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# October 2016 Alumni Newsletter

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## **TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE SUCCESS STORY**



Terri Blackburn Fritz

### **Truman Graduate is a Local Entrepreneur**

Teri Blackburn Fritz a 1978 graduate of Truman High School is a local entrepreneur. While at Truman Teri was class treasurer all three years, was on the track team, a member of the ski club and participated in many events

and activities including charity fundraising. Teri credits these activities, under the guidance of class advisors and teachers, for developing skills she has carried into her business.

In 1980 just two years after graduating, she together with Al Fritz (former Truman and Taylor Career Center teacher) started [Dolphin Manufacturing](#). Dolphin Manufacturing is a custom precision machining company now in its 36th year of business. The operation is located in Taylor in a 45,000 square foot building providing

prototype through production contract and custom metal products for aerospace, defense, automotive and industrial applications.

Dolphin Company and employees remain civic minded holding food and donation drives to aid [Fish and Loaves](#) and other local groups.



Teri currently is the CEO of Dolphin providing leadership for the day to day business strategies as well as overseeing the financial and human resource functions of the company. In addition, Teri finds time to serve on the board of "The Taylor Conservatory and Botanical Gardens", is a member of "Woman in [Defense Michigan](#)" (seeks to strengthen and influence the defense and national security industry by inspiring women, cultivating leadership and growing professional relationships), Michigan Manufacturers Association and Automation Alley where she is a member of the manufacturing committee.

The Taylor Alumni Association is very proud of Teri Blackburn Fritz and we wish her continued success in all of her endeavors. 📖

## ALUMNI NEWS!



### The Alumni Membership is on the Rise!

To join send your name, school and year of graduation along with \$25 made payable to the Taylor Alumni Association and mail to the Taylor Alumni Association, 11501 Beech Daly Road, Taylor, MI 48180. It's that easy and you are then a lifetime member. 📖

### Welcome to our new member.

Carl Bumgardner, JFK 1971,

Thanks Carl for your support. With your help we are closer to our goal of becoming the largest Alumni Association.



## DOO WOP OLDIES QUIZ

1. Who is generally given credit for originating the term "Rock and Roll"?

- (a) Dick Clark
- (b) Wolfman Jack
- (c) Alan Freed

2. In 1957, he left the music business to become a preacher?

- (a) Little Richard
- (b) Frankie Lymon
- (c) Tony Orlando

3. Paul Anka's "Puppy Love" is written to what star?

- (a) Brenda Lee
- (b) Connie Francis
- (c) Anette Funicello

Answers are on the bottom of this page.



Answer to Quiz.

## GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



### Virtual Learning Academy

The Mission at Taylor Virtual Learning

Academy is to provide assistance and maintain high academic standards

for all students in a flexible environment, while working towards the goal of earning a high school diploma. We strive to prepare students to be successful in an ever changing environment through the use of essential life skills, which you will see modeled in our school and can be applied to everything in life.

Students are required to spend a minimum of two days per week in the lab (classroom) in a year long program. Students can do their class work on line anytime, but mentors work one-on-one with the students while in the lab. Once students earn 25.5 credits and meet all state requirements, they receive a Michigan Merit Curriculum Diploma issued from the Taylor School District and then they have the option to participate in ceremonies with Kennedy or Truman High Schools. 📖

Funicello.

1. (c) Alan Freed, 2. (a) Little Richard, 3. (c) Anette




# GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

## A Few Non-Traditional Workout Places in Taylor

► Walking is good medicine and walking for as little as 30 minutes a day not only can reduce your risk of heart disease, it can improve blood pressure, lower blood sugar levels and help you feel better. Healthy Taylor wants you to make walking a part of your fitness routine. During June, July and August every Friday at Noon Beaumont doctors and City officials joined in 30 minute walks through Heritage Park. While the “Healthy Taylor Walk with a Doc” and “Healthy Taylor Walk with an Official,” ended in early September, Heritage Park is still a great place to walk and enjoy the Fall weather.

► Taylor is also made for other recreation. The city is home to Lakes of Taylor and Taylor Meadows Golf Courses two of the finest courses in the Metro area. Studies show that the average person can burn more than 1,000 calories walking 18 holes on a full-length course. Cart riders shed about 800 calories over the same distance.

► The Taylor Sportsplex features four arenas for ice hockey, figure skating, indoor soccer and special events. They offer public skating, figure skating and hockey lessons, competitions, clinics and both adult and youth leagues. The Sportsplex is also home to the prestigious Belle Tire hockey program and serves at times as a practice facility for the Detroit Red Wings. For more information call (734) 374-8900.

► The Taylor Recreation Center is the perfect place to work out, play court games or take lessons from the renowned Taylor Dance Program and Ballet Americana, which celebrates its 50th year in 2016. For more information, call (734) 374-8900 Option 2. 



# PHILOSOPHY 101

(contributed by Reg Dickson former Taylor teacher and counselor).

**W**e need to learn that our true inner happiness does not come from the material things of the world.

Therefore....we all should realize that when we have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, with whom we can chat, laugh, talk, sing, talk about north–south–east–west or heaven and earth—that is true happiness!

1. Don't educate your children to be rich.

Educate them to be happy, so when they grow up they will know the value of things, not the price.

2. Best wise words: Eat your food as your medicine. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food.

3. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few folks really understand that.

4. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!

## Six best medicines in the world

1. Sunlight
2. Rest
3. Exercise
4. Diet
5. Self Confidence
6. Friends

And, finally

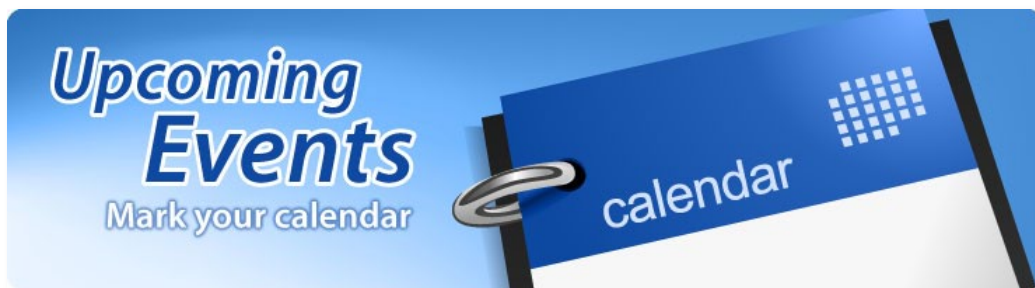
The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts

The safest place to be is in someone's prayers

And the very best place to be is...in the hands of God. –Reg

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**THINK** POSITIVELY  
**EXERCISE** DAILY  
**EAT** HEALTHY  
**WORK** HARD  
**STAY** STRONG  
**WORRY** LESS  
**DANCE** MORE  
**LOVE** OFTEN  
**BE** HAPPY



- October 1st "Who was your favorite Taylor Center High School Teacher?" Saturday, October 1st we are going to honor every teacher that taught during the 44 years that Taylor Center High existed. Dean Elliott, TCH Class of 1977 wants to honor every teacher that taught at TCH from 1957 to 1994. For more information contact Dean at: [dean@aboundinghope.com](mailto:dean@aboundinghope.com).
- October 4th Volleyball JFK 7pm vs Gibraltar.  
Volleyball HST 7pm vs Wyandotte.
- October 10th School Board meeting 6-9pm Board Office Northline Rd.
- October 11th Taylor Alumni Board meeting- 6 pm Taylor School Board meeting room. All alumni are welcomed to attend.
- October 13 Taylor Public School Foundation meeting 8 am – Taylor School Board meeting room. All interested are welcomed to attend.
- October 14 Football HST 7pm vs Southgate.
- October 15th - 16th Kennedy class of 76 Reunion – Call 734-505-9925 for more information.
- October 21st Football JFK 7pm vs Trenton  
Football HST 7pm vs Allen Park
- October 24th School Board 6-9 pm Board office Northline Rd
- November 4 Euchre Tournament 6 pm American Legion Hall Brest Road - \$20 entry fee which includes food. 1st prize \$300, 2nd prize \$150, 3rd prize \$50. All proceeds to go to the Scholarship Fund. To purchase tickets call Judith LaFleur at 313-386-3106 or Janis Motsinger at 734-654-3927.

## 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**

Kathleen Chludzinski Mucci, Class of 1979 (passed August 27, 2016).

### **Taylor Center High**

Vernon Warn, Class of 1957 (passed August 24, 2016).

Margaret Gray Sanford Class of 1960 (passed August 2016).

James White Class of 1958 (passed September 17, 2016).

Thomas Lickfelt, Class of 1960 (passed September 22, 2016)