

## Alumni Association

*Keeping Ties with Our Alumni*



**TAYLOR**  
School District



April 2019 Newsletter

# DOWN MEMORY LANE

## 60 YEARS AGO

Taylor Center High School  
1959 — The 12th graders, you might recall, were the first graduating class to have spent all 4 years in that building. The first 3 years you attended school from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm and 7th & 8th graders took over the building in the afternoon.

The class enjoyed many fun activities. Carol Gazel remembered Susan Phail being crowned homecoming queen, the "Fun Night" carnival complete with a cotton candy machine and graduation which was scheduled for the football

field but it rained and we had to cram all the graduates and parents into a very hot gym.

The 58-59 Basketball season was a success for the Taylor Rams who had a record of 12 wins and 3 losses. The Rams also won the district tournament defeating Monroe 50 to 48. They also won the first game of the regionals defeating Dearborn 58-57.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Taylor Center Class of 1969 — There were 465 Graduates from TCH and they had several Faculty members that had graduated from Taylor Center High School. Just to mention

a few: Harold Dozier, Tom Kurginski, Mickey Turcheck, Bill Iverson and Ken Avery.

The Marching Band performed at the Detroit Lion - Minnesota football game in Tiger Stadium before a national TV audience.

Civic classes came to life for upperclassmen on a three day trip to Washington D.C.

Co-captains Debby Karabees and Rosemary Mills led their Cheerleading team to two consecutive Mid-Wayne Conference team Championships. In another

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Down Memory Lane from page 1 contest, the squad was awarded the congeniality trophy, proving that the spirit of warmth and friendship was tops in Taylor.

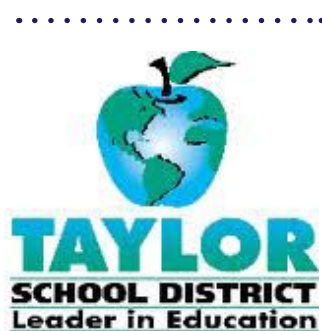
John F Kennedy Class of 1969 — 521 students graduated in 1969 making it the largest Graduating class in Taylor history.

The Eagle football squad, led by Rex Baugh, Keith Baxter, Jim Chapman, Stu Kerr, and Mike O'Malley, had a record of 7 wins and 2 losses. One of the wins was a 20-13 victory over crosstown rival Taylor Center.

A strong athletic year continued with a Basketball team record of 12 wins and four losses, followed by the gymnastics squad placing 3rd in the State tournament led by Dan Witz, who was awarded All State Honors.

Vice President Hubert Humphrey was in the area trumping up support for his run for President. Included in his entourage was Olympian Rafer Johnson. They stopped at JFK and watched Roger Craig's

marching band practice. After watching the practice, Mr. Humphrey stated he would have the JFK Band march in his inauguration parade if he were elected. A fine compliment but, as we know, he did not win the Presidency.



## GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- ☆ Great season as they not only qualified for the State Tournament, they finished 3rd in the entire state
- ☆ Boys also had an outstanding season as they went to the State Tourney and finished in 7th place in the entire state
- ☆ Large numbers turned out for basketball creating 3 levels of both boys' and girls' basketball. Taylor now has 9th grade, junior varsity and

varsity teams in both boys' and girls' basketball.

☆ Over 100 boys and girls are participating in Spring Baseball and softball. The large numbers made it possible to field 9th grade, junior varsity and varsity in both sports.



## FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 13, a "Comedy Night" will be held at the Democratic Club of Taylor at 7 pm. A \$25 ticket will get you entertainment by four of the top comedians in the state, pizza and soft drinks and the great feeling of raising money to benefit the students of Taylor. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. For added enjoyment you may want to sponsor a table. Call Cindy Whittico at 734-788-4341 for tickets or sponsorships.

# THERE IS A LOT HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

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- **New City Council Member**

Congratulations to Angela Belcher Winton who was recently appointed to the City Council. Angela is a 1996 Graduate of Taylor Center High School.

The Taylor Alumni Association wishes Ms. Winton the best in her new position.

- **Business and Development are booming in Taylor**

Opening on Eureka is the 83 acre Trader's Pointe which will include Menards and BJ'S Wholesale Club. Also opening in the Eureka Corridor, we have Motif Jewelers, Box Lunch, Pho House, Olga's, Menchies and Bubba's.

- **Beaumont Taylor** added a 13,470 sq. ft. orthopedic clinic to its sprawling hospital campus. Further to the south a 13,000 square foot Michigan Neuroscience Center has been built.

- An Italian restaurant, Salute Taverna, is opening at the corner of Pardee and Goddard.

## WHAT'S IN THE NAME?

The following is taken from an article in the "Open House" booklet, dated May 19, 1957: Clarence Randall and family moved to Taylor in 1930. At that time Taylor Township only

had elementary schools and all three of Mr. Randall's sons attended those schools. There was not a senior high school, so the boys went to Dearborn.

Mr. Randall was elected to the Board of Education in 1937 and served on that board for over 50 years. Although Clarence Randall had dedicated his life to his wife, Ester, and sons, Walter, Donald and Clarence Jr., he took time to work for better education in Taylor Township and no day was too long for Clarence if it was spent working for the boys and girls of this area....

The article ends with this quote "It is with admiration and respect that the boys and girls and citizens of this community join together in honoring him by naming this building Clarence Randall Elementary School".

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For the May edition of the Alumni Newsletter, "What's in the Name" we will try to find out why the Jr. High was named Charles Brake. If anyone has information regarding Charles Brake, please send it to [johnpantalone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnpantalone@sbcglobal.net). ✍️



☑ Please inform us of milestone birthdays, anniversaries, honors, etc.

☑ **Yellow Pages** — Anyone who own or manages a business and would like to post information on our yellow pages may do so at no cost.

☑ **Captain Greg Warsow** would like you to know the Spring Walleye Run has started and you can take advantage of it between April 8th and the end of May. Contact Greg at [gWarsow@comcast.net](mailto:gWarsow@comcast.net). You can view Captain Warsow information on our "Yellow Pages".

☑ **Happy Birthday Coach** — March 27th Van Kostegian hit his 92nd birthday. The Taylor Alumni Association wishes him the best.

## *Wish for the Month*



FOR JUST AND UNJUST,  
A PLACE AT THE TABLE  
ABUSER, ABUSED,  
WITH NEED TO FORGIVE,  
IN ANGER, IN HURT,  
A MINDSET OF MERCY,  
FOR JUST AND UNJUST,  
A NEW WAY TO LIVE.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY





## THEME DINNERS AT THE CHOPPING BLOCK RESTAURANT IN THE CAREER CENTER - The following theme dinners are open to the public.

May 3rd      Soup, salad & breadsticks, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

May 17th      Backyard BBQ 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

## Other Upcoming Events

May 9th      Foundation meeting board office 8:00 a.m.

MAY 14th      Alumni Association 6 p.m. at Board Office

Taylor Center High Class of 1974 is planning their 45th reunion for Saturday October 26, 2019. If you are interested in attending please email [taylorcenterhigh.classof1974@gmail.com](mailto:taylorcenterhigh.classof1974@gmail.com). Location, time, etc. will be announced if a sufficient number of graduates are able to attend. Please contact other graduates of 1974 that may not be receiving the newsletters.

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## 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.*

### Taylor Center High

Anna Wallaker, Class of 1973 (passed December 18, 2018)

### John F Kennedy High

Kathleen Nelson Vervisch, Class of 1967 (passed February 1, 2019)

Kimberly Seay Schivel, Class of 1975 (passed February 6, 2019)

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### Truman High School

Allan Taylor, Class of 1976 (passed February 16, 2019)

Beth Kaechele, Class of 1977 (passed February 19, 2019)

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit the alumni website [tayloralumni.org](http://tayloralumni.org) and click on "In Memoriam".