



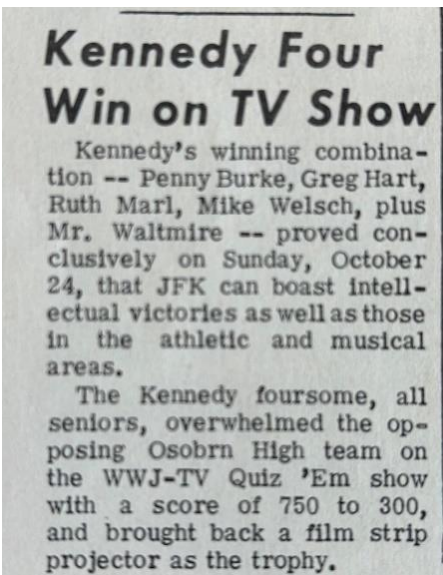
Taylor Center High School (1953-1997)
John F. Kennedy High School (1966-2018)
Harry S. Truman High School (1974-2018)
Taylor High School (2018-Present)



Taylor Alumni Association Newsletter

March 2025

UPDATE! A Blast from The Past



Thank you to Margaret Zukowski Sell for responding to the Quiz Bowl article in last month's newsletter. Please see the pic from the JF Kennedy Patriot newspaper of 11/12/65. It summarizes the questions asked in the February newsletter edition.

"I found the paper in my 1966 Kennedy yearbook. Linda Robinson was editor."



Sincerely, Margaret Zukowski (now Maggie Sell), JFK class of '67"

WHERE ARE THEY NOW??

We would like to make this a regular feature in our newsletter. Won't you send us "your story"? We would love to share it! Email the Alumni Association: tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com.

Ken Mitchell responded to our request for articles to add to our newsletter. Thank you, Ken!



Ken Mitchell graduated from TC in 1973 and then moved to California in 1975. There I attended a Christian college with a degree in Theology and in English. There I met my wife, and we are still married after 42 years. We have 3 grown children and 5 grandkids. I lived in California for 49 years and moved to Oregon a little over a year ago. Here in Wilsonville, Oregon two of my grown children and all 5 of the grandkids live within a couple blocks of each other.

I worked for a Publishing Company for 17 years, sold printing services for 11

years and the last 14 years as a realtor. My hobbies include traveling, in the states and abroad. I have been to Australia 4 times and met Steve Irwin in 1994. I also love deep sea fishing and scuba diving. I enjoy hiking with my family and parties at my home in Oregon. I will be turning 70 in April and have enjoyed very good health my whole life. God has been good to me. The more I learn about the universe the more I am convinced that our planet is a unique and beautifully made orb perfectly designed for life. Every day is a gift.



DOWN MEMORY LANE

From the 1970 Taylor Center yearbook



New decade begins; TCHS welcomes challenge of 1970

Seconds, minutes, hours. Time literally flies by, and with each fleeting moment the world changes. Rockets, missiles, moon exploration, and even greater developments have been ushered in with the new decade. Not to be left behind, Taylor Center High School and its student body rose to meet the challenge. New and improved curriculum, a new liberalized dress code, athletic records broken, all have been major events at TC this year. In addition, 1970 was a time for making individual decisions; a time for thinking about the future...its possibilities and wonders.

The past year saw man walk on the moon and thereby realize a long-dreamed goal. What the new decade will hold is at present clothed in mystery, but whatever the future may be, and in honor of all the dreams and hopes it holds, we of the 1970 RAMPAGE staff "choose something like a star" for our symbol this year, a star "To stay our mind on and be staid." Robert Frost's line reminds us once again that the

star which we have chosen is a symbol of new heights to be climbed, new goals to be reached, new aspirations to be realized. The challenge of the 1970's is to reach that star.

ALUMNI LIFETIME MEMBERS

Want to become a lifetime member? It is only \$25. See the form at the end of this newsletter.

Taylor Education Foundation Wall of Fame



TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

For Educational Excellence

The Foundation is putting together an event to celebrate the folks who have made a real difference in the Taylor School system. It's not just about the money they've given, but also the incredible ways they've served our district. The Foundation will be using a nomination process to pick the best of the best, and the Foundation will be honoring them all on the night of the event.

For more information go to the link below to nominate someone.

<https://taylorschoolsfoundation.org/events/taylor-education-foundation-wall-of-fame/>

Reunions

1975



50th Class Reunion for Taylor Truman and Taylor Center High Schools.

From the class of 75 Reunion Committee:
Save the date Saturday, October 18, 2025 @
Lakes of Taylor Golf Club Banquet Center.
Also planning to meet at Pia's Pizzeria on
Friday, October 17, 2025, for a little get
together.

More information to follow soon. Please pass this information on to any classmates of Truman and TC you may still be in contact with. Include your maiden name and high school you attended.

We are also trying to get an idea of how many people are interested in attending this event on October 18, 2025. Please list how many people will be attending.

Respond to: classof75taylormi@gmail.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. 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

Janice Kohns – Class of 1957 (January 26, 2025)
Jeanette Thomson Stapish – Class of 1957 (12-13-2024)
Susan Dooling – Class of 1977 (3-10-2012)
Alice Leinonen Stramecky – Class of 1959 (7-18-2022)
Janice Meredith Kohns – Class of 1957 (January 26, 2025)
Jack Wallace – Class of 1959 (February 15, 2025)
Randall “Randy Sandifur – Class of 1996 (February 19, 2025)
Dennis Evans – Class of 1969 (January 1, 2025)
John Fink – Class of 1973 (November 29, 2019)

Kennedy

Donald Beaton – Class of 1972 (February 21, 2017)
Jeffery Havican – Class of 1988 (February 9, 2025)

Truman

David Ronan – Class of 1979 (February 24, 2025)

Staff/Faculty

Richard “Dick” Irwin – Math/Computer Science Teacher and Administrator (January 28, 2025)
Patrick Murphy – School Psychology (February 2025)
Paul Fater – Maintenance/Bus Driver (February 19, 2025)

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

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Alumni Association Purpose

To enhance the educational atmosphere of the Taylor School District by developing an active alumni association for the common good of both the graduates and the school district.

Taylor School District Alumni Association Application for Membership

Alumni lifetime membership: \$25 per person.
Please print clearly:

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Maiden _____

School Attended _____

Graduation year _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

email _____

Make checks payable to:

Taylor School District Alumni Association

Mail this form along with your payment to:
Taylor School District Alumni Association
11501 Beech Daly, Taylor, MI 48180

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