

# IN THE NEWS



## **PLEASE - WE NEED A PUBLISHER!**

*Alumni Newsletter June 2024*

*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](mailto:tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com)*

## **Taylor Schools Alumni Association Scholarships-**

Taylor High School held their Seniors Honors Convocation (class of 2024) on May 16. The Taylor Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence presented scholarships of which The Taylors Schools Alumni Association scholarships are a part. Currently we present two \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors at Taylor High School. We use funds from our general fund (membership fees and a portion of yearbook copy sales) to cover the cost of these scholarships. We would like to increase this amount and ask you, our alumni to help establish an ongoing fund to do this. We accept donations anytime and if you would like to specifically designate donations for scholarships we do keep a separate "account" just for that purpose. Won't you consider a donation?



*Above are the 2024 recipients, Astrid Luel-Zamora and Jeffrey Matthews with the Taylor Schools Alumni Association President, Caroline (Craddock) Patts*

## **Posts From Pantalone-**

*by John Pantalone*

*"I read this every morning when I sit at my computer."*

Lord, you've known me for a long time. You know me better than I know myself. You know that each day I am growing older. So meanwhile, please keep me from the habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from the need of trying to straighten out everyone else's affairs. Keep my mind free from reciting endless details. Give me wings to get to the point. I ask for grace enough to listen to the tale of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience. Seal my lips on my aches and pains - they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet. I don't want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - and a sour old person is one of the growing works of the devil. Make me thoughtful, but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all - but You, O Lord, know that I want a few friends at the end.

## Taylor in the News! *FLASHBACK-*

The June 24, 1928, edition of the Detroit Free Press reported that The Wayne County Road Commission would spend approximately \$90,000 that year on sidewalks. This was the beginning of a program to provide sidewalks to all rural schools in the county for the protection of students. The initial program included 15 schools located on the high speed and most important roads. The Taylor Township schools in this first group were Taylor Center, Sand Hill and Eureka Dale

### TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF TELEGRAPH/AND WICK ROADS

The date was October 17, 1955, when Taylor Public School teacher, Bernice McDowell was making a turn off Telegraph Road on to West bound Wick Road. She was struck by a truck and was killed. She was on her way to teach 7th grade at the Taylor Center High School Building. Fellow teachers and parents for some time felt there should be a traffic light at the Telegraph/Wick Road intersection and had not been able to have one installed. In Mrs. McDowell's memory they formed a human chain across Telegraph Road to block traffic in an attempt to have the Stop Sign installed. Their actions resulted in a light being installed.

In 1955 the building Taylor Center High School graduated their first class in 1957. Bernice McDowell had a school named after her and is still located on Brest Road off Pardee.

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## Welcome New Lifetime Alumni member–

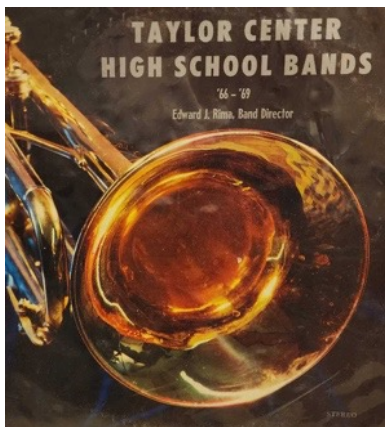
Bryan Sluder Toth, Truman 1984

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## Thank you for donations–

**Ron Leggitt, JFK 1968** – Taylor High School Bands 1966-1969 record album (album cover)

**Patricia Case Anderson, TC 1976** - TC Flag (American flag with gold fringe), TC wrestlerette Cheerleader uniform (75-76), necklace from 76 senior prom (That's her in her uniform walking with Kathleen Lloyd-Wilson)





# "Down Memory Lane"-

## GREAT FOOTBALL TEAM!

Truman High School's first year football team had a memorable season!

The results were not typical for a 1st year program, but under the coaching of Al Checkler, Bill Bowman and Don Mathews they tied with Dearborn Fordson for the title. A superb record of 8 wins against one loss placed them ranked 8th in the entire State. During that great season, they defeated Fordson breaking their 22 straight wins record.



1973 Varsity Scoreboard		
Truman		Opponent
42	Kennedy	12
7	Taylor	14
7	Fordson	6
18	Monroe	8
16	Wayne	14
24	Riverview	21
36	Lincoln Park	6
30	Wyandotte	0
38	Cherry Hill	18
Won-8		Lost-1

ABOVE FIRST ROW: R. Schmuker, D. Duman, P. Rodriguez, R. Barnhart, D. Katsiroubas, J. Gendron, J. Freitag, M. Ewing, D. Harris, SECOND ROW: M. McGuckin, K. Vink, B. Jurek, J. Lee, D. Bargerstock, D. Hollow, C. Reiter, J. manager, E. Mulka, N. McEachern, S. Burk, J. Pershon, J. Robertson, C. Hett J. Griffin, M. Kraupp, B. Reiners, B. Lilly, D. Schmuker, Coach D. Mathew Coach B. Bowman.



## Class Reunions-

### 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 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](mailto: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 are being held at: Fairfield Inn Marriot 20779 Eureka Rd, Taylor (734) 977-0145

Taylor Alumni Association All Class Reunion, Wednesday, June 19 5:30-8:30 pm at Music & Art in the Gardens (see attached flyer for more details.) HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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## Taylor Historical Society-



Log Cabin Day in Michigan is always the last Sunday of June. The Taylor Historical Society is celebrating this event on Sunday, June 30, 2024 from 12-5pm at Taylor's very own 1800's log cabin located in Heritage Park (Pardee & Northline) across from the library. It is a FREE family event promising lots of fun with a log cabin walk through, log cabin history, history of the Strong family (first residents), historical games, crafts and treats!



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Taylor School District

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## All Class Renunion

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 (Knoppe House)**



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

"Doors" open 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.

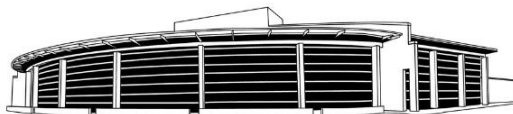


**For more details including how to join the Taylor Alumni Association please email: [tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com)**



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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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16 April 2024

## City of Taylor-

Top-flight music, fireworks and an all-new drone show will be in the spotlight during the 2024 Taylor Summer Festival scheduled for June 27-30 at Heritage Park. 38 Special, a Southern Rock band, will be the featured musical group on Friday, June 28 and will be followed by a free drone show above Heritage Park. **Free DRONE SHOW featured at dusk.** Saturday, June 29 is Rotary Club of Taylor Fireworks Night at the festival. Rock bands April Wine and Jack Russell's Great White will take the stage. **Free ROTARY CLUB OF TAYLOR FIREWORKS SHOW featured at dusk.**

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28:

**38 Special** continues to bring a signature Southern Rock sound to over 100 cities a year. Their many Gold and Platinum album awards stand in testament to the endurance of a powerhouse. With sales in excess of 20 million, most associate the band with their arena-rock pop smashes, "Hold On Loosely," "Rockin' Into the Night," "Caught Up in You," "Fantasy Girl," "If I'd Been the One," "Back Where You Belong," "Chain Lightnin'," "Second Chance," and more. They are all timeless hits that remain a radio staple. Since 1976, the band has released more than 15 albums.

*Special guests: The Hideaways, Dave Fio (Taylor's own from American Idol)*

Sheridan Pavilion / Gates Open at 6 p.m./ Ticket prices for each concert are \$30 advance seated (\$35 day of show) and \$15 advance general admission standing room (\$20 day of show) / No lawn chairs or coolers allowed inside the pavilion / Must have ID to purchase alcohol / No refunds.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29:

**April Wine**, a noted Canadian band first formed in 1969, is now made up of Brian Greenway, Marc Parent, Roy "Nip" Nichol and Richard Lanthier. The band has released 15 studio albums, three live releases, numerous compilations, a boxed set and thousands of concerts.

**Jack Russell's Great White** also takes the stage on June 29. Russell and Mark Kendall created Great White in 1981. Russell remained with the band until 1996, when he took three years off to release a solo album. He then rejoined the band until it broke up- in 2001. Eventually, it changed into the group it is today. Russell now tours with band members Robby Lochner, Tony Cardenas-Montana and Dan McNay.

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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

Paul Cox – Class of 1968 (February 17, 2024)

Ronald Wilson – Class of 1964 (April 14, 2024)

Bruce A. Hoffman – Class of 1991 (May 10, 2024)

### Kennedy

Mary Harding Douglass – Class of 1981 (April 30, 2024)

Daniel (Danny) Rosbury – Class of 1979 (May 6, 2024)

### Staff

Janet Coutts – Teacher (November 2023)

***Please Note:*** *If you know of a deceased graduate that is not listed in the Memoriam section of our website ([www.tayloralumni.org](http://www.tayloralumni.org)), please let us know the name, school, graduating class and date of passing. Thank you.*

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



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#### **Taylor Alumni Association Board**

President:	Caroline (Craddock) Patts (TC 73)
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Vice Pres HST	Shawna (Stein) Maynard (HST 90)
Vice Pres THS	OPEN POSITION
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Treasurer:	Nancy Miller (JFK 67)
Past President:	Mary (Swartout) Rusnak (JFK 72)

#### *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

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email notices

Class reunion information

Alumni Museum

Social get togethers

Scholarship donations