



Taylor Alumni Association Newsletter

September 2024

Alumni Spotlight

James Zubor is a 2005 Truman High Alumnus

(Photo & article credit to City of Taylor)

This is a story with a happy ending, thanks to a fire medic who turned into a “dolphin” in an effort to save a teen-age boy.



Fire Medic James Zubor was honored with a proclamation from the City of Taylor on August 7 for his efforts during the water rescue of an autistic teenager in July.

The teen had wandered into a retention pond on the Wayne County Community College’s Downriver campus.

His mother was on the shoreline and, concerned for his safety, called 9-1-1. Both the mother and the paramedics responding could not coax the teen out of the water, which had a depth of about 10 feet.

Fire Medic Zubor entered the water and swam to the teen and again attempted to talk him into returning to the shore. By this time, the boy had been in the water for over two hours, so Zubor decided to turn into a superhero and offer the teen a piggyback ride.

He told the teen he could have a dolphin ride back to shore. All he had to do was get on his back. Flash forward: The teenager ended up back on the shoreline, thanks to Zubor the Dolphin, safe and sound and reunited with his mother.

By unanimous vote of the City Council, Fire Medic James Zubor was honored with a proclamation from the City of Taylor on Wednesday, August 7. We have no idea what he’s going to do for an encore.

Music and Arts through the Years

Detroit Free Press, Page 7, (Friday, March 22, 1940)

THE DETROIT FREE PRESS—

Rural Schools in Music Drive

Schubert No Novelty to Country Pupils

Scratch the surface of the average school kid of Wayne County and you will find a potential musician, it has been discovered by officials of the Michigan Committee for Music Appreciation in its campaign in the Detroit area to foster the love of good music.

Latest of the surface-scratching activities of the educational division of the committee was a trip Thursday to the Eureka Dale Rural School in **Taylor Township**, where the modern version of the Little Red Schoolhouse includes a music room. Each of the children in the school receives two-and-one-half hours of music education a week.

It was the andante movement of the Schubert Unfinished Symphony which was played and discussed, under the supervision of Miss Isabel Hoersch, music super-

visor for the Wayne County rural schools.

The 36 kids who made up the class were from farm homes, more than 20 of which already possessed phonographs.

With but one day left for the distribution of recordings of the Schubert work, the demand still continued brisk Thursday at the committee headquarters at 339 State. Beginning Saturday, the Beethoven Fifth Symphony will be distributed, the second in a series of complete recordings to be available at a price as low as \$1.59.

Contract Bridge Tourney Will Be Staged at D.A.C

The Dick Richards trophy contract bridge tournament will be held Monday at the Detroit Athletic Club. Play will start at 8:30 p. m.

This is the fifth tournament held to honor the man who has won more national bridge championships than all other Detroit bridge players put together. Ely Culbertson won his first three national championships playing on Richards' team, representing the D.A.C.

Monday night's tournament will honor Richards' sixty-four birthday.

Pupils Audibly Prove Music Appreciation



The appreciation of good music is no abstraction to youngsters at the Eureka Dale School, **Taylor Township**. With their elders in this vicinity flocking to buy symphony records in

the Detroit Music Appreciation Campaign, the school youngsters demonstrate their feelings about art by accompanying phonograph music with some varied sound effects of their own,

Free Press Photo

Taylor High Schools Fine Arts Departments Were in the News

COMMUNITY THEATER ROUND UP (Sunday, Detroit Free Press **March 24, 1963**)

“The **Drama Club at Taylor Center High School** will present Shakespeare’s “Henry V” at the school at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday”

HEAR THE BANDS (Sunday, Detroit Free Press **November 21, 1965**)

“Clap your hands, tap your toes to the lively music of 10 High School Bands. See the high-stepping majorettes, watch the baton twirlers; it’s all part of the excitement of Hudson’s thrilling Santa Parade.”

John F. Kennedy High School Band, Taylor, Mr. Roger C. Craig, Director



Notes from John Pantalone

From the **1974 Truman Yearbook**- When the brass, woods, and strings ring throughout the halls of Truman High School everyone listens. The walls tremble and the floor shakes.



COMMUNITY THEATRE FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND (Friday, Detroit Free Press **February 4, 1977**)

“Ten drama productions will appear at the Detroit Music Hall Center this weekend during the Furay Festival of Theatre.”

Saturday 2:00 p.m.: “A Silent World of Sign-Mime” by H. Beekman and the group (**H.S. Truman High School Thespian Troup**).

ESTELLE PARSONS AT MSU (Saturday, The Lansing, MI State Journal **May 28, 1977**)

“Estelle Parsons, Academy Award winning actress, will speak at the June 3-4 Michigan Theatre Association Conference. The meeting, which will be held at the Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, will combine an awards ceremony featuring Miss Parsons and five outstanding Michigan Theatre Artists, with workshops and meetings designed to enhance theatrical production in the state.

Scheduled to receive awards for outstanding service to Michigan Theatre: **Harmon Beekman, director of Drama at Harry Truman High School, Taylor.**



Everyone knows that these harmonic tunes are from the Truman Band. The first Truman High School Band has proven to be one of Taylor's most outstanding, with fine musicians under the superb direction of Mr. Ed Rima.



Upcoming Reunions

Kennedy Class of 66-67-68-69

Thursday, September 12th, 2024: Leons 8787 Telegraph Rd. Taylor.

1 p.m. till 5 p.m. No charge. Everyone can purchase your food & beverage off the menu. We have a private room reserved. If you can, please

RSVP to Chuck@ChuckBonnerUSA.com as Leons wants an approximate count. Informal gathering to have fun and fellowship.

Class of 74 Reunion Time!!

We are reaching out for contact information for our classmates from **all 3 Taylor High Schools**. Send us your email address as well as any other personal contact information you are willing to share with the reunion committee so we may reach out to you. This information will not be made public. Please also pass this information on to any classmates you may still be in touch with. Include your maiden name and high school attended. We are also looking for 1974 Veterans. Please send your branch and years to the email listed. Thank you! Also, trying to get an idea how many alumni are interested in this event in October. Please indicate whether or not you are considering attending. Respond to: Classof74taylormi@gmail.com event in October. Please indicate whether or not you are considering attending.

JFK Class of 1979 45 Year Reunion

September 7, 2024, 6:30pm - 12 am, Greenback's Pub, 3807 Fort St, Wyandotte, MI, \$25; ticket includes: pizza, salad, pop, desserts, live entertainment (Current Situation Band Featuring JFK's own Dean Sokoll (class of 78) and Chris Rokas (class of 80), cash bar. To purchase tickets, make the check payable to: Dave King, PO Box 351, Grosse Ile, MI. 48138 or Venmo to Kimberly-McCombe; contact Dave King @ (734) 318-3673 or Steve Meharry @ (313) 575-4596. For anyone wishing to book a hotel room, a block of rooms is being held at: Fairfield Inn Marriot 20779 Eureka Rd, Taylor (734) 977-0145

JFK Class of 1984

40th reunion is Friday Oct 18th. Join our class group for full details. https://www.facebook.com/groups/140643442012NEW_MEMBERS

Welcome to our New Lifetime Member

Sharon Stuart Paul – Kennedy, 1967



OBITUARIES

The Alumni Association members 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 on our website (www.tayloralumni.org), please email us the name, school, graduating class and date of passing. Thank you.

Taylor Center

Russell Strohm – Class of 1969 (May 9, 2024)

Frederick Piatt – Would have been Class of 1966 (August 8, 2024)

Shukri Amin – Class of 1963 (August 7, 2024)

Connie Spears – Class of 1978 (2024)

Gail Sower – Class of 1973 (August 15, 2024)

Sherry Browning Byrd – Class of 1971 (August 25, 2024)

Kennedy

Tom Studt -Class of 1977 (May 12, 2024)

Wendy Krieger McGhee – Class of 1967 (July 27, 2024)

Truman

Kevin Tucker – Class of 1975 (August 24, 1998)

Forrest Hayes - Class of 1980 (November 23, 2013)

Ronald McCue – Class of 1979 (August 14, 2024)

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

Alumni Association



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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

Benefits of your lifetime membership:

- Monthly newsletter
- Website
- Facebook page for info
- email notices
- Class reunion information
- Alumni Museum
- Social get togethers
- Scholarship donations