

COMMUNITY LIFE

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Time as POW ended abruptly

It was in the small town of Rize, Germany, while the Battle of the Bulge was going on, that we got overrun. December 1944, just before Christmas, we went on patrol and didn't see a thing. A few hours later, more Germans than we knew existed were at the outer post. With their armor we didn't have a chance of stopping them.

Next thing we knew we were walking on roads to Germany. We had to walk at night, otherwise Allied planes would strafe anything moving in day light.

After a few days we were north of the Frankfurt railroad yards. We were put in box cars and were so crowded there was no room to move or lie down. It was freezing.

After what seemed an eternity, we stopped in the middle of nowhere. We walked to Stalag 4B where we stayed for a few months. The treatment at the beginning was not too good, but when the Germans felt they were losing, they brought in old men as guards and they eased up.

Next thing we knew, we wake up one morning, fell out for roll count, and somebody yelled "No guards in the towers." We were stunned until we realized they had all moved out at night, and we were on our own.

Soon all hell broke loose. We were free and

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Maxes out: Roy A. Lindhardt of Farmington Hills pulls out just a few pieces of his Peter Max poster collection including a framed letter from Max dated 1967.

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Hills man recalls mad Max weekend



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It was a wild nonstop weekend in 1967, and Roy Lindhardt of Farmington Hills still thinks back on it in amazement.

Farmington Hills resident Roy Lindhardt went to the max with his Peter Max posters — he's kept them for more than 25 years. The artist will be at an area Red Cross benefit this weekend.

A group of people had asked artist Peter Max to come to Detroit for a promotional tour. Max, known for his psychedelic posters, among other works, hadn't yet achieved the success he would enjoy later.

These weren't promotions professionals — Lindhardt was in insurance — but they had a lot of guts. And it worked.

Max came to Detroit for a whirlwind weekend, Nov. 2-5. The memories of that weekend recently became more vivid for Lindhardt as he was going through his collection of Peter Max posters in anticipation of a visit by the artist this weekend for an American Red Cross fundraiser in Dearborn.

Lindhardt, who is contemplating a run for the Hills city council, wasn't a Peter Max fan; he got involved because his girlfriend at the time, Kay Fleming, came up with the idea of promoting Max.

As Lindhardt recalls it, it wasn't hard to get Max's phone number — they just asked Life magazine.

Max agreed, and the group of 10 people in Detroit planned his visit.

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