH. Now we have Grand Daughters attending Kinyon elementary and JFK."

Larry, the Taylor Alumni Association, the district and the city are all thankful for your dedication to our community. 📖



Taylor Center High School

### **Bob Walters, Teacher and Tennis Coach. TCH**

Pennsylvania's loss was Taylor's gain when Bob Walters left his home state to become a teacher and coach at Taylor Center High. Upon graduation from California State College in Pennsylvania,

Bob enrolled in the Navy and served for 6 years, left active duty and remained in the Navy's reserve officer corps. In 1964 Bob started teaching math at Taylor Center High, a career that lasted 29 years. Four of those years he was also Tennis Coach.

Bob recalls the tremendous school spirit, pep rallies, bands marching in the halls and teachers attending all the events. For Bob Walters it was a great experience to have taught at TCH. Now retired from both Teaching and the Naval Reserve from which he retired as a Commander. He and his wife spend winter in Fort Myers, Florida and Summer in Michigan. 📝

### **Ken Avery, Teacher and Coach**

In 1967, Mr. Avery was a Teacher and Coach at TCH. He relates that he enjoyed

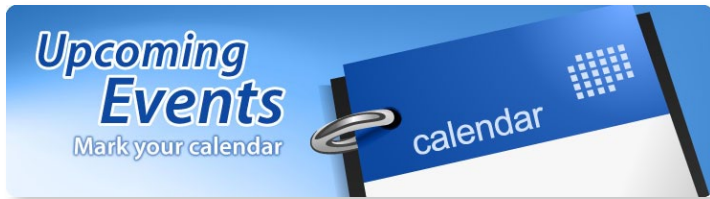
every aspect of the school. Ken states how he loved his teaching and coaching assignments because of the great staff he was a member of, and the super students he worked with. He goes on to say he looked forward to going to work every day. Going back in time a bit, Ken attended Taylor Schools Graduating from TCH in 1957. While in high school, Ken excelled in Baseball receiving "All Area First Team Pitcher Award". Michigan State University offered Ken a Scholarship. Upon graduation from MSU, Ken signed a professional contract with the Detroit Tigers and pitched in their farm system for five years. He then returned to Taylor to start a Teaching Career that lasted until retirement in 1997. In addition to his teaching, he Coached Football and of course Baseball. In 1985 he was

appointed Athletic Director.

Mr. Avery also served the City of Taylor on the Recreation Commission for 30 years, was city recreation director and in charge of many sports programs. He still lives in the city and his five children all graduated from JFK.

The Taylor Alumni Association commends these four excellent educators for their service to the Taylor Schools and the City of Taylor.





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.

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 TCHS and mail to TCHS Reunion at 25143 Lyncastle, Farmington Hills Mi 48226. Please direct questions to Joan Cleveland Graham (248) 476-3558 or email to jngraham2@aol.com.

September 23rd

The TCH Class of 1960 is planning a "Birthday Bash". Most of their Grads are turning 75 so a big birthday party is being planned: a three course dinner, open bar, music, etc. More news will be on the way but mark your calendars. For questions or suggestions email Dave Flodquist at flodlite@aol.com or call him at 313-580-1312.



## LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT MICHIGAN

- ▶ The name Michigan is derived from the Ojibwa Indian words Mishi-gama (meaning "large lake").
- ▶ Michigan has more fresh water coastline than any province of any country in the world (3,126 miles).
- ▶ Michigan has world's only floating post office. It delivers mail to ships as they pass under the Ambassador Bridge.
- ▶ Michigan has about 150 lighthouses, more than any other state in the United States.



# 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**

Frank Mallon, Class of 1973 (passed December 24, 2016)

Timothy Wilburn, Class of 1985 (passed October 9, 2016)

Mario Sant'Angelo, Class of 1985 – left JFK in 1983 (passed January 17, 2017)

Mary Majchszak Pitcock, Class of 1984 (passed January 2017)

## **Taylor Center High**

Tom Bonner, Class of 1964 (passed February 22, 2017)

David Wellman, Class of 1957 (passed February 20, 2017)

Patricia Plovie Bush, Class of 1963 (passed February 25, 2017)

## **Faculty**

Alvin Whited, teacher and administrator, for 40 years (passed March 21, 2017).

Wendell Kennan, Teacher, Counselor (passed February 28, 2017).

Donald Roskoph, one of the founding fathers of the Taylor Public School Foundation, passed February 19, 2017. His contributions to the foundation were enormous and he will be greatly missed.

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