

IN THE NEWS



Alumni Newsletter May 2024

PLEASE - WE NEED A PUBLISHER!

Do you enjoy reading the monthly newsletter? Out of our many thousands of graduates there has got to be someone with publishing experience willing to take on this important job. We make it as easy as possible; you don't have to live in Taylor or even Michigan! We will supply you with all the info. You can put it in a newsletter form (it doesn't have to be fancy!), send to us for proofing and send us the final and we do the rest. **PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE THE NEWSLETTER;** email us if you are interested in the publishing "experience": tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com

Taylor Schools *Future Alumni-*

May 29, 2024, is graduation day for the Taylor High School Griffins. The Taylor Alumni Association congratulates the top ten students, soon to be alumni.

Taylor High School's

TOP TEN

1	Kay Youmans GPA: 4.2273	2	Aiden Jahr GPA: 4.1667				
3	Nicholas Stachulski GPA: 4.1138	4	Joshua Stachulski GPA: 4.1113	5	Shiann Smith GPA: 4.0682	6	Jasmyn Gore-Roberts GPA: 4.0578
7	Cameron Ingersoll GPA: 4.0457	8	Augustine Ajayi GPA: 3.9925	9	Lucy Snyder GPA: 3.9860	10	Emma Dryden GPA: 3.9707

Taylor Schools-

Taylor High School Class of 2024 Parade – May 23, 2024, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at Heritage Park

Annual parade to honor the Taylor High School's Class of 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Plan on the parade entering the park at the Northline Road entrance and circling Greg Bzura Parkway. Heritage Park will be cleared and closed to the general public at 4pm before reopening at approximately 6:30pm. Anyone driving to the park to watch the parade should have passes for entry (via the schools) and should arrive before 5pm as to not interfere with the parade itself. Students participating in the parade should go directly to Wayne County Community College between 4 and 4:30pm for setup

Taylor Schools were in the News! *A Blast from the Past!*

"Red Cross Sets Record Day" declared the headline on March 21, 1943. The Free Press reported that over \$2,000,000 had been subscribed to the organization with 9 more days in the campaign. This amount came from many individuals and groups including the Junior Red Cross. Teachers and school children participated in this group throughout Wayne County. One Detroit Grade School reported it would have an \$.85 average contribution per student. One school district had a goal of \$2,500. Can you guess which district reached their goal and even surpassed it? That's right, the Taylor Township School District reached \$2,636.91! Taylor was the first School District to surpass their goal!

Reunions-

Class of 74 Reunion Time!!

From the 74 Reunion Committee: 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 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

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 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

Welcome New Lifetime Alumni members –

Linda Allgeyer Hautala – Truman 1974
Charlie Cates – Kennedy 1975
Beverly Buchko Morris – Kennedy 1979

It's a Taylor Schools Summer Reunion!

\$5 Admission/Food & Beverages available for purchase

Look for the Alumni Tent, bring your chair and enjoy an evening in the beautiful Taylor Conservatory and Botanical Gardens and catch up with classmates!

Alumni Association



Taylor School District

Taylor Alumni Association

All Class Reunion

Wednesday, June 19th, 2024

5:30pm - 8:30pm



At Music & Art in the Gardens

Presented by Wayne County Community College District

Reconnect with classmates or just enjoy the 'peace and love' vibe in a beautiful setting with live music featuring Itchycoo Park (60's & 70's Variety) **Sponsored by Public Service Credit Union.**

\$5 @ the door. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Park at Heritage Park and enter by the Historical Society (Knope House)



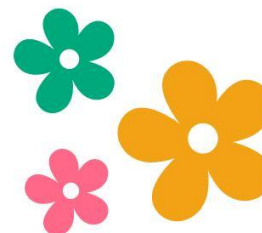
Optional "Hippie" Costume Contest
hosted by Emcee Lawrence S. Wright, Kennedy Class of 1966.

"Doors" open at at 5:30pm with food & beverage vendors, full bar, garden tours, and a fine art display. The Band plays from 6:30pm - 8:30pm with an intermission at 7:30pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.



All students of all classes are welcome! You do not need to be a member of the Taylor Alumni Association to attend. RSVP not required. Bring your friends and family.

Sorry - no outside food or drinks are allowed. Pets and smoking of any kind are not allowed in or near the concert area.

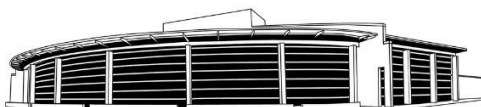


For more details including how to join the Taylor Alumni Association please email: tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com



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CONSERVATORY
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Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens does not receive any government funding and is located on the Heritage Park Campus in Taylor.



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
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EDUCATIONAL AND *Performing Arts Center*



16 April 2024

City of Taylor-

Armed Forces Day Celebration, presented by the Taylor Veterans Museum, Saturday May 18, 2024

Held in Cameron Priebe Plaza, next to Taylor City Hall (23555 Goddard Road, Taylor, Michigan). Presented by the Taylor Veterans Museum located on the city hall campus. This is a salute to our military veterans and the public is invited. Presentations and speeches, visit the museum afterward. (In case of poor weather, the event is usually held in the City Hall Council Chambers.) Visit the museum after the ceremony. Event time is 11am-1pm

Taylor Historical Society-

The Taylor Historical Society will be sponsoring "Taylor Colonial Days" May 17-18 at Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee, Taylor, MI. Come on out and enjoy. Free family event. *The article below was published in the April 2024 edition of the "Taylor Today" magazine.*

History Lessons

Taylor Colonial Days Returns

After three decades, historical 18th-century encampments will be on display for all to see

FOR the first time since 1993, Colonial Days are returning to Heritage Park. The park hosted the event in the late 1980s and early '90s. The event featured numerous historical reenactors, which took up camp in the park for a full weekend of historical 18th-century activities.

The Taylor Historical Commission and Taylor Historical Society will present it from Friday through Sunday, May 17-19. Friday will offer an Education Day for local students to come to the park and learn from participants with hands-on history lessons. That day supports the material that students are learning in their schools' social studies curriculum. This is a great day for students to extend their learning past their classroom walls.

It will be open to the public on both Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 18 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 19. Admission is free of charge.

Visitors can experience history up close and personal. There will be 18th-century military and civilian camps. Visitors will be able to ask questions to participants. Some of the daily events include opening colors, British Army Drills and American Military Drills from the 18th century.

There will be a fashion show each day at 2 p.m. when soldiers will explain their uniforms. Also on display will be ladies' fashions. There will be a Mini Militia for children each day at 1 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to become a Revolutionary War-era soldier and learn a military drill using wooden muskets.

There will be battle demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. The event ends each day with closing colors. Organizers recommend taking a stroll around the camps to observe some great open-fire cooking. The units prepare their meals over an open fire to feed their members.

The Taylor Historical Commission and Historical Society are also planning to have the buildings that they operate open to the public on both May 18 and May 19. The historic log cabin, which is one of the oldest existing homes in Taylor, will be open. Located right next to the log cabin is the Jarod Sexton Town Hall – the Historical





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COLONIAL DAYS
MAY 18 & 19, 2024
Heritage Park
On Pardee between Goddard and Northline.
SATURDAY 10:00AM-5:00PM • SUNDAY 10:00AM-4:00PM
FREE ADMISSION
Revolutionary War Era Encampment

Society operates a gift shop out of this building where you can find unique items. The Town Hall building also sells fresh hot popcorn.

As you continue to make your way along the path in the park around Coan Lake, you will find the Heritage One-Room School House, which is an example of how a school would have looked in the past. The interior has student desks, slates and McGuffey Readers. If you look hard, you will find where students had to wear a dunce cap and had to stand in the corner if they misbehaved.

The Taylor Historical Museum will also be open. It is located in the historic Knope Farmhouse. While in the museum, visitors can view other displays that highlight the history of Taylor.



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 (www.tayloralumni.org), please let us know the name, school, graduating class and date of passing. Thank you.*

Taylor Center

****Correction on Shannon Meyers from last month's obituary. It should have read Shannon Vanover Meyers, Class of 1997 (March 11, 2024)
(Shannon Johnson Meyers Class of '88 is still alive and well)**

Jim Olson – Class of 1970 (September 13, 2022)
Karen DiCello Coon - Class of 1961 (Fall 2023)
Robert McEachern – Class of 1962 (April 4, 2024)
Elaine Koenig Person – Class of 1965 (November 19, 2023)
David Pray – Class of 1964 (April 18, 2024)
Donna Williams Pizzo – Class of 1961 (January 16, 2024)
Melissa Leigh Boyless – Class of 1992 (April 27, 2024)

Kennedy

Patricia Miller – Class of 1966 (March 22, 2024)
Janis Cappell Koscho – Class of 1967 (April 17, 2024)
Aaron Mach – Class of 1990 (April 14, 2024)

Truman

Rhonda Janzewski – Class of 1985 (April 27, 2024)

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit tayloralumni.org and click on "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

Benefits of your lifetime membership:

Monthly newsletter

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Class reunion information

Alumni Museum

Social get togethers

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